

Institution of DeMolay Chapter



Harry A. Housman Lodge No. 717 in Somerton and Kensington Lodge No. 211 in Philadelphia are the sponsoring bodies for Somerton Chapter Order of DeMolay which was instituted on Saturday, September 28 in ceremonies conducted at the Masonic Temple. Somerton is the first DeMolay chapter to be instituted in the Philadelphia area since 1960. Pictured, left to right, are Julius J. Niklas, Worshipful Master of Kensington Lodge No. 211; Michael J. Hunt, son of Bro. and Mrs. Robert Hunt of Philadelphia, the Master Councilor; John J. Hunt, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District D in Philadelphia; and David P. Tomlin, Worshipful Master of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717.

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FEBRUARY

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
- 20 Islam Grotto, Pittsburgh
- 22 Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.
- 29 Masonic Congress Committee, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 30 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, 10:00 A.M.
- 4 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 5 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 12-13 Seminar for new District Deputy Grand Masters, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 13 A.A.O.N.M.S., Jaffa Temple, Altoona
- 27 Grand Master will visit Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

JANUARY

- 14 Presentation of new District Deputy Grand Master for the 14th Masonic District. Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant
- 17 York Rite Festival, Pittsburgh
- 23 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 24 Meeting, Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
- 31 York Rite Festival, Pittsburgh

FEBRUARY

- 7 Rainbow Honor Day for the Grand Master, A.A.S.R., Allentown
- 7 Wardens' Night sponsored by A.A.S.R., Allentown
- 14-18 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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Thousands Attend Rededication Day
at Masonic Homes

Thousands of persons traveled to Elizabethtown in northwest Lancaster County on Saturday, October 18, 1986 to participate in the Rededication Day activities at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

It was a day filled with ceremony and color, with pageantry and parade, with fun and fellowship.

The crowds of Masons, their families and friends, joined with the Elizabethtown neighbors of the Masonic Homes to witness the reenactment of the ceremony that was conducted on September 26, 1911 when the cornerstone of Grand Lodge hall was laid.

The R.W. Grand Master in 1911, Bro. George W. Guthrie, said in his annual report to the Grand Lodge in that year, "In cele-

brating the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of this Grand Lodge, it seemed to me that we could do nothing which would more appropriately commemorate for all time, our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, for all the blessings which we and our predecessors have received from His hands, than to lay the foundation of the first building to be erected in this great work, in the hope that it might stand for generations as a memorial of our gratitude and an evidence of our appreciation of the duty which rests upon us, to extend to those in suffering or distress the helpful hand of a Brother."

It is interesting to note that 75 years after laying the foundation of Grand Lodge Hall the fraternity is celebrating the completion of an eight-year program in which all the residential guest buildings at the Masonic Homes, ending with Grand Lodge Hall, have been fully renovated.

The facility now boasts the latest innovations for the comfort, care and safety of the Homes' guests and stands as proof positive that the promise made in 1911, "to extend to those in suffering or distress the helpful

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Grand Master Launches 800 Information System



Those who dialed 1-800-438-4949 beginning at noon on Wednesday, October 15, 1986 heard the first messages by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., in launching the 800 Information System that is destined to become a most important communication tool for the Masons of Pennsylvania.

The 800 line will be used by the Grand Lodge, and others, to provide important information to anyone who cares to dial in, and will do so in a timely, efficient manner.

The 800 Information System will be used to cover a wide range of Masonic activities throughout the state. It will be used to cover the Grand Master's schedule of visitations and special meetings for the dedication of lodge rooms and the laying of cornerstones.

Callers will hear from other Grand Lodge officers, youth leaders and their advisors, members of the professional staff—anyone involved in the planning of a Masonic event that is of interest to Freemasons in general.

"The more each of us knows about Masonic activities, the better our chances of being able to participate," the Grand Master said in one of three inaugural messages, adding, "The more we take part, the stronger are our ties to the fraternity."

Callers are invited to react to the new information system. Those with comments or suggestions for future messages are invited to write to the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Bicentennial Celebration Proves Great Success

The celebration by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of its independence 200 years ago from the Grand Lodge of England proved to be a great success.

Thousands of persons visited the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on Friday, September 26, 1986 to be a part of the activities that marked the emergence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its current form on September 26, 1786.

Among the visitors were distinguished Masonic leaders from many of the Grand Lodges in the United States as well as representatives of the Grand Lodge of

Canada in the Province of Ontario, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A highlight of the day's festivities was the relaying of the capstone that was recovered from the original cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, dating to 1868.

The photographs on pages eight and nine, 10 and 11, and on page 15 cover the special capstone ceremony and other activities related to the special bicentennial September Quarterly Communication.

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Plans Complete for December Quarterly Communication

The December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1986 at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

The meeting will feature the election of officers for the 1987 Masonic year. Members of the Grand Lodge are reminded that, as a consequence of legislation adopted in 1985, there will not be an Annual Grand Communication in 1986.

All Master Masons are welcome to attend communications of the Grand Lodge. Masons do not have to be members of the Grand Lodge to attend. All that is required is a current dues card.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as they take place in Corinthian Hall, will be sent by closed circuit, color television to nearby Renaissance Hall in order to accommodate a large attendance. Both lodge rooms are on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

A number of distinguished guests, leaders of Masonic bodies in Pennsylvania and Grand Lodge officers from other jurisdictions, are expected to attend.

Those brethren who attend the communication will be served a free, hot lunch in the dining rooms of the Masonic Temple sometime between noon and 1:00 p.m., according to when the agenda of the Grand Lodge allows a break.

Please note that a ticket is required for the luncheon. The dining areas can accommodate only 1,000 persons, and places will be reserved on a first request basis.

Use the luncheon coupon that accompanies this article and be sure to enclose a stamped, addressed, long envelope so that your tickets can be sent to you. Tickets to the luncheon will not be mailed until 10 days before the meeting.

Remember, it is important to make your plans and reservations for the men's luncheon as quickly as possible

to avoid the disappointment of having late requests denied.

Grand Master's Dinner Dance Canceled

The Grand Master normally hosts a dinner dance that is open to members of the fraternity in general as part of the activities surrounding the December Quarterly Communication.

Arrangements had been made to hold the dinner dance for 1986 in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel at 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, on Wednesday, December 3.

The hotel property, however, has been in receivership for some time and we learned just as this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was being readied for the press that it is to be sold at auction on Monday, December 1, 1986.

There is no other suitable space available in or near the city at this late date, and the Grand Lodge regrets that it has been forced to cancel the Grand Master's Dinner Dance.

After the Ceremony



Now that the capstone ceremony is over and the 200th anniversary celebration of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania fades into history, the Grand Foyer in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia returns to normal. The capstone is now firmly in place in the floor immediately in front of the fountain and the memory of what happened here on September 26, 1986 will be brought to mind each time someone pauses to read the inscription on the 1868 capstone and the 1986 bronze plaques.

December Quarterly Communication

Free Men's Luncheon

Send to—

Office of the Grand Master

Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Please send me _____ tickets to the luncheon for Master Masons to be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, December 3, 1986.

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Lodge No. _____

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

the Final Restoration

"Jesus Raising the Daughter of Jairus," a painting by American artist William E. Winner, has been a fixture hanging over the open stairway to the lower level of Grand Lodge Hall opposite the entrance to the formal dining room since the early 1940s when it

was presented to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown by Bro. H. Delancey Rapson, a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155 in Philadelphia.

The painting of life-size figures was created in 1858 and was given as a legacy in 1900 to Mrs. John Rapson. Bro.

Rapson presented it to the Masonic Homes in 1940.

It became necessary to remove the painting during the renovation of Grand Lodge Hall. It was taken down in 1985 as the building, the first to be constructed on the grounds (the cornerstone was laid in 1911), was being brought up to modern standards of comfort and safety. That work was completed in September of this year.

It was returned to its honored place and then restored by craftsmen from Adolph Frei and Sons, Inc. of Philadelphia, the firm that does most of the restoration work at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The Winner family can boast of several artists. William E. was a noted painter and portrait artist, and Septimus Winner and his brother, Joseph Winner, were well-known composers. Septimus is perhaps best known for *Listen to the Mocking Bird* and Joseph for *Little Brown Jug*.



Resignations Increase Tenfold

Former Members Explain Why

The introduction of rather sophisticated computer programs and the resulting ability to collect and display information has given the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the ability to spot changes or trends, particularly in membership, earlier than might have been possible otherwise.

A perfect example is the recent graphic depiction of a disturbing increase in the number of Masons who have resigned from the fraternity over the past five years. The numbers have increased from less than 50 resignations per year to more than 500 resignations per year, beginning in 1980.

What is the cause of the dramatic increase in resignations? What is happening in the fraternity today to cause so many members, even in the midst of a program designed to increase membership, to give up on the concept of fraternity?

A letter, signed by the R.W. Grand Master, was addressed to more than 25-hundred Masons who submitted resignations over the past five years. The trend was acknowledged and a plea was made for information. Those who resigned were asked to explain their actions.

A list of the traditional reasons for resignations was included with the letter and each respondent was asked to check a reason, or reasons, or to offer a more detailed explanation in a comments section.

The response has been overwhelming. Almost 50 per cent of those contacted have responded, 43 per cent within two weeks of the mailing. Responses at the rate of two or three a day are still being received, months after the mailing.

One thing is clear. Those who have resigned from the fraternity want to let us know the reasons why. Of equal clarity is our belief that we ought to be able to learn from them and, hopefully, solve the problems and reduce the numbers.

Thirty per cent of the respondents

said they resigned because they had moved out of state. A good many indicated they had joined a lodge near their new home, sometimes reluctantly, because of Pennsylvania's law against dual membership.

Twenty per cent were involved in conditional resignations—they were in the process of moving from one lodge to another within the state and, except for the failure of many lodge secretaries to understand the proper reporting system, should not have been counted among the resigned. Under conditional resignation, a member is automatically restored to his former lodge if he fails to connect with a new lodge.

Eight per cent of the respondents told us they left the fraternity for religious reasons. Their religious beliefs were no longer compatible with Freemasonry.

Seven per cent said they resigned because of hardship conditions. They could no longer drive at night, or were too frail to leave home, or feared muggings on the streets at night. Others found economic conditions had forced them to choose between food on the table or the payment of dues.

Many in the economic hardship category confessed they had been too proud to tell their brothers of their plight. Still others expressed disappointment when their resignations were accepted by the lodge, apparently without question or comment.

The remaining 35 per cent reported they simply, sadly, lost interest in the fraternity. They no longer saw any value to continued membership, and, rather than allow themselves to be suspended for nonpayment of dues as so many others had done before them, they paid up and moved on.

The following are quotes from this last category of respondents. They are presented here in the hope that anyone finding a bit of themselves, their lodges or lodge officers in them will benefit from the experience.

"Truth, justice, honor, integrity,

brotherhood, are virtues often difficult to recognize. Instead, I have found struggles for power within, always at the expense of others. I have found brotherhood for personal gain, and integrity when it suits a purpose."

"We pay but lip service to values and principles. We talk of love and honor and practice deceit and hatred."

"The fraternity is out of step with today's high tech world."

"The organization was cold and impersonal with an over-emphasis on ritual."

"The lodge must become more fraternal. Brothers must show by their deeds their sincerity in the professed beliefs. The only positive side I saw was the youth work and the Masonic Homes."

"I was fond of Freemasonry, but the meetings were dull and too drawn out."

"For a long time no one showed any interest in me. Did anyone write or talk to me when I resigned? No. Thank you. You are the first person to show any interest in this former member."

"On my last visit to the lodge I was sitting by a former officer. While the book on the altar (Bible) was being (used), he was whispering to me and swearing at the same time. I know that was just one individual, but what are the values being taught and what is being tolerated?"

"You only get out of it what you put into it. I did not put anything into it. I did not give the time or effort, but I did meet many fine brothers and made lasting friendships for which I am grateful."

"Programs at meetings are not interesting. Closing of meetings takes a long time. Past Masters often have nothing to say, but take three to 10 minutes to say it."

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is indebted to these former members for their candid remarks. They can be of great value to each of us as we continue on the fraternal path. ■

Historic Landmark Status for Philadelphia Masonic Temple

The Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, has been added to the exclusive list of National Historic Landmarks.

The designation, shared by only 12-hundred of the more than 20 thousand structures on the National Register of Historic Places, was approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, Donald Hodel, and William Penn Mott, Director of the National Park Service.

A bronze plaque noting the important historical designation has been attached to the front of the Masonic Temple to the left of the main entrance on North Broad Street. It was unveiled during a brief sidewalk ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, a few hours before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began the official celebration of the 200th anniversary of its September 26, 1786 emergence as an independent Grand Lodge.

The presentation was made by Myra Harrison, Acting Associate Regional Director for Cultural Resource Manage-



ment, and Arthur P. Miller, Assistant to the Regional Director for Public Affairs, both of the National Park Service.

"A new dimension was added to historic preservation in 1966 when the Historic Preservation Act established the National Register of Historic Places, which amount to a master list of the nation's cultural property that is worth saving," Miss Harrison said, adding, "The Masonic Temple now joins rank with Mount Vernon, Monticello and other National Historic Landmarks

which have been selected because they possess national significance in commemorating the history of the United States."

The National Park Service has been conducting a survey of the nation's historic sites and buildings since 1935. The Masonic Temple was designated by the Secretary of the Interior upon the recommendation of National Park historians following a special study and a review by a group of distinguished authorities in several fields who comprise the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments.

In accepting the plaque, the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., said, "It is my extreme pleasure to receive at this time on behalf of the Freemasons of Pennsylvania from the Department of the Interior through the National Park Service a designation for one of the wonders of the Masonic world — the designation of our Masonic Temple as a National Historic Landmark."



Foundation Award Presented

Whitehall Lodge No. 794 in Pleasant Hills, the 57th Masonic District, became the first lodge to receive an award from the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, having contributed \$1,299 to the fight against substance abuse. Accepting the award are, left to right, Bro. Harry A. Vinton, Jr., Aide to the Grand Master who served as the Warrant Master of the lodge in 1961; R.W. Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1966, and the current Worshipful Master, Bro. Steve J. Tomko.



Grand Lodge History—Perfect Holiday Gift for the Mason

Editor's Note—This report was prepared by Bro. Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., retired executive officer of the American Philosophical Society. Bro. Bell, a member Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 in Carlisle, edited The Master Builders: A History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

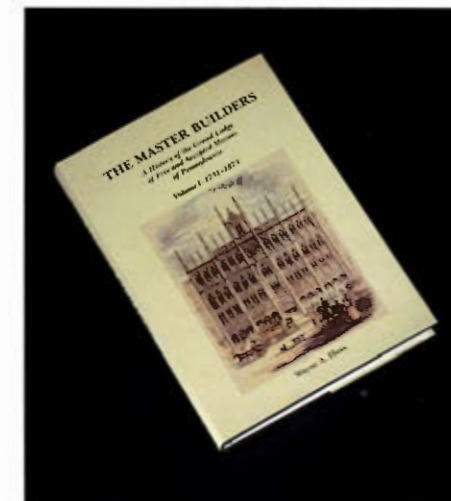
Pennsylvania Masons have been offered a full, scholarly history of their Grand Lodge to mark the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge's institution on September 26, 1786, as an independent jurisdiction. The project was conceived and encouraged by R.W. Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., as an appropriate bicentennial tribute and a permanent contribution to Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

Written by Dr. Wayne Huss, *The Master Builders: A History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania* was presented to the fraternity at a dinner on September 25, which was part of the program of the quarterly communication and one of the events of the bicentennial celebration. The first of two volumes, the 327-page book covers the years from the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1731 to the completion of the present Masonic Temple on North Broad Street, Philadelphia, in 1873. The second volume, bringing the history down to the present day, will be published next year. A third volume, containing biographical sketches of all former Grand Masters, is projected for 1988.

This is a work of verifiable and verified history. It is concerned with men, institutions, and events. Readers will find in it, presented in clear and readable prose, well-rounded, balanced accounts of many matters which have sometimes generated passion and fruitless controversy, such as the nature and extent of the powers of Daniel Coxe and Henry Price, the affair of William Morgan, and the impact of anti-Masonry on the fraternity. There is also much on finances (the Grand Lodge was not often affluent in those days), meeting places (which included Independence Hall and the Free Quaker Meetinghouse), and educational and

charitable activities. The volume contains much that will be new even to brethren well versed in Masonic history.

Of special interest and value are the statistical tables which graphically demonstrate the growth of membership, the rise and fall of lodges, and especially the social and economic composition of the fraternity. To non-Masons who have charged the fraternity with being elitist, it may be a revelation to learn that the great majority of brethren were shopkeepers, mechanics, farmers, artisans, small merchants and manufacturers, and other members of a solid middle class of citizens.



With the help of assistants who laboriously combed data from membership rolls, Dr. Huss has drawn heavily on the mass of archives, printed materials, and other records preserved in the library and offices of the Grand Lodge. He has also used Masonic sermons and addresses to depict fraternity, ideals and objectives, and has consulted contemporary newspapers and other non-Masonic publications as well.

The Master Builders is the latest in a growing number of studies of the social history of the fraternity. Many are by non-Masons and have begun as doctoral dissertations. They fill the need mentioned half a century ago by the late Dr. Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., professor of history at Harvard University, for studies of fraternal and other voluntary associations which have played so large a part in American life.

Hitherto historians of Masonry in

Pennsylvania could consult only writings of Julius F. Sachse, Norris Barratt, Henry S. Borneman, and a few others. Most of the publications of these Masonic scholars dealt principally with the earliest years of the fraternity. If one wanted to learn anything about the fraternity in the 19th century, one probably had to search the 12-volume *Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*, published 1895-1907. Dr. Huss' book is as full on the 19th century as on the 18th.

Dr. Huss, who is not a Mason, wrote a doctoral dissertation at Temple University on Freemasonry in Philadelphia. The research for that work brought him to the attention of Grand Lodge officers, with the result that Brother Stenberg asked him to write a history of the Grand Lodge for the bicentennial. He was given unfettered access to papers and records. On the occasion of the publication of the history he expressed his appreciation of the unfailing cooperation and assistance he received from all the Grand Lodge officers and their staffs.

One is tempted to say that this is a book no Mason should be without; but it is surely not too much to say that no Mason hereafter can speak or write authoritatively about the fraternity in this jurisdiction without consulting and using it. It will probably not be superseded before the Grand Lodge's tercentenary in 2086.

The book is attractively designed, printed, and bound by The Winchell Press of Philadelphia. It is illustrated, in black and white and in color, with pictures of documents and publications and with views of Grand Lodge halls, public processions, and other scenes.

Copies have been sent for review to Masonic publications, professional historical journals, and Pennsylvania newspapers that normally publish book reviews. Already one Philadelphia bookstore has featured it in its window display on Walnut Street.

Copies of *The Builders* can be purchased at \$22.95 each at the Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia or by using the coupon on page 19.

Capstone

Several thousand persons were present at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on Friday, September 26, 1986 to view the public ceremony in which the capstone from the original cornerstone of the building, a white marble slab placed in 1868 but recovered in 1985, was redeposited over a special vault built into the floor of the Grand Lodge Foyer.

The ceremony, a faithful reproduction of the cornerstone laying in 1868, was conducted before a large group of distinguished visitors from Grand Lodges in the United States, Canada, Scotland and Ireland.

Hundreds of others, including family members of most of the principals involved in the ceremony, viewed the proceedings through closed-circuit, color television in Corinthian and Renaissance Halls, one floor above.

The music used on September 26 was that which was written for the original ceremony in 1868. Today's quartet consisted of Brothers J. Walter Price, William Murphy, Howard White and Ernest Thiele. They were accompanied by the Grand Lodge organist, Bro. John Maurice Evans.

Even the gavel used by the R.W. Grand Master was the same one used in 1868. The famous Washington Gavel, used by Bro. George Washington at the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in 1793 and at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia 75 years later, was again loaned to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by its owners, Potomac Lodge No. 5 of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The gavel has become so fragile that the Grand Master was forced to hold it by the head and tap very lightly on the capstone when he declared it to be "... Plumb, Level, and Square, and so duly laid according to the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of Freemasonry."



Ceremony



Capstone

THOMAS W. JACKSON, R.W.G. SECRETARY
ARTHUR R. DIAMOND, R.W.G. TREASURER
WILLIAM O. VOGT, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT

After the crowd is gone and the drama and excitement of the public capstone ceremony has diminished, it becomes the duty of the craftsmen to properly lay the stone so that it will withstand the tests of time.

The original white marble capstone from the 1868 cornerstone has been completely restored (the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* contains a photograph on page three of the stone before restoration for those who wish to make a comparison) and now rests at floor level at the center of the Grand Foyer, immediately in front of a beautiful clamshell water fountain.

It protects a concrete vault that holds the key-stone-shaped box that was also deposited symbolically during the ceremony. The box is filled with many of the items recovered from the original cornerstone box and with materials that reflect the state of the fraternity today.

The stainless steel box was sealed with an epoxy after the Grand Lodge officers filled it several hours before the actual capstone ceremony took place. The vault in which it rests, it too constructed in the shape of a keystone no more than an inch larger than the box

This Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren from Pennsylvania and sister Jurisdictions June 24 A.D. 1868 A.L. 5886

R. W. G. M.

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R. W. D. G. M.

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itself, cannot be breached by moisture or air.

The box was covered by a piece of insulation to protect the bronze cliches of the Grand Master's 1986 medallion and the seal of the Grand Lodge that adorn it before the vault was sealed with several inches of concrete, leaving just enough room to place the capstone and the other pieces of marble trim at precisely floor level.

The floor of the Grand Foyer is made up of white and black marble squares in a mosaic pattern that is a symbol of dark and light, good and evil, to Freemasons. The white marble capstone and the dark color of the bronze plates that protect it from three sides fit well with the surrounding pattern of the floor.

The white marble capstone with its gold-colored legend tells the story of the June 24, 1868 laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, including the names of those who played important parts in the ceremony.

The bronze plates reflect the same information for the September 26, 1986 ceremony and provide an interesting contrast in styles while maintaining custom and tradition.

ARTHUR J. KURTZ, R.W.D. G. M.
W. SCOTT STONER, R.W.S. G. W.
EDWARD H. FOWLER, JR., R.W.J. G. W.



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Mrs. Huss, with Mildred Stenberg, wife of the Grand Master.

Mrs. Stenberg reacts (center photograph) to a gift presented by Mrs. Michael W. Walker, wife of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Mrs. Walker is pictured at the right.



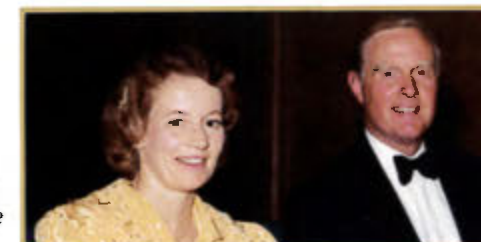
Another highlight of the bicentennial celebration was the publication of the first volume of a two-volume history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that is being written by Wayne A. Huss, Ph.D. (See article on page seven.)

Dr. Huss is shown in the photographs above with his wife, Ingrid, a native of Switzerland, and with the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr.

Mrs. Stenberg greets guests.



Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Marcus Humphrey. Bro. Humphrey is the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.





Drug and Alcohol Abuse Foundation Prepares Master Plan

Editor's note—The following material was excerpted from a report on the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children as delivered at the September Quarterly Communication by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the foundation.

During the past four years, it has been difficult to select our field of endeavor, the people to involve, the type of programs, locations, assignments of funds and the supervision of funds. I am happy to report that we have 14 organizations presently in our group and all are diligently working on the drug and alcohol abuse problem.

We have a unique program in effect at the Patton complex in Elizabethtown working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Department of Education. A conference-type teaching program trains Pennsylvania school teachers how to select or identify students involved in substance abuse, correct problems, provide school-controlled projects, work with parents and students, and participate in all drug and alcohol school and community programs.

The Grand Lodge continues its involvement with the National Center for Juvenile Justice as a partner in its

program. The center publishes *Today's Delinquent*, a book that is distributed annually to Juvenile and Family Court judges, managers, staff and juvenile case workers throughout the nation. The publication compiles the latest information about legislation, studies and other developments in the field so that those who work with juveniles are better prepared.

Currently, the Grand Lodge is working on a brochure about the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. The brochure was scheduled for printing at about the time this edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was going to press. The brochure will be distributed to the lodges throughout the state, but will be used primarily to answer those questions any concerned individual or organization, in or outside the fraternity, might have about the foundation.

A main area of responsibility is the development of a master plan for the Masons of Pennsylvania. We have Masons who want to contribute money to the foundation, and we have Masons who want to contribute their own efforts.

It is necessary that a program be formed for Masons at the Blue Lodge level to be a part of the Grand Lodge

program. The same problem has been discussed to some degree with the Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. A report on this phase of planning will be made at the next quarterly session.

Brothers, we have a gigantic program on our hands with drug and alcohol abuse among children. We are on the verge of a dramatic universal program that will touch persons in every walk of life in this country.

Some mistakes will be made. Not enough will be spent in the correct way. Politically, drug and alcohol abuse is a hot subject. No country's economy will buy out the producers of the drugs.

We have a serious problem, continuing from prenatal development to old age. We have people and countries running other countries who do not want to control drugs and alcohol. The final answer is to prevent drugs and alcohol from being profitable to any person or any country, through sale or distribution.

It is a very acute problem. One out of every four of us has, or knows of, a drug or alcohol abuse problem, whether within our immediate family or among friends.

What are you going to do to aid the Grand Lodge in helping these people?

Grand Master Honored by Rhode Island

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., has received the highest award that can be presented by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Christopher Champlin Medal.

The formal presentation was made at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on May 19, 1986 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Julio A. Paniccia.

In presenting the award that recognizes "outstanding Masonic achievement," Grand Master Paniccia cited Grand Master Stenberg's leadership in forming the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children and the National Masonic Foundation dedicated to the same aims.

"The medal is presented only to outstanding Masons outside Rhode Island," Grand Master Paniccia said, adding, "Grand Master Stenberg's work in fighting drug and alcohol abuse deserves recognition."

Christopher Champlin, for whom the medal is named, served as the first Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island from 1791 to 1794.

He was an importer of dry goods and at one time was an agent for a Boston concern that supplied the needs of British warships in the various ports of the American Colonies. Later, he turned his attention to shipping, building and operating many vessels with great success.

Bro. Champlin served for 16 years in the Rhode Island Legislature and was president of the Bank of Rhode Island, which he helped establish, from 1795 until his death in 1805.



FILLING THE CAPSTONE BOX



Officers of the Grand Lodge fill the keystone-shaped, stainless steel box that was deposited in a special vault in the floor of the Grand Foyer in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia during a special ceremony on Friday, September 26 as part of Pennsylvania's 200th anniversary celebration as an independent Grand Lodge. The box was filled with items that were deposited in the original cornerstone box for the temple that was placed in 1868 and Masonic mementoes of today. (See related story on page one.) The officers, left to right, are Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Grand Master; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Rededication Day at Masonic Homes *continued from page 1.*

hand of a Brother," will be continued by this generation of Masons and the generations of Masons to come.

The solemn, ancient ceremony conducted in the morning was followed by an informal, fun-filled parade in the afternoon. The color of uniforms and clown costumes rivaled the colors of autumn that are found in abundance in hundreds of sylvan settings on the Homes' grounds.

Residential guests opened their living quarters to the Homes' visitors, ac-

ting as hosts and hostesses and ambassadors, while showing off the renovation work.

Visitors bought pumpkins and apples produced on the grounds and craft items created by the guests.

They lined up for free food, including apple butter on bread, sausage in rolls, hot dogs, ice cream, soft drinks and coffee. Volunteer Homes' employees, dressed in period costumes, stirred apple butter in kettles over open fires.

Bands played and choral groups sang while the Shrine clowns were joined by a juggler, a magician, a banjo player and mimes. An impromptu act or show could be witnessed among the crowds at almost any time.

The photographs on pages 12, 13, 16 and 17 are devoted to the Rededication Day activities at the Masonic Homes. If you missed visiting Elizabethtown this year, plan now to be a part of the celebration next year.

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