

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M. Receives Franklin Medal



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With these words, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M. was awarded the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal at the March 1990 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. The elected Line Officers who are charged with choosing the recipients of the Medal, agreed that his work in so many areas of this Fraternity during his term of office and throughout his life, made Bro. Kurtz a prime candidate for this, the highest honor bestowed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Commissioned by Bro. Walter P. Wells, R.W.P.G.M. in 1979, a total of twenty-two Franklin Medals have been awarded to date. It is awarded to members of the Fraternity for their outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry in general, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular. The Medal itself is a solid oval of 18 karat gold with a profile of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, suspended from a ribbon of purple velvet. Recipients who are not already members of Grand Lodge automatically become Honorary Members upon receipt of the Franklin Medal.

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of their Work



The capstone to the work of renovating Aurora Lodge No. 523 in Jermyn has taken the form of a new sign that has been crafted by one of the Brethren. Bro. William A. Buckingham, Jr., P.M., creator of the sign, presented and installed it with the help of Bro. Raymond W. Rood, P.M. and Bro. Timothy R. Noldy, Master.

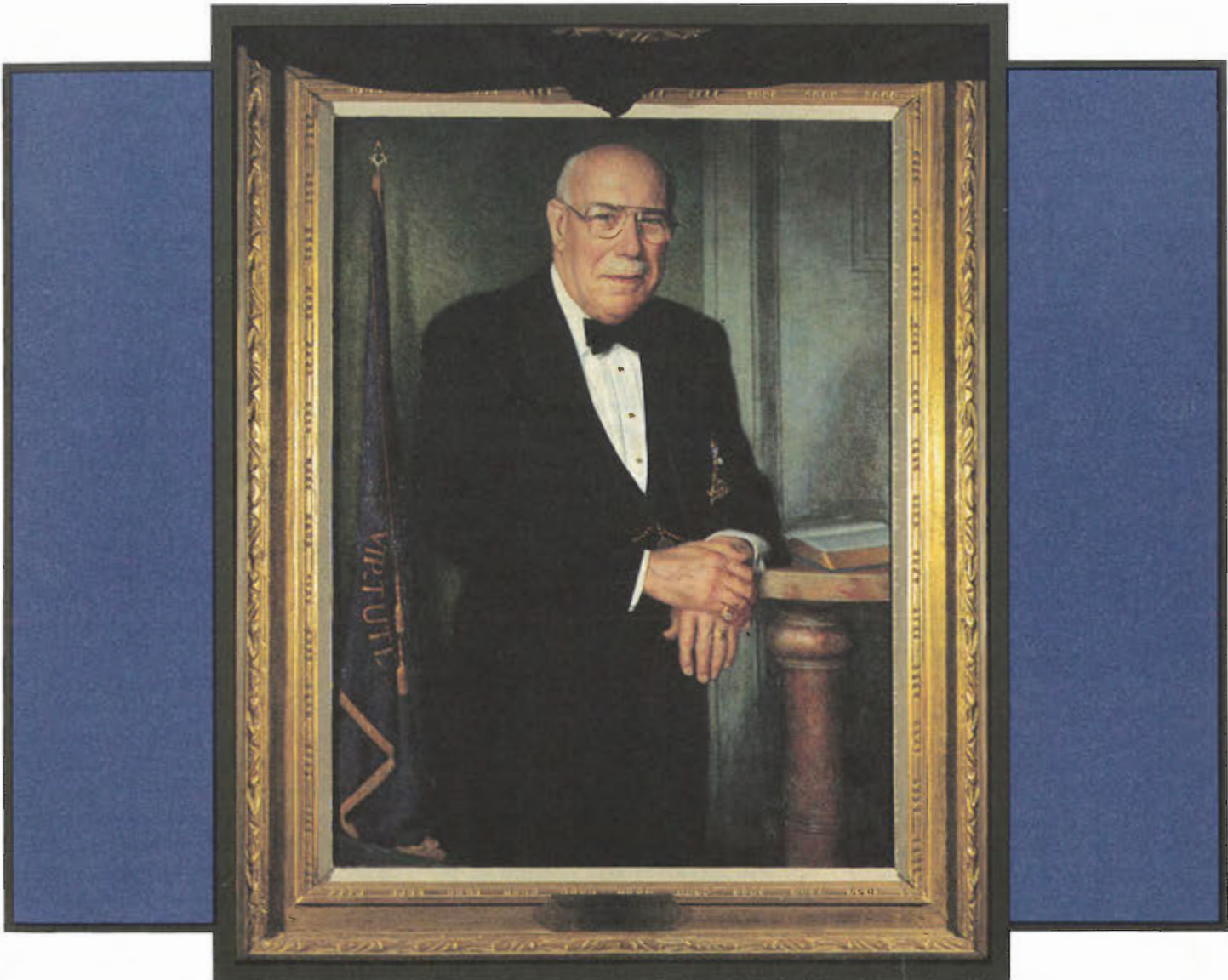
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In Memoriam:

Bro. William A. Carpenter  
R. W. Grand Master 1984-1985



Bro. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary has died at the age of 75. Born in Chester, Pennsylvania in 1915, and educated in the Chester public schools, he later earned a certificate in Liberal Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, and a certificate in Graphic Arts from Princeton.

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# The Grand Master Speaks...



Brethren:

I want to express my pleasure with, and appreciation for, the work being performed by everyone on the Masonic Awareness Program. The effort and co-operation being put forth by the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Lodge Officers has been exemplary. The feed-

back we've been getting in terms of inquiries into the Fraternity by non-members, as well as questions being asked by members, show that the awareness of Freemasonry is on the rise. Our Fraternity can only benefit from these inquiries.

Likewise, the response to the Grand Master's Scholarship Fund has been most impressive. I cannot stress enough the importance of Freemasons becoming involved with the education of our children. Just as Masons are keeping the promise of America, so our youth holds the promise of tomorrow.

Progress on the computerization of Lodge records and the revised audit reports continues, and we hope to present this new development to you very soon. This streamlining of what have been very time-consuming procedures in the past will save a lot of time in terms of man hours for the Officers and, therefore the Lodge itself in the preparation of

these very necessary reports. Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is definitely looking well to the next century.

I am particularly enthused about the recent signing of contracts to renovate completely the Masons Care Facility. Certain areas of the present structure will be completely demolished. Some of the rebuilding and renovations will include the use of recycled materials from the sections removed. These renovations will make the Masons Care Facility one of the most up-to-date Geriatric care units in the country. Care for our aged is one of the great traditions of Freemasonry, and as we look well to the future, so must we heed those who have made the future possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*W. Scott Stoner*

Bro. W. Scott Stoner,  
R. W. Grand Master



Bro. Carpenter received the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal just a short while before he passed on. Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M. was visited by Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Grand Master and several other Grand Lodge Officers. These Brethren had made the trip to Bro. Carpenter's home in Upland, Pennsylvania so that Bro. Stoner might personally award and congratulate his good friend and Brother of long standing.

## In Memoriam, continued

Bro. Carpenter was raised a Master Mason in Chester Lodge No. 236 in 1947 and served as Master of that Lodge in 1953, as Treasurer in 1954 and 1955 and as Secretary from 1956 until 1973. In 1948 he served as Secretary to the Centennial Committee of Chester Lodge and helped to publish that Lodge's Centennial Book.

In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. Carpenter had served in numerous capacities. He was a member of the old Committee on Masonic Culture for twenty-five years, he founded and edited this magazine and was Librarian and Curator throughout the 1960's. He was assigned to the Grand Master's staff in 1970 and 1971, he also served as Director of Masonic Education in 1972 and 1973. He was appointed and installed R. W. Grand Secretary, serving in that capacity from 1974 until 1979 when he was elected and installed R. W. Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Carpenter served our Grand Lodge as R. W. Grand Master in 1984 and 1985.

In York Rite Freemasonry, he was a member of Chester Royal Arch Chapter

No. 258, Riblah Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 59 and Chester Commandery No. 66. In addition to this, Bro. Carpenter was a charter member of Delval Council No. 60, Allied Masonic Degrees and held memberships in both the Grand College of Rites and in Erin Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Further, he was a member of the Pennsylvania College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis and The Philalethes Society. A corresponding member of the Missouri Lodge of Research, Bro. Carpenter's connections with some of the more academic Masonic organizations were extensive. He was an Associate Member of the Ohio Lodge of Research and served for four years as the Executive Secretary of the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries, which Conference he was instrumental in starting.

In the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he was the Exemplar in a class of almost three hundred candidates who received the 32nd Degree in December of 1955 in the Valley of Philadelphia. Later, he

served as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix through 1966 and 1967. He was also Contributing Editor of the Valley Bulletin for several years. In Boston, in 1969, Bro. Carpenter was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in a class that included Red Skelton. A member of LuLu Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., he was made a Tall Cedar-at-Sight in Penn Forest No. 21, Chester.

His awards, honors and citations within the Fraternity were also numerous. He was the recipient of the Christopher Champlin Medal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor and the Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Shortly before Bro. Carpenter died, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master awarded him the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal. He was also named Mason-of-the-Year by both the Keystone Club of Chester and by Richmond Lodge No. 230.

Bro. Carpenter's military service was

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### MAY 1990

- 2 Lodge No. 805,  
25th Anniversary, Kittanning
- 6 National Quester Convention
- 11 Spring Reunion,  
Valley of Bloomsburg, A.A.S.R.
- 12 Lodge No. 582,  
100th Anniversary, Dravosburg
- 12 Spring Reunion,  
Valley of New Castle, A.A.S.R.
- 18-19 Speaker, Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R.
- 20-23 Grand Commandery of Knights Templar,  
Erie
- 25 Committee on Masonic Homes,  
Elizabethtown
- 31-June 3 Annual Convention,  
Tall Cedars of Lebanon,  
Ocean City, Maryland

### JUNE 1990

- 6 June Quarterly Communication,  
Philadelphia, Masonic Temple
- 9 Lodge No. 804,  
25th Anniversary, New Wilmington

- 16 Lodge No. 353,  
125th Anniversary, Oxford
- 21-22 Session, Job's Daughters,  
Seven Springs
- 23 Lodge No. 358,  
125th Anniversary, Somerset
- 29-30 Council of Deliberation, Seven Springs

### JULY 1990

- 2 Imperial Shrine, Chicago
- 21 Order of DeMolay,  
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes,  
Elizabethtown
- 28 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting,  
Elizabethtown

### AUGUST 1990

- 11 Masonic Congress Meeting, Patton Campus
- 24 Committee on Masonic Homes,  
Elizabethtown
- 25 Donegal Masonic Hall Association  
Dedication of Lodge Room and  
Cornerstone Laying

also distinguished. After entering the Army Air Corps in 1941, he was assigned to the Pentagon as a Cryptographic Technician.

His involvement in civic and religious organizations was equally distinguished, including work with the visually impaired. He was a lay preacher in the Baptist faith in various churches and served in local, state and national positions in the Christian Endeavor Society.

Never far removed from the publishing industry in anything he did, Bro. Carpenter started early in that field by establishing a newspaper route at the age of 14, the year the Stock Market crashed. Immediately following this, he began working in the composing room of *The Chester Times*. He left this in 1939 to work for the *Journal-Every Evening* newspaper in Wilmington, Delaware, where he worked until he became Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge. Later, this background in letters stood him in good stead when, as Grand Master, he wrote *The Exemplar: A Guide*

*To A Mason's Actions*, and became known as one of the most prolific Masonic officers of this Grand Lodge in recent times.

He dedicated this book to Dorothy Roberts Carpenter, his "first wife and... Masonic Widow par excellence." Sometime during almost fifty years of marriage, he nicknamed her "Wally." He never explained why, but the dictionary defines "wally" as meaning excellent, fine, ample, robust or jolly. All of these appellations are appropriate.

Bro. Carpenter, survived by his wife, Dorothy, and by his brother, Bro. George T. Carpenter, and his sister, Mrs. Margaret E. Cornell, was buried in the Glenwood Memorial Gardens in Broomall, Pennsylvania. The Masonic Service was conducted by Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master. May the Grand Architect of the universe have him in His Holy keeping.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate,  
R.W.P.G.M.





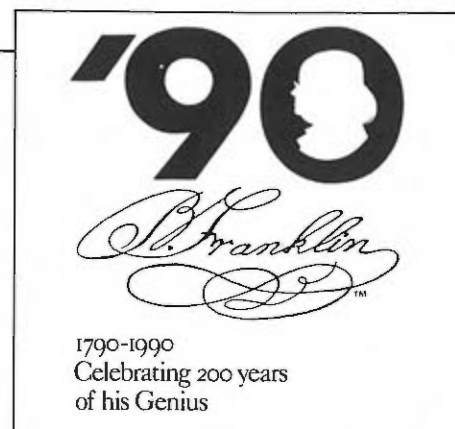
# Items from Our Library and Museum

## The Franklin Exhibit

January 17, 1990, the 284th birthday of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, marked the opening of the exhibition "Benjamin Franklin: A Freemason For All Reasons," which will be on view for an indefinite period of time in the Benjamin Franklin Reception Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Commemorating the bicentennial of his death, the exhibit celebrates Bro. Franklin's life as a true child of the Enlightenment, the eighteenth century philosophy of which optimistically believed in the perfectibility of man living in this, as Bro. Voltaire put it, "the best of all possible worlds." Freemasonry is a direct offshoot of this philosophy. Bro. Franklin was a Citizen of the World and a Craftsman in all senses of the word,

but especially as a printer and Freemason.

On exhibit are commemorative objects such as medallions, ceramics and graphics, most of which bear Bro. Franklin's likeness, as well as documents such as a land patent and his calling card signed by him. One of the Library's prized possessions is also on display: A copy of the first Masonic book published in America, Franklin's printing of Anderson's *Constitutions* of 1723 published in Philadelphia in 1734, the year Bro. Franklin became Grand Master. In addition, the scale model of the statue by Joe Brown, "Benjamin Franklin, Craftsman" which stands across Broad Street from the Masonic Temple and at the Masonic Homes, is here for all to



enjoy.

Perhaps by the time you read this, the loan Exhibition furnished by the National Headquarters of the Order of DeMolay in Kansas City will have arrived and been set up in the Grand Banquet Hall for everyone's edification and enjoyment.



# Notes and Queries



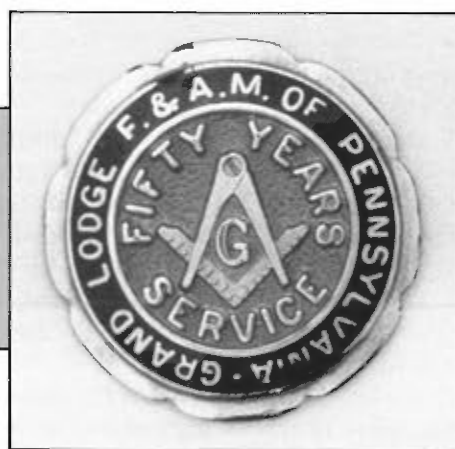
Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., Librarian and Curator

## TIME TO CELEBRATE THE CELEBRATION:

### The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Fifty Year Pin

When one of our Past District Deputy Grand Masters brought to my attention the Anniversary of the Fifty Year Pin, I thought this might be of interest to all of the Brethren.

The Fifty Year Pin



It was in early 1940 that the then R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Brehm, directed the R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthew Galt, Jr., to obtain the names and addresses of all the members of the Craft within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who had been "in Good Standing" for fifty years or more. The results of the survey showed that, in 1940, nearly fourteen hundred Brothers had reached this goal.

All of the Grand Lodge Officers agreed

that these Brethren should receive Fifty Year emblems, and a resolution to this effect was approved on June 5th, 1940. This beautiful and significant emblem of gold was designed by the Grand Lodge Officers at the time. This lapel pin is a visible token of Fraternal love and grateful appreciation for those Brethren achieving this high point in their Masonic lives. At the end of 1989 there had been 55,274 of these meaningful pins awarded to our Brothers.

## Past Grand Treasurer Receives Chapel of Four Chaplains Award



Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W.P.G.T.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W.P.G.T. has received the Chapel of Four Chap-

lains Humanitarian Award. This award, one of the highest given by the Chapel, is awarded in recognition of an individual's life of service to others in a role of high visibility and great responsibility.

The Chapel found Bro. Diamond's service to have been exemplary. A spokesman for the Chapel, in summarizing the reasons Bro. Diamond had been invited to receive the award, stated that his leadership and service in both the business community and in the field of engineering has earned him high praise from community leaders. His devotion to the Masonic youth groups has also benefitted many.

Bro. Diamond received the award for his life of service, integrity and devotion which have espoused the teachings of our Fraternity.

## More Light



Front row, left to right: Bros. Charles H. Detweiler, D.D.G.M.; Alexander Stewart, P.M.; Bro. Larry Keener and James W. Schott, D.D.G.M.

Back row, left to right: Bros. Larry W. Lauver, Sr.W.; Keith D. Sutton, Master and Lane P. Smith, Jr.W.

On February 15th, 1990, an Extra Meeting of Friendship Lodge No. 247 in Mansfield was held in which Bro. Larry Allen Keener received his First Degree in Freemasonry. Not such an unusual occurrence, except when one takes into consideration the fact that Bro. Keener is blind, and that he received his Degree from Bro. Alexander Stewart, P.M. of Pulaski Lodge No. 216 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania's only blind Past Master. The two Brothers had become acquainted with each other while Bro. Keener was working for the Department of Transportation in the Harrisburg area.

## Grandfather Installs Grandson as Worshipful Master



William-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, F.&A.M., Bro. Rick S. Freedman, W.M. and Bro. Morris Sweed, P.M.

On December 21, 1989, Bro. Morris Sweed, P.M. of William-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, performed a Masonic task he never dreamed could ever happen. He had the great honor of installing his grandson, Bro. Rick S. Freedman, as Worshipful Master of their Lodge.

Bro. Sweed entered, crafted, and raised Bro. Freedman in 1984, and since then has learned to confer all three Degrees, before serving as Junior Warden in 1988. While Bro. Sweed was in all his glory, as he conferred the Worshipful Master's Obligation, Egyptian Hall was filled with Past Masters, as they also wanted to be a part of this unique occasion.

The evening was a very moving experience for grandfather and grandson, one that neither one will ever forget.

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## March Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, March 7, 1990, at 7 o'clock, 16 minutes, P.M., at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Almost five hundred Brethren attended.

Following the usual opening ceremonies, the proposed Full Codes of By-Laws of nine Lodges, and the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of six Lodges were received, and the resolution to change the name of Solomon-Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 231 to Solomon Lodge No. 231 was adopted. Reports were then received from seven separate Committees.

Following this, the R. W. Grand Secretary read the membership statistics for the Masonic Year ending St. John's Day, 1989. It shows a total membership of 179,660 Brethren. There was a net loss of 3,744 members.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. and General Counsel for Grand Lodge, presented three Resolutions, two relative to Grand Lodge property, and one relative to Phase I of the reformation of the Masonic Health Care Center. The R. W. Grand Secretary then read the deaths, resignations and appointments in Grand Lodge since the Annual Grand Communication.

## December Annual Grand Communication Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Annual Grand Communication on St. John's Day, 1989. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., in the Main Auditorium of the Zembo Shrine Temple in Harrisburg. There were present 725 members representing 214 Lodges, along with thirty-three distinguished guests and visitors from fifteen other Grand Jurisdictions, and nine Masonic bodies. Bro. B. Hope Harrison, M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland delivered remarks on behalf of these other distinguished Brethren.

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M. then delivered his final address to the Brethren. He thanked all those who had helped, aided and assisted him throughout his term as Grand Master. He characterized his two years in the Grand East as a "mountain top experience."

Following this, the new Grand Lodge Officers were duly installed in their re-

Relative to this, Bro. Orville Kimmel, R.W.P.G.M. presented a eulogy in memory of Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R.W.P.G.S. who had died in December of last year. A eulogy in memory of Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M., R.W.P.G.S. was then read by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Carpenter died on January 12, 1990.

With great pleasure the Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, awarded Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M. the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal for his distinguished service to our Grand Lodge.

Following the introduction to the body of the open Grand Lodge of the eight new District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Master was pleased to accept almost \$30,000 in contributions to our various charities and foundations.

Just prior to the closing remarks, the Grand Master spoke briefly on the Masonic Awareness Program. The June Quarterly Communication to be held on June 6, 1990 at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia at 7:00 p.m. was then announced. Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at a few minutes before 9:30 p.m.

spective Stations. After the installation, Bro. Raymond L. Fetter offered a prayer on behalf of the newly installed Brethren. Bro. Kurtz was presented with the accoutrements of a R. W. Past Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas R. Dougherty, M.W.P.G.M. of New Jersey and Director of the Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Program, made presentations to both Bro. Kurtz and to Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, which has been designated "Masonic Lodge of the Year."

After these presentations, the newly installed Grand Master delivered his inaugural address. In it, he detailed his planned program, "Masons: Keeping the Promise of America." A copy of the entire address was printed in the last issue of this magazine.

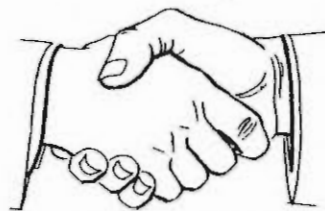
Due to the absence of Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Stoner then announced his intentions to per-

## Letter Perfect

Trophies were awarded at the 29th District School of Instruction, McKeesport Sectional Meeting on February 24, 1990. The trophies, given in recognition of the perfection of the work and not intended to single out any Brethren exclusively, were awarded to:

Bro. Jeff Marcischak	.....	Master
Bro. Randy Granes	.....	Sr.W.
Bro. James Howard	.....	Jr.W.
Bro. Donald Keener	.....	Sr.D.
Bro. Edward P. Leisman	.....	Jr.D.
Bro. James Bennet	.....	Sr.M.C.
Bro. Larry Delaney	.....	Jr.M.C.
Bro. John Rockovich	.....	Pursuivant
Bro. Edward J. Leisman	...	Secretary
Bro. Carl Eiler	.....	Chaplain
Bro. Theodore Gross	.....	Guide
Bro. Harry Wilson	.....	Candidate
Bro. Carl W. Brown	.....	Principal
Bro. William Jones	.....	Assistant Principal

These Brethren won the award for the most proficient work in the Fellowcraft Degree in the Western Region.



sonally present Bro. Carpenter with the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal at Bro. Carpenter's home in the near future.

Bro. Stoner introduced the guest speakers, Bro. Francis G. Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R.N.M.J., and Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr., M.W.P.G.M. of Oklahoma and Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Following their remarks, contributions to our various foundations and funds totaling more than \$25,000 were gratefully accepted.

Bro. Stoner announced that the upcoming March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would be held Wednesday, March 7, 1990, in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at quarter past 2:00 o'clock P.M.

## December Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at 10:06 o'clock, A.M., at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. More than 870 Brethren attended.

After the usual opening ceremonies, favorable action was had on eight Amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon*. Following this, the following Brethren were duly elected to serve our Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year:

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. Weisser	R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Bro. Marvin G. Speicher	R. W. Grand Treasurer

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

Seven Brethren were also elected to serve on the Committee on Masonic Home for the ensuing Masonic Year. The proposed Full Codes of By-Laws of seventeen Lodges and the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of thirty-four Lodges were received. Three Lodge mergers were also announced.

Reports were received from the Committees on Appeals; By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Education; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; Temple, Youth Activities and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Project SOLOMON II gave its final report, following which the R. W. Grand Master awarded eight Brethren Throat Medallions.

Following the presentation of Resolutions concerning excess funds presented by Bro. John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. and General Counsel for Grand Lodge, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.G.S. made four motions to accept the 1990 Budgets for the operation of Grand Lodge, the Masonic Homes, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

After the deaths reported in Grand Lodge and the reading of new appointments since our last Quarterly Communication, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to accept contributions to our various foundations, funds and associations of almost \$90,000.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at a minute before three o'clock that afternoon.

## Help-A-Brother Committee Inspires Feelings Of Brotherhood By Bro. William C. Shadow

The Charge at Initiation teaches us that we have an obligation to mankind as well as to our Brethren in Masonry; that we should not sit down satisfied while others are in need. Because of the "Help-A-Brother Committee" of West Shore Lodge No. 681, over twenty-five Masons are on their feet and meeting that obligation every day.

Bro. Kenneth G. Puller, P.M., who founded it, explains the purpose and operations of the Committee. "The 'Help-A-Brother Committee' has a simple and straightforward purpose. To help our older Brothers and widows of Brothers who are in ill health . . . maintain their dignity and independence, and continue to live in the homes they worked so hard to earn."

Puller continued, "I noticed early in my year that a large majority of the Brethren were in their 60's, all were on fixed incomes and . . . in ill health. I also noticed that some of them were giving up their homes because they could no longer maintain them. I felt this was unfair, and that as Masons we could do something about it. . ."

The Committee is made up of several Masons who provide free labor. "We have plumbers, carpenters, masons, electricians . . . who will do a job as small as fixing a light socket . . . to repairing a septic system. We also provide lawn care and snow removal . . ." Puller said. "We can also provide . . . professional help if there is a need."

He said, "Regardless of the amount of work to be done . . . all labor is provided free of charge. The Brother requesting the help pays for any materials needed. If he is able, he can also make a donation to the Lodge Charity Fund, but this is not required, and all requests for help are kept strictly confidential."

Puller continued, "Any Lodge can take on a project like this, the key is to have a versatile Chairman who can estimate [the job] and then coordinate . . . the Committee to successfully complete the job. West Shore Lodge is very lucky in that respect because we have George Viguers."

Bro. Viguers counts himself lucky as he gets plenty of help on each job, so no

one has to work too hard and everyone gets a chance to fellowship. One Brother who has had lawn care assistance for two years says that a very close relationship grows up between the Brethren who do the work and those in need. "Sometimes I'll go out and try to do some of the work so the boys won't have so much to do. When they find I've done that, they give me heck! They tell me yard work is their job . . ." All the men agree that something important over and above the fun and fellowship happens as a result of the "Help-A-Brother Committee."

Bro. Viguers said, "You get great personal satisfaction in helping others . . ." He stated that one gets to meet older Brethren whom one would not otherwise meet. When the time is taken to talk to them, one hears a lot about "the old days." "It gives you a sense of history about the Lodge . . ." Bro. Puller concluded, "it gives you a special feeling. A feeling of family. It makes you a Brother in deed as well as in name."





## Masonic Health Care Center Renovation Contract Signed

Renovation contracts were signed on February 5, 1990, by R.W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, with the architectural firm of SFCS of Roanoke, Virginia, and Warfel Construction Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for Phase I of the multi-phase project. Work on the initial phase will start on June 1, 1990, with anticipated completion in March of 1991. This phase will include the relocation of all utilities coming into the Masonic Health Care Center, the relocation of dining room space in the Masons Care Building, and the transfer of the diet kitchen to the ground floor of the Masons Care Building. This will allow Masons Care residents to have dining on their floor without the necessity of taking an elevator to their dining room three times a day.

The Committee on Masonic Homes has been in the process of reviewing the renovation, remodeling, and expansion of the Masonic Health Care Center to meet the future needs of the Fraternity since 1987. In 1988, after additional re-



Masonic Health Care Center

view and refinement, a Master Plan was developed consisting of five phases. The entire project is estimated to take seven to eight years for completion. The overall purpose of this project is to bring all of the existing buildings up to or exceeding the code standards and to meet the Masonic commitment to provide the continuum of services to the elderly into the next century.

The Masonic Health Care Center was constructed in various phases starting in 1915 with the laying of the cornerstone of the original forty bed Philadelphia Free

Masons Memorial Hospital. The East Wing, containing seventy beds, along with the West Wing with fifty-five beds, were both added in 1922. The largest addition, the North Wing, was completed in 1956. It contained 105 beds and cost in excess of \$1,250,000. A new modern 116 bed intermediate care facility, the Masons Care Building, was designed and construction started in the late summer of 1971 with completion and dedication in 1973. Ground was broken for the Benjamin Franklin Building on October 24, 1976, as a part of the Bi-Centennial Celebration and the dedication ceremonies took place on June 25, 1977.

The Master Plan calls for the modification of the current services provided within the 482 bed facility. Upon completion of all phases the Masonic Health Care Center will contain 450 skilled and intermediate care beds plus 102 beds in the new Personal Care Facility. A total of seventy new beds will be added in order to meet the increased needs of the Fraternity.

## Masonic Homes Independent Living Community on Schedule



Phase I Apartments



2 Bedroom Cottage



Clubhouse Entrance

## Family Volunteers At The Masonic Homes



The Hoover family visits with resident Bro. William Rightmeyer.

Scott and Sandy Hoover and their six children — Jona 13, Jared 12, Judah 10, Jason 8, Jozlyn 6, and Josiah 4 — exemplify the true meaning of masonry through their volunteer work at the Masonic Homes. The family regularly volunteers through the Department of Spiritual and Resident Services at the

Homes. Their volunteer work includes regular visitations to many of the residents. Mrs. Hoover is also a favorite soloist for Sunday services at the Sell Chapel.

Sandy Hoover shares that the family began volunteering four years ago after participating in a resident visitation program at the Homes with Eastern Star. The family has learned a lot about the visitation needs of the residents from Pastor Charles H. Lacquement, Director of the Department of Spiritual and Resident Services.

The Hoovers regularly visit twelve residents. They keep track of all the birthdays and note any information the residents share which will help in future visits. The children are quick to share stories of favorite visits with residents. They tell about the time they brought

their puppy along to visit or the visit when they brought foil balloons to share. The Hoovers also tell about the visit when they brought their camera so that the residents and family could have pictures to remember the visit.

In addition to their volunteer work at the Masonic Homes, the Hoover family is very active in Masonic organizations. Mr. Hoover is an active member of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, and Mrs. Hoover is Worthy Matron of Robert Fulton Assembly No. 446, Order of the Eastern Star. The Hoover's oldest daughter, Jona, is Recorder for Job's Daughters Bethel No. 14 Quarryville.

The staff and residents of the Masonic Homes salute the Hoover family for their dedication and commitment to their volunteer work. They are an integral part of the Masonic Homes family.

Due to the mild winter we experienced this year, the construction of the Independent Living Community is on schedule. As you can see by the pictures, the roof is being put on the clubhouse and the apartments in Phase I. The cottages are under roof and the drywall is now hung.

Construction of the Phase II apartments is well underway. The favorable weather conditions have allowed us to proceed with the placement of footers and foundations for Phase III ahead of schedule.

There will be terrace units available in Phase II and Phase III which will allow you to sit on your terrace and enjoy the outside beauty of the grounds surrounding the community.

Now that Spring is around the corner, there has been much activity at the model

units with individuals touring the models and the site. With the completion of the road around the community, the staff of the Independent Living Community is now able to take residents and their families who have reserved units, along with other interested individuals, to the site to observe the progress of the buildings.

There are still a few units available in Phase I which will be completed in the Fall of this year. Many individuals are also starting to reserve units in Phase II and Phase III which will be completed in the early and late Spring of 1991, respectively.

Plan now to visit us and choose the unit in Phase II or Phase III that best fits your needs and life-style while you have a complete selection of attractive units from which to choose.

Enjoy the convenience and comfort of living in a community where you can...

- shop in our "Country Store" for groceries, sundries, cards, etc.
- do your banking without leaving the grounds.
- visit our beauty and barber shop.
- work out in our exercise room.
- enjoy a novel from our library.
- work on a project in our wood-working shop or one of our craft rooms.
- dine from a menu in our beautifully decorated dining room overlooking a meticulously landscaped courtyard.

**Don't wait any longer!** Become one of the first to experience this new concept of living at the Masonic Homes. Join your Masonic friends and become a member of our truly beautiful Masonic community.





## Drug and Alcohol Foundation



Bro. Hiram P. Ball and Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, both R. W. Past Grand Masters and Dr. Ken Ramsey with the plaque.

Since 1986, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has generously supported the efforts of Gateway Rehabilitation Center to address the needs of children of addicted parents. Gateway's highly qualified, dedicated staff of treatment professionals has designed an educational and therapeutic program for children which focuses on addiction as a disease.

By employing various therapeutic

techniques such as play therapy, art therapy and role playing, young children are able to learn that they are not responsible for a parent's addiction. Children are taught to acknowledge and understand their feelings and to identify safe ways to deal with these feelings. In addition, GRC staff attempt to start the children on a path of behavior which may help deter them from using drugs or alcohol later in life.

Our support has assisted Gateway to staff their children's program and provide staff training on issues pertinent to treatment of children; purchase furniture, equipment, supplies, materials and videotapes for educational and therapy purposes; offer treatment for the younger child; initiate therapy groups for parents during their treatment which focus on parenting skills and provide extended children's and parenting skills and educational sessions.

Recently, our financial support and commitment to Gateway was formally

commemorated with a bronze plaque to be displayed in the Children's Area of Gateway's Family House. Dr. Ken Ramsey, GRC President/CEO, presented the plaque to Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. R.W.P.G.M. and Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M. and offered his gratitude, on behalf of the GRC Board of Directors, for our continuing interest. The plaque's inscription holds special meaning for both Gateway and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children:

*"This children's activity area was made possible through the generosity and continuing financial support of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. Gateway is grateful for the commitment of the Masonic Fraternity to better quality of life for children and is pleased to work with them to achieve our common goal."*

## Artifacts Donated to Shiloh Lodge



Accepting on behalf of Shiloh Lodge are (left to right): Bro. Matthew D. Dupee, Master; Miss Helena Hoult; Bro. Donald P. Burkart, P.M., Secretary; Bro. James F. Logan, Jr., Senior Warden.

Miss Helena C. Hoult of North Wales, Pennsylvania has presented a portrait and two silk hats used by her grandfather, Bro. David Henry Hoult, P.M., who was Warrant Junior Warden of Shiloh Lodge No. 558 in Lansdale when it was constituted in 1882.

Bro. Hoult is considered to be a pioneer in the early days of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Born in England, he

sailed to America at the close of the Civil War with his wife of less than a year. Interestingly, Bro. Hoult was an operative stonemason. After performing work for the local railroad, which can still be seen, he went on to assist in the building of churches and other edifices in Philadelphia. In Lansdale, he built and owned several homes and stores. Many older citizens of Lansdale still remember him as the proprietor of a cigar and candy store.

Made a Mason in Fort Washington Lodge No. 308, he resigned from that Lodge to help, aid and assist in the forming of Shiloh Lodge. In recognition of this fact, Shiloh Lodge honored Bro. Hoult at its September 1897 Stated Meeting by constituting him, as well as the other surviving Charter Members, as the first Honorary Members of Shiloh Lodge.

Bro. Hoult died in 1917. His portrait now hangs in the Ante-Room of Shiloh Lodge. He left a legacy of being a prominent operative mason and a dedicated Speculative Craftsman as well.

## Bro. Thomas W. Jackson Elected President of Grand Secretaries Conference

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, has been elected and installed as the President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America. This Conference includes more than sixty Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Bro. Jackson is the first Pennsylvania Grand Secretary to assume this high position.

Bro. Jackson, whose election took place at the Conference held this year in Salt Lake City, has served as our Grand Secretary since 1979. In addition to this, he is a past presiding officer in twelve Masonic bodies. He is a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, and holds the York Rite Cross of Honor, as well as being a 33rd Degree Mason. The Grand Lodge congratulates Bro. Jackson on his election to this most responsible office.

## Masonic Education

Brethren:

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

We take great pleasure in announcing the opening of our new office in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. This is, to our knowledge, the first office in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dedicated solely to Masonic education and public relations. This office represents another step in the recent rededication of the Grand Lodge to Masonic education and public relations, with many steps yet to be taken.

Our official office name is "The Office of Masonic Education and Fraternal and Public Relations," or "MEFPR" for short. The Office is located on the lower level, Room No. 1, which was a former School of Instruction Room and, more recently, a Library and Museum office. Two dedicated Freemasons, Bro. Jonathan D. Schau, Manager and Secretary to the Committee, and Bro. William Forrest, Assistant Manager, administer the daily activities of the Office. These two Brethren stand ready, willing and able to serve you by telephone, by mail or in person when you visit the office. Please help keep them busy.

The goals of the Committee are many,

but three fundamental goals permeate all of our proposed undertakings:

1. To impart a knowledge of and an education in our Masonic history, traditions, charities, standards, precepts and examples.
2. To help a Brother, not just to recognize him, but genuinely appreciate our Brethren's talents, contributions and participation, and participation.
3. To remove our Masonic Light from beneath the proverbial bushel, and let it shine for all to see.

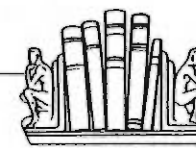
The Committee believes, very firmly, that our Craft has existed and has prospered for more than 270 years because its heritage and its precepts are etched in stone, and that it behooves each of us to "preserve and enhance" this Fraternity that was created for a Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God. Knowledge and education are not a guarantee of success, but the lack thereof is a guarantee of failure.

We have just completed, during the month of April, the first ever competition of Lodge programming in every Lodge in our Jurisdiction. At least it was intended for every Lodge. If your Lodge did indeed participate in our Program, we hereby express our most fraternal

congratulations and very best wishes as to the outcome of the competition. If your Lodge did not participate, we can assure you that you will have another opportunity next year, and we challenge you to get the message, "Hand in Hand Together" and success will crown our Masonic efforts.

Our Area, District and local Masonic Committee Meetings are taking place with more and more frequency, and with more and more substance. Progress is slow but deliberate, and we are sure that soon it can be like a ball rolling down a hill.

Bro. George H. Hohenschildt,  
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R.W.Jr.G.W.  
Co-chairman, A-2  
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Bro. Glenn W. Olsen,  
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Bro. Everett J. Elliott,  
P.D.D.G.M., C-2  
Bro. Jonathan D. Schau,  
Secretary to the Committee



## Traveling Display Has New Look

The popular Skyline Display that is available for Masonic and non-Masonic functions, fairs and the like, has been given new graphics in the form of titles and pictures. This high tech, completely portable display is good looking and very professionally done and can be, but does not have to be, used in the middle of an area so that both sides are utilized.

The new graphics include a banner-type masthead that reads, "WE ARE FREEMASONS," with the Square and Compasses on either side of it. Smaller titles that can be placed on the display

include, "MASONIC CHARITIES," with all of the various foundations that we support below it. The photographs include Freemasons performing their various day-to-day vocations. There are pictures of lawyers, craftsmen, the clergy and doctors. Other photographs include pictures of the Masonic Homes, The Museum of Our National Heritage, the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and a Masonic Lodge Room.

If you would like to use the display, simply request it in writing approximately one month prior to its use from:

Office of Masonic Education & Fraternal and Public Relations  
Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2598

Please state clearly that you are requesting the Skyline Display, how long you would like to use it, and please give a contact number where you can be reached. The individual requesting the display is responsible for picking it up at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, and for its return to the same place.



## In Memoriam: Bro. Ashby Blythe Paul, R.W.P.G.S.



Bro. Ashby Blythe Paul, R.W.P.G.S.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R.W.P.G.S. has died at the age of 93. Bro. Paul had served this Grand Lodge in the capacity of R. W. Grand Secretary for fifteen years from his appointment to that office by Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, R.W.P.G.M. in 1958 until 1973. He succeeded Bro. George A. Avery, R.W.P.G.S., and was succeeded by Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M., R.W.P.G.S. Born and educated in Philadelphia, Bro. Paul was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Civil Engineering.

A veteran of the First World War, Bro. Paul had attended the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Niagara. From

there he was sent overseas with the 23rd Engineers. Following the Armistice, Bro. Paul remained in France to assist in the rebuilding of the war-torn roadways. His education having been interrupted by the Great War, Bro. Paul returned to his studies and following his graduation, was employed by the Bell Telephone Company for nearly forty years when he retired to become R. W. Grand Secretary. As a Registered Civil Engineer, he had belonged to many engineering organizations, as well as many civic groups in both Philadelphia and in Harrisburg.

Bro. 'Ash' as he was affectionately known to many, was made a Mason in Preseverance Lodge No. 21 in the late 1920's. He served his Lodge as Master in 1940, and following that, as Trustee of the Lodge for many years. Bro. Paul was also a Past District Deputy Grand Master, having served the Second Masonic District for five years. As a former member of the old Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Bro. Paul contributed extensively to this magazine from its inception.

In the other Masonic bodies, he was a member of the York Rite, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Harrisburg,

where he had served as Commander-in-Chief in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Bro. Paul was also instrumental in the erection of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple in Harrisburg.

Bro. Paul received the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the Thirty-third Degree in 1946.

He was also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the Shrine where he was an Aide to several Potentates in Zembo Temple.

At his death on December 21, 1989, Bro. Paul was living in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania with his wife of almost seventy years, Alice Squire Paul. He is also survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bro. 'Ash' was a dedicated Grand Lodge Officer on a day to day basis, an active and vital member of the Craft for almost sixty years and a dedicated Mason withal. His genuine straightforwardness, strong personal discipline and unhesitating cordiality made him a well qualified Grand Lodge Officer, one whose influence will be long felt, and whose passing is cause for great sorrow within this Fraternity.

## More than 130 Years of Freemasonry



From left to right: Bros. Harold A. Burket, Secretary; Joseph N. Maddocks, recipient; Willis R. Edevane, Master; John G. Tate, Jr., recipient; Spencer W. Hauenstein, D.D.G.M.

Two Altoona Freemasons have received certificates from the Grand Lodge in recognition of their many years of membership in Logan Lodge No. 490. Bro. John G. Tate, Jr. received his certificate for sixty-five years of service, and Bro. Joseph N. Maddocks received his for sixty-seven years of work.

## Pennsylvania Mason Made Supreme Tall Cedar

Bro. Harold A. Gross of York Lodge No. 266 has been installed Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. Bro. Gross, is a member of York Forest No. 40, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He joined in 1946, four years after he was made a Mason, and is also a member of the Valley of Harrisburg. He has served in numerous Forest offices, in addition to having been the manager of the *Cedar Chips* magazine. Bro. Gross has also been extensively involved in non-Masonic youth groups, including the organization of local groups of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Bro. Gross is also active in the P.T.A. and the American Legion.



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



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

My Brethren:

*"I do not think you know my husband can't walk for six years. I am 81 years old and take care of him and also teach music for food money. He is very lonesome, couldn't you send someone to talk to him?"*

*"I am sorry but my husband is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's Disease since 1987. He never got as much as a card from any of his friends in your organization."*

*"My husband has been in a nursing home for nineteen months, he cannot*

*walk. It is very hard for me to keep a smile. Please send him a card. It may make him feel good."*

*"My father has been in a nursing home since 1987. As a member of all branches of the Masons [listed], I am both sorry and sad to inform you that my father has been totally forgotten. Not one card has he received. He was in the clown unit and donated generously. Now isn't it a shame a 25-cent postage stamp can't be used to make his day a bit nicer?"*

My Brethren, these are excerpts from letters received by our R. W. Grand Master in response to our charitable appeal. Isn't it sad? Perhaps it spells out clearly why we have difficulty today in attracting new members. Perhaps it is a delineating factor which separates us from Freemasonry of the past. Were we to analyze our responsibility to our Brethren as exemplified in the past versus today, it might be all we would need to define our problems and obtain our answers.

*"My former employer pays me a small pension. My spouse receives no pension. A small Social Security payment is her*

*only income. Circumstances and future doesn't look promising. My wife requires expensive medications. Enclosed is \$50 to help in operating the hospital and Homes. We know you need help."*

This is also a response from the same appeal, and perhaps reveals much of that which is good in our Fraternity. In the worst of times, there are those amongst us who think of others. Two types of responses: One exposing a weakness, the other a strength. Which do you want to look upon yourself as being a part?

My brother, never forget some day we might be lying in a nursing home and would want nothing more than a card or a visit from a Brother to brighten our day. In brightening the day of a Brother, we could very well be brightening our future.

*"There is a destiny  
that makes us brothers.  
None goes his way alone.  
All that we send  
into the lives of others  
comes back into our own."*

—Bro. Edwin Markham

## PHILADELPHIA June Quarterly Communication June 6, 1990

Name
Lodge No.
Address
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Telephone (Area Code)

Number of Meal Tickets Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send with coupon to:

**The Office of the Grand Master**  
The Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

## The Sturgeon Family of Freemasonry

On January 25, 1990, Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Jr. received his Third Degree in Oakdale Lodge No. 669. His First Degree was conferred by his father, Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Sr., P.M. His Second Degree was conferred by his uncle, Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Jr., P.M. His Third Degree was conferred by his other uncle, Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, D.D.G.M. of the 47th District. All of the Degree work was witnessed by the father of the three conferring officers, Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Sr., grandfather of the newly raised Brother.



Left to right: Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Jr., P.M., uncle of the new Mason and conferring officer of the Second Degree; Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Sr., grandfather of the new Mason; Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Jr., the new Mason; Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Sr., P.M., father of the new Mason who conferred the First Degree; Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, P.M. and District Deputy of 47th District, uncle of the new Mason also conferred the Third Degree.





## Youth Foundation

### Chapel Available for Private Use

Did you know that the William A. Carpenter Chapel at the Masonic Conference Center — Patton Campus is available for private religious ceremonies?

The following are eligible to use the Chapel, any Master Mason or his immediate family, a present or former member of a Masonic-related youth group, a Children's Home or Patton School Alumnus or immediate family member, or present employee of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Homes or Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Weddings, baptisms, confirmations or any similar ceremony may be held, as long as it is supervised by a Minister, Rabbi or other spiritual leader. For further information, contact the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

### Boundless Appreciation

Our young people and their adult leaders are grateful for the opportunity to use the Masonic Conference Center — Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. A recent sampling of letters received follows:

#### From a Youth:

*"... The accommodations were incredible and the food delicious. The girls could not believe the Masons were being so kind to them. They were most impressed with the generosity of the Masons. Thanks again for a great weekend."*

#### From an Adult:

*"... I am certainly impressed every time I visit the facilities at Patton, but more than being impressed, I am proud to be a Pennsylvania Mason, where we do take time to help, aid and assist our youth. Thank you again."*

### Homes Resident Provides Jewel

Through the hard work and generosity of Bro. William Rightmeyer, a resident of the Masonic Homes, the State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay has a new jewel of office. Brother Rightmeyer

contributed a substantial amount of money which he earned and saved from his craft work at the Masonic Homes. The jewel is a series of three 10 K gold drops which depict the emblem of the Order of DeMolay, the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the gavel of authority. The jewel has been attached to a collar of keystone-shaped links previously given to the State Association by the 36th Masonic District in honor of Brother William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M. The new jewel was needed when the position of Deputy State Master Councilor was created, adding the need for a sixth collar and jewel. In the photograph, Brother Rightmeyer presents the collar and jewel to DeMolay State Master Councilor David C. Santini, of California, Pennsylvania.



Seated: William Rightmeyer, Masonic Homes Resident; standing: David C. Santini, State Master Councilor.

### Lodge No. 22 Learns About Job's Daughters

Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, recently invited the Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania to exemplify some of their ceremonies following a Stated Meeting. The Daughters and Masons shared the fellowship of a roast beef dinner, and the Daughters performed their "Tribute to Master Masons" and "The Living Cross." The brethren asked questions about Job's Daughters, as this was a new

program to them. The nearest Job's Daughter Bethel is over 60 miles away. Attending were Miss Anna Wolgamuth, Miss Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania, and Miss Jennifer Gardner, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, along with girls from Bethel No. 14, Quarryville; Bethel No. 7, Columbia; Bethel No. 1, York; Bethel No. 19, Camp Hill; Bethel No. 17, Hershey; and Bethel No. 3, Greensburg. In the photograph, Worshipful Master Larry Conrad and his officers gather for a picture with the Daughters.



Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, invited Job's Daughters to a meeting to exemplify. Left to right: Kathy Brown, Honored Queen Bethel No. 7, Columbia, George Pautsch, Secretary, Dale Duval, Senior Warden, Larry Conrad, Worshipful Master, Robert Dorman, Junior Warden, Lamar Schreffler, Treasurer, David Diehl, Trustee, and Jennifer Clark, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 17, Hershey, along with other Job's Daughters from across the state.

### Syria Shrine Family Picnic

Syria Shrine Temple's Family Picnic to be held on August 3, 1990, will once again include all Masonic and Youth groups in western Pennsylvania. Held at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, the program will start at noon and end at 11:00 p.m. The day will be filled with fun, rides, food and entertainment. Masons and youth groups are encouraged to bring their friends, to show them what fraternal fellowship is all about! Display booths will be manned explaining the Youth Groups, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the Grand Lodge Masonic Awareness Program and the Shrine Hospitals. All-day ride tickets cost \$10.00. General admission costs \$1.50, if ordered in advance. For further information, contact Bill McCracken, at (412) 653-9400.

## Masonic Awareness Program Spreads Across Pennsylvania

After months of preparation, the Grand Lodge's state-wide Masonic Awareness Program has moved into action. "This is a major undertaking for both the Grand Lodge and all our Subordinate Lodges," states R. W. Grand Master W. Scott Stoner, who first announced the program at his installation on December 27. "Our goal is to let the people of Pennsylvania know who we are and what Masonry stands for."

"Taking as its theme, "Masons: Keeping the Promise of America," the Pennsylvania Masonic Awareness Program involves both Grand Lodge-wide activities and grass roots involvement by the 527 Subordinate Lodges. "Our ability to increase the visibility of our Fraternity throughout the state depends on the active, enthusiastic support of the Lodges," comments the Grand Master.

The first segment of the state-wide program took place this past March in newspapers across Pennsylvania. The campaign also included radio and television spots. "Covering the entire state with a limited budget is difficult," reports the Grand Master, who indicates that the results are now being evaluated in preparation for a second phase in October.



In order to involve the Subordinate Lodges, training sessions have been held for the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Subordinate Lodge officers and the Masonic Education chairman in Elizabethtown, Altoona, Allentown and Newcastle. A total of 397 Lodges were represented with a total attendance of over 1900. "The enthusiastic participation by so many of our Lodges and their leadership indicates to me that Masonic awareness is a top priority with Masons in Pennsylvania," comments the Grand Master.

"Our goal is to provide all the help possible so that our Lodges can develop appropriate local plans and activities in Masonic awareness," adds the Grand Master. "I hope both individual and groups of Lodges will take it upon themselves to air the radio spots and sponsor ads in their area newspapers." By combining the state-wide and local Masonic



Everyone requesting additional information about the Masonic Fraternity is sent a special brochure, which are also available for distribution by the Subordinate Lodges.

awareness activities, the program will make a significant impact.

Both the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Lodge Officers play key roles in responding to inquiries from those who want to know more about Masonry. Every person asking for information receives a personal letter from the Grand Master and a copy of the "We Stand with You" Brochure. In addition, news stories are being developed, including radio and television interviews with the Grand Master.

A 12-minute audio-visual presentation, "Men of Promise," is available for use by the Subordinate Lodges through the District Deputy Grand Masters. The production, which is designed for non-Masons, as well as members, is in both slide/tape and video formats. "Our goal is to take our Masonic message to as many people as possible, including service clubs, civic groups, and church organizations," states the Grand Master.

"Helping the public better understand our Fraternity will take time," summarizes R. W. Grand Master Stoner. "Our goals are not going to be achieved quickly or easily. But we are moving forward. We are taking the right steps — and that's what's important."



Three ads ran in newspapers across the state during the month of March. Each one stressed the communication of Masonic values to the public.