

## Grand Master's Itinerary NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Lodge Nos. 234 and 258, Meadville
- 2 Lodge Nos. 688, 572 and 300, Mount Union
- 3 Lodge Nos. 299 and 401, Muncy
- 3 Lodge Nos. 397, 106, 299, 401, 707 and 755, Williamsport
- 5 Lodge Nos. 521 and 520, Parker
- 6 Lodge Nos. 476 and 764, Lancaster
- 7 Lodge No. 619, Middleburg
- 8 Lodge No. 802, Hershey
- 9 Lodge No. 573, Millvale
- 10 Valley of Allentown, A.A.S.R.
- 12 Lodge Nos. 138, 222, 285 and 426, Orwigsburg
- 13 Lodge No. 144, Lewisburg
- 14 Lodge Nos. 795, 152 and 396, Easton
- 15 Lodge Nos. 221, 253 and 697, Pittsburgh
- 16 Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro
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- 3 Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park
- 4 Lodge Nos. 108, 163, 263 and 618, Towanda
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- 9 Lodge No. 780, Cresco
- 0 Lodge Nos. 615, 461 and 643, Charleroi
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- 14 Lodge No. 622, Tatamy
- 15 Lodge No. 423, Shrewsbury
- 16 Lodge Nos. 468, 233 and 499, Wyoming
- 17 Lodge No. 692, Ebensburg
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- 26 Lodge Nos. 447 and 237, Claysville
- 27 Lodge No. 628, Stroudsburg
- 28 Lodge No. 457, Beaver
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- 30 Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook

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## Directly from the Grand Master

No matter what its foes may say . . .

# FREEMASONRY IS HERE TO STAY!



Proud and jealous as I am about the Masonic Fraternity, with all its meaning and the great influence it has been, especially during the formative years of this great Nation, I am prompted at this writing to take issue with that malignant group who is ever willing to rate Freemasonry as a somewhat trifling organization with principles that contain nothing valuable.

The student of Masonic history will attest to the fact that the profane, the envious, the curious and the like, have existed ever since Freemasonry was conceived. And, methinks these so-called censors will be around for many, many years to come.

These same censors will always find it easier to decry something worthy rather than try to understand it. And, with their wicked endeavors they will continue to deprecate what they cannot attain, and then make their necessity appear a virtue and their ignorance the effect of choice.

Such an attitude is the despicable offspring of envy, and so selfish are such persons, that they would rather prefer to have the entire circle of the arts and sciences abolished, were it in their power, than that others should be possessed of a knowledge which they do not have and do not deserve.

If those who attack Freemasonry knew anything at all about our fraternity, they

could not but esteem it. They would be convinced that it is founded on the most exalted principles of morality and social virtue. They would realize that Freemasonry strives to promote the true happiness of mankind in general and the peace and satisfaction of every individual in particular.

To censure, then, and vilify what they are entirely ignorant about, reveals the baseness of their dispositions, and how little they are qualified to pass judgment in matters of such importance and scope. Therefore, though we pity their defects, we must, at the same time, take occasion to pronounce them unworthy of our future concern and attention.

Had the Masonic Fraternity contained nothing commendable or valuable, it would not have existed for so long nor have been patronized by the wise, the good, and the great. It is most difficult to suppose that men, distinguished by every accomplishment that can adorn human nature, would ever continue to embrace principles which they found to be nugatory, erroneous, or contemptible. Therefore, the advice which Gamaliel, the learned president of the Sanhedrin and Paul's confidant and legal preceptor, wisely gave the Apostles, might with great propriety, be recommended to the railers against Freemasonry. They may assume that if there was no more in our fraternity than their little minds suggest, it would have fallen to the ground in ages past. But, the contrary being the case, they may well conclude that Freemasonry will continue to exist for ages yet to come.

Perhaps it can be said that the moral and social principles we Freemasons profess are equally necessary to the support of every well-regulated form of society. The question, no doubt, has often been advanced as to why Freemasons appropriate the merit of such principles to themselves? Because this question is often asked, it is more the reason why Freemasons need at all times to reflect and generate moral and social principles to all with whom we come into contact at home, in the community and the market place. No man can describe by words the influence of Freemasonry from time immemorial. No one can tell just what Free-

masonry has meant in the lives of countless millions. Yet we know from our own experience that any man who has come under its influence and lived up to its teachings has thereby become a better member of society and a more worthwhile individual in the plan of human existence. Freemasonry has evolved through the centuries. It is a growth comparable to that of a great tree, its roots deep down in the hearts and lives of men, its branches lifting high and spreading wide in the sunlight of God's Eternal Truth.

Within mankind there will always be that certain percentage who make it their business to malign and ridicule whatever they have reason to wonder about or suspect. These envious beings, having just sense enough to perceive that scandal is more prevalent than praise, and looking at our Masonic Fraternity through false and narrow mediums, form judgments that are congenial and beneficial to themselves only.

If those who censure Freemasonry have any remains of modesty, if the aspersers of such calumny can ever blush, they are now put to their trial. For while they deal so freely with the principles and actions of persons who have been accepted into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, they are only making known to the judicious part of mankind the weakness of their own minds and the wickedness of their own hearts. How truly do they fit that description which Justus Lipsius, the eminent writer, has given us of this type of person:

"Calumny," says Lipsius, "is a filthy and pernicious infection of the tongue; generally aimed by the most wicked and

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## HAPPY • ANNIVERSARY • TO • US!

The first issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, Volume I, Number 1, came off the presses in November of 1954, developed and edited by the man who now, 30 years later, serves as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Bro. William A. Carpenter's very first connection with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was his appointment in 1954 by the then Grand Master, Bro. Ralph M. Lehr, to the Committee on Masonic Culture (now Education).

Bro. Carpenter had just completed his term as Worshipful Master of Chester Lodge No. 236, but it was his editing and publishing of a newsletter for the 36th Masonic District called *The Key* that brought him to the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge wished to develop a publication that would serve as a communications link between it and the subordinate lodges. The job was assigned to Bro. Carpenter.

That first issue was just four pages and contained no pictures. Pictures did not become a part of the magazine until 1963. The first color picture was a cover photograph of Grand Lodge Hall and the formal gardens at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The early 1960s were important years for *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. It had been printed in Philadelphia and mailed from there by the Grand Lodge Staff at the Masonic Temple until 1962 when Bro. Carpenter was called upon to establish a distribution office at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The move was made necessary by an

## The Pennsylvania Freemason Celebrates 30 Years of Service

order of the Grand Master in 1962, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, who directed a change in how the Masons of Pennsylvania would receive the magazine. Between 1954 and 1962 a Mason was required to request that his name be placed on the mailing list by sending a special post card to the Grand Lodge. Half the Masons in the state did not apply.

Grand Master McKinley demanded that all Masons be placed on the mailing list. The policy he established is still in effect. Each Mason is automatically added to the mailing list when he is made a member of the craft.

The move to Elizabethtown created several advantages. A great deal of space was required to store the stencils used in mailing more than 256 thousand copies each quarter. Members of the Lancaster Post Office Square Club volunteered hundreds of off duty hours in setting up the mailing system, and guests at the Masonic Homes participated through a form of occupational therapy.

Homes' guests worked two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, constantly updating the membership files by making the thousands of address changes required each month.

They also prepared each mailing for the addressing machine.

Guest involvement continued until 1982 when, with the advent of computer maintenance of membership files and high speed labeling machines, the distribution operation was returned to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

That four-page issue in 1954 gave way to six pages and to eight pages by 1963. The pace of Grand Lodge activity in the last three years has moved the number of pages to 12, then 16.

This anniversary issue establishes its own record in becoming the first 20-page effort in the history of the magazine. It also establishes a modern record for the use of color.

Some things never change, however. The editor of the publication still writes and edits all the material except for the space allotted specifically to the Grand Master.

*The Pennsylvania Freemason* has never accepted advertising and has never charged a cent for subscription.

It has always been popular reading material for ladies of masons. The highest compliments come from wives who vie with husbands for first reading rights.

*The Pennsylvania Freemason* has proven its value as a necessary communications link between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges. It is also an excellent tool for the use of the Grand Master in explaining his programs and in enforcing the rules and regulations of the fraternity.

Perhaps most importantly, it has made the Masons of Pennsylvania the best informed Masons in the nation.

## Grand Master Issues Decision On Applause in Lodge Rooms

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, issued a decision on September 11, 1984 that permits reasonable applause in the lodges and in the Grand Lodge.

The text of the Grand Master's letter to the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and members of the lodges follows:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by custom and tradition has long maintained a policy that discouraged applause in the body of the open lodge and at communications of the Grand Lodge.

"During my travels throughout our jurisdiction, especially my informal visitations to the lodges, there have been fre-

quent occasions when a rather awkward circumstance has been experienced when a Brother, in many cases a visiting Brother from another jurisdiction, is inspired to react emotionally to a particular part of the proceedings by applauding. Other Brethren would do likewise. But, of course, many of the Brethren would not applaud, even though they wanted to do so.

"I have enough faith and respect in Pennsylvania Masons to feel assured that the use of applause, when deserving, in our tyed gatherings, will not be taken to an excessive nor unruly degree that would mar the harmony and good order of our

lodge meetings and our Grand Lodge communications.

"I also sincerely believe that when you are doing something nice you can't be too wrong. And, rather than continue to torment ourselves at times, both in our Blue Lodges and in our Grand Lodge communications, in wanting to do something we fear we shouldn't, I am issuing the following Decision to be included in the Digest of Decisions:

"Applause, within reason, is permissible in the body of the open lodge and at communications of the Grand Lodge when, in the opinion of the Brethren assembled, they are so inclined to applaud."



## Grand Lodge Shares Masonic Treasures

The City of Philadelphia was the pioneer in establishing trade with China in the late eighteenth century.

A wealth of art, brought to the city from China, was the focus of an exhibition prepared by the Philadelphia Museum of Art entitled, "Philadelphians and the China Trade (1784-1840)," in honor of the 200th anniversary of the beginning of American trade with China.



◀ The massive punch bowl was received by Union Lodge No. 121 in 1812, and was created in China before 1812.

▼ 3 smaller punch bowls, toddy jug and a mug dating to the early 19th century.

The exhibition was organized by Miss Jean Gordon Lee, Curator of Far Eastern Art for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, who devoted years of research to the project.

The exhibition was shown only in Philadelphia from June 30 to the end of September and consisted of some 250 Chinese objects of high quality with histories of importation through Philadelphia or ownership by Philadelphians.

Among the objects were several loaned to the museum for the exhibition by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The most important piece was a massive circular punch bowl that was received by Union Lodge No. 121 in 1812.

The bowl, which has a large crack that is stapled, has been prominently displayed in the Grand Lodge museum for many years.

It was a gift to the lodge by two members who acted out of a sense of gratitude for having been made members of the fraternity. It is heavily decorated with masonic emblems including many of the working tools of the craft.

On the exterior are two six-pointed stars in which is inscribed the name of Union Lodge No. 121.

The punch bowl is technically described as porcelain decorated with overglaze pink, green, blue, purple, sepia, orange, and black enamel and gilding. It was created in China before 1812.

The exhibition also included three smaller punch bowls (13½ inches in diameter as opposed to 21½ inches in diameter for the Union Lodge bowl), dating to the

outspreed, had not been documented and published until they were borrowed by the academy.

The staff in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is now busy preparing a list of items requested by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The museum is organizing an exhibition about Benjamin Frank-



▲ Objects heavily decorated with Masonic emblems and working tools of the craft being viewed by visitors.

early nineteenth century.

A toddy jug and a mug, also dating to the early nineteenth century, rounded out the China material borrowed from the Grand Lodge. Both are decorated with many masonic emblems.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has agreed to loan its art treasures to responsible exhibitors in recent years, providing the necessary insurances and transportation arrangements are provided.

Seven wood carvings by William Rush (1756-1833) were loaned to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1982. Rush was a celebrated ships' figurehead carver and is regarded as the first native-born sculptor in America.

The Rush exhibition proved valuable to the Grand Lodge in that "The Cherubim," a pair of carved angels, each with one wing

lin entitled, "Useful Knowledge & Publick Good: Dr. Franklin Considered."

The Franklin exhibition is scheduled to open February 17, 1985 and will continue through February 23, 1986.

Among the items requested of the Grand Lodge are two Franklin pennies, a masonic collar, a snuffbox, several miniature portraits and medals, and the nine-inch model of "Benjamin Franklin—Craftsman," used by sculptor Joe Brown in creating the bronze statue that the Masons of Pennsylvania presented to the City of Philadelphia in 1981.

The statue is located across from the main entrance to the Masonic Temple on the west side of North Broad Street.

## Record Attendance at September Quarterly Communication

A modern record for attendance was set during the September Quarterly Communication when more than 2,300 Masons were present for the meeting held in the Summer Dining Hall at Tamiment on September 5.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, looked to Tamiment as the site for the quarterly because the Pocono resort has facilities capable of accommodating more than 2,000 persons.

He knew that the 1,400 Masons who attended the June Quarterly Communication held at Erie were responding to the growing feeling that Freemasonry is on the move in Pennsylvania and that his program of lodge visitations and the interest in Project SOLOMON II would bring even greater numbers in September.

The Grand Master's instincts proved right, as evidenced by the photographs of the quarterly activities on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

Men stood four and five abreast in lines hundreds of feet in length, waiting patiently to enter the dining hall where 2,300 seats had been prepared for them. They eventually filled every one and still several dozen men stood off to the side.

The Grand Master, determined to keep the communication on schedule, allowed the lines of Masons to file quietly into the Grand Lodge during the opening



ceremonies. They paused only to participate in the pledge to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem, and during prayer.

Grand Master Carpenter asked that the business of the Grand Lodge, the reading of minutes and the reports of committees, be accomplished with dispatch so that he would have adequate time for a special program.

That special program turned out to be a surprise guest speaker, Bro. Charles H. Willey, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Bro. Willey, a personal friend of the

Grand Master, has a national reputation as a skilled lecturer and motivator. He served 17 years in the ministry before retiring and making himself available as a speaker.

His message was delivered with a great deal of humor in an easy, almost conversational manner that involved his audience.

The Grand Master, knowing the type of message delivered by Bro. Willey required an audience response, suspended the traditional rule of no applause in the lodge room.

The suspension of the rule was so well received by those in attendance that the Grand Master subsequently issued a decision that allows applause in the lodge room (See article on page 3.)

The photographs on pages 6 and 7 give a glimpse of communication activities not normally witnessed except by those who participate, including two meetings over which the Grand Master presides—the morning meeting of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and the afternoon meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Another first recorded for this meeting of the Grand Lodge was the use of a Color Guard provided by Irem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. The unit led the processional

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## Sectional Meetings, School of Instruction

Sectional Meetings of the Schools of Instruction in the several Regions will be held as follows for the year 1985:

March 16, at Pittsburgh, PA  
March 23, at Washington, PA  
March 30, at Harrisburg, PA  
April 13, at New Castle, PA  
April 20, at Allentown, PA  
April 27, at Oil City, PA  
May 4, at Clearfield, PA  
May 11, at Williamsport, PA  
May 18, at Saint Marys, PA  
June 15, at Philadelphia, PA

These Sectional Meetings are very important to those brethren who aspire to advance through the stations and chairs in their lodges. Here is where the Pennsylvania Ritual is taught under the direct supervision of the Instructor of Ritualistic Work and the six Regional Instructors.

All lodge officers should strive to attend these sessions; all Master Masons are welcome.

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# SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY





## Masonic Homes' Renovation Program to Include Grand Lodge Hall

The members of the Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance, adopted a resolution at the September Quarterly Communication to renovate Grand Lodge Hall, the cornerstone building of the complex that makes up the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The renovation of Grand Lodge Hall, at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million, will complete a program begun in 1979 that has resulted in the modernization of all residential guest buildings.

It is somehow fitting that the grand old lady of the Masonic Homes, the first and central structure "arranged chiefly for the reception and accommodation of Guests, and also for general headquarters and administrative purposes," according to the Homes' Committee report in the 1911 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, should be the last to be restored.

The work will be accomplished by the Warfel Construction Company of Lancaster, the firm that is now completing the renovation of the McKee Building. The same firm has been engaged since the beginning of the project, as has the project architect, John Hoffman.

There are obvious economies in being able to engage a skilled work force over an extended period of time. The advantage is most clearly expressed in the consistent quality of the finished work as evidenced in the Daman, Dauphin, Allegheny, Berks, Levis, Lancaster and Kuhlemeier buildings.

The contract for the construction of Grand Lodge Hall was awarded in May of 1911. Its cornerstone was laid on September 26, 1911 and the building was dedicated in the presence of more than 30,000 persons on June 5, 1913.

Grand Lodge Hall was formally occupied on August 11, 1913 when the Homes' guests were transferred from houses designated then as Number 1 and Number 2.

The need the Masons of Pennsylvania expected to fill by establishing the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was beautifully expressed by a distinguished Mason who delivered the address at the dedication. The Reverend Doctor Maitland Alexander, said, "This Home must breathe the true spirit of our splendid family. Understanding must be here; love must be its atmosphere; protection must

be provided and purity must be enshrined. Without its walls there may be all the foes which threaten to undermine our national greatness, but within there is the warmth, cheer, companionship and love which sanctifies the most precious thing to every man—his home."

Every effort will be made to maintain the original form and substance of the 1911 construction.

The facade of the building with its Holmesburg granite and Indiana limestone trim will not be disturbed.

Special care will be exercised in working on the first floor, the floor reached at ground level from the back of the building at the area known as the village green.

Changes in the airflow system for the Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room, for example, will be so subtle that they will not be easily noticed. The reception area, the Blue Room where guests gather for religious services and special programs, the gift shop and snack shop, the solarium and the post office areas will remain much the same as they are today.

The most noticeable changes will be the installation of elevators at both ends of the building and the resulting construction of new stairways and fire doors.

The second and third floors, which are used primarily for the convenience of members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and for residential guest housing, respectively, will undergo extensive renovation similar to that already completed in the adjoining structures.

The original Committee Meeting Room on the second floor, used for that purpose for more than 50 years, will not be disturbed. Its rich, carved wood paneled walls and plastered, vaulted ceiling will be preserved for future generations.

A great deal of work will be required in the basement level with the replacement of mechanical systems that are simply worn out. New piping for plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning is a must.

A good portion of the sanitary sewer piping and the entire domestic water piping system will have to be replaced as will the electrical system.

Perhaps most important will be the improvements in the life safety system for the building which will bring it up to the highest standards. The building will be fitted with smoke detection and sprinkling systems throughout.

The resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at the September Quarterly Communication provides for the cost of the project to be met by moneys from the Masonic Homes Reserve Fund and other funds that may be available for the purpose.

The costs of furniture and furnishings will be met from the Guest and Building Fund portion of the Masonic Charities Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The memorial program, established back in 1976 when the Benjamin Franklin Building was added to the Masonic Health Care Center facilities, has been continued for the residential renovation project.

*Suggested gifts and memorial allocations for individuals, lodges and other organizations include:*

Single Room .....	\$10,000
Single Room Furnishings ....	\$ 1,500
Double Room .....	\$15,000
Double Room Furnishings ....	\$ 2,500

A bronze plaque, indicating the circumstances of the gift as a memorial to or in honor of someone, will be placed at the entrance of guest rooms.

The unique structural properties of Grand Lodge Hall will provide any number of equally unique opportunities for acknowledging contributions.

Interested persons are encouraged to make their checks payable to the Masonic Charities Fund, G.L. of PA and send them to the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

### Record Attendance

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that was formed in almost perfect weather along the resort lakefront.

The Summer Dining Hall at Tamiment is 120 feet long east to west, with the happy circumstance of allowing the Grand Master's station to be placed in the true east.

The building had not been used for several years, but was cleaned and fitted with adequate light and sound systems. Dozens of ceiling fans kept the air well circulated and the room remained comfortable throughout the meeting.

The Summer Dining Hall had the added feature of being isolated somewhat from other buildings in the resort complex making it easier to tile properly.

## Seven Thousand Attend SOLOMON II Rally at Hershey

It was exactly as advertised. The largest crowd of Masons, their families and friends, under one roof in the history of the Grand Lodge.

The entire masonic family came together in the Hersheypark Arena on the evening of October 4 to celebrate the promise that is Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

More than 7,000 strong, they came to be uplifted and enlightened and were not disappointed.

The photographs on pages 9 through 13 in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* give but a glimpse of the drama and emotion that filled the arena. It

was the type of event that makes you glad you were a part of it, and sorry if you missed the opportunity.

More than 2,700 people were forced to miss the opportunity. They were turned away when the demand for tickets exceeded the seating capacity of the Hersheypark Arena. The staff in the office of the Grand Master was busy up to the day of the rally sending letters of regret in response to late requests for tickets.

The sides of the arena floor, the walls that form the playing area for the Hershey ice hockey team, were draped in blue over white. The ice was covered by a wood floor which provided the space for 1,500 seats in front of the stage.

The stage itself was covered in blue carpet and decorated with hundreds of flowers. An altar with lesser lights at stage right balanced twin organs at stage left.

The center podium, constructed at the edge of the highest portion of the two-tier stage, was decorated with a four-foot high square and compasses. A 20 by 40-foot reverse image screen was rigged above the stage and used for three separate slide programs during the evening.



No less than 10 spotlight operators were used, along with two special light towers for the stage area.

The program began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the largest processional in the history of the Grand Lodge: 750 persons, representing virtually every masonic body in the south central area of the state, and led by 40-member divisions of Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls behind the Zembo Temple Color Guard.

Blue spotlights, then amber, were used to sweep over the processional as it entered at the southwest and marched in an oval path down the south and then the east and north sides of the arena. Music was provided by the Zembo Concert Band.

The traditional opening ceremonies were followed by an entertainment sequence featuring organists Larry Ferrari and Ollie Kane. A surprise entrance by three Scottish bagpipers was received with great enthusiasm.

Brothers Melvin S. Mundie and Dean E. Vaughn, authors of Project SOLOMON II, introduced a second generation audio-visual program that will eventually be made available to the lodges when the

current audio-visual program has been used to full advantage.

Following a stirring address by Grand Master William A. Carpenter, every person in the arena was invited to join in a ceremony of light. The ceremony, involving candles that had been handed to each person when entering the arena, reinforced the theme of the new audio-visual presentation.

The Grand Master gave the gift of light to the Deputy Grand Master, who, in turn, gave light to the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. They, in turn, gave the gift of light to still others.

At this point in the ceremony the

Senior and Junior Grand Wardens transferred the light to persons on the floor and to those in the seats closest to the arena floor.

Within minutes the light had spread throughout the arena. Larry Ferrari had returned to play familiar music during the lighting of the candles. The crowd sang "God Bless America" and then the screen behind the stage exploded with color as everyone sang the three verses of "America the Beautiful."

The doxology was played softly under the benediction and the first rally for SOLOMON II ended precisely at 9:30 p.m.

It was a celebration of the early success of the project that promises to add 50,000 new members to the rolls of the fraternity by the end of 1987. It pointed out the need for each Mason to do his small part in guaranteeing the success of the program.

It was a program of enthusiasm, spirit, energy and pride.

A candle with the potential to light the entire world.

A Master Mason with the potential to enlighten, to uplift, and to build Freemasonry to a height never before achieved.



# SOLOMON II RALLY





# SOLOMON II RALLY





## Support of Youth Foundation Takes Many Forms



The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has been blessed many times by the generosity of the lodges and other Masonic or masonic-related organizations.

The most visible example of the exceptional offer of charity funds to the foundation for a specific need was the underwriting of the cost of the film, *Transitions*, by the members of Corinthian-Philo Lodge No. 368 in Philadelphia, Masonic District F.

The lodge contributed more than \$40,000 from the income of its permanent charity fund for the production of the film that explains the structure and purpose of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The film, which is available to interested parties through the foundation offices at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, has been shown to hundreds of audiences throughout the state and nation and has proved a most valuable tool in establishing the reputation of the foundation.

As can be expected of Masons and friends of Freemasonry, one act of charity can open the doors to other acts of a similar nature.

For example, the foundation staff soon realized it needed a small computer system if it was to keep adequate records of membership, mailing lists and general accounting.

York Lodge No. 266 in York, the 42nd Masonic District, came to the rescue. The officers and members of the lodge presented the foundation a gift of \$13,000, enough to pay for the entire computer system.

Another very significant contribution came from the members of Lodge No. 9 in Philadelphia, Masonic District D. Lodge No. 9 maintains a well deserved reputation for charity, having given more than \$140,000 in recent years to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to purchase and maintain a hyperbaric chamber in the Health Care Center.

The officers and members of Lodge No. 9 have now contributed \$25,000 to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation for the publication of a color brochure which will be distributed to all estate attorneys and trust officers in the state as a means to interest others in the charitable mission of the foundation. The publication will also be made available to the membership as a means of spreading knowledge.

The brochure is nearing completion and will be distributed as soon as it clears the presses. Its use in concert with *Transitions* will establish the foundation as a truly professional operation.

When the state officers for DeMolay indicated their need for the design and production of collars for the display of their jewels, the lodges in the 36th Masonic District in Delaware County came to the rescue.

The Masons of the 36th Masonic District were looking for a way to honor their favorite son, a member of Chester Lodge No. 236, who had become the R.W. Grand Master.

And so, in honor of Bro. William A. Carpenter, and with design work accomplished by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the foundation, and Bro. Joseph M. Shanholtz, who has devoted his skills to virtually every Masonic emblem or jewel or pin developed by the Grand Lodge over the years, a metal collar consisting of 34 keystones connected by chain was created with the \$1,200 contribution from the members of the lodges in the 36th District.

Most recently, the need for a flat screen projector and related video equipment



was met by a \$6,000 grant by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania through the office of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger, who also serves the Grand Lodge as a Grand Chaplain, and a \$3,000 contribution by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania.

The contribution from the Rainbow for Girls was pledged by Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania and Supreme Fidelity.

Mrs. Hogue learned of the need at the last meeting of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board of the foundation and immediately responded to the challenge.

The video equipment enlarges the images for large audience viewing and drastically cuts the cost of film rental. Movies are an important part of the entertainment schedule during seminars and conferences and the video equipment allows for the easy rental of current films at bargain prices.

The video equipment is also used to film ritualistic work and is a valuable aid in correcting and improving ritual skills. The work can be taught to larger groups more effectively.

In each instance noted above, the charitable dollars were made available as soon as the need was made known.

## Wheelchair Lift for Masonic Temple



A wheelchair lift has been installed at the stairway leading from the Grand Entrance Gate off North Broad Street to the Grand Foyer of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The lift, for wheelchairs only, is operated by a staff member from the top of the stairway. Access to the upper floors of the temple is by elevator.

## December Quarterly Site Changed to Meet Seating Demand

The December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in the Grand Ballroom in the Philadelphia Centre Hotel at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 1984.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter chose the ballroom of the hotel at 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard because it has the capacity to seat more than 2,000 Masons and will eliminate the disappointments of the past when the overflow crowd from Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple was forced to watch the Grand Lodge proceedings through closed circuit television in nearby Renaissance Hall.

Representatives in the Grand Lodge, especially those from distant lodges who make only one trip a year to cast ballots for the election of Grand Lodge officers and to vote on proposed amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon*, were especially disappointed to find the limited seating in the Masonic Temple put them outside the actual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Then too, the increased attendance at Grand Lodge communications, evidenced by the 1,600 persons who attended the June Quarterly in Erie and the more than 2,300 who attended the September Quarterly at Tamiment, demands the use of facilities with capacity to seat thousands, rather than hundreds.

There are two other factors that will create the need for increased seating capacity this year.

First, one of the proposed amendments, if adopted at the December Quarterly Communication, will eliminate the Annual Grand Communication during what is commonly called the off year, that is, the second year of each Grand Master's administration when the Grand Lodge officers are reelected to office.

Distinguished visitors from the appendant bodies and the other jurisdictions in the world who normally are received by this Grand Lodge at either the December Quarterly or the Annual Grand Communication will receive but one invitation to the December Quarterly.

Second, increased attendance means a corresponding increase in the number of Masons who are traditionally treated to a free luncheon by the Grand Lodge.

The catering service at the Masonic Temple can handle up to 1,100 persons, but cannot handle the thousands expected at this meeting. The Philadelphia Center Hotel can seat more than 2,000 in

the Exhibit Hall areas on the concourse level.

In order to control costs and make adequate luncheon preparations for all who attend the December Quarterly, tickets will be required.

The coupon that accompanies this article is to be sent to the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Your ticket will be mailed to you as soon as the request is received. Ticket requests will be handled on a first-request basis up to the seating capacity of the hotel dining area.

No ticket requests can be accepted after Saturday, December 1.

Please note that the coupon on page 17, is for the free luncheon and is not to be confused with the coupon for the Grand Master's Dinner Dance on the evening of December 5.

The Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel will provide an interesting as well as practical setting for the December Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Master's station will be established on the stage and those of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens at floor level. Distinguished visitors and guests will be seated on the permanent stage and on a drop stage that will be constructed immediately in front of the permanent stage.

Seating for the members of the Grand Lodge and visitors will be established on both the main and balcony levels. The processional and recessional will make use of the winding staircase from the balcony to the main ballroom level.

Balloting for the Grand Lodge offices will be conducted in the Delaware Valley Suite, a series of four connected rooms immediately to the left off the balcony level of the ballroom.

Those in the lower level will be able to move to the voting area by use of the inside stairway or the outside escalator.

It is important to remember that you do not have to be a member of the Grand Lodge to attend the December Quarterly Communication. All Master Masons are welcome.

The free luncheon coupon should be returned as soon as possible so that adequate preparations can be made for your comfort and convenience.



## Harts to Perform at Grand Master's Dinner Dance

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania December Quarterly Communication activities will conclude with the Grand Master's Dinner Dance to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5.

The 7:00 p.m. start is necessary because of the time required to convert the room from a Grand Lodge meeting place back to a ballroom for dining and dancing.

The evening, then, will begin with dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by brief remarks and introductions of distinguished visitors by the Grand Master, and will end with dancing to the music of the Joe Martin Orchestra after the Harts' performance.

Clay and Sally Hart are known to millions of Americans through their appearance for more than six years on the Lawrence Welk Show. Clay filled the country music slot vacated by Lynn Anderson. Sally, with her singing partner, Sandi, won the place left vacant when the Lennon Sisters went out on their own.

Together, Clay and Sally Hart have blended their individual talents into one of the most energetic, colorful and appealing shows in the contemporary and country fields.

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# Proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon

The members of the Grand Lodge will vote on 10 resolutions at the December Quarterly Communication to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5 in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia.

Each member of the fraternity will have received a copy of the proposed amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon* in resolution form in the November lodge notice.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, asked that the intent of each proposed amendment be stated informally here as a service to the craft.

"Each of these amendments is presented in the best interests of the fraternity and to preserve its future," the Grand Master said.

Articles 3.03 and 3.04 provide for the election of a substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge to serve if the primary Representative in the Grand Lodge is, for some reason, unable to serve.

Articles 8.01 and 8.02 provide for the elimination of the Annual Grand Communication in the second year, the year Grand Lodge officers are reelected to office, and call for the Grand Master to set the time of all meetings of the Grand Lodge except for the December Quarterly and the Annual Grand Communications.

Article 10.01 provides that the price of certain Grand Lodge services, i.e., rents, dispensations, certificates, will be determined by the Committee on Finance.

Article 10.05 provides that the mileage rate paid to Representatives in the Grand Lodge attending the December Quarterly Communication be determined by the Committee on Finance.

Article 13.34 establishes a term of eight years for members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

Article 17.04 provides that Honorary Members may be created only upon the payment of a sum of \$600 to the permanent fund of the member's lodge.

Article 17.12 allows the lodge to change the day or time of its stated meeting because of holidays or meetings of the Grand Lodge or the Masonic District without amendment of its by-laws.

Article 17.28 allows the lodges to do courtesy degree work.

Article 19.01 provides for the payment of dues at the beginning of each year and the suspension, without notice, of those owing dues at the January stated meeting. The lodge may postpone suspension to the February meeting.

Article 24.01 allows visitors to the lodge to be present during an election of officers.

# Grand Master Calls Extra Communication

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has scheduled an extra communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of making masons at sight.

The communication will be held in the Masonic Temple in Chester and is scheduled to begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. It is expected the degree work will be completed by 6:00 p.m.

The candidates are Donald B. Reeder, a nephew of the Grand Master, and Robert J. Bruce, president of Widener University.

Because of limited seating in the lodge room, the Grand Lodge party will be confined to those who are required to be present to open and close the Grand Lodge so that space will be made available for Masons in the immediate area and the members of the Schools of Instruction who will confer the degrees.

The making of a mason at sight is a right that can be exercised only by the Grand Master and the three degrees are conferred in his presence.

This is the second time Grand Master Carpenter has opted to make a mason at sight. The honor was conferred on Bro. Raymond A. Heist in Williamsport on June 30.

# December Quarterly Site Changed to Meet Seating Demand

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Clay and Sally Hart have a growing list of credits, reflecting their ever increasing popularity and expanding musical talents.

They recently opened for Red Skelton at the Nugget in Reno; have been the opening act for Alan King, Barbara and Louise Mandrell, T. G. Sheppard, Sylvia, and the Statler Brothers, and have been the headliners at most of the nation's major fairs and at scores of regional and county fairs.

The dedication of this handsome young couple to their music and their wide experience in television, records,

commercials and live performances can only lead to ever growing success and a place of their own among the super stars of the entertainment world.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance are now available from the office of the Grand Master at a cost of \$12.50 per person.

They will be issued on a first request basis and limited to approximately 1,000 persons in order to insure comfortable seating. A coupon is provided on this page to assist you in making reservations.

Please note that earlier responses will have the greatest chance of success in gaining reservations. Late requests will be returned with a letter of regret.

Each table in the hotel ballroom will seat 10 persons. If a number of persons expects to attend in a group, it is suggested that that information be added to the reservation coupon with payment as a single response.

The staff in the Office of the Grand Master is prepared to provide any assistance you may require. You are invited to call (215) 988-1920 or write to the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Please remember that early reservation requests have the greatest chance of being filled.

# Dinner Dance Coupon

Send to—

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

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$12.50 per ticket for the Grand Master's Dinner Dance to be held at 7:00 p.m., December 5, 1984 in the Grand Ballroom, Philadelphia Centre Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Checks should be made payable to R.W. Grand Secretary.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

# December Quarterly Communication Free Men's Luncheon—

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) to the December Quarterly Communication luncheon to be held in the Exhibit Hall Rooms at the concourse level of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on Wednesday, December 5, 1984.

My stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# Directly from the Grand Master FREEMASONRY IS HERE TO STAY!

From preceding page 2.

abandoned part of mankind, against the most worthy and deserving of esteem, and which wounds them unexpectedly. And to whom is it pleasing? To the vile, the perfidious, the talkative. But what is its source? From what origin does it proceed? From falsehood, as its father; from envy, as its mother; and from idle curiosity, as its nurse."

Would such persons, particularly that increasing segment of certain religious sects that have infested our society, exercise but a very small portion of reason and reflection, they would readily perceive the iniquity of their attempts to deprecate a fraternity of men that has always withstood and repelled every attack made against it.

While the majority of the foes of Freemasonry are among the profane—those outside the Masonic circle—there are an

unusual number of Master Masons, including so-called Masonic leaders, who have become more like blood clots than conservators in the life-line of Freemasonry. These pious pernicious persons are prone to promenade as Masonic authorities, as scholars, and even as leaders, all with fixed and limited minds reflecting know-it-all attitudes as to the way Freemasonry should or should not be conducted and administered.

The tragedy of having these self-appointed authorities festering within the Craft and either writing or talking as to what is wrong and what is needed, is that most of them are the least qualified to comment on or even evaluate certain phases of Freemasonry. Having a knowledge of Freemasonry is one thing. Having an understanding of what Freemasonry is all about is something else.

Once our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity was established, following the respective initial contributions of those great and dedicated founding fathers who labored through the formative years when we emerged from an Operative Art to a Speculative Science, Freemasonry, ceased to be the victim of any one person obsessed with arrogant do-as-I-say tendencies. In other words, Freemasonry has been, is now, and always shall be bigger and greater than any one person.

For the record, Freemasonry has enjoyed not only a goodly heritage but an enviable history for nearly three hundred years. And, when our Project SOLOMON II gets into its higher gear, I predict that Freemasonry, especially in Pennsylvania, is going to enjoy its greatest years.

Yes, Freemasonry is here to stay—no matter what its foes may say!



# Special Blue Lodge License Plates FINALLY

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter (left) and Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson meet with Governor Dick Thornburgh to take possession of the first issue of the special blue lodge license plates. Plate 00001 is registered to Bro. Williamson. The project was begun in 1983 while Bro. Williamson was Grand Master. The Department of Transportation is processing several thousand applications for the plates that have piled up since the project was announced in November of 1983.



Holiday Gifts for the Mason



The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation receives the income from these bronze aluminum pieces bearing the image of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Hand crafted by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, the selection contains one limited edition piece, a 12-inch bronze plate with a cut out of the temple in either bronze or sterling silver. All items are in stock and orders will be processed immediately.

COUPON		Wendell August Forge Items		COUPON	
Item	Description	Price	Quantity		
Aluminum					
230A	6"x9" tray with hook	\$ 35.00			
227A	9"x16" serving tray	55.00			
820A	12" round bowl	63.00			
Bronze					
71B	9"x12" beveled tray with hook	\$ 95.00			
66B	9" clock	120.00			
300B	ice bucket	145.00			
61B	9" round plate/walnut frame	175.00			
62Bp	12" round plate/pewter cut out	240.00			
62Bs	12" round plate/silver cut out	425.00			
Make checks or money orders payable to the Grand Lodge					
Send to					
Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad					
Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19107.					

Grand Master's Record After 300 Days

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has presided over 320 separate activities in his first 300 days in office. The Grand Master often covers two events in a single day. For example, on Monday, October 22 he met with Governor Dick Thornburgh in Harrisburg in the afternoon before returning to Philadelphia to attend an informal visitation with the members of Columbia Lodge No. 91, Masonic District C.

"With 320 events in 300 days," the Grand Master said, "I'm already 20 days behind on refreshment and sleep."

Grand Master Carpenter has visited 195 of the 570 lodges in those first 300 days and has presented 215 Masons with the award he designed to honor them as "Masonic Saints," the unsung heroes of the lodges who have given so much of themselves to their lodges and to Freemasonry, often without recognition, over the years.

The Grand Master has presented 351 of the three-inch bronze medallions, struck to mark his administration as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges and distinguished Masons throughout the nation.

His schedule has taken him to meetings of every appendant masonic body in the state several times; to a dozen meetings at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown; to 14 sessions involving the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown; to half a dozen meetings involving the three youth groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls, and visitations to Veterans Hospitals, State Hospitals, Shrine Hospitals and Burn Institutes.

Grand Master Carpenter has even found time in his schedule to sit for six sessions with portrait artist Henry Cooper, who is creating the oil painting of the Grand Master that will eventually hang in a spot of honor in the Benjamin Franklin Room in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The most significant statistic of this first 300 days, however, has to be the fact the Grand Master has met with over 36,000 Masons. More than 17 per cent of the Masons in the entire state have had the opportunity to meet the Grand Master, hear a message from him, and shake his hand.

To maintain his schedule, the Grand Master has traveled almost 11,000 miles by automobile and more than 66,000 miles by air.

At the outset of his program Bro. Carpenter promised that anyone who wanted to find the Grand Master could do so by looking in the lodges. He is keeping that promise.

Grand Master's Award SEPTEMBER 1, 1984—OCTOBER 31, 1984

Perseverance—Lodge No. 21—Harrisburg	Bro. William S. Sanford, P.M.
Columbia—Lodge No. 91—Philadelphia	Bro. Irving J. Fischer, P.M.
Mount Moriah—Lodge No. 155—Philadelphia	Bro. Harvey M. Albright, P.M.
La Fayette—Lodge No. 194—Selinsgrove	Bro. Ronald H. Hoover, P.M.
Lewistown—Lodge No. 203—Lewistown	Bro. Russel R. Walters
Honesdale—Lodge No. 218—Honesdale	Bro. Wyman B. Fowler, P.M.
Philanthropy—Lodge No. 225—Greensburg	Bro. Robert F. Orr, P.M.
York—Lodge No. 266—York	Bro. Paul N. Aubitz, P.M.
Porter—Lodge No. 284—Catasauqua	Bro. Warren A. Holben
Porter—Lodge No. 284—Catasauqua	Bro. William Laubach, P.M.
Frankford—Lodge No. 292—Philadelphia	Bro. John W. Dean
Hawley—Lodge No. 305—Hawley	Bro. Franklin J. Bebensee, P.M.
Myrtle—Lodge No. 316—Franklin	Bro. Harry F. Newell, P.M.
Bedford—Lodge No. 320—Bedford	Bro. William F. Harkleroad
Eureka—Lodge No. 335—Montoursville	Bro. C. Larue Artley, P.M.
Eureka—Lodge No. 335—Montoursville	Bro. Carlton Mark Mendenhall, P.M.
Millford—Lodge No. 344—Millford	Bro. Richard Smith, P.M.
Mahanoy City—Lodge No. 357—Mahanoy City	Bro. Paul S. Blankenhorn, P.M.
Big Spring—Lodge No. 361—Newville	Bro. Levan Loy Hoover, P.M.
Big Spring—Lodge No. 361—Newville	Bro. Gordon D. Rand, P.M.
Petrolia—Lodge No. 363—Oil City	Bro. Ernest Delos Adams, P.M.
Alliquippa—Lodge No. 375—McKeesport	Bro. Walter Franks, P.M.
Newport—Lodge No. 381—Newport	Bro. Bernard B. Britcher, P.M.
Kedron—Lodge No. 389—West Middlesex	Bro. Luther W. Low, P.M.
Temple—Lodge No. 412—Tidioute	Bro. Alton Z. Hall, P.M.
Temple—Lodge No. 412—Tidioute	Bro. William C. Shavley, P.M.
St. John's—Lodge No. 435—West Reading	Bro. Brooke Anson Hart
Zeredatha—Lodge No. 451—York	Bro. George F. Kauffman
Zeredatha—Lodge No. 451—York	Bro. Levere C. Wentz
Oriental—Lodge No. 469—Orangeville	Bro. C. Harold Bankes, P.M.
Oriental—Lodge No. 460—Orangeville	Bro. Ezra W. Harris, P.M.
Charles M. Howell—Lodge No. 496—Millersville	Bro. Paul F. Hoffer, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
Sharpsville—Lodge No. 517—Sharpsville	Bro. Harold B. Colgan, P.M.
Everett—Lodge No. 524—Everett	Bro. Robert W. Shimer, P.M.
Waymart—Lodge No. 542—Waymart	Bro. Murrell W. Champion, P.M.
Ashlar—Lodge No. 570—Lykens	Bro. Ronald A. Clouser, P.M.
Wilcox—Lodge No. 571—Wilcox	Bro. Christopher Storrar, P.M.
Crescent—Lodge No. 576—Millvale	Bro. Guy M. Queen, P.M.
Youghioghny—Lodge No. 583—McKeesport	Bro. Edwin R. Parsons
Hyndman—Lodge No. 589—Hyndman	Bro. Wayne Hillegass, P.M.
Orient—Lodge No. 590—Monroeville	Bro. Samuel C. Markantone, P.M.
Arbutus—Lodge No. 611—Freeland	Bro. Wesley R. Miller, P.M.
Homewood Fort Pitt—Lodge No. 635—Pen Hills	Bro. Charles A. Games, P.M.
George E. Wagner—Lodge No. 639—St. Mary's	Bro. Joseph W. Stormer, P.M.
McKeesport—Lodge No. 641—McKeesport	Bro. Herman H. Beattie, P.M.
Tyrian—Lodge No. 644—New Kensington	Bro. Byrl J. Johnson, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District
Red Lion—Lodge No. 649—Red Lion	Bro. Richard E. Weaver, P.M.
Woodlawn—Lodge No. 672—Aliquippa	Bro. Cloyd W. Eppley, P.M.
James W. Brown—Lodge No. 675—Johnsonburg	Bro. Arthur L. Nelson, P.M.
Park—Lodge No. 676—Millvale	Bro. Kenneth James Faub, P.M.
Park—Lodge No. 676—Millvale	Bro. Harris W. Slusser, P.M.
Wilksburg—Lodge No. 683—Monroeville	Bro. Lyle W. Baker, P.M.
Amity—Lodge No. 685—Pleasant Hills	Bro. Russell C. Cordier, P.M.
Delta-Braddocks Field—Lodge No. 699—Penn Hills	Bro. Carl H. Brinkhoff, P.M.
Penn—Lodge No. 709—Chester	Bro. Harold H. Whaley, P.M.
Lansdowne—Lodge No. 711—Lansdowne	Bro. Robert S. Calhoun
Lansdowne—Lodge No. 711—Lansdowne	Bro. Luther E. Pfeister
East Liberty—Lodge No. 725—Pittsburgh	Bro. Eleftherios Silvestros, P.M.
East Liberty—Lodge No. 725—Pittsburgh	Bro. Walter H. Sarraf, P.M.
Duquesne—Lodge No. 731—McKeesport	Bro. Henry F. Ebertshauser, Sr., P.M.
Frackville—Lodge No. 737—Frackville	Bro. William C. Heller, P.M.
Matamoras—Lodge No. 752—Matamoras	Bro. Bruce Struthers, P.M.
Pleasant Hills-Guthrie—Lodge No. 759—Pleasant Hills	Bro. Lloyd P. Shipley
Bethel—Lodge No. 761—Bethel park	Bro. John William Waddle
Penn Justice—Lodge No. 766—Penn Hills Twp.	Bro. Donald W. Best, P.M.
Edward F. Roberts—Lodge No. 772—Chester	Bro. Adolph Bleier, P.M.
Mount Zion—Lodge No. 774—McConnellsburg	Bro. Maynard C. Gordon, P.M.
Accord—Lodge No. 785—McKeesport	Bro. Alexander D. Foster
Glenshaw—Lodge No. 793—Glenshaw	Bro. Henry W. Cooper, P.M.
Whitehall—Lodge No. 794—Pleasant Hills	Bro. William E. Weidman
Jacob E. McColly—Lodge No. 798—Harrisburg	Bro. Charles W. Hauser, P.M.
—Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Delaware	
Bro. Lewis J. Blackwell, M.W. Grand Master	