

A Big Top in a Small Place: A Model Hobby



Bro. Lawrence Stugard is a lifelong enthusiast of the circus. Bro. Stugard saw his first circus when he was four, and his interest never waned. He has followed the "Big Top" for his entire life, and has seen every major circus and circus performer in his lifetime.

As his interest in the circus grew over the years, Bro. Stugard reached the point where he wanted a circus of his own, and he began carving one out of wood. He carved every performer, every animal and every wagon, completing over one hundred elephants and wagons for his display. Each piece has been painted and

decorated to duplicate the circus designs exactly. They are set up in three rings, under a big tent; a sideshow completes the display. The layout is currently on display at a friend's private museum in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where "children of all ages" come to see his incredible work.

Bro. Stugard, who is now eighty-six years old, has resided at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for the past twelve years. He has been a member of Muncy Lodge No. 299 for the past sixty years. He also holds membership in the Scottish Rite and in the Shrine.

In connection with his interest in the circus, Bro. Stugard is proud of the fact that he has held memberships in the Circus Fans' Association, the Circus Model Builders and the Circus Historical Society.

Bro. Stugard keeps one of his carved elephants on display in his room at the Masonic Homes as a memento of his lifelong love and interest.

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Construction Begins on Independent Living Community Models



Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master and W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, on Construction Site of Independent Living Community Models.

Full scale models of an apartment and a cottage are shown and were completed in time for "Autumn Day" at the Masonic Homes, held on Saturday, October 22, 1988. The ribbon cutting ceremony, performed by Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Grand Master, was the main event of the day. Masons and their families were escorted through the attractively decorated models throughout the day.

Through prior articles in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, several thousand Masons have expressed an interest in our newest concept of living at the Masonic Homes and have been provided with the preliminary information. A survey which accompanied this information has been returned by hundreds of those receiving the information wishing to be included on our priority list.

If you have not received our new brochure on the Independent Living Community, please contact the Masonic Homes and a copy will be sent to you.

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The Grand Master Speaks...



Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master

My Brethren:

After ten months as your Grand Master, having visited Lodges and other Masonic bodies throughout the Jurisdiction, I am pleased to advise you, that despite the gloom you may have noticed, Freemasonry is alive, and doing well in Pennsylvania. Our Masonic image, that of being good men of moral and charitable endeavor, is once again becoming known and acknowledged in our communities. Most everywhere I have traveled, I find enthusiasm and pride in our Lodges and in the work they are doing. Local celebrations, parades and even open-houses have encouraged the general public to seek out and become aware of the Masons and of the good that they do. Our SOLOMON II program must be given the credit for this open-door policy, and I find a new spirit among the Brethren of wanting to inform non-Masons of who we are and what we do.

However, my Brethren, becoming known in the community places a yoke of responsibility upon every member of the Fraternity. We must present an image that is in keeping with our moral values. Always remember, one never gets a second chance to make a first impression. You, my Brother, may be the only "Masonic example" a young man next

door, or a neighbor down the street, may ever know.

I would hope that every Brother would be proud to wear the Square and Compass, the only really recognized Masonic symbol to those outside the Craft. I hope that every Lodge would proudly display on their well-kept Lodge Building, a large Square and Compass indicating that here is where Masons teach their truths and morality.

Also, in my travels, I find evidence of our District Deputy Grand Masters going the extra mile to bring Blue Lodges into harmony with the Grand Lodge. Each of these Deputies represents me to you, in his District and likewise, you to me, in Grand Lodge. I compliment these Brethren for their excellence and efforts made thus far this year on my behalf. Truly, the Grand Master does, indeed, depend upon his District Deputy Grand Masters.

A recently held Masonic Congress consisting of all the Masonic bodies within our Commonwealth, reviewed common problems, and suggested possible solutions which would improve the Fraternity in general. This was a prime example of Masons going hand in hand

with unanimity. I sincerely and truly intend to address many of these items in the very near future.

I am especially excited about our new venture at Elizabethtown: The establishment of a new Independent Living Community. This new concept at our Masonic Homes is another service we are offering our senior members and their spouses. A new brochure, explaining the Independent Living Community in depth, is being prepared and will be available very shortly.

And finally, Brethren, a major renovation of the Hospital Complex at our Masonic Homes is being undertaken, which will result in one of the finest geriatric facilities in the entire country. To finance these projects, of course, my Brethren, we will need the support of all our Lodges and our members. May I call your attention to the recent Masonic Homes Charities Appeal sent to all Pennsylvania Masons; and I ask you to give it serious consideration . . . Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Arthur J. Kurtz
Grand Master

Grand Master's Itinerary

November, December 1988, January 1989

NOVEMBER 1988

- 4-6 Eastern Regional Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Hershey Pocono Resort
- 11 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, York Forest No. 30, 75th Anniversary
- 12 Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 2, Oakland
- 15 Lodge No. 433, New Castle
- 19 Jaffa Temple, Ceremonial, Altoona
- 30 Meeting, High Twelve Club, Reading

DECEMBER 1988

- 2-3 Sectional Meeting, Scottish Rite, Uniontown
- 7 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 8 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 9 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 16 Fall Class, Valley of Philadelphia, A.A.S.R., Philadelphia

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- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 28 Meeting Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Elizabethtown

Help to a Brother

The following story was related to us by Bro. Francis A. Deordio, P.M. and Secretary of Pocono Lodge No. 780.

—The Editors



Bros. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M. and Francis A. Deordio, P.M.

Just about a year ago, on Saturday, November 21, 1987, Bro. Francis A. Deordio was attending the Secretary's Seminar held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, he did not stay for the entire Seminar due to the following incident.

Shortly before the lunch break, he started to have sharp pains in his back. He figured it was the chair in which he was sitting that was causing the pain, and that the uncomfortable chair was to insure an attentive audience. He was never more wrong in his life. He decided to skip lunch, and search for a more comfortable chair in which to sit to ease the worsening pain. While trying various chairs and positions, numerous Temple employees offered their assistance, for which he reports he is very thankful. Bro. Deordio finally asked one of the employees to go to the dining room and get Bro. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M. of the 50th Masonic District. Bro. Jones responded along with some Temple employees, and

suggested that Bro. Deordio go to the hospital.

Very reluctantly he agreed, and a Philadelphia police car arrived and took him to the emergency room at Hahnemann Hospital, accompanied by Bro. Jones. An ambulance was not sufficient due to the fact that Bro. Deordio was unable to lie down. Upon arrival at the hospital, a team of doctors proceeded to examine Bro. Deordio. The diagnosis was that Bro. Deordio had an abdominal aortic aneurysm which required immediate surgery.

Bro. Jones, after consulting with the doctors about the operation, took charge of Bro. Deordio's valuables, and returned to the Masonic Temple. Meanwhile, Bro. Deordio was immediately rushed into surgery. The patient was told by the surgeon at a post-operative visit that he had been experiencing internal bleeding when the operation started, and that he would have lived only about three minutes had the operation been delayed.

Meanwhile, back at the Temple, Bro. Jones arranged transportation home for two other Secretaries from the 50th District. Bro. George W. Clark, then Junior Warden of Bro. Deordio's Lodge, Pocono Lodge No. 780, and Bro. Jones then proceeded to make arrangements to have Bro. Deordio's wife driven by three wives to Philadelphia, a journey of over one hundred miles. After many phone calls, they finally met the three women in Allentown and brought Bro. Deordio's wife to the hospital.

The next day, Bro. Jones drove Mrs. Deordio to the hospital and stayed with her until their son, who is in the Navy, arrived from San Diego. During Bro. Deordio's stay at Hahnemann, Bro.

Jones kept in constant touch with Mrs. Deordio with regards to her husband's progress.

When he was discharged from the hospital ten days later, Bro. Jones arrived with Mrs. Deordio, and drove them home. Bro. Deordio was overcome with such a display of Masonic friendship and brotherly love.

It was at the insistence of Bro. Homer Jones that Bro. Deordio went to the hospital, and Bro. Deordio states that "I owe my life to that insistence."

He would also like to point out that Bros. Michael J. Peters, P.M., Moderator of the Seminar, and John Hunt, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District "D," were also very much interested in his well being, and visited him in the hospital.

Rules for Submissions to The Pennsylvania Freemason

When making submissions for publication in *The Pennsylvania Freemason* the following rules must be observed:

1. Articles must have a Masonic theme, connection or background, and they must have an interest for the Masonic Fraternity in general. In addition to this, articles must concern Symbolic Blue Lodge Masonry only (Grand and Subordinate Lodges).
2. Articles must be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" single sheets of paper, double spaced, and are subject to our editing. We do not have staff personnel to write articles.
3. Photographs must be clear, black and white glossy prints, and must have clear identification of the subject of the photographs. Minimum size: 4"x5".
4. Please be advised that photographs and articles can not be returned.

We thank those who have properly submitted their articles to this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. We hope that we will continue to receive stories and information that will benefit the Fraternity in general, and the Brethren in particular.

Three Times Three

We often receive stories for *The Pennsylvania Freemason* about a father making his son a Mason, or several brothers being made Brothers, but the following story is indeed a bit out of the ordinary.

At a stated meeting of Cressona Lodge No. 426, three brothers, triplets even, received their Twenty-five Year Service Emblem. Bros. Brent, Brian and Bruce Hoover were all Initiated on April 4,

1963; Passed on on May 2, 1963 and were Raised on June 13, 1963.



From left to right: Charles H. Detweiler, I, D.D.G.M.; Bros. Brent, Brian and Bruce Hoover and Robert Potts, P.M., Worshipful Master.



Apron of Bro. and Gen. Tom Thumb (house key for scale) and wedding picture of Bro. Thumb and Mrs. Thumb.

Bro. Charles Sherwood Stratton, much better known as General Tom Thumb, reached his teen years still the size of a two year old toddler, standing two feet one inch tall, and weighing fifteen pounds. Whereas he did hit a growth spurt, he only managed to clear three feet four inches, and weighed seventy pounds when he finished growing. Despite the handicap of his size, Bro. Stratton proved a resourceful and clever man, who succeeded in spite of the odds. He is honored in the Grand Lodge Museum with the display of his Apron.

Stratton, born on January 4, 1838, didn't start life in a circus. Born to an old colonial Connecticut family of English stock, he failed to grow after the age of six

months. In the autumn of 1842, at the age of 4½, P. T. Barnum was in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and heard of the boy. He arranged a meeting with the family, and agreed to accept the care of the child. A friendship grew out of this meeting that lasted for the rest of their lives. Barnum taught the shy boy to develop his good sense of humor and showmanship, and transformed him into a brilliant, pert and graceful entertainer.

Stratton, with the help of Barnum, became an overnight celebrity in America, and traveled to Europe where he achieved even greater success, performing before the royal courts of England, France and Belgium. One of his performances that delighted Europe, including the Duke of Wellington and King Louis Phillipe, was his satire on Napoleon. Stratton and Barnum returned to America in 1847, and would make repeated trips to Europe over the next three decades, including a trip around the world in 1872. Stratton's successes were enormous, and he became very wealthy, living in a large villa-style house, and developed a taste for expensive cigars, even more expensive horses, and purchased a yacht, which he named the "Maggie B."

While back in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Stratton met another midget, Lavinia Warren, and he proposed marriage to her at a weekend house party at Barnum's in 1862, and they were married at Grace Episcopal Church in New York on February 10, 1863. At about the same time, Stratton received the Entered Apprentice Degree at St. John's Lodge No. 3 on October 1, 1862 with a fellow

Candidate named Theodore Colston, who stood six feet, three inches and weighed 200 pounds! Bro. Stratton was raised a Master Mason on October 8, and went on to the Royal Arch work in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13. He also joined Jerusalem Council No. 16. Royal and Select Masters and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, all in Bridgeport, and all within the month of July 1863. Bro. Stratton claimed to be the smallest Mason in the world, though several have challenged that position.

Stratton died of an apoplectic fit on July 15, 1883. He received an enormous funeral at St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, where he lay in state at the end of a line of Knights Templar through which the crowds passed to pay their last respects. On the lid of the coffin rested a tiny Chapeau and ten inch sword, and at each end of the four foot box stood a Sir Knight with a sword at reverse. Hundreds of mourners packed the church, and many more stood outside. Mass hysteria broke out because of the large portion of women and children in attendance. A parade escort of Masons and Knights Templar, three abreast, led the coffin to the graveyard.

Today, Bro. Stratton's diminutive lambskin Apron is proudly displayed in the Museum at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, along with a *carte de visite* print of the photograph of his wedding to Lavinia. Measuring only about 7½ inches high, the Apron commemorates the strength of Bro. Stratton's ability to make a success out of what had been dealt him in life.

A Timely Item

Soon, Scranton, Pennsylvania's City Hall will be celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. The original cornerstone was laid one hundred years ago by the then Mayor of Scranton who was also a Freemason.

To commemorate this fact, a time capsule containing many items of Masonic interest is being placed in a vault outside City Hall. It is complete with a plate containing all of the information about the capsule.

The following letter has also been placed into the capsule:

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Front row: Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master and Bro. Edgar Workman. Back row: Bro. F. Rick Knepper, D.D.G.M. and Bro. Edward Goshorn, W.M.

Cromwell Lodge Celebrates Two Anniversaries

Cromwell Lodge No. 572, Orbisonia, Pennsylvania, celebrated two different anniversaries on Saturday, April 23, 1988, when the Brethren of that Lodge observed both their Lodge's One Hundredth Anniversary, and the presentation of Bro. Edgar Workman's Fifty Year Pin. R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz; Bro. F. Rick Knepper, D.D.G.M. of the 34th Masonic District and Bro. Edward Goshorn were on hand to celebrate this dual anniversary.

Grand Lodge Circulating Library Brochure and New Video Tapes Now Available

The Grand Lodge Library announces with pleasure their new *Circulating Library Catalogue of Books*. This completely updated and revised publication has been cross-referenced, and many new titles have been added. New headings in the *Catalogue* include humor, philately (Masonic stamp collecting) and Masonic research and research Lodges.

The "Biography" heading has been broken down into the sub-headings "Washingtoniana" and "Frankliniana;" and added to the "History" heading is the sub-heading "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania;" while "For the Newly Made Mason" and "Preparatory Works for Lodge Officers" are additions to the old heading "Encyclopedias, Handbooks and Guides."

In addition to these revisions, both audio and video cassette tapes have now been made available. The video tapes (VHS format only, no Beta) include: *A Defense of Freemasonry* by Bro. David Sentelle, a Federal Judge whose confirmation as a Judge was questioned due to his being a Mason, and a tape that explains what Masons do in England.

Not only are these videos suitable for home use, but they are equally appropriate for use in Lodge programs. The audio tapes include, among other things: music by Bros. Mozart and Sousa, a lecture by Bro. Carl Harry Claudy and lectures on various aspects of Freemasonry produced by Quator Coronati Lodge in London.

The *Catalogue* is also a part of the Masonic Education Packets that are given to the Candidates upon their receiving their various Degrees. Specifically, the *Catalogue* will be found in the Entered Apprentice Packet.

The Grand Lodge Library would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons of the library that requests for books may be made by post card, letter or in person; whatever is most convenient, but the initial request must be made on the form that is found in the *Catalogue*. Your *full name, address and the name, number and location of your Lodge* must appear on the initial request for books, and on all subsequent requests for books. No deposit is necessary nor is there a charge for the use of the material

borrowed. The postage required to return the book or books, if mailed, will be your only financial obligation.

Additional copies of the *Catalogue* for distribution among the Brethren may be obtained *free of charge* by telephoning 215-988-1933, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or by writing to:

Librarian and Curator
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2598

We would like to remind the Brethren that the Grand Lodge Circulating Library represents only a small fraction of the approximately seventy thousand volumes in the Grand Lodge Library. We encourage the Brethren to use these other books (which do not circulate) that concern almost every aspect of Freemasonry, among other things, during the following hours: Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Construction Begins,

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Applications are now being accepted for entrance in our Independent Living Community. At the time of application, a \$2,000 deposit check will secure the living accommodation of your choice.

Make your appointment now to discuss your plans, and to visit the model living accommodation by calling or writing to:

Raymond E. Tierney
Administrator
or
Patricia L. Gible
Marketing Manager
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-1121

The models will also be open for inspection on Saturday, December 3, 1988, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4th, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. At that time representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Masonic Picnic is Held at West Point Park

On Saturday, August 20, 1988 a Masonic Family Picnic was held at West Point Amusement Park near Lansdale.

The picnic provided an opportunity for various Masonic organizations to make presentations to those who attended. Project SOLOMON II, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay for Boys, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children all presented slide shows, films and distributed pamphlets on the wonderful work that they perform. Other appendant bodies also gave presentations about their role in Freemasonry.

A special presentation was given by the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Architectural drawings of the new Independent Living Community that is being built were on display, and leaflets con-

taining information were made available.

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum was on hand selling many items that are always available in the Library at the Temple in Philadelphia. Among these items were lapel pins, coins, medallions of the Past Grand Masters and books that included *The Master Builders, Volumes I and II* and *The Exemplar*.

Bro. Carl D. Homan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Temple served as coordinator of the Masonic family outing.

In spite of the rather poor weather, over fifteen hundred people attended, and enjoyed the more than twenty rides and attractions. This picnic is proof positive that Masonry can be a "Family Affair."



Notes and Queries



Bro. John H. Platt, Librarian and Curator

As reported in the last issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, due to the death of Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator Emeritus, the column once called "I Want to Know..." will now be called "Notes and Queries." It was felt that not only do the Brethren have questions that they would like to have answered, but they may also have interesting notes and asides that might benefit the Fraternity in general, and the Brethren-at-large in particular. The new column is being written by Bro. John H. Platt, Librarian and Curator, and an Associate Editor of this publication. In addition to this, Bro. Platt serves as the Secretary to both the Committee on Masonic Education and the History Committee.

Bro. Platt is a member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712, Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, Girard Mark Lodge No. 214 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Philadelphia. He is also a member of Quator Coronati Correspondence Circle Ltd. in London, and holds numerous library, research and historical society memberships.

Bro. Platt came to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum well suited for the job. Previously, he was the Head Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, where he had worked for twenty-five years. Bro. Platt is also the President of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and is currently serving on the Bicentennial Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Several questions have reached Bro. Platt's desk since the last issue of *The*

Pennsylvania Freemason, and Bro. Platt has a few "notes," and the answers to a few questions that he would like to pass on to the Brethren:

- A question was raised concerning the name and number of a "Colored," or as is now preferred, Black Lodge working under the Jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The noted Masonic scholar, Bro. Harold V. B. Voorhis, authored a work entitled *OUR COLORED BRETHREN: The Story of Alpha Lodge of New Jersey*. In this work, Bro. Voorhis tells the story of Alpha Lodge No. 116, F.&A.M. of New Jersey. This Lodge, originally Constituted in Newark, still holds meetings today in East Orange, New Jersey. For a fuller account of this most interesting Lodge, we suggest that you secure a copy of the Lodge history from our Circulating Library; the call number for this volume is "88 A." A more recent history of this Lodge has been prepared, but the Grand Lodge Library does not yet hold a copy of it.

Today, this Lodge remains predominantly Black. It should be noted, however, that there are recognized Black Masons in other Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

- A frequently asked question concerning what has been termed as the "Eastern Star Edict."

This edict, which attracted nationwide attention in 1921, is still in force. Specifically, this edict stated that it was unlawful for a Pennsylvania Mason to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem and Order of Amaranth. It also ordered that Pennsylvania Masons who were members of any organization whose membership was comprised of both sexes, and which had Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite, had to sever all relations with those organizations within six months. The edict does not affect members of those organizations, except in that a Pennsylvania Mason may not attend a meeting of those organizations that is not open to the public. Many Eastern Star Chapters meet in Masonic Temples, and excellent relations exist between the two groups. Some officers of the Grand

Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are very happy with the present situation, and are not anxious to have the edict repealed. The edict resulted from the refusal of the officers of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star to comply with the request from the Grand Master to refrain from campaigning, or electioneering, for one of their male members to be elected to the station of Junior Grand Warden.

This information has been culled from the publication "Peculiarities of Pennsylvania Freemasonry," revised by Bro. Frank W. Bobb. Copies of this pamphlet are available free of charge from the Library and Museum.

- Another question was brought up the other day concerning the proper use of the Square and Compasses. The specific question concerned the use of the Square and Compasses on personal checks.

Various decisions have been issued by Grand Masters over the years concerning the proper use of our emblems. Three of these decisions forbid the use of the Square and Compasses in any way that might solicit business customers. One other decision states,

"Members are permitted to use Masonic emblems, including the names and numbers of the Lodges, on appropriate items of clothing such as windbreakers, jackets, caps, etc."

Since we also use the Square and Compasses on automobile license plates, on pens and other incidental items, the use of our emblem on personal checks, so long as it is not used in a business or commercial manner, is permissible. For more information, consult the *Digest of Decisions*, Article 61.1-6.

If any of the Brethren have questions about Freemasonry that they would like to have answered (with the exception of questions dealing with the ritual), or if any readers have any interesting notes, asides or information that would be of interest to the Brethren-at-large, then please submit* them to:

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*Letters submitted for this column need not be typewritten.

September Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, September 7, 1988, at seven o'clock, at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. More than 360 Brethren attended.

After the usual opening ceremonies, and fraternal greetings made by Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read. Following this, the Grand Secretary reported that the Full Code By-Laws of eight Lodges, and the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of fourteen Lodges had been received. These were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

In addition to this, the following Committees made their reports: Appeals, By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Homes, and Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

The Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Drew W. Washabau, Director of Project SOLOMON II, then presented the SOLOMON II Throat Medallion to Bros. Dale R. Woomer, Harvey R. Miller and George S. Detwiler. This award is given to those Brethren who have brought twelve or more men into the Fraternity. These three members represent at least thirty-six new Masons.

Bro. Charles F. Greevy was then called



SOLOMON II Throat Medallions presented to Bros. Dale R. Woomer, Harvey R. Miller and George S. Detwiler.

upon to receive the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal. The highest honor awarded by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for his service to the Grand Lodge and for his work in both Freemasonry as well as in community affairs. Bro. Greevy is the retired President Judge of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and is also an active member of the Supreme Council for Pennsylvania of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The appointments to the various Grand Lodge Committees were read, and the Grand Master then received several contributions to our various foundations and programs from their contributors.

Following this, the Grand Master asked for a representative of Athelstan Lodge No. 482 to come forward and receive the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Award. The presentation of the



The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal is awarded to Bro. Charles F. Greevy by Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.G.M., assisted by Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W.D.G.M.

Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Award was then given to Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., and Chairman of the Foundation. His gift was the result of monies received by him for his personal services as an executor to the estate of our late Bro. Luther Pfiester.

The business of the Grand Lodge at this Quarterly Communication was indeed conducted with utmost dispatch in that the Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 8:32 p.m. This is in accordance with the Grand Master's promise that he would finish the business of the Quarterly in under two hours.



Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

Newsletter

The *Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Newsletter* is published quarterly to promote the activities of the Foundation and the Masonic-related youth groups. It also addresses issues facing our young people, and the issues facing our Lodges as they become involved with youth programming. The newsletter is mailed to all Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Lodge Secretaries, youth group adult leaders and to those who have shown an interest in our youth program. Current circulation exceeds six thousand copies. If you would like to receive the newsletter, write to us at the address below and request to be added

to the mailing list. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022-9423.

1987 Annual Report Published

The *1987 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Annual Report* has been published and has been distributed to all Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and others. Ask your Representative to give a summary report on the Foundation at your next stated meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available on request.

Scholarship Guide Published

A new Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation summarizing information on more than twenty-five scholarship and loan programs sponsored by organizations in the Masonic Family. The booklet was distributed, free of charge, to all Masonic-related youth group leaders, District Deputy Grand Masters, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Chapter Secretaries, Council Records, Commandery Records, AASR Valley Secretaries, and over five hundred guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania.

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Masonic Homes: Admissions Policy

(Adopted April 26, 1985; Revised October 1, 1988)

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. There are housed at the Masonic Homes, members, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never married daughters of living, as well as, deceased members of the 543 Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 187,369 as of December 27, 1987. These Lodges operate under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The admission to the Masonic Homes of Lodge members, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never-married daughters of living, as well as deceased, members is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves, applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never-married daughters of living, as well as deceased, members are also, received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved, on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

- 1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age or handicap.
- 2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
- 3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.
- 4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of either the patient or employee.
- 5. Staff privileges will not be denied professionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
- 6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
- 7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.

Physical Therapist Needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

The Personnel Office at the Masonic Homes is seeking candidates for the position of Assistant Physical Therapy Supervisor. The successful candidate will work in conjunction with the Physical Therapist/Supervisor to organize, con-

duct, and supervise the medically prescribed activities of the Physical Therapy Program. Physical Therapy services are an essential part of our restorative program to keep our residents as active as possible.

A Pennsylvania licensed or eligible Physical Therapist is needed for this attractive position offering a competitive salary and benefit package. Relocation assistance is negotiable. New graduates are welcome to apply.

Interested candidates should call or send resume to Personnel Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022; (717) 367-1121, Ext. 223. E.O.E.

Florida Admissions Counselors Needed for the Masonic Homes

The inception of the new Admissions Policy at the Masonic Homes, effective June 6, 1988, has caused a great interest and response from Pennsylvania Masons seeking information and requesting applications.

One area in the United States where we frequently receive requests for applications is Florida. There are many retired Pennsylvania Masons residing in this state.

We are looking for volunteers in Florida who would be interested in serving as Admissions Counselors. The Counselor would assist the applicant in completing the application and provide information concerning the Masonic Homes.

A Training Seminar will be planned and held in Florida at the beginning of 1989 for individuals interested in assisting with this service.

Please write to the following if you are interested:

Admissions Office
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-0703

Fee Structure Approved for the Independent Living Community

Special meetings of the Committee on Masonic Homes were held on September 12 and September 20, 1988 to approve the final plans and to establish the policies, the Entrance Fees and the Monthly Service Fees for Phase I of the Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The Fee Structure is as follows:

APARTMENTS

Floor Plan	Entrance Fee	Optional Covered Parking	Total with Covered Parking	Monthly Service Fee	
				Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
One Bedroom Apartment 690 sq. ft.	\$ 65,900	\$12,000	\$ 77,900	\$735	\$1,024
Two Bedroom Apartment 1025 sq. ft.	\$ 86,900	\$12,000	\$ 98,900	\$840	\$1,129
Two Bedroom/ Balcony Apartment** 1120 sq. ft.	\$ 97,900	\$12,000	\$109,900	\$895	\$1,184
Two Bedroom/ Den Apartment 1360 sq. ft.	\$108,900	\$12,000	\$120,900	\$920	\$1,209

COTTAGES

Floor Plan	Entrance Fee	Monthly Service Fee	
		Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
One Bedroom Cottage 1385 sq. ft.	\$101,900	\$ 945	\$1,234
Two Bedroom Cottage* 1700 sq. ft.	\$123,900	\$1,050	\$1,339

*Includes 300 sq. ft. garage
**Excluding 200 sq. ft. balcony

The Entrance Fees are effective for sales through January 1, 1989.

The Entrance Fees will be earned on a pro-rated basis by the Masonic Homes over an eight year period of time.

The Monthly Service Fees are estimated costs for 1989.

The Monthly Service Fee will include:

- 24-hour security
- The evening meal served in the dining room, selected from a menu
- Water and sewer
- Electric
- Twice monthly housekeeping of each unit

- Maintenance of included major appliances
- Snow removal
- Trash removal
- Real estate taxes
- Upkeep of grounds
- Housekeeping of residential and common areas

- Use of available recreational amenities such as: indoor/outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, gymnasium, walking and bike paths
- Access to health care services on a fee-for-service basis

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

MASONIC TEMPLE

PHILADELPHIA 19107

Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 1988, A.L. 5988

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING THE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Committee on Printing and Publishing is non-existent; and

WHEREAS, the printing of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge is now a duty of the Office of the Grand Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 13.29 of the Ahiman Rezon dealing with the Committee on Printing and Publishing shall be removed and that there shall be added to Section 12.09 of the Ahiman Rezon the following:

"He shall have charge of and oversee the printing of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge."

RESOLUTION NO. 2

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

WHEREAS, an effort is being made to secure an exempt tax status for contributions to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed essential to that effort to create a Committee on Library and Museum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ahiman Rezon be amended by adding as Section 13.29 the following:

"13.29. The Committee on Library and Museum shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Grand Master annually whose duties shall be as follows:

To provide for the management of a Masonic Library and Museum located at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Grand Lodge.

To maintain the Library for the use of Freemasons and the general public consisting of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints, and related materials illustrative of the history, work, nature and the objectives of Freemasonry.

To maintain the Museum for the display of regalia, jewelry, emblems, and other items of whatever character dealing with Freemasonry and related subjects.

To make an Annual Report to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December."

RESOLUTION NO. 3

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Library and Museum are by amendment to be removed from the Committee on Masonic Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 13.33 of the Ahiman Rezon be amended to read as follows:

"13.33. The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Grand Master annually whose duties shall be as follows:

1. To engage in Masonic research and to publish from time to time treatises illustrative of Freemasonry in general.

2. To disseminate Masonic Education through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means.

3. To make an Annual Report to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December."

RESOLUTION NO. 4

NON-PAYMENT OF LODGE DUES

RESOLVED, that Article 19.01 of the Ahiman Rezon, which presently reads as follows:

"19.01. When a member of the Lodge changes his residence, he shall notify the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member. The Lodge may proceed against a member for non-payment of dues without notice.

Dues are payable at the beginning of each year. Those owing dues will be suspended at the January Stated Meeting without notice. The Lodge may, at its discretion, postpone suspension to the February Stated Meeting, but no longer.

Fifty-year members and those members who are unable to pay their dues by reason of financial hardship determined after an investigation by the Lodge shall not be suspended but may have their dues remitted.

The By-Laws of any of the Lodges which are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby annulled."

be amended to read as follows:

"19.01. When a member of the Lodge changes his residence, he shall notify the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member. The Lodge may proceed against a member for non-payment of dues after having given him due notice of the same.

Dues are payable at the beginning of each year. Those owing dues will be suspended at the January Stated Meeting after having been given due notice. The Lodge may at its discretion postpone suspension to the April Stated Meeting, but no longer.

Fifty-year members and those members who are unable to pay their dues by reason of financial hardship determined after an investigation by the Lodge shall not be suspended but may have their dues remitted.

The By-Laws of any of the Lodges which are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby annulled."

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

Proposed Resolutions to Amend the Ahiman Rezon

Brethren, please find listed at left the proposed Resolutions which will effect a change in the Ahiman Rezon to be balloted upon at the December Quarterly Communication. We are printing the proposed Resolutions in The Pennsylvania Freemason in lieu of mailing them separately as has been done in the past.

December Quarterly Notice

The December Quarterly Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, December 7, 1988. Grand Lodge will meet in Corinthian Hall at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a luncheon at noon which will be served at no cost to the Brethren. At 1:00 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume labor. Please remember that you need not be a member of Grand Lodge to attend: All Master Masons are welcome.

Renewing Old Ties

The vastly popular men's neckties with a representation of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia embroidered at the bottom, are again being made available through the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. They come in two colors, a dark blue with a thin diagonal red and white stripe, and a maroon with a thin diagonal blue and gold stripe. With this flexibility of color, a Brother is afforded the opportunity of wearing these ties at many Masonic and non-Masonic functions.

Priced at \$11.00 a piece, these ties make excellent personal, as well as Lodge gifts, for the Holiday season. Proceeds now benefit the Library and Museum, and the ties may be purchased either in person in the Museum at the Temple in Philadelphia, or by writing to:

The Library and Museum

Masonic Temple

One North Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2598



From the Grand Secretary's Desk...



My Brethren:

At the March 4, 1987 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, I was afforded the great privilege and pleasure by our R. W. Grand Master of presenting an Apron designating Bro. David C. Adams, P.M. as a Past Deputy Grand Secretary. The then R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., designated Brother Adams as a Past Deputy Grand Secretary for the many years of outstanding service that he has given to Freemasonry in general, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular.

The significance of this event passing without great fanfare is characteristic of the life that Bro. Adams has led, one where he asked little, but gave much. He was one who quietly made his contribution to the Masonic Fraternity, and made it well. I am certain that every Lodge Secretary who had the pleasure of working with Bro. Adams respects the efficiency of the manner in which he handled his position.

Indeed, this was an historic moment for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for it was the first time that this recognition has been given to a former Deputy Grand Secretary. The position of "Past Deputy Grand Secretary" was created specifically to honor him.

Before coming to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. Adams was a funeral director in the town of Easton where he had lived with his wife, Rene, and daughter. He initially worked in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a short period of time in the Grand Master's Office, and then returned to the Office of the Grand Secretary in 1970 as the Office Manager for the R. W. Grand Secretary. He served in that capacity until 1980

when he was made Deputy Grand Secretary, in which position Bro. Adams served until his retirement on December 27, 1985.

Bro. Adams has had an enviable Masonic career which began in Dallas Lodge No. 396 where he was Raised a Master Mason on May 13, 1952, and served as Worshipful Master in 1960. He became a Warrant Member of General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 795 in 1961 where he served as Secretary from 1961 to 1963. Bro. Adams served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 795 in 1967 and is currently serving as their Junior Warden. He is also that Lodge's Representative in the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Education Chairman for the 9th Masonic District. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1963 and resigned in 1964 to come to the Grand Lodge.

He is a Past High Priest of Easton Royal Arch Chapter No. 173, and has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest. He is also currently serving as Junior Warden of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216. He is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Pomp Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters, and a Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19.

In the Scottish Rite, Bro. Adams is affiliated with Lehigh Consistory in the Valley of Allentown where he has been active in the degree work for many years. He was Coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, 33rd Degree in 1981.

In addition, he is a Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and is a member of Penn Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Pennsylvania Council of De-liberation; Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11; Penn Council, Knight Masons of the United States of America; Akhawayah Council No. 185, Allied Masonic Degrees; the Joshua Association; Council of Anointed Kings and the Past Commanders and Line Officers Association.

Bro. Adams' talents have also been shared outside the Fraternity. He has been very active in the Lutheran Church, serving in numerous capacities including

Vice President of the Church Council. He has served as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, has been involved in the Civil Air Patrol, the Parent Teachers Association, and he was the Medical Director of the Easton Ambulance Corps.

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Bro. David C. Adams, Pennsylvania Freemasonry's First Past Deputy Grand Secretary.

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Our Grand Lodge Seal

Recently, questions have been raised as to the meaning and symbolism embodied in the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

These questions have caused some concern among the Brethren. We assume that these questions about the Seal stem from the recent "hard-line" attitude that many religious groups are taking toward fraternal societies.

The primary mode of attack used by these groups is to "expose" the fact that a given fraternity utilizes symbols that are not readily recognizable by non-members, or that predate the Christian era. Freemasonry is one of these fraternities under attack.

The radiant face on the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is of Apollo. It was adopted in 1825 and has been in use ever since. The Seal was chosen at a time when the classical style enjoyed wide use in art, architecture, music and literature. Early nineteenth-century Americans, proud of their new nation, sought to evoke the spirit of Graeco-Roman democracy by emulating ancient styles. Examples of this can be found in practically anything from that period including clothing fashions, furniture and architecture. Nothing was spared the classical influence, and columned temple-like facades adorned everything from private houses to banks, as well as Protestant and Catholic

churches, and even synagogues. Because of this the Grand Lodge, being influenced by the style of the times, chose a design with which they were familiar.

The actual depiction of Apollo as used by the Grand Lodge, has changed over the years because each artist who has been commissioned to render the seal at different times, has had a different conception of how this face should look. Apollo is a male and is used to signify the emanation of light from darkness (the Masonic implication here is obvious), by virtue of the fact that ancient Greeks believed Apollo drove the sun in his chariot across the sky each day and that his mother was Leto, literally meaning "darkness."

The former Seals of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania actually contained much more symbolism than the present Seal. The first Seal (figure 1) was the same as that used by the Grand Lodge of England, with the exception that the word "Philad." was substituted for "London." The second Seal, adopted in



Figure 1



Figure 2



Present Seal

1790, contained even more symbolism, and it also contained a representation of a face surrounded by a glory surmounting the left-hand pillar. This particular symbol was possibly one of the inspirations for the present Seal (figure 2).

While the ultimate origin of Freemasonry is unknown, many of the Fraternity's symbols can be traced to the remotest reaches of time. Many of Freemasonry's symbols are pre-Christian; but the fact that a symbol is pre-Christian does not make it pagan. Many ancient symbols simply presaged things in which we now believe. Many latter-day religious holidays are remnants of ancient festivals.

Apollo, as bringer of light, can symbolize that which governs the day, that which enlightens and educates, and Him who governs as Great Architect of the Universe.

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In the preparation of this article, I acknowledge the tremendous assistance Bro. Adams has given me for almost nine years. I still find myself calling Dave once in a while for an answer to a problem. Of all the associates with whom I have worked over the years, I have never regarded anyone approaching the position of being indispensable as much as I have Dave. With very few possible exceptions, I have never met anyone with more knowledge about Pennsylvania Freemasonry than Bro. Dave Adams. When he chose to retire I felt as though I had lost my right arm, and Pennsylvania had lost one of its most qualified leaders.

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, continued from page 7

DeMolay Wants Former Members

The Order of DeMolay is seeking its former members to replace lost records and to create a complete directory of all its Senior Members. If you were a member of the Order of DeMolay, please send your name, current address, telephone number, home Chapter name and location, and Initiation date if available, to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation offices.

Educational Endowment Fund Created

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board of Directors, under the leadership of Chairman W. Scott Stoner, R.W.D.G.M., has created an Educational Endowment Fund to develop special opportunities for our young people to receive scholarships for higher education. The fund will include a general scholarship fund, which will make grants as funds become available. More importantly, it will provide opportunities for individuals, Lodges and other groups to create special scholarship programs, designating or restricting their distribution without the hassles involved in administering their own fund. For more

YOU and SOLOMON II

Masons Helping Masons: The Emergency Help Network

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has prepared a program for an *Emergency Help Network* for Pennsylvania Freemasons and their families. This Network would allow any Pennsylvania Mason to call 1-800-MASONIC, from anywhere in Pennsylvania when he has an emergency that cannot be resolved through normal, local channels. The *Emergency Help Network* would provide for a Pennsylvania Freemason come to the aid of the Brother in need within thirty minutes, identify the exact need required and then obtain assistance for the Freemason.

This Network will become part of your membership as a Pennsylvania Mason at no additional fee. The cost of outside professional assistance, if required, would be the responsibility of the Freemason in need.

A Typical Emergency could be a death, a fire, an accident, a mechanical or a medical emergency in your home area. Assistance would also be obtainable while traveling in Pennsylvania. Indeed, there is help for the Widow's Son.

We must have your support in order to implement this program. Please indicate

your support for this proposed program by placing a check mark (✓) in the appropriate box:

- () 1. I would be interested in participating in this program.
- () 2. I could lend the following talent or skill:
- () 3. When the program is implemented, I would be willing to lend my assistance by being a link in a Telephone Chain.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Lodge No. _____

District _____

Mail your response to:

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2598

information on establishing a special scholarship within the Educational Endowment Fund, please contact the Foundation offices.

New Job's Daughter Brochure Produced

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has produced a new full-color brochure promoting the International Order of Job's Daughters in Pennsylvania. The brochure, written for young girls by an active member of the Order, fully explains the Job's Daughters program. Copies of the brochure are available upon request from the Foundation offices.

DeMolays Meet with Knights of Pythagoras

For the fifth consecutive year, members of the Order of DeMolay held a Brotherhood Retreat on August 26-28, 1988 at the

Masonic Conference Center, with members of the Knights of Pythagoras, the young man's fraternal organization sponsored by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The program included a tour of the Masonic Homes, athletic competitions, ritual and public speaking seminars, a formal banquet and a worship service conducted by the youth leaders. The group photograph was taken in the William A. Carpenter Chapel.



DeMolays and Knights of Pythagoras at the William A. Carpenter Chapel.

A Family Affair in Canton

On Saturday, March 19, 1988, a father and his four sons became Master Masons in Canton Lodge No. 415. Those Raised on this occasion were Bro. Homer L. Parker, Sr., and his four sons: Bros. Homer L. Parker, Jr.; Scott A. Parker; Craig D. Parker and Timothy S. Parker.

Sharing in the conferral of the Master Masons' degree on the five family members were Bros. Roland E. Morgan, P.M., and William E. Harmon, P.M. Bro. Floyd D. Taylor is the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Bro. Richard M. Robinson, D.D.G.M. of the 16th Masonic District, made an official visitation to the Lodge for this significant event in its history.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 2:00 p.m. Three of the degrees were

conferred during the afternoon. Following a delicious dinner, the remaining two degrees were conferred.

Bro. Homer L. Parker, Sr., now retired, and his sons are business partners in the Parker Machine and Fabrication Company, Inc., located in Canton, Pennsylvania.



First Row (left to right): Bros. Richard M. Robinson, D.D.G.M.; Homer L. Parker, Jr.; Homer L. Parker, Sr.; Scott A. Parker and Floyd D. Taylor, Worshipful Master of Canton Lodge No. 415. Second Row (left to right): Bros. Timothy S. Parker and Craig D. Parker.

Throat Medallion Presented



Attending the presentation is the Worshipful Master, Bro. Marvin Long (left), Bro. Heim and Bro. Robert L. Dluze, Jr., D.D.G.M. of the 58th Masonic District.

Project SOLOMON II Throat Medallion was presented to Bro. Alvin Heim, Senior Warden of Shamokin Lodge No. 255, in his home Lodge on Saturday, June 4, 1988.

A Century of Living

When you ask the residents at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to name something special about the congregate living area, often they come up with the same answer, "Hettie." Mrs. Hettie Mauger is a very special resident at the Masonic Homes. She is a lady who enjoys everything about life, living every day to the fullest. She loves people and is willing to do anything to help others. Hettie has maintained this refreshing outlook on life as she begins her second century of living. On August 30, 1988, she reached the age of one hundred.

Hettie was born on August 30, 1888. She lived with her parents until their death. She was married to Robert Mauger in 1931. Upon the death of Hettie's parents, the Maugers sold the house in

Reading and moved into a smaller home in the area. They lived there until their admission to the Masonic Homes in 1979.

Upon arrival at the Homes, the Maugers were well adjusted. They were admitted to the congregate living area and enjoyed their lifestyle very much. Bro. Mauger passed away in 1986 and Hettie continued to stay active. Her hobbies include drawing and painting in watercolors. The real love of her life is dancing.

With a big family celebration on August 28th and a big Masonic celebration on August 30th, Hettie now has many more special memories to add to her first one hundred years. Some of these memories include plaques, certificates,

and a personal letter from the President of the United States.



Bro. Joseph Murphy, Director of the Masonic Homes, and Mrs. Hettie Mauger

Three Pennsylvania Masons, and Ten Thousand Hours of Service



Bros. Harry G. Simler, Joseph Susalla and Leslie E. Carlyle, Sr.

Three Masons were recently honored by Reedes Hurt, the administrator of the Highland Drive Veterans Administration Hospital. The three Masons, Bros. Harry G. Simler, Joseph Susalla and Leslie E. Carlyle, Sr., were awarded citations in the form of certificates for their ten thousand hours of time in serving the hospitalized veterans.

Bro. Susalla is employed as a mechanic for the Port Authority, and yet, on Sundays, his day begins at 5:30 in the

morning. He proceeds to make rounds at local doughnut shops, gathering "sinkers" and takes them to the hospital. Here he and the Chaplains provide coffee and doughnuts for the patients following the Sunday religious services.

Bro. Simler is also still regularly employed. During the week he has the very responsible job of assuring that school children are assigned to their correct buses. Yet Bro. "Bud" finds time between his morning and afternoon assignments at the school to go to the hospital where he serves as an "escort". This entails taking wheelchair-bound patients to their various medical and therapy appointments.

Although Bro. Carlyle has been retired as a Postmaster, he uses his life-long expertise to help operate a branch post office at the hospital which provides almost every postal service that can be found at any major post office.

The hospital administrator, Reedes Hurt, is also a Mason and a Shriner. He is a member in Kentucky, where he was assigned prior to his transferral to Pittsburgh.

A Timely Item, continued from page 4

September 20, A.D. 1988

September 20, A.L. 5988

To the Freemasons of 2088:
Greetings

Into the year 1988, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has continued the SOLOMON II Program. Hopefully in the year 2088, we will have an abundance of Freemasons.

The Masonic Fraternity is very active in the Scranton area, and it is our hope to play an active role in our community in the year of 2088 and beyond.

The present Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, is Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Enclosed are items of Masonic interest:

"Freemasonry a Way of Life"

"Friend to Friend"

"As Masons We Care"

A Lodge Notice, Hyde Park

Lodge No. 399

The By-Laws of Hyde Park

Lodge No. 399

Fraternally,

Richard A. Hoffman, P.M.

Hyde Park Lodge No. 399

District Director

Project SOLOMON II

13th Masonic District

At the Sign of . . .

Beginning with this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, the emblems and symbols of the various individuals, departments, foundations and organizations that regularly contribute articles to this magazine will be found at the beginning of each article. This is being done so that better identification of each article may be made. A short explanation of each emblem is given here:



The seal of the R. W. Grand Master contains a bright sun within a triangle. It is symbolic of the fact that all Light always emanates from the East in Freemasonry, and that this Light is triune in its perfection.



The emblem of the R. W. Grand Secretary includes the crossed quills, or pens, and an open ledger. It is symbolic of the Grand Secretary's job of accurately recording all of the proceedings and communications of the Grand Lodge in minute detail, and of communicating with the subordinate Lodges.



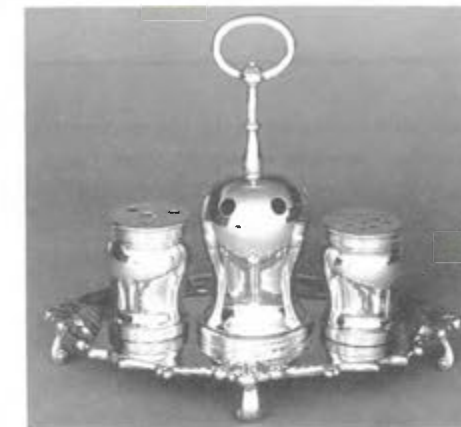
The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation's emblem consists of a sunburst which is reminiscent of the Seal of the Grand Lodge. It was adopted in 1981.



The emblem that is used by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for

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Fernwood Lodge Presents Inkstand



The Inkstand presented by Fernwood Lodge No. 543.

On Thursday, September 8, 1988, Fernwood Lodge No. 543 presented the Grand Lodge Museum with a reproduction of the Bro. Philip Syng Inkstand to commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution last year. The inkstand is a highly polished pewter reproduction which faithfully copies the silver inkstand at Independence Hall, Philadelphia. In 1752 the Pennsylvania Assembly commissioned Bro. Syng to create an inkstand and tray. This graceful Georgian piece was used for both the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution. Bro. Syng joined St. John's Lodge, Phila-



Presenting the Inkstand are from left to right, Harry Heatherby, Ralph Rogers and Virgil D. Penn, W.M., all of Fernwood Lodge No. 543. Receiving are John H. Platt, Librarian and Curator and Steven Patrick, Assistant Curator.

delphia, in 1734, and he served as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1741.

The inkstand admirably completes the Museum's collection received this year from the Bro. John Wanamaker Museum of reproduction pieces from Independence National Historical Park. This includes the Signer's Desk, used as a Clerk's desk in the 1790 Congress Hall, where Congress under the new Constitution met in Philadelphia before relocating to Washington, D.C. in 1800, and the Rising Sun Chair, so named by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, and which was made by Bro. John Folwell for the Old State House (now called Independence Hall) in 1779, and used by Bro. George Washington.

Cornerstone is Laid in Waynesburg

On August 6, 1988, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of all of the elected Grand Lodge officers, laid the Cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple of Waynesburg Lodge No. 153, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. A luncheon was served for the Brethren and their wives by the Ladies of the Eastern Star and Rainbow Chapters prior to the men calling on to Labor.

Ground had been broken for the new Temple in a ceremony by then Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. in August of 1987. This new Temple will be the first building to be used, solely for Masonic purposes, by Waynesburg Lodge. Waynesburg Lodge has the honor and distinction of being able to call itself "the third oldest Lodge west of the Alleghenies." The Lodge was Constituted on July 17, 1817, and it presently has a membership of 481.



The Grand Master at work.



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