



# Items from Our Library and Museum

## The Drawings of Bro. George Herzog



What Gothic Hall might have looked like.

An extremely unique collection of nineteen preliminary water color sketches of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia were received in August through the generosity of Mrs. Anne Herzog LaMotte and family of Ohio. Mrs. LaMotte is the granddaughter of Bro. George Herzog, 1852-1920, the distinguished artist and decorator of most all the rooms in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. All of the sketches, which have been in the possession of the family for years, are undated. But as most of the Lodge Rooms and other areas shown in these drawings were completed about 1905, we can be somewhat sure that the sketches were submitted for approval during the period, 1890-1905.

Bro. Herzog arrived in Philadelphia from Bavaria in 1873. He exhibited his art at the 1876 Centennial Exposition, where he received prizes and critical praise for his works. In 1888, one year

before he was to complete his first commission, Egyptian Hall which celebrated its centenary in January of last year, he became a member of Lodge No. 51 (now University Lodge No. 51).

Several of the more noteworthy drawings depict the ceiling of Gothic Hall with heraldic crests, and side panels showing scenes from the Crusades. One sketch shows three richly ornamented panels of the west wall above the staircase outside Gothic Hall. Another sketch shows a drawing of the proposed reception area near the Filbert Street entrance, which was never used. A future exhibition of these materials is planned.

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. LaMotte, and her family, for their generous donation of these materials that might have been otherwise lost.

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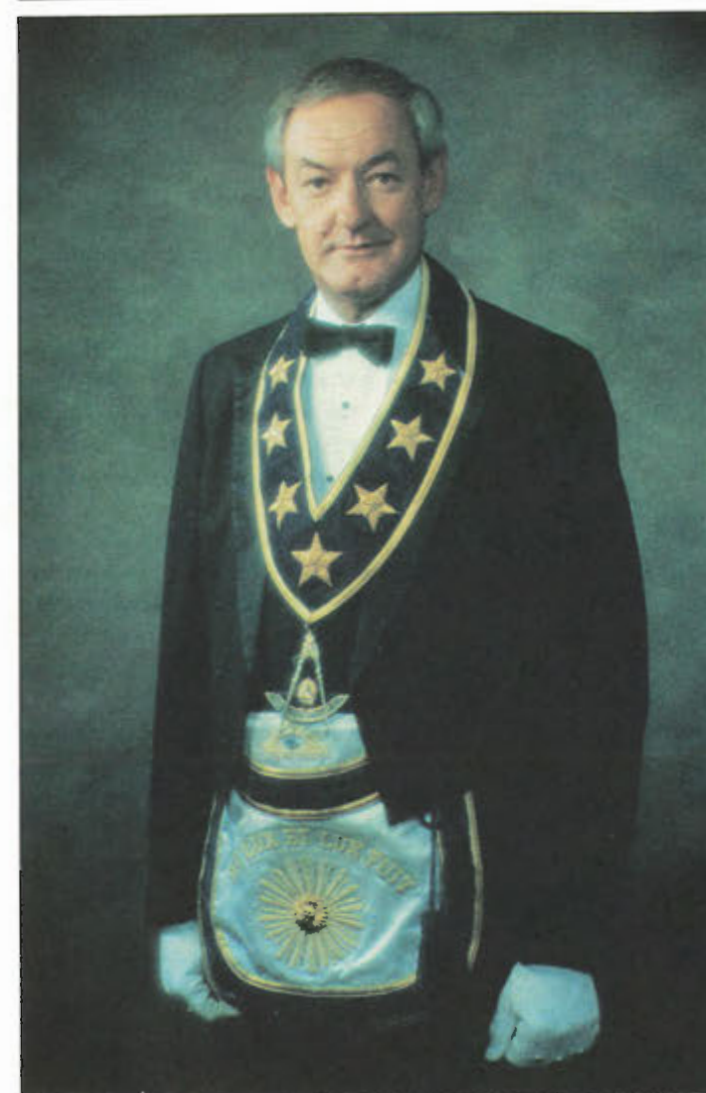
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## Brother W. Scott Stoner Becomes 100th Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania



**Bro. W. Scott Stoner**  
*Right Worshipful Grand Master*

Bro. W. Scott Stoner of Lancaster, a partner in the firm of Dorwart, Andrew and Co., Certified Public Accountants, has been installed as the one-hundredth R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

His installation to this, the highest Masonic office in the Commonwealth took place at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held at Harrisburg on December 27, 1989.

Bro. Stoner received his Blue Lodge Degrees in 1966 after serving two years in the military. He served as Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551 in Mount Joy in 1973-1974; as Treasurer in 1976-1977 and as Representative in the Grand Lodge from 1978 through 1983. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Masonic District in 1977 and was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1983 when he left that office to assume the Station of Junior Grand Warden. Since 1984, Bro. Stoner has served on the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Consolidated Fund Committee. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Born and raised in Lancaster, Bro. Stoner was educated in the Hempfield School District and was graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1961 with a bachelor of Science degree.

In 1966, Bro. Stoner joined the accounting firm of Dorwart, Andrew and Co. He was admitted to the partnership of that firm in 1973. At present he is an audit partner and is in charge of the firm's continuing professional education. He is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of CPA's and served as president of the South Central Chapter PICPA in 1980-1981. He has served as chairman of several PICPA committees.

Bro. Stoner is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Landisville. He is currently an usher there, as well as being a Financial Teller and Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee. Formerly, he has been a member of both the church's choir and Church Council.

In the community, Bro. Stoner has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Lancaster. He is a former board member of Lutheran Social Services, East Region, and has served on that organization's Finance Committee.

Bro. Stoner is a member of Lancaster Royal Arch Chapter No. 43; Goodwin Council No. 19, Royal and Select Masters as well as Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar. Further, Bro.

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# The Men of Promise

W. Scott Stoner

## 100th Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

### Keeping the Promise of Masonry

We stand today on the brink of both challenge and opportunity, of change and continuity. It doesn't seem so long ago that many of us eagerly looked forward to pulling out the comic section of the Sunday newspaper. As we turned the pages, our imaginations raced with incredible possibilities. The excitement and the dreams were all there in front of us. For a few moments each week, we were in another world.

Almost every one of us can remember lying on the floor in front of the fireplace poring over the most popular comic strip of the day. It was, of course, "Buck Rogers and the 21st Century."

Today, those rocket ships seem crude and almost unimaginative compared to the sleek craft that rise so majestically from Cape Canaveral. We wonder how we could have been so completely captured by those old newsprint images as we now watch live television from Jupiter. And the 21st Century, which then seemed so far away, is now fast upon us.

As we begin a new decade, we take the final step toward that new century. What better time is there for us, the 180,000 Masons of Pennsylvania, to set our eyes on the road ahead? What greater opportunity is there for us to make clear our commitment to the building of Freemasonry?

Even as "Buck Rogers" held out the promise of a new century to an earlier generation of America's youth, Freemasonry continues to set forth a far greater promise. The decades come and go, the issues change, and new problems confront us as a people. Yet, the qualities that give stability to life, that determine decency, and make it possible for our society to function in freedom never change. That's the promise of Freemasonry. That was our Masonic mission yesterday. It is our Masonic mission today, and it will not change in the century ahead.

As Masons, we are men of great promise. We remain true to our beliefs in

the fundamental importance of character and honor, of responsibility, and the essential worth of a man's life. We are not just members of an old and great Fraternity. We are *Masons*. We are keepers of that promise. Our Masonic Temples are houses of hope for the essential virtues that must continue to shape every aspect of life.

Now, as we look ahead over the coming two years, we will work to keep that promise in our Lodges. We will work to keep that promise with our youth. And we will work to keep that promise with the public.

### The Promise Fulfilled — Within Our Lodges

The promise of Masonry is found and fulfilled in our Lodges. It is here that we were raised Master Masons. It is here that the Light of Masonry beckoned us to become men of promise. It is within the Lodge that the strength and vitality of Masonry must grow. It is here that we must be our best.

Our goal is not just to maintain our 530 Lodges. The standard we aspire to is full-functioning Lodges that offer stimulating and worthwhile opportunities for growth, development and fellowship. Our purpose is to create within our subordinate Lodges an environment which makes Masonry worthwhile in the lives of every member.

In order to meet this challenge, we must focus our attention on Lodge leadership. It is the officers who must set the pace. They determine a Lodge's destiny. This is why we must take seriously the Grand Lodge's minimum qualifications for leadership for Lodge officers.

Far too often today, we start men in the Officers' line who are ill-equipped and unprepared to assume the responsibility. We fall prey to our desire for "new blood" by allowing those who are not properly trained to move far too quickly. Even though our Lodges need new leadership, we must wait until a man has the right experience, until he is more

fully aware of the commitments involved, and has demonstrated his ability to lead.

The results of acting inappropriately are obvious. We are losing many potentially effective leaders because they were not given the opportunity to discover for themselves the meaning of Masonic leadership.

The goal is not simply to fill "slots," but to develop effective leaders. These are the men who are the future of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. We must do everything we can to make certain we qualify and train the best men. That's the purpose of our Grand Lodge's Officer qualification guidelines.

Another area that requires our serious attention is that of Lodge programming. The goal of Masonry is not to hold meetings but to hold a man's attention. Our task is to make Masonry stimulating and worthwhile for our members. Frankly, we are not doing a good job. Words like "dull" and "boring" are often accurate descriptions of too many of our Lodge meetings.

Let's take a close look at our stated meetings. These business sessions are often unnecessarily long and tedious. We can conduct the necessary business in far less time, even including the Opening and Closing rituals.

Then, let us use the meeting evenings for programs of interest to the members — and their families. The Past Masters can be particularly helpful in giving assistance and encouragement to the Master and his Officers. There are resources in every community that can be utilized in creating attendance-building programs.

Our energetic Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education will play an ever-increasing role in working with Officers and members in deepening their understanding and appreciation of Freemasonry.

When it comes to the degree Work, I encourage the Ritualistic staff to explore the possibility of having groups of

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Lodges within a Masonic District confer the Degrees.

In Pennsylvania Masonry, we take pride in the quality of our degree Work. Even so, we can learn something valuable from DeMolay, which holds a competition for outstanding Work. Wouldn't it be wonderful for our Districts to accept such a challenge and sponsor a Degree Work competition among the Lodges? Then, when men receive the degrees, they will be impressed with Masonry at its best!

Such occasions can also heighten our sense of Fraternity and Brotherhood by getting men together from various Lodges to know and enjoy each other. This is what Masonry should be — and can be — if we dare to move forward in new ways.

I also want to say a word about the work of our Lodge Secretaries. It is getting more and more difficult to attract men to what is often a thankless job simply because of the amount of work involved.

In 1990, we will implement a Subordinate Lodge Accounting System. Lodges can choose to maintain their reports on their own computer or use the Grand Lodge's central system.

Not only will we have more accurate, up-to-date reports, but we also will have taken an unnecessary burden off the shoulders of our Lodge Secretaries.

In the same way, we will be working actively with the Office of the Grand Secretary in developing new plans for working with our Lodge Secretaries to make their efforts easier and more effective.

The goal of Masonry in Pennsylvania is not for our Lodges just to continue to exist — sometimes in name only. Our goal is to have full-functioning Lodges that attract and sustain the interest, loyalty, and commitment of our members. When this happens, the future of our Fraternity is assured.

### The Promise Fulfilled — With Our Youth

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania continues to set the standards for Masonry when it comes to a deep commitment to the needs of young people. Down through the decades, the Grand Lodge leadership has recognized that Masonry has a responsibility to young people.

As far as I am concerned, that support must continue through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation as we endeavor to demonstrate in new and creative ways that our young people can count on us! Therefore, we will work to increase our involvement and support of Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay.

When it comes to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, we will be seeking new avenues for making this keystone of Masonic outreach more effective and even more responsive to the needs of young people. Let our message be clear to all: "Masons Care About Children."

In every way, we will press forward using the talent and resources of Masonry in Pennsylvania to live up to our responsibilities to our youth. Because we do care for the generations that come after us, we must show our concern in more and more ways.

Here's just one example of what we can do. The Educational Endowment Fund of our Pennsylvania Youth Foundation can become an even wider door to higher education for members of Masonic youth organizations and sons and daughters of our members. Our scholarships can make a significant difference to deserving young people, particularly when educational costs are rising every year.

To enhance our ability to grant more scholarships, I am establishing The Grand Masters' Scholarship Fund. As the 100th man to hold this great office in Pennsylvania, I believe this is an appropriate way to honor those who have served us so well in the past, as well as those who are yet to come. Because of my personal interest in education, I would like to make a suggestion. We all know that on the occasion of the many visitations a Grand Master makes during his term of office, he is often given gifts to commemorate these events. We all appreciate such thoughtfulness, but, in my case, nothing would please me more than consideration being given to making a contribution to The Grand Master's Scholarship Fund.

### The Promise Fulfilled — With the Public

Now, I want to turn your attention to the most pressing issue facing Free-

masonry in both Pennsylvania and all America today. You may think that I am talking about the problem of membership. Certainly, the decline should be of utmost concern to each of us. There is no question about that. Yet, our membership problem is symptomatic of an overall absence of Masonic awareness.

How can we expect men to be stimulated to inquire about Masonic membership if the Light of Masonry continues to be hidden? How can we expect our members to be interested in a Fraternity that has no public presence?

Even more pertinent is the issue of attacks on Masonry by our critics. Our Fraternity is misunderstood and even maligned for only one reason: We are not doing an effective job in communicating the message of Freemasonry to the public.

I know this is of deep concern to you as Officers and leaders. Over and over again, you have asked, "When are we going to really tell our Masonic story?"

Today, I am pleased to announce a major program of Masonic Awareness for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Under the theme — "Masons: Keeping the Promise of America" — we will take our Masonic message to every community in this Commonwealth.

Our Masonic Awareness Program is carefully crafted to achieve specific goals. First, we are committed to increasing the visibility of our Fraternity across the state. Although we have made attempts in the past, we are now ready to make a concerted effort to communicate the meaning of Masonry through newspapers, radio and television in 1990 and 1991.

Second, this program is based on communicating our Masonic values. As Masons, we believe in and stand for the ideals that have built this great country. Tested by time and enduring over the generations, nothing is more important to the future of America than family life, character, self-respect, and a commitment to service.

Third, not only will we reach the general public with our program, but we are dedicated to renewing a sense of pride in Masonry among our members. We have the duty and responsibility to let all our Brother Masons know that our Fraternity is just as vital and important today as it was in times past.

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The Men of Promise, continued

And, finally, our Pennsylvania Masonic Awareness Program will stimulate an interest in our Fraternity among men who are non-Masons, but who share our belief in "keeping the promise of America." There are thousands of men who share our vision and who subscribe to our beliefs and who would, if they knew about our Fraternity, seek to join our ranks. We will take our message to them.

Be assured that this two-year program will be the most extensive effort ever undertaken by Freemasonry in the United States. Here in Pennsylvania we will set the standard. We will become a model for the rest of the nation.

Each and every District Deputy will be involved in the Masonic Awareness Program and each and every Lodge and its Officers will have a key role to play in their communities.

Along with this grass roots effort, there will be extensive and intense public

relations and media components. A full program of television, radio, newspaper, magazine, and billboard advertising will be launched during two special months in 1990 — March and October. During these periods, you will see and hear and read about Masonry in Pennsylvania. And throughout the year ahead, we will be working with the press in a concerted effort to communicate the message of Masonry as thoroughly and completely as possible.

As Masons, we are "keeping the promise of America." Our loyalty to country, our devotion to family, work, and morality form the foundation of our nation's greatness. This is the way it has been for us as Masons for over 200 years in our country. It continues to be just as true today.

Over the next two years, Masonic Awareness is our Grand Lodge mission. This will require the support of all our Officers, the help of our members, and

the leadership of all of us. We will move forward because we are men of promise. We will be telling the Masonic story across our Commonwealth, who we really are and what we stand for as Masons.

We Are Men of Promise

When it comes to the task before us, there are those who have set for us an example. In the midst of a brutal winter over 200 years ago, our Brother, George Washington, situated his beleaguered Revolutionary Army at Valley Forge. General Washington knew that it was better to be in the right place even if it meant suffering and intense discomfort for his men. History shows that he was correct.

Today, the Masons of Pennsylvania are in the right place. For the Masons of Pennsylvania the time is right. As men of great promise, we will "keep the promise of America."

Grand Master's Itinerary

JANUARY 1990

- 5 Installation of Officers, Zembo Temple

10 Lodge No. 246 to present D.D.G.M. Masonic District A and D, Philadelphia

16 Lodge No. 396 to present D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District, Easton

17 Lodge No. 433 to present D.D.G.M. 26th Masonic District, New Castle

20 Lodge No. 583 to present D.D.G.M. 49th Masonic District, McKeesport

24 Lodge No. 427 to present R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Newtown

26 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

27 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting Elizabethtown

27 York Rite Festival, Reading

29 Lodge No. 341 to present D.D.G.M. 15th Masonic District, Factoryville
- 16 DeMolay, Lancaster, PA

21 National Sojourners, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, as Speaker

23 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

24 Lodge No. 354, 125th Anniversary, Shickshinny

27 Lodge No. 730, Pottsville

FEBRUARY 1990

- 1 Lodge No. 434 to present D.D.G.M. 23rd Masonic District, Sandy Lake

26 Philadelphia Law Enforcement Square Club, as Speaker
- 23-24 Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters 144th Annual Grand Assembly, Pittsburgh

26 Supreme Council DeMolay, Philadelphia Masonic Temple

27 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

MARCH 1990

- 7 March Quarterly Communication Philadelphia, Masonic Temple
- 28 Spring Reunion, Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.

Grand Lodge Committee Appointments

Grand Lodge Committee on Finance

- Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden
- Bro. William J. Ebertshauser
- Bro. Norman A. Fox
- Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr.
- Bro. Robert M. Spicer, Jr.
- Bro. Harriss A. Butler, III

Sub Committee on Audits

- Bro. Henry F. McKonly, Jr.
- Bro. Robert L. Haar

Trustees of Title to Temple and Other Real Estate

- Bro. W. Edward Sell, *Chairman*
- Bro. Paul G. Murray
- Bro. Emanuel Cassimatis
- Bro. Newton C. Taylor
- Bro. William R. Lessig, Jr.

Trustees of the Consolidated Fund

- Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Past Grand Master, *Chairman*
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- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Harriss A. Butler, III
- Bro. David J. Brubach

Trustees of Joseph W. Murray Fund

- Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Past Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. David J. Brubach
- Bro. James M. Davis, Sr.
- Bro. Herbert G. Schectman
- Bro. Edward J. Appelgren

Committee on Temple

- Bro. Carl D. Homan, *Chairman*
- Bro. Joseph E. McQueen
- Bro. John J. Lotz
- Bro. Robert A. Detweiler
- Bro. Charles A. Blackman

Committee on Library and Museum

- Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Past Grand Master, *Chairman*
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- Bro. Whitfield J. Bell
- Bro. Russell F. Weigley
- Bro. Robert Batto
- Bro. Gerald W. West
- Bro. Harold Kerns

Committee on Masonic Education

- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, *Chairman*
- Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, *Co-Chairman*
- Bro. Glenn W. Olsen
- Bro. Everett J. Elliott
- Bro. Terry D. Bentzel
- Bro. Edward E. Tourje
- Bro. William L. Carey

Committee on By-Laws

- Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., *Chairman*
- Bro. Harold S. McGear
- Bro. Raymond J. DeRaymond
- Bro. Robert A. Pote
- Bro. David C. Adams

Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms

- Bro. Joseph I. Greenberger, *Chairman*
- Bro. Paul F. Kunkel

- Bro. William H. Alexander
- Bro. Richard F. Flickinger
- Bro. Eugene G. Painter
- Bro. Carl R. Flohr
- Bro. Harry E. Mueller, Jr.

Committee on Youth Activities

- Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Past Grand Master
- Bro. David R. Smeltz, Sr.

Committee on Education, Gifts and Loans

- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary
- Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger
- Bro. Gary Wendt

Committee on Correspondence

- Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Past Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Past Grand Treasurer
- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary
- Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Past Grand Master

Committee on Appeals

- Bro. Robert D. Hanson, *Chairman*
- Bro. Richard B. Wickersham
- Bro. John E. Miller, Jr.
- Bro. Glen R. Grell
- Bro. Jay H. Feldstein

Administrators of the Pension Plan

- Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary
- Bro. David J. Brubach
- Bro. Thomas F. Toscani

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

- Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, *Chairman*
- Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, *Treasurer*
- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Past Grand Master
- Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R. W. Past Grand Master
- Mrs. Beryl Hogue, Supreme Fidelity in PA (Rainbow)
- Mrs. Mary Reed (Job's Daughters)
- Bro. David R. Smeltz, Sr.
- Bro. Ralph C. Rickard

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children

- Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master
- Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden
- Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, R. W. Past Grand Master, *President*
- Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Past Grand Master
- Bro. Robert D. Hanson
- Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger
- Bro. Maurice B. Cohill, Jr.

Guest Committee

- Bro. George E. Reeder, *Chairman*
- Bro. Daniel K. Millington, *Co-Chairman*
- Bro. George E. Boyer
- Bro. Nelson M. Baird, Jr.
- Bro. William L. Carey
- Bro. Donald D. Davis
- Bro. David T. Jones, Jr.
- Bro. J. Russell Mann
- Bro. John C. McFadden
- Bro. Robert K. Toward
- Bro. Charles D. Curry
- Bro. George E. Silvers

Grand Master Appoints Floor Officers for 1990-1991

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|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Senior Grand Deacon ..... | Bro. David R. Smeltz, Sr.<br><i>Past Master of Danville Lodge No. 224</i> | Grand Marshal .....      | Bro. George N. Holmes<br><i>Past Master of Lodge No. 45</i>           |
| Junior Grand Deacon ..... | Bro. Jay Warren Smith<br><i>Past Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551</i>     | Grand Sword Bearer ..... | Bro. Jay Vernon Smith<br><i>Past Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551</i> |
| Grand Steward .....       | Bro. Ralph C. Rickard<br><i>Past Master of Lodge No. 43</i>               | Grand Pursuivant .....   | Bro. Larry Emigh<br><i>Past Master of Old Fort Lodge No. 537</i>      |
| Grand Steward .....       | Bro. John W. Hisiro<br><i>Past Master of Charleroi Lodge No. 615</i>      | Grand Tyler .....        | Bro. Ralph Rogers<br><i>Past Master of Fernwood Lodge No. 543</i>     |

Grand Master Appoints Aides

- Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, has named the following as Aides to the Grand Master for 1990-1991:
- Bro. Roy A. McCullough, a Past Master of Sunset Lodge No. 623.
  - Bro. Thomas C. Librandi, a member of Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486.
  - Bro. Daniel K. Millington, a Past Master of Solomon's Lodge No. 3.
  - Bro. Michael D. Smoker, a member of Lodge No. 43.

Nine Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

The following were created Past District Deputy Grand Masters after serving five or more years:

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| Bro. Benjamin Rubin .....         | Masonic District A<br><i>a member of Athelstan Lodge No. 482, Philadelphia</i>               | Bro. Edward E. Tourje .....   | 15th Masonic District<br><i>a member of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 472, Union Dale</i> |
| Bro. John J. Hunt .....           | Masonic District D<br><i>a member of Harmony Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia</i>                  | Bro. Donald L. Jolley .....   | 23rd Masonic District<br><i>a member of Myrtle Lodge No. 316, Franklin</i>         |
| Bro. Norman E. Fox .....          | Masonic District E<br><i>a member of Hackenberg-Mount Moriam Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia</i> | Bro. Norbert L. Rossman ..... | 26th Masonic District<br><i>a member of Ellwood Lodge No. 599, Ellwood City</i>    |
| Bro. Bertine B. Steigerwalt ..... | 9th Masonic District<br><i>a member of H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem</i>       | Bro. Albert G. Lebedda .....  | 49th Masonic District<br><i>a member of McKeesport Lodge No. 641, McKeesport</i>   |
|                                   |  | Bro. Alfred R. Dudley .....   | 57th Masonic District<br><i>a member of Dormont Lodge No. 684, Dormont</i>         |

Members Elected to Committee on Masonic Homes

The elected members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes for 1990 are as follows:

- Bro. P. Thomas Feeser of Schuylkill Haven, a member of Page Lodge No. 270 in Schuylkill Haven.
- Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson of New Wilmington, a member of Wilmington Lodge No. 804 in New Wilmington.
- Bro. Guy E. Walker of Somerset, a member of Somerset Lodge No. 358 in Somerset.

- Bro. John T. Taylor of Fairview, a member of Lake Erie Lodge No. 347 in Girard.

- Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R. W. Past Grand Master, a resident of Pitcairn Borough and a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 612 in Level Green.

- Bro. Walter L. Sykes of Canonsburg, a member of Chartiers Lodge No. 297 in Canonsburg.

- Bro. William Zacharellis of Scranton,

a member of Hyde Park Lodge No. 339 in Scranton.

The Grand Lodge Line officers and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are also members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes and Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master will serve as Chairman of the Homes' Committee as dictated by the *Ahiman Rezon*.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was established in 1910 as a charitable, tax exempt facility and is owned and operated by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. It is supported by the members of the Masonic Fraternity throughout Pennsylvania for the care of Masons and their wives, widows and children sponsored by Masonic Lodges. Providing for the daily needs of this Masonic family is a complex job requiring a staff in excess of 720 individuals.

Located on 1730 acres of picturesque farmland in Lancaster County, the Masonic Homes is dedicated to providing for the physical, social, mental and spiritual needs of each of its residents. This is a "mission of love" which requires the support of all Masons as an extension of the fundamental teachings of Masonic Charity.

Eight New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed eight new District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:



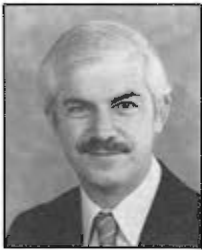
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Hadley, PA 16130  
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**49TH MASONIC DISTRICT**  
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Bro. Scott Stoner, continued

Stoner has brought his professional expertise in finance to York Rite Masonry by currently serving a five year position on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee.

In the Scottish Rite, he is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lancaster Lodge of Perfection where he serves presently as Trustee, and he is also a member of the Valley of Harrisburg.

He was coroneted an honorary mem-

ber of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, in Boston in 1984.

Bro. Stoner's other Masonic affiliations include membership in Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and the Lancaster County Shrine Club. He is also a member of the High Twelve Club; York Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Sovereign Council No. 103, Allied Masonic Degrees and the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay for

Boys, in which he also holds both the Legion and the Cross of Honor. In DeMolay, Bro. Stoner served as Lancaster Chapter Advisor and Council Chairman.

Bro. Stoner married Phyllis L. Lamson in 1965. They are the parents of two daughters, Karen Elizabeth and Cheryl Lynn.



# Happenings at Masonic Homes

## Has Your Will Had A Check-Up Lately?

*Have you put your Will away and forgotten it?* Could be time to take a good look. It may require minor treatment. Or, a complete check-up could reveal the necessity of major surgery.

Making a Will is serious business, as we discussed in the last issue of *The Freemason*. Anyone who has made a Will can recall feeling a real sense of accomplishment: "There, it's over and finished!" A perfectly natural reaction... but it leads to the most common mistake that an individual can make concerning his Will.

Not even the most carefully drawn Will remains sound permanently. Years pass; families grow, multiply, and decline; circumstances change; friends move away; your named executor becomes ill and could no longer handle your affairs...

Because of these, and many more similar reasons, it is just a good practice to read your Will once a year. As a result you will be reminded of prior decisions and will be aware of needed changes.

### Symptoms To Look For:

1. **Growing Children.** Social provisions related to needs of minors may indicate the need for revisions.
2. **Change in marital status.** A marriage, death of spouse, or divorce probably indicates the need for major changes or possibly a new Will.

3. **Birth of a child.** A new family member could necessitate changes to carry out your wishes and make the proper provisions for future education.
4. **Death.** Death of a parent, spouse, child, beneficiary, or executor calls for a close examination of your Will.
5. **Move.** A change in permanent legal residence from one state to another requires a good look. Even though most states will honor a Will drawn up in another state, there are some which will not. Consulting with your attorney concerning this will put your mind at ease.
6. **Exchange of assets.** A change in the nature or growth of assets is an occasion for examination.
7. **Tax laws.** Recent changes in estate tax laws have made many Wills out of date! In light of these many changes, a review is very wise.
8. **Gifts.** Recent or contemplated gifts, to or from you to others, could make changes necessary.
9. **Executor.** Death, disability, or refusal of your selected executor to act in your behalf requires major changes. Make sure you discuss with your selected executor that you do wish him/her to serve in this capacity and in turn he is willing to do so. Also make sure you advise him where your papers are kept.

This will avoid long delays in the future.

10. **Growing commitment.** Your possible lessening responsibility to children may call for changes to reflect your growing interest in the work of your Fraternity — and, ultimately the work of the Masonic Homes.

Has this check-up revealed you do not have a Will at all? It is estimated that three (3) out of four (4) or seventy-five percent (75%) of all adults who will die this year have no Will. What will happen then?

- Their property will be distributed according to the laws of the state in which they reside at the time of death! Not necessarily according to their wishes.
- Probate expenses will likely be greater than necessary.
- Their estate may be required to pay more taxes than otherwise.
- Their family members will not know exactly how they desired their property distributed.
- Nothing will be given to their favorite causes.

These, and many more, are good reasons for you to move to the minority group by having your Will written *now*. Be sure to secure the services of an attorney.

**Charles V. Watt,**  
*Director of Development*

## Change in Eligibility For Admission to the Masonic Homes

Eligibility for admission to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania will change, effective January 1, 1990.

This change will apply to the Independent Living Community, the Congregate Living Area and the Masonic Health Care Center.

The reason for the change is due to the Masonic Homes waiting list of over one hundred individuals for the Congregate

Living Area and Masonic Health Care Center. The current waiting period for admission is approximately six to ten months after the application is approved by the Committee On Masonic Homes.

Eligibility for admission will be a Master Mason in good standing in his Blue Lodge for ten or more years, his wife or widow. A widow is eligible if the Master Mason was in good standing at the time of his death, without regard to

the ten year membership.

Prior to January 1, 1990, those eligible, in addition to the above, were a mother, grandmother and a never-married daughter. All mothers, grandmothers and never-married daughters who requested applications prior to this date, will be considered by the Committee on Masonic Homes for admission.

## Masonic Homes Independent Living Community Becoming a Reality

There is much activity at the site of the Independent Living Community. The footers and foundations have been placed for the 66 apartments, 16 cottages and the clubhouse in Phase I. The foundation work has also begun for the 78 apartments in Phase II. The anticipated completion of the three phases is as follows: Phase I — Fall, 1990, Phase II — Spring, 1991, Phase III — Summer, 1991.

A new addition to Phase II and Phase III is Terrace Apartments. There is a limited number of units on the Terrace Level which will offer the residents the choice of a unit where they can go outdoors through a French door in their living room and enjoy sitting on their own terrace looking over the beautifully wooded site.

The existing living accommodations at the Masonic Homes include a 256 bed congregate living area, 56 bed Children's Home and a 482 bed Health Care Center. The addition of the Independent Living

Community is the first step towards the Comprehensive Service Plan adopted by the Committee on Masonic Homes to add to the continuum of quality services offered at the Masonic Homes to better serve the Masonic Fraternity in the future.

The Masonic Homes Independent Living Community is a Continuing Care Retirement Community for active individuals, 65 years of age or older, who wish to maintain their independence in a community where they can fulfill their lifestyle and secure their future through guaranteed access to the health care services. The residents of the community will have access to the existing recreation facilities on the Masonic Homes grounds such as: indoor/outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, gymnasium and walking and biking path. The community will be located in a picturesque wooded area on the north side of the Masonic Homes grounds.

As planned during the development of the Independent Living Community, Entrance Fees and Monthly Fees will be reviewed annually to maintain the financial strength of the community. Effective January 1, 1990, the Entrance Fees and Monthly Fees were increased by 5% in accordance with our scheduled projections. Monthly Fees are being adjusted to keep pace with the cost of living.

The ILC model units are open **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

For additional information or to schedule an appointment contact:

**Mrs. Patricia L. Gobble**  
*Marketing Manager*  
*Masonic Homes*

Independent Living Community  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
(717) 367-1121, Extension 314

## Masonic Homes Celebrates Autumn Day October 21st



The Masonic Homes celebrated its Fourth Annual Autumn Day on Saturday, October 21, 1989, with an invitation to all Pennsylvania Masons to gather at

the Masonic Homes for a day of enjoyment and relaxation. The Homes expected approximately 9,000 Masons, their families and friends and only due to poor weather the preceding week, was this number not attained. Approximately 6,000 did journey to the Masonic Homes to enjoy the festive occasion.

For many individuals this was their first visit to the Masonic Homes. Arrangements had been made for some Congregate Living rooms to be open for visitors to tour during the scheduled "Resident Open House."

Delicious, appetizing food such as Masonic Homes Bean Soup, Masonic Homes Sausage Sandwiches, Masonic Homes Sauerkraut, Hot Dogs, Apple Butter on French Bread, a variety of ice creams, and assorted drinks were provided by the Masonic Homes.

The full-size model of the new Independent Living Community cottage and apartment were open for inspection. A Blood Pressure Clinic was open for those who needed a check-up. Numerous Shrine bands provided the guests with entertainment throughout the day. Bus tours of the Masonic Homes and Masonic Conference Center were offered throughout the day.

Stands were set up on the grounds by numerous departments of the Masonic Homes to discuss all phases of the work conducted at the Homes with the visitors. Craft items made by the residents were offered for sale as well as the first of the series of special "Collectors Issue" Christmas cards, drawn by a local artist, of the Sell Chapel at the Masonic Homes.





## From the Grand Secretary's Desk...



Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary

My Brethren:

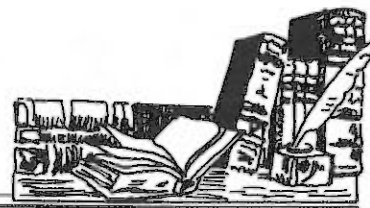
Back in 1969 when I was Worshipful Master of my Lodge, I went through twelve months in which I really thought I was an excellent Master. It was only after I was out of the line for a period of time that I realized my assumed greatness was due to having a great Secretary. I have since had the privilege to preside over twelve Masonic bodies and have really learned the value of a good Secretary.

During my term as Grand Secretary, I have developed an even greater appreciation for the value of a "good" Lodge Secretary. My definition of a "good" Lodge Secretary is "He is the man who runs the Lodge and lets the Worshipful Master think he is doing it." *He is the one continuity from one Master to the next and for that reason has the accumulated knowledge to guide them.* It is my absolute opinion that today the most vital hope for the survival of our Fraternity is the Subordinate Lodge Secretary. He is the link between his Lodge and the Members and his Lodge with the Grand Lodge.

Regretfully, in the ten years that I have served in the Office of Grand Secretary, I have watched more and more of our good Secretaries retiring or leaving the office. Unfortunately, many of our Lodges today are filling the Chair of Office of Secretary with someone who has little interest in doing an efficient job.

This, the most vital of Masonic offices, is also many times one of the most thankless in the recognition of a job well done. All too often Lodges simply expect a good job without consideration of the effort required. The greatest reward which a Secretary receives is an intangible — it is the knowledge of the great benefit he has provided his Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity.

My Brethren, your Lodge greatly needs those of you with a competence, willingness and dedication to serve as Secretary of your Lodge. Please, if you have never considered this office, give it some thought. We are here today because of Brethren of the past, and it now becomes our inherent obligation to provide the continuity for continuance to a future. Our Brethren of the past did not fail us; let it never be said that we failed the Brethren of the future.



## Drug and Alcohol Foundation

### New Bumper Sticker Available



The Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has announced the availability of a new bumper sticker. It promotes the idea that Freemasons care about children and the problems that can befall them. The stickers have been made available to all of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and are available through your Lodge.



## Youth Foundation

### DeMolay Supreme Council To Meet In Philadelphia

By Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, PYF Executive Director

The national governing body of the Order of DeMolay will meet in Philadelphia from April 25th through April 29th, 1990. The Annual Sessions of the International Supreme Council and the International DeMolay Congress will be conducted at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, with housing at the Philadelphia Hershey Hotel.

Most of the meetings are open to all registered visitors, and this is a great opportunity for Masons, DeMolays and parents to see the national leadership at work. Of particular interest will be the program of the International DeMolay Congress. The Congress consists of the top active DeMolay members of every jurisdiction of DeMolay throughout the world. Representatives from the fifty states, as well as the District of Columbia, Brazil, Canada, Germany and the Philippines are expected to attend.

David P. Kinney of Louisiana, International Master Councilor will preside over the Congress in cooperation with Loren Froomin of California, International Congress Secretary. The Congress reviews programs and forms of recommendations which they present to the appropriate ISC committees for action. The Congress provides opportunities for the active DeMolay members to share their ideas, to discuss solutions to the problems facing every DeMolay Chapter, and to engage in vigorous discussion of exciting new programs. One of the most valuable experiences comes in the general Congress sessions where the delegates take part in proper parliamentary debate, passing legislation and adopting committee reports. Most importantly, they make new friendships with members from all corners of the DeMolay world.

Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr., Grand Master of DeMolay, will preside over the sessions of the International Supreme Council. Bro. Manning is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and also a Past State Master

Councilor of the Order of DeMolay in that state. Bro. Manning is a lawyer and a former State Legislator in Oklahoma, now serving as the Legislative Liaison on the Staff of the Governor of his home state.

The International Supreme Council will discuss the recommendations of the Congress, review proposed amendments to the Statutes which govern all DeMolay Chapters, and consider nominations for the Degree of Chevalier, Cross of Honor and Legion of Honor.

This is the first time in over fifty years that the ISC will meet in Pennsylvania, and to commemorate this visit of the Supreme Council and the many national Masonic leaders who are its members and supporters, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master will be hosting a Distinguished Guest Dinner at the Union League of Philadelphia.

A major exhibit of some of the Order of DeMolay's priceless memorabilia will be on display in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum for the months of March, April and May. Most of the items to be displayed have never left Kansas City, Missouri, where the Order was founded in 1919 by Bro. Frank S. Land. This will provide Pennsylvania Masons and visitors an opportunity to learn about the early history of the Order of DeMolay, and to share in its rich Masonic heritage.

Registration will be conducted in January and February of 1990, and registration forms will be available from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation offices. The Visitor's Registration Fee of \$25 will include souvenirs, program booklet, identification badge, admission to all meetings, the Hospitality Room, the DeMolay Grand Master's Reception and a ticket to the Sunday Prayer Breakfast.

Much of the work to host this ISC Session will be done by volunteers, who will be supervising programs and meetings, providing transportation and acting as hosts for our distinguished guests.

For further information, registration forms, or to volunteer to assist with the program, contact:

**Bro. Samuel C. Williamson,  
R.W.P.G.M.**

**DeMolay Executive Officer**  
by writing to him in care of the

**Pennsylvania**

**Youth Foundation Office**

1244 Bainbridge Road

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022

or by calling

**(717) 367-1536**

**Update:  
Bro.  
William A.  
Carpenter,  
R.W.P.G.M.**

We are happy to report that Bro. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Past Grand Master is now showing sure signs of improvement. His looming presence has been conspicuously absent from many functions and Communications of the Grand Lodge. While his definite improvement is not complete, we are nonetheless cheered by this report, and our prayers are with both him and his wife Wally.

Bro. Carpenter and Wally would welcome any kind of greeting from the Brethren, and they would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shown so much support in the months past. Cards and letters should be addressed to Bro. Carpenter at home, where he is now residing:

**Bro. William A. Carpenter,  
R.W.P.G.M.**

1115 Woodside Avenue  
Upland, Pennsylvania 19015





## Notes and Queries



Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., Librarian and Curator

*Pennsylvania, Volume III: Grand Master Biographies* reached my desk in November. We as members of the Craft, particularly as Pennsylvania Freemasons, have much in which we can take pride. This third volume has the largest number of pages of all of the volumes. The individual biographies of the men who held the highest position of authority in this Jurisdiction gives us an outstanding picture of what Freemasonry is all about.

We speak so often of the use of symbolism in our Craft and of the association to the "working tools" of those "operative masons" that sometimes we do not see some of the most important "working tools" before our eyes. Then, as now, our Brothers needed to have the proper tools to build the Cathedrals, we today must use those tools available to us

to build the Craft. *The Master Builders* for us are those tools!

By having the knowledge of the history of our organization, the finest Fraternity in the World, we can better answer questions of both our supporters and our critics. Combining this volume with the two previous ones, now gives us the know-how to support our Craft better. I have spoken many times on the subject: "Working Tools Less Used," I will sincerely hope and pray that these outstanding volumes will not be categorized under this subject. These volumes would make excellent gifts to our Brethren at those special Masonic occasions such as the Raising of a Candidate, a Masonic birthday, or perhaps to a new Past Master. These volumes would also make a perfect gift to a local library by our Blue Lodges.

Brethren, I have chosen to use a much different format for this quarter's issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, because I was so excited when my copy of *The Master Builders, A History of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of*

## Fifth Masonic District Supports Drug and Alcohol Program

The 5th Masonic District, Bro. James T. Young, D.D.G.M., supports our Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Among Children in a big way. At the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Young turned in checks in the amount of \$5202 from his

District for the Program. The grand total eventually topped over \$6000.

In recognition of this generosity, the participating Lodges in the 5th District were awarded the Drug and Alcohol Program plates.



Shown in the picture, taken March 7, 1989, at the District Visitation of Goddard Lodge No. 383 in Coatesville are from left to right, each holding a \$1000 plaque: Bros. James T. Young, D.D.G.M. with the \$5000 plaque; George H. Taylor, W.M.; Stephen W. Grubb, W.M.; Mark W. Abbott, S.W.; J. Richard Eby, W.M.; Luddie G. Wright, W.M.

Back Row: Donald L. Yost, S.W.; Joel F. Swisher, W.M.; Delmer E. Morefield, S.W.; Dwight R. Towner, W.M.; James S. Moore, W.M.; J. Michael Canale, W.M.

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## Masonic Education

Greetings from the Committee on Masonic Education for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

April 1990 is a very important month in Pennsylvania Freemasonry, for it has been designated by Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master as Masonic Education Month. It is very important, also, because for the first time, to our knowledge, every Lodge in Pennsylvania is being asked to engage in a **COMPETITION**, a competition in **LODGE PROGRAMMING**.

Since October 27, 1989, when all Lodge Chairmen of Masonic Education were notified of the proposed Lodge program for April 1990, many Lodges have been laboring diligently and creatively and enthusiastically to **WIN THIS COMPETITION**.

Many of you may not have heard of this Lodge activity, and so that you are aware of what your Lodge Chairman and his Committee are doing on behalf of your Lodge, the basic outline of the program is as follows:

*Every Lodge Chairman will encourage the Lodge members to develop a 10 to 15 minute program based on one of the following ten themes, or any number of the ten if the Lodge so chooses:*

1. Freemasonry, What It Means to Me.
2. Biblical Characters In Freemasonry.
3. Masonic Symbols.
4. Freemasonry And The Family.
5. My Lodge And My Community.
6. Leadership And Freemasonry.
7. Freemasonry In The 21st Century.
8. Are We Masons Aware Or Unaware?
9. Freemasonry And Masonic Education.
10. Masonic Experience.

The program may be developed and presented by any member, or team of

members, of the respective Lodge. The program must be presented at the April 1990 Stated Meeting of the Lodge.

After the April 1990 Lodge presentation, the program will be submitted to all Lodge Chairmen of each respective Masonic District, and only one program will be selected to represent that Masonic District. All programs must be sent to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. Each Masonic District will then submit its selected program to one of the six Masonic regional areas in which the district is located.

The regional Area Chairman together with all the regions' District Chairmen will then select one program to represent that entire Masonic Area.

In October 1990, during the annual meeting of all Area and District Chairman at Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, the six selected programs will be reviewed and one program will be selected as the **BEST PROGRAM** for the year 1990.

The winning program will be presented to the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge at the December 1990 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. The winning Lodge Chairman and his Committee, together with the respective District Deputy Grand Master, District Chairman and Area Chairman of Masonic Education, will make the presentation to the Grand Master.

The Masonic Education Committee recognizes that every Worshipful Master wants to have a good program at every Stated Meeting of his Lodge, however, he may not be able to due to the lack of a continuity of good program material. The Committee also recognizes that there is a great wealth of talented members in every Lodge, if only the Lodge Chairman on Masonic Education can

tap this great resource for this particular activity. The Committee challenges every Mason with talent to volunteer and try to win this competition.

We stated in the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* that, "Masonic Education in our Grand Lodge and each subordinate Lodge is being pursued with a renewed vigor." We received only one written response to that article, and it was quite negative. We sincerely regret that a District Chairman did indeed slip through the cracks in the paper shuffle, and hopefully, we have corrected that particular situation. We hasten to add, however, that even though we will experience glitches along the way, Masonic Education is on the move in Pennsylvania and the move is positive.

### Chairman

Bro. George H. Hohenschildt,  
R.W.Sr.G.W.

### Area A-1

Bro. Edward E. Tourje,  
P.D.D.G.M.

### Area A-2

Bro. Edward O. Weisser,  
R.W.Jr.G.W.

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P.M.

### Area B-2

Bro. Terry D. Bentzel,  
D.D.G.M.

### Area C-1

Bro. Glenn W. Olsen,  
P.M.

### Area C-2

Bro. Everett J. Elliott  
P.D.D.G.M.

### Secretary to the Committee

Bro. Jonathan D. Schau

## 1990 Dates for School of Instruction Sectional Meetings

|                |            |                |              |
|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| March 3, 1990  | Pittsburgh | April 21, 1990 | Williamsport |
| March 10, 1990 | McKeesport | April 28, 1990 | Philadelphia |
| March 17, 1990 | New Castle | May 3, 1990    | Meadville    |
| March 24, 1990 | Indiana    | May 12, 1990   | Mount Union  |
| March 31, 1990 | Harrisburg | May 19, 1990   | Scranton     |
| April 7, 1990  | Kane       |                |              |



# Bro. Edward O. Weisser Is Installed R. W. Junior Grand Warden



Bro. Edward O. Weisser, P.M.  
R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, P.M. and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District was elected to the Station of R. W. Junior Grand Warden at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on December 6, 1989.

Brother Weisser was born in Langhorne, Pennsylvania on August 25, 1936, and has been a resident of the Bucks County area his entire life. He was educated in the Lower Moreland School District, received an Associate of Science Degree from York College in 1958, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Cheyney University in 1960 and was awarded the Degree of Master of Education from Temple University in 1966.

He is a member of Langhorne United Methodist Church, where he has been a Church School Teacher, the Chairman of Education and is presently serving as a Trustee.

Bro. Weisser has been very diversified in his vocations. He has been employed in the construction trade, as well as with the Neshaminy School District as a teacher for eleven years. He had owned and operated a family campground for fourteen years, and is currently the vice president and secretary for Eastern Dawn Mobile Home Park, Inc.

A biography of our new Junior Grand Warden would not be complete without mentioning his profound interest in music. Bro. Weisser has marched in the Mummers' Parade on New Year's Day for

forty-three years. He plays the accordion for the Greater Kensington String Band of which he has been a member since 1954. He has served as president and treasurer, and currently serves as the Business Manager for the Band. In addition, he is a Past Treasurer of the Philadelphia String Band Association. His other hobbies include skiing, hunting and boating.

In Freemasonry, Bro. Weisser is a member and Past Master of Newtown Lodge No. 427. He served as Master in 1972. He has also served his Lodge as Representative in the Grand Lodge and as Youth Representative. He is also a Past President of the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall Association.

He served his District as District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District for ten years from 1973 until 1983, and as Regional Director of Project SOLOMON II from 1985 until 1989. He is also a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

In the York Rite, Bro. Weisser is a member of Abington Royal Arch Chapter No. 245, where he has just completed his term as Most Excellent High Priest. Further, he is a member of Philadelphia Council No. 11, Royal and Select Masters and Mizpah Commandery No. 96, Knights Templar.

Bro. Weisser is a member of the George Washington Scottish Rite bodies, Valley of Abington, where he is the Senior Warden in the Chapter of Rose Croix. In his other Masonic endeavors, Bro. Weisser is a member of Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and serves on their Youth Committee. Further, Bro. Weisser is a member of the Delaware Valley High Twelve Club No. 593 and the Philalethes Society.

He is married to Barbara E. Banks, and they are the parents of two daughters, Robyn Jeanne and Kim Michele. Robyn, a graduate of Mansfield University is a teacher in the Pennsbury School District, and Kim, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College is a management trainee at the First National Bank of Newtown. Bro. Weisser also has a twin, Bro. William W. Weisser.



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## The Grand Master's Family



Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master and family: Phyllis, his wife, and his two daughters, Karen (left) and Cheryl (right).

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master has been married for twenty-four

years to Phyllis LaJean Lamson of New Castle, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stoner was graduated from the Pennsylvania State University and is a Registered Dietitian. She is very active in the Grand Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters, and is also the Editor of the *J. D. Connection*, a newsletter for Job's Daughters.

Bro. and Mrs. Stoner are the parents of two girls, Karen Elizabeth and Cheryl Lynn. Karen, 20, is a junior at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in the Department of International Studies. She is a member of the International Order of Job's Daughters, and was Miss Job's Daughter in 1987 and 1988.

Their second child, Cheryl, is in the seventh grade at the Centerville Junior High School. She is active in sports, and is also a member of Job's Daughters. She is first bass violinist for the Youth Orchestra of Lancaster County.

## Datestone Is Laid At The Homes

By Bro. Jonathan D. Schau



Full Masonic ceremonies were held on September 22, 1989 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for the laying of the Datestone of the new Independent Living Community. The afternoon's proceedings began at 3:30 p.m. with over eighty future residents, the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance.

The Datestone ceremony, which was originally scheduled to be held at the actual construction site, was moved in-

doors due to the inclement weather and for the convenience of all those in attendance. The ceremony was followed by a brief slide and video presentation which enabled those present to view the progress at the actual site. The ceremony was followed by a dinner hosted by Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master. At the dinner, the Committee on Masonic Homes and their wives hosted tables for the members of the new community.

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