

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Publishes History

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as one appropriate means of celebrating the 200th anniversary of its independence from the Grand Lodge of England, will publish a two-volume, comprehensive history written by historian Wayne A. Huss, Ph.D.

The first volume of the history, titled *The Master Builders: A History of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania*, is now available through the Library and Museum at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia (See coupon below). The second volume is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1987. A third volume consisting of portraits and biographies of Grand Masters is expected to be published in 1988.

Dr. Huss graduated from Ursinus College in 1971 and earned a Master's degree at Villanova University in 1973. He attended the University of Virginia before enrolling at Temple University in 1978 where he studied Early American, French, English and intellectual history. He was awarded a Ph.D. in January of 1985.

The title of his doctoral dissertation was, *Pennsylvania Freemasonry: An Intellectual and Social Analysis, 1727-1826*. It proved to be a complimentary view of the fraternity, proving that Pennsylvania Freemasonry accepted as members men from all occupations, all social classes, and at most levels of



Wayne A. Huss, Ph.D.

wealth. Freemasonry truly advocated brotherhood, equality, religious toleration and civic responsibility.

The fraternity adhered to a scientific, rational view of the world and its ethics were composed of the middle-class virtues of sobriety, thrift and industry.

Volume I of *The Master Builders* presents a comprehensive narrative which places the development of the Masonic fraternity within the context of the broader society. It is an approach that had not been followed in

earlier works dealing with Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

The fact that Dr. Huss is not a member of the fraternity lends a great deal of credibility and objectivity to his study. *The Master Builders* is filled with numerous interesting insights and contains many heretofore unknown details pertaining to the fraternity's past. The narrative is augmented by many illustrative charts, tables, graphs and photographs.

Sources of information for the history include more than 55-hundred pages of closely-printed Grand Lodge minutes and dozens of non-Masonic works. By tediously combing through well-preserved manuscript records, Dr. Huss has been able to compile comprehensive membership statistics, including occupation backgrounds, on over 90,000 individuals.

Volume I deals with the period from the origin of the Grand Lodge to the dedication, in 1873, of the Masonic Temple on Broad Street in Philadelphia. Volume II will cover the period from 1874 to 1986.

Volume I will be on sale in the Library and Museum of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia beginning on Friday, September 26, the day of the 200th anniversary celebration. The coupon that accompanies this article can be used to order the *History* by mail.

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Pennsylvania Celebrates Masonic Bicentennial

Two hundred years ago, on September 26, 1786, 13 individual lodges met in Philadelphia to, according to the minutes of that meeting, "...establish themselves as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other Authority."

The previous day, at the September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on September 25, 1786, the question of Masonic independence had been resolved. A motion to sever ties with the Grand

Lodge of England "...except those of Brotherly Love and Affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the Globe" was unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the meeting close with the statement: "This Lodge, acting by Virtue of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed forever."

No Grand Lodge operated in Pennsylvania for a period of less

than 24 hours, until the Grand Convention of the 13 lodges on the 26th when it was resolved, again unanimously, "...that the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, will, and now do form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging..." *continued to page 3.*

The Master Builders:

A History of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

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October 18 - Rededication Day at Masonic Homes

Plans for Rededication Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Saturday, October 18 are now complete and thousands of Pennsylvania Masons, their families and friends, are prepared to witness a special rededication ceremony in the morning and a five-unit parade in the afternoon in addition to all the fun, free food, color and pageantry anyone could hope to experience on a beautiful autumn day.

The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. when the more than 4,000 persons who have already signed up to attend are expected to arrive at the Masonic Homes. Room is available for thou-

sands more—and the coupon that accompanies this article on page 6 can be used to register your place if you have not yet done so.

Also included in this issue on pages 8 and 9 is a map of the Masonic Homes that gives complete details about every aspect of the day's activity including parking, transportation about the grounds, food and beverages, guests' crafts, Homes' produce, the staging area and route of the parade, and the staging for the rededication ceremony that will also be the site of various entertainments throughout the afternoon.

Before the day ends at about 4:00 p.m., those attending will have viewed a special ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in which the officers of the Grand Lodge will rededicate Grand Lodge Hall in marking the completion of a renovation program begun in 1979 and the 75th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the first major building constructed on the grounds of the Masonic Homes—and a 1:30 p.m. parade in which as many as 1,500 Masons, most of them members of colorful shrine units from various parts of the state, will participate.

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Grand Lodge Institutes 800 Information System



A full sound studio has been installed on the second floor of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia to record and playback through an 800 toll free number messages of interest to

Freemasons who are members of lodges in Pennsylvania. The information service will be inaugurated by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. at noon on Wednesday,

October 15. The Grand Master will use the information service to deliver messages of general interest to Pennsylvania Masons. The 800 line will also be used for special messages for specific audiences. The R.W. Grand Secretary will be giving information to the lodge secretaries from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20 and the Grand Treasurer will have information for lodge treasurers and trustees from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. Matters of general interest will be aired on all other days, Monday through Friday, during the same hours. The 800 information service response and use factors will be analyzed during the early weeks of operation and any changes in scheduling, if necessary, will be announced as soon as possible. The toll free number to be used beginning October 15 is 1-800-438-4949.

Grand Master's Itinerary SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Cornerstone laying, Dedication and 100th Anniversary, Lodge No. 567, Riegelsville
- 20 Annual Ladies Night Dinner, Premier Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh
- 21-24 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Cincinnati, Ohio
- 26 200th Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge. Special Communication to redeposit capstone and cornerstone box items from 1868 cornerstone in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia at 3:00 p.m.
- 26 Special Communication of Grand Lodge in substitution for the regular September Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia at 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 Lodge No. 9, 206th Anniversary, Philadelphia
- 4 Lodge No. 668, 75th Anniversary, Sharon
- 13 Lodge No. 225, Greensburg

OCTOBER

- 14 Lodge No. 794, 25th Anniversary, Pleasant Hills
- 18 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the Rededication of Grand Lodge Hall on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the original Cornerstone laying. Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 24 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 25 Lodge No. 564, 100th Anniversary, Coatesville
- 26-27 Grand Lodge of Georgia—200th Anniversary
- 28 Anniversary

NOVEMBER

- 1 Lodge No. 566, 100th Anniversary, Kane
- 5 Lodge No. 21, 207th Anniversary Banquet, Harrisburg
- 8 Lodge No. 669, 75th Anniversary, Oakdale
- 11 Lodge No. 436, Philadelphia
- 15 Valley of New Castle, A.A.S.R.
- 17 200th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland
- 22 Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.
- 29 Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, Chester

DECEMBER

- 3 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. Election and installation of Grand Lodge officers, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 7:00 P.M.
- 4 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 5 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 13 A.A.O.N.M.S., Jaffa Temple, Altoona
- 27 Grand Master will visit Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

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Members of the fraternity do not have to be members of the Grand Lodge to attend, but will have to present a current dues card.

The evening meeting, in the place of the regular September Quarterly Communication, will be held in Corinthian Hall, but will also be televised to Renaissance Hall in anticipation of a large crowd for

the anniversary celebration. A number of distinguished Masonic leaders will visit Pennsylvania to participate in the anniversary celebration. Among them will be Bro. J. M. Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. Michael W. Walker, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Two special communications of the Grand Lodge have been planned for September 26. Both will be held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The first is a public ceremony that begins at 3:00 p.m. when items from the cornerstone of the temple, originally deposited on June 24, 1868, will be redeposited in a special vault built into the floor of the Grand Foyer off the main entrance to the headquarters building.

Items from the 1868 cornerstone box that have been on display in the Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple for the past six months will

be placed in a new keystone-shaped box with Masonic materials of today.

The vault will be covered with the white marble capstone that was also recovered from the 1868 cornerstone. The damage to the capstone (see photo below) that occurred as it was being removed from the top of the cornerstone chamber has been repaired. It will serve the same function by capping the vault for the new depository for the old and new Masonic materials.

The public ceremony will be an adaptation of the cornerstone ceremony conducted in 1868. Because of limited space in the Grand Foyer where the ceremony will take place, the proceedings will be relayed by closed circuit, color television to Corinthian and Renaissance Halls on the second floor. Masons not directly involved in the ceremony, their ladies and other family members, and the general public will be seated in either hall beginning at about 2:30 p.m.

No ticket or identification is required. Guides will assist visitors to the seating areas. About 2,000 persons can be accommodated in the lodge rooms.

The 7:00 p.m. Special Communication of the Grand Lodge is a private meeting open only to Master Masons.



GRAND LODGE HALL...

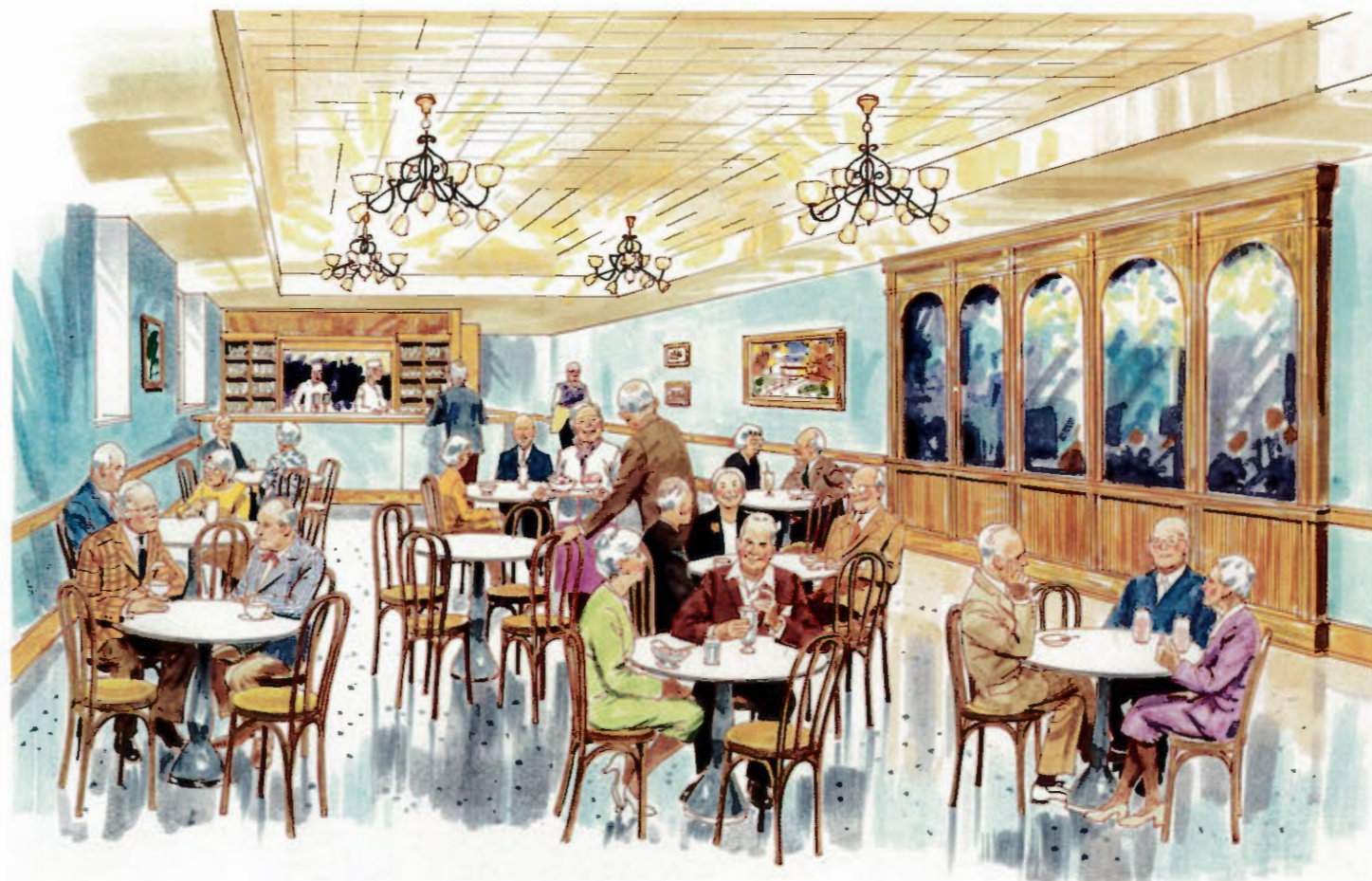
completion of an eight-year renovation program



The renovation of Grand Lodge Hall has provided the opportunity for construction of two new facilities — an ice cream parlor for the use of the Homes' guests and visitors, and a museum in which many objects of great significance to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will be displayed.

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Rededication Day at Masonic Homes

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Grand Lodge Hall and some of the individual guest quarters in the surrounding residential buildings will be open for inspection from noon to 1:30 p.m. and again from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. A number of guests have volunteered their quarters and their services as

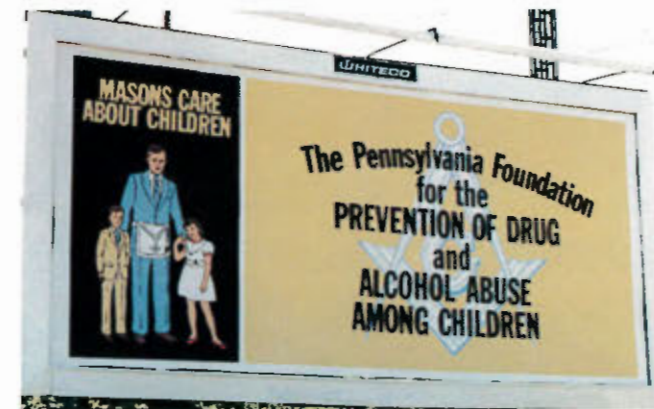
guides to visitors.

One area of particular interest in viewing the renovation work in Grand Lodge hall will be the museum and the ice cream parlor, new additions that flank the main entrance to the building, constructed in what had been an

old theater and storage space. Photographs of the work in progress are shown on pages 4 and 5 and an artist's conception of the ice cream parlor is shown above.

There is no charge for parking, food or beverage.

Outdoor Advertisers Boost Drug and Alcohol Foundation



The Grand Lodge has placed this message on more than 100 large billboards throughout the state in recent months thanks to a public service program sponsored by members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Pennsylvania. The program was first brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge by Bro. Thomas E. Buckwalter, President of the association. Bro. Buckwalter is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 302 and Vice President-General Manager of Whiteco Metrocom, Inc. His firm, operating in the greater Harrisburg area, is participating with Penn Advertising, Inc. with divisions in York, Lancaster, Reading, Erie, Williamsport and Altoona; Creative Displays Ltd. in Lehigh Valley; Morgan Signs, Inc. in Altoona; Johnstown Poster Advertising Co. in Johnstown, and Pocono Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc. in Bangor. Each of the firms give free billboard space for a month at a time.

Grand Lodge Hall

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The photographs on pages 4 and 5 show the concrete work that was done in transforming what had been a wood-covered, dirt floor in the old theater section to the left of the entrance and a storage area for clothes and supplies to the right. The ice cream parlor (see the artist's drawing on page 6) is to the left of the entrance in what had been the theater area, and the museum is to the right in the former storage space.

Most visitors to the Masonic Homes in the past entered Grand Lodge Hall from the Village Green which is actually the rear of the building. Upon completion of the renovation, and beginning with the open house during Rededication Day on Saturday, October 18 (see story beginning on page 6) is to the left of the entrance for visitors will be from the front of the building.

A great deal of interesting items will be

displayed, including an antique piece of fire fighting equipment and an old player piano. Both are being restored for use or display in the new facilities.

The museum is a particularly valuable addition to the Homes' facilities since it will provide a single place for the storage and display of items that heretofore had been stored in nooks and crannies and out-of-the-way places throughout the grounds.

Grand Master Awards Lapel Pin Past District Deputy Grand Masters Honored



Grand Master Stenberg places pin on lapel of Bro. Wilbur H. Schang. Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master, is to the right.



Actual size lapel pin for Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., was host of a large contingent of Past District Deputy Grand Masters who attended the Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia on June 4 at the invitation of the Grand Master to receive a new form of recognition.

Eighty-one of the 256 Past District Deputy Grand Masters were able to attend the meeting and receive a lapel pin designed by Bro. Joseph M. Shanholtz, an Aide to the Grand Master, from the jewel each man wore from his purple collar during the time he served as a District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master presented the first of the lapel pins to Bro. Wilbur H. Schang, who was the oldest of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters by service, having served the 12th Masonic District (in the greater Wilkes-Barre area) from 1948 through 1960.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master, represented the Right Worshipfuls who have served as District Deputy Grand Masters. Bro. Young served Masonic District A in Philadelphia from 1951 to 1961.

Under current law, anyone who serves five years can be created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Rededication Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Saturday, October 18, 1986 • 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Registration Coupon

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Rededication Day Schedule

October 18, 1986

Overall 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Food & Beverages 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Processional Formation 10:30 a.m.

Rededication 11:00 a.m. to approx. 12:00 Noon

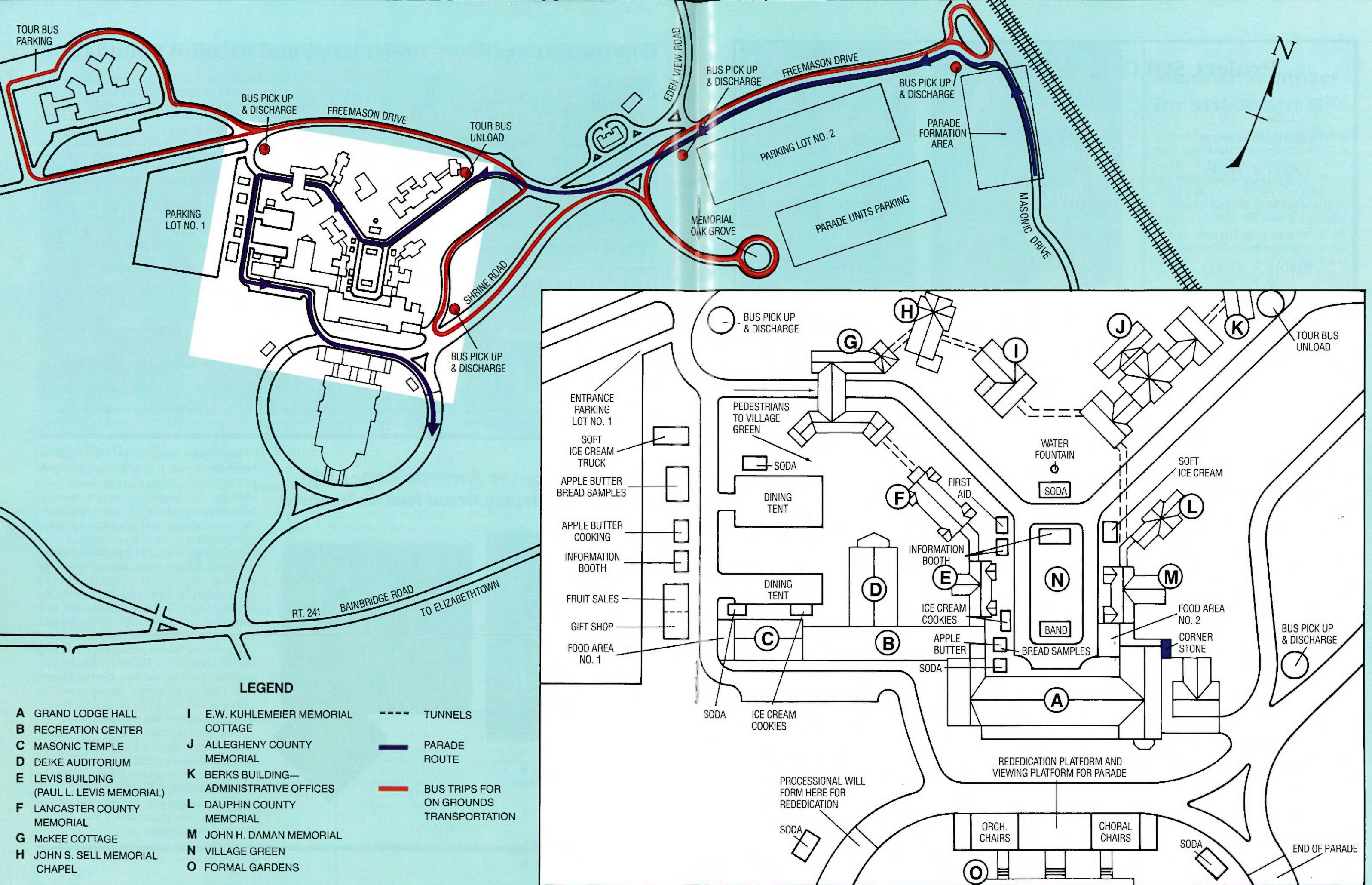
Parade Formation 12:30 p.m.

Parade 1:30 p.m. to approx. 2:30 p.m.

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Summer Seminars for SOLOMON II®

More than 15-hundred lodge officers participated in a series of SOLOMON II Seminars conducted during the summer at the direction of the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr.

The first of three seminars was held at Jaffa Temple in Altoona on Saturday, July 12. Zembo Temple in Harrisburg was the site of the second session on Saturday, August 9 and the third was held at Lehigh Consistory in the Valley of Allentown on Saturday, August 16.

Invitations were issued to the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Secretary and SOLOMON II Task Force Chairman for each of the 548 lodges in the state. The District Deputy Grand Masters and the Regional and Assistant Overseers for Project SOLOMON II were also in attendance.

All three sessions were conducted by Bro. John R. Graham, a Massachusetts Mason who owns a public relations firm in Boston. Bro. Graham is a talented, dynamic Mason who has created the public relations programs now being conducted by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and is working with the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in the development of programs for improving membership.

Each program was designed to build the interest and support of the leadership in the lodges in working for the success of Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master reaffirmed his support of the project and described SOLOMON II as a top priority in his administration that must also become a matter of top priority in every lodge in the jurisdiction.

The series of photographs that accompany this article were taken at the meeting in Allentown, the last of the seminars, when 512 lodge officers were present.



Wendell August Forge—

The Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has entered into an agreement with Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania to create a series of awards to recognize those individuals and groups, such as the lodges and other Masonic bodies, who have made substantial contributions to the foundation.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., asked the firm that is famous for its artistic, hand-wrought metal work to create a logo, an identifying symbol for the foundation, that would emphasize its slogan that proudly states, "Masons Care About Children."

Grand Master Stenberg asked Wendell August Forge to create a die that would incorporate the Mason and two children (a boy and a girl) that are depicted in the stained glass window above the altar in the new chapel at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus. The window shows an



R.W. Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. discusses logo design with William Knecht, left, President of Wendell August Forge, and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Past Grand Master and Foundation Board Chairman. Photographs detail die construction.



Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Donor Award Program



aproned Mason with his right hand on the shoulder of a boy while a girl holds his left hand.

Wendell August Forge incorporated that image with the

slogan in producing the logo that is now considered to be the symbol for the foundation. Indeed, it is that symbol which is shown in a slightly different context in billboard signs across the state that advertise the work of the foundation.

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Masons Care About Children

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The Wendell August Forge-designed award program will be used to specifically recognize those who contribute \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$50,000 to the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

The symbol is stamped on a 10-inch diameter aluminum plate as the award for a \$1,000 contribution. A gift of \$5,000 is recognized by the stamping of a 9 by 12-inch beveled, bronze tray.

Donors of at least \$10,000 will receive an award in which the symbol is cut from pewter and placed on a 10-inch, round bronze plate. \$25,000 contributions earn a pewter cutout that is displayed on a background of black velvet inside a 12-inch square walnut frame.

Contributions of \$50,000 or more will be recognized by an award that features a nine-inch sterling silver plate, also displayed on a black velvet background, but in a 15-inch square walnut frame. Both framed awards will also feature a bronze plate on which the name of the contributor will be engraved.



10" Aluminum Plate



9" x 12" Bronze Tray

The following is a list of the individuals or organizations who made substantial contributions to the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse at the March and June Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge. Awards will be made to these donors at subsequent Grand Lodge communications.

Individuals

Bro. Robert W. Yeats, a member of Alliquippa Lodge No. 375, \$1,250

Bro. Walter J. Gerbron, a member of Unity Lodge No. 719, \$2,000

Organizations

Association of Masonic Veterans of Western Pennsylvania, \$1,000

Masonic Fund Society, County of Allegheny, \$1,000

Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knight Templar, \$1,000

Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., \$2,500



9" Sterling Silver Plate in 15" walnut frame

Blue Lodges

Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, \$1,000

Amity Lodge No. 685, \$1,000

Athlestan Lodge No. 482, \$1,500

Avalon Lodge No. 657, \$1,000

Beta-Duquesne Lodge No. 546, \$3,000

Dormont Lodge No. 684, \$5,000

Fernwood Lodge No. 543, \$10,000

Frankford Lodge No. 292, \$1,000

Franklin Lodge No. 221, \$1,000

Gothic Lodge No. 519, \$1,000

Hermann Lodge No. 125, \$3,000

Industry Lodge No. 131, \$5,000

Kensington Lodge No. 211, \$1,500

Lodge No. 2, \$1,000

Lodge No. 9, \$3,009

Penn-Justice Lodge No. 766, \$1,000

Philadelphia-Potter Lodge No. 72, \$1,000

Union Lodge No. 121, \$20,000

University Lodge No. 51, \$3,500

Washington Lodge No. 253, \$1,000

Whitehall Lodge No. 794, \$1,299



Pewter cutout in 12" frame

More than \$95,000 has been raised in support of the foundation in the first nine months of its existence.

The first awards will be presented at the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge to be held at 7:00 p.m. in Corinthian Hall at the Masonic Temple on Friday, September 26, 1986.



10" Bronze Plate