

By Bro. Dale K. Gemmill, P.M.



A close-up of Bro. Kell's work.

Bro. William J. Kell of Zeredatha Lodge No. 451 in York, a well-known coin cutter and medal designer has created a coin in appreciation of the camaraderie he has found in Masonry. The coin was presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania through Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M. The coin, depicting the Working Tools, was presented at a meeting of Bro. Kell's Lodge in January. He was initiated in Zeredatha Lodge in April of last year and was raised

The coin being presented by Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M.; Bro. James E. Geesey, Master and Bro. William J. Kell.

to the Sublime Degree in September of 1989.

Bro. Kell's craft involves the extremely difficult work of cutting away the back-

ground from a coin, leaving a vivid enhancement of the raised work of the piece which tends to look as though it were floating in mid-air. This "hobby" has earned him a national reputation as one of the finest cutters in the business. His works can be found at the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia, as well as in several museums. He has received "The Citation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" and a similar award from the State Senate, and has also received a letter of appreciation from former President Richard M. Nixon for his cutting of a metal paperweight with the President's likeness thereon.

He has designed special medals for the York Rite College; the Boy Scouts of America (on display at the National Scouting Museum); for Gilroy Roberts, known as the dean of metal sculptors and for Charles Segal, founder of the Franklin Mint. In addition to the coin presented to the Grand Lodge, he is in the process of designing a special coin for the 125th anniversary of his Lodge in 1994.

Bro. Kell's special collection of coins and medals is believed to be the largest privately owned collection of this kind of exceptional operative work of a Speculative Brother.

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The Grand Master Speaks...



I am pleased to announce that the newly developed Subordinate Lodge Accounting Program has been implemented. This system will greatly benefit the Lodges and will aid the Secretaries in the timely performance of their duties. The program will enable the Lodges to keep an accurate account of their finances, and will create a truly fiscally responsible Craft with very little effort. Special thanks go to Bro. Marvin G. Speicher, R. W. Grand Treasurer and to the Data Processing Department at the Masonic Temple for their effort in developing this program.

As many of you know, the Grand Master has his own flag. I have long considered having a flag designed for the Blue Lodges. This has been done, and the new Official Pennsylvania Masonic Flag was presented at our last Quarterly. A fuller description of it can be found elsewhere in this issue. The flag will be able to be displayed in the Lodge Room itself and around the community. Not

only will this inspire fraternal patriotism among the Brethren, but it will serve as yet another tool of Masonic awareness.

Wherever I travel, I sense the deep enthusiasm the Brethren have for the Masonic Awareness Program. Getting the Masonic message across is not always easy, and everyone from the Deputies to the Lodges and Brethren have performed remarkably well. One important area in which the success of the Program is manifesting itself is the participation of the Lodges and Brethren in community projects. I cannot emphasize enough how important this grass roots involvement is for all concerned.

Further, the Masonic Awareness Program has provided the opportunity for Masons to discuss Freemasonry with non-members in new, effective and vital ways. An informed public is our goal. Communication is our tool. The several radio and television interviews that I have had over the past six months have done their job of dispelling many mis-

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Brethren:

It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve as your one hundredth Grand Master. I never realized how quickly six months could pass, but it has indeed been a half year since I took office and I have many good things to report.

A New Masonic Flag is Adopted



Shown here with the new Masonic flag are (left to right) Bros. Thomas C. Librandi, Aide to the Grand Master and John W. Hisiro, Grand Steward.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has adopted an official flag for the use of all Masonic bodies within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, accepted the

first handmade flag as a gift from Bro. Thomas C. Librandi, Aide to the Grand Master, at the recent June Quarterly Communication.

The flag to be used by the Blue

Lodges, which is a bit different than the one presented in Grand Lodge, will consist of the Square and Compasses in white in the center of a blue field with a white border. An inscription "Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" in white letters will surround the Square and Compasses making it acceptable to all Masonic bodies. It is of all-weather material and is intended to be displayed within the Lodge Room as well as outside and around the community, such as in parades. A complete kit, that includes the flag, an oak staff and hardware, a Square and Compass finial with tassel and a flag stand, will be available to Blue Lodges and appendant bodies for about \$700 each. Those interested in purchasing a flag kit should contact the Office of the Grand Master at:

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Grand Master's Itinerary

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, Mount Joy

SEPTEMBER 1990

- 5 September Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, Masonic Temple
- 8 Lodge No. 580 100th Anniversary, Austin
- 15 Lodge No. 682 75th Anniversary, Elizabethtown
- 22 Lodge No. 357 125th Anniversary, Mahanoy City
- 23-26 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 28 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

OCTOBER 1990

- 6 Lodge No. 581 100th Anniversary, Wayne
- 11 Lodge No. 355 125th Anniversary, Blairsville
- 19 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 20 Autumn Day, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 20 Independent Living Community, Datestone Ceremony, Elizabethtown
- 27 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting, Elizabethtown

NOVEMBER 1990

- 3 Lodge No. 584 100th Anniversary Dumore
- 10 Zem-Zem Shrine Temple Erie
- 16-17 Fall Reunion, Valley of Scranton, A.A.S.R., Scranton

Grand Master, *continued*

conceptions and, more importantly, much of the negative feeling toward our Fraternity. When I respond to some of the critics of Freemasonry, I am constantly reminded of the Charge at Initiation which counsels us never to involve ourselves "in quarrels with those who through ignorance may speak evilly or spitefully" of Freemasonry. Masonic awareness and education of the public is a job we must never leave to our critics.

Masonic awareness among the general public also means that the public will want to know what we as Masons do. We can, and must tell them. This is a new experience for many of us. We have long been the quiet Fraternity; but we must seize the opportunity to communicate while always remembering to support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular and uniform Fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Scott Stoner

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

Seventy Years a Mason

By Bro. Frederick T. Hemphill, D.D.G.M.



Front row, left to right: Bros. Frederick T. Hemphill, D.D.G.M.; G. Webber Smith, P.M. and Jerome A. Sciallo, Master. Behind them are the members of the local DeMolay Chapter that was on hand to aid in honoring Bro. Smith.

Bro. G. Webber Smith, P.M. was honored at the March meeting of Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617. He has been a member for the past seventy years, and a Past Master for fifty of those years. Bro. Smith, who served his Lodge as Master in 1939, is also a member of the Scottish Rite, as well as being a Shriner. True to

his Masonry, he has been an active member of his church throughout his life, and has served his community as a member of several boards and committees. In addition to this, he is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, a distinguished honor conferred in Scouting.



Items from Our Library and Museum

Another View of the Square and Compasses

There must be an infinite number of variations upon all the myriad Symbols in Freemasonry. We highlight here some items in our Museum which prominently feature the familiar Square and Compasses. They range from German

order and harmony in the Lodge. The Gavel pictured here is German, supposedly a facsimile of that used by Bro. Frederick II of Prussia (the Great). It was made at the beginning of this century, of ebony with gold ornamentation, and depicts the Square and Compasses.

The Past Eminent Commander's Jewel of Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar belonged to Sir John L. Young. The large cross is of gold, and all the symbols, including the Square and Compasses are gold or enameled



The Dedication Commemorative Coin



The Washington Apron

and the Square and Compasses on the reverse. It was struck by John W. Kline of Philadelphia, and is of a silver alloy.

A box, or coffret, made in France of wood and dated 1820, features the Square and Compasses in the Fellow Craft



The Past Eminent Commander's Jewel



The French Masonic Coffret

Gavels through tableware and medallions to the *pièce de résistance*, the Masonic Apron made by Mme. de Lafayette for Bro. George Washington and presented to him by Bro. the Marquis de Lafayette.

The Gavel, used wherever meetings are held and therefore where order must be kept, has long been the symbol of authority in all aspects of life as a polite refinement of the authority granted to him who had the loudest voice or the biggest hands and used them to shout or clap for attention in ancient times. The Master of a Blue Lodge uses it to keep

onto gold; the crown has a row of diamonds and the small Latin cross is encrusted with rubies. On the reverse is a one and a half inch diameter picture frame (for the Sir Knight's lady) in the center, and the arms of the cross are closely engraved with names and dates pertaining to the Commandery and its Committee.

A coin struck in honor of the dedication of the "New Masonic Temple" (our Grand Lodge's present home) in 1873, bears a likeness of the Temple on the obverse and the date, September 26, A.D. 1873, A.L. 5873, the All-Seeing Eye

position along with a Gavel and Trowel.

The best known item in the Grand Lodge collection with a variant of the Square and Compasses is, of course, the richly embroidered Apron made by Mme. de Lafayette and presented to Bro. George Washington by Bro. Lafayette in 1784. Bro. Washington wore it when he laid the Cornerstone of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on September 18, 1793. After his death, the Apron was presented by Washington's legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society, who subsequently presented it to our Grand Lodge.

Masonic Education

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

Education: A major key to success. This concept is being talked about throughout all our society. It is rare when you pick up the newspaper or magazine and do not see somewhere in that publication an article or comment regarding education, pro or con. Many, many people work very, very hard in the educational process, and in the improvement thereof. They fully recognize the value of an education to the individual, to our country and to our way of life. They also well recognize that the best education program is an ever-changing program, and as society's needs and desires change, so does the entire educational process. We are extremely fortunate, in the United States, that the founders of our country recognized the value of an education and made a public school education an absolute minimum requirement for everyone.

Education in Freemasonry is also a major key to Freemasonry's success. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is most excited about the renewal, change and growth that has

been taking place for the past two and a half years in the Masonic Education Program of our Grand Lodge. It is most apparent that many, many Masons, believe in the value of our Masonic Education process and are eager to help, and share, in its future. This is very evident in the number of Masons and Lodges that have taken an active part in the promotion of the April 1990 Lodge Program Competition. The actual response was excellent, and the final judging is underway, with all results to be published in the next issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Changes have taken place both in our Masonic Education Program as well as in our Masonic Education Committee. You will note, at the end of this article, that a new Chairman of the Committee, two new Area Chairmen and a Consultant to the Committee have been appointed by the R. W. Grand Master. The future belongs to those who prepare for it, and your Grand Lodge is preparing constantly for the future.

Service to our Craft is a privilege in which all of us can, in some manner, be participants. The fellowship and leadership exemplified by those who are active

in the Masonic Education Program can, and should, be inspiring to all of us, as those who are involved give unhesitatingly of their valuable time and talent to the perpetuation of the Masonic "Way of Life."

Chairman of the Committee

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R.W.J.G.W.

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Secretary to the Committee

Bro. Jonathan D. Schau

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.J.G.W. Is Appointed Masonic Education Chairman

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.J.G.W. has been appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, vice Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.S.G.W. who has taken on full responsibilities at the Independent Living Community after serving the Masonic Education Committee two and a half years. He will continue to serve in an advisory capacity with the Education Committee. Bro. Weisser has served on the Committee since 1989, and he brings to the Committee an extensive educational background, having been awarded the Degree of Master of Education from Temple University in 1966, as well as having been employed as a teacher in the Neshaminy School District for eleven

years. He also has run many educational seminars in conjunction with his business, and is a Church School Teacher at Langhorne United Methodist Church.

In Freemasonry, Bro. Weisser is a member and Past Master of Newtown Lodge No. 427 in Woodside, and is also a member of the Philalethes Society. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District for ten years, and as Regional Director of Project SOLOMON II from 1985 until 1989 from which he brings an extensive knowledge to the Committee.

Also joining the Committee are Bro. Elvin G. Warfel, Ed.D.; Bro. Thomas R. Eynon, P.M. and Bro. Albert G. Lebedda, P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Warfel will serve as

Consultant to the Committee, he having served in the same capacity on Project SOLOMON II. Bro. Warfel, a member of Newtown Lodge No. 427, is a full professor at Lehigh University where he teaches Education at the graduate level. Bro. Eynon will be replacing Bro. Weisser as Chairmen of Area A-2, and is a Past Master of W. K. Bray Lodge No. 410 in Hatboro. Bro. Eynon brings to the Committee a broad knowledge of the history of our Fraternity. Bro. Lebedda, a Past District Deputy of the 49th District, has both a B.S. and a Master's Degree in Education and has taught in the Bethel Park School District for more than thirty years. He will be replacing Bro. Everett J. Elliott, P.D.D.G.M. deceased, for Area C-2.



From the Grand Secretary's Desk...



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

My Brethren:

Very few of our members are aware of what it takes to operate a Subordinate Lodge in today's society with respect to the required responsibility to numerous governmental agencies. They are also unfamiliar with the responsibility the Grand Lodge has in seeing that the Subordinate Lodges are always in compliance with both Federal and State regulations.

One of the responsibilities of both the Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge deals with the reporting procedure of financial transactions of the Lodge to the IRS. This report is necessary to retain our tax-exempt status as a non-profit organization. The Grand Lodge compiles the information of the Subordinate Lodges and files the reports for them.

It has been a goal of the Grand Lodge to reduce the time requirements and responsibility of Subordinate Lodge Secretaries, other Officers and committees.

Recognizing that one of the most time-consuming, yet important, responsibilities for Subordinate Lodge Officers has been financial recordkeeping and the preparations of audits, the Grand Lodge has been attempting for some time to assist those involved. Under the direction of the R. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge has now developed a uniform accounting system for all Lodges. This new system will considerably reduce the manual effort which is required by not only the Officers of the Lodge but also the Auditing Committee and Trustees as well.

The system will provide for the monthly input of all financial data from the Subordinate Lodge to a centralized data base in the Grand Lodge's computer system. The Grand Lodge will then compile this data monthly and submit both a monthly and annual report to the Subordinate Lodge for verification in a process similar to that used for the membership General Returns. This data will then serve as a basis to compile the annual audit report.

We are providing four separate methods for the Lodges to submit their input so that all Lodges interested may take part:

1. The Lodge may request a PC program available from the Grand Lodge which will generate a diskette to be returned to the Grand Lodge with input data.
2. They may submit a diskette generated from their existing software to be inputted into the central system.
3. They may submit a report printed on their existing PC printer using their existing software.
4. They may submit a typewritten data report.

For the latter two cases, the Grand Lodge has purchased a scanner so that Lodges choosing to use their own printer or do not have a computer may also participate in the program.

The purpose of developing this program is to provide as much assistance as possible not only to decrease the time requirement for Subordinate Lodges, but also to increase the efficiency of Subordinate Lodge operations and the accuracy of their reports.

We must live and operate in a society today which requires greater responsibility to authority outside Masonic authority. It will continue to be the goal of the Grand Lodge to do all we can to keep the Lodge efforts to a minimum.

Grand Secretary Is Awarded Edwards Medal

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, has been awarded the Pierpont Edwards Bronze Medal of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut for Distinguished Masonic Service. Bro. Jackson is the first Freemason who was neither a Grand Master nor a Past Grand Master outside of the State of Connecticut to be awarded this high honor which is comparable to our Grand Lodge's Franklin Medal. In a statement issued by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Bro. Jackson was hailed as a "Truly outstanding man . . . [whose] accomplishments speak clearly of his contributions not only to Masonry but also to the entire community . . ."

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Drug and Alcohol Foundation

Something to Talk About: Drug and Alcohol Foundation Effective in First Four Years

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children is a long name; but there can be no doubt it is a clearly descriptive title. Through Foundation grants and programs, Pennsylvania Masons are helping to break the stranglehold that drug and alcohol abuse has had on society . . . our communities, neighbors, families.

In the four years since it was warranted, the Foundation has placed 57 grants totaling \$960,000. When 1990 grants are confirmed, they will have exceeded a million dollars.

Here are some important things that Pennsylvania Masons are doing through the Foundation:

- Helping experienced, strategically placed agencies work to break the chain of addiction from one generation to the next;
- Making possible prenatal education and care and mother-baby post-natal outpatient treatment and support centers;
- Financing the production of educational literature, video and teaching aids;
- Providing facilities and services for the training of more than 6,000 educators in recognition, intervention, referral and assistance throughout Pennsylvania's school systems.

Working With A Purpose

The direction and successes of the Foundation are on target. Its purpose according to the Foundation's warrant, issued on December 27, 1985, is to prevent the abuse of drugs and alcohol among children through intervention, education and rehabilitation.

The most direct and most effective

course to intervention, prevention through education and rehabilitation has been to help existing, experienced agencies do more. Positive action started in Pittsburgh and quickly spanned the state.

The first response to a need was at the Gateway Treatment Center in Pittsburgh where its much-used "D and A" educational film was worn out. The Foundation had a new one produced. While working with the Gateway staff, the opportunity arose to establish a program to give help to youngsters growing up in homes of alcoholics. The Fund allocated \$10,000 to establish and maintain that program and this year will increase the allocation to \$15,000.

Also in Pittsburgh this year, Brighton Woods, which is associated with St. John's Hospital, developed an early-age education program about drug and alcohol abuse starting in kindergarten. This includes providing teaching aid kits. The Foundation is considering a \$25,000 grant.

Grants of \$50,000 each have been made to Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia and St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh for satellite prenatal and post-natal centers where mothers and babies both receive "walk-in" after-care medication and direction. These are co-operative programs to stop the inherited flow of addiction from generation to generation.

Similar grants are planned this year for new prenatal and post-natal satellite hospital treatment centers in other key population areas of the state. To that end, \$25,000 has been provided for the creation and production of a handbook to aid hospital administrators and doctors in setting up satellite hospital centers for addicted mothers and babies.

A specialized booklet, "Today's Delinquent," was printed by the Foundation and distributed to Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Justices.

Credit Card Program Aids Foundation

Among the sources of funds for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children is the income from members' having and using a Grand Lodge Silver MasterCard® card and companion VISA® card.

This is a credit card program the Grand Lodge developed with MBNA America™ that results in a percentage payment to the Foundation for Grand Lodge users' purchases with the card. "That income can be a big help in funding our grants program," said Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

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Suggestions . . .

how you can help the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children:

1. Be aware of the seriousness of the drug and alcohol addiction problem and its impact on your community, youth and families.
2. Recognize that things can be done — and are being done — to overcome the problems.
3. Urge your Lodge to have a program on the Drug and Alcohol Program.
4. Encourage your Lodge to make a contribution to the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program.
5. Make your own contribution at any time to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation.
6. Participate in the annual Grand Lodge Appeal, including the designation for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation.

Secretary Seminars Held

The Grand Secretary's Office conducted four training Seminars for Subordinate Lodge Secretaries in early 1990. The Seminars were conducted by Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary who was assisted by Bro. Robert P. Kinney, Jr., Office Manager in the Grand Secretary's Office.

The first Seminar was held on Saturday, January 20, 1990 in the Dining Room beneath the Masonic Temple on the grounds of the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. Despite an early morning storm, sixty-eight Lodge Secretaries and nine District Deputy Grand Masters attended the session. Each Seminar began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 3:30 p.m.

On February 3, 1990, seventy Lodge Secretaries and ten District Deputies along with eighteen other interested Officers, attended the Seminar held at the

Masonic Temple in Butler. Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Past Grand Master, were among those present. The Seminar was hosted by Bro. Lynn C. Burtner, D.D.G.M. of the 27th Masonic District. He was assisted by Bro. James F. Dittmer, Master of Butler Lodge No. 272, Bro. Timothy D. Walters, Master of Victory Lodge No. 694 and Bro. Richard B. Meredith, Master of William H. Miller Lodge No. 769.

The Jaffa Shrine Mosque in Altoona was the site of the third Seminar on February 10, 1990 where thirty-six Lodge Secretaries and seven District Deputy Grand Masters were in attendance. Bro. Spencer W. Hauenstein, D.D.G.M. of the 20th Masonic District hosted the Seminar and was assisted by the Jaffa Mosque staff.

The final Seminar hosted by Bro. Richard H. Disque, II, D.D.G.M. of the 12th Masonic District was conducted on March 17, 1990 at the Masonic Temple in Wilkes-Barre. Forty-seven Lodge Secretaries and ten District Deputy Grand Masters attended the meeting.

Topics of review and discussion covered a wide range of subjects including the duties and responsibilities of a Lodge Secretary, procedures relative to completing Monthly Returns as well as the General Return, Lodge Notices, Waivers of Jurisdiction, Transfers of Membership, Minutes of the Lodge and handling petitions and several other subjects.

The Seminars received a very favorable review and proved to be helpful to those in attendance.

June Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, June 6, 1990, at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Nearly four hundred Brethren attended.

The reports from eight separate committees and foundations were received. Following this, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master was pleased to present Bro. John N. Roberts, P.M. with the Masonic Service Association Award for his five years of service as an MSA Field Agent at a V.A. Hospital.

The high point of the evening came when Bro. Thomas C. Librandi, Aide to the Grand Master, presented Bro. Stoner with the new Pennsylvania Masonic Flag. The Flag has a blue field on which are the words "Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" surrounding the Square and Compasses in white. The pole is capped by the Square and Compasses in silver metal.

Significant Resolutions that were presented included one relative to incorporating the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, and others that will be held over until the December Quarterly. One of these provides for the creation of a Lodge Secretary's Service Jewel, and another for the establishment of a fee of \$600 minimum for honorary membership.

The Grand Secretary then read the deaths in Grand Lodge. This included the death of Bro. Everett J. Elliott, P.D.D.G.M., a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. Following this, the Grand Master accepted more than \$4,500 in contributions to four separate foundations and funds.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Brethren from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, presented the Grand Master with Certificates and Jewels from Brazil. These designate Bro. Stoner as an Honorary Member in both the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and the Scottish Rite

Supreme Council of Brazil. Grand Lodge closed in Harmony following a review by the Grand Master of the progress and success of the Masonic Awareness Program.

September Quarterly Notice

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will meet in Quarterly Communication on September 5, 1990 at the Masonic

Temple, Philadelphia at 7:00 p.m. It is open to all Master Masons, and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. prior to the meeting.

PHILADELPHIA
September Quarterly
Communication
September 5, 1990 • Dinner

Name
Lodge No.
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Number of Meal Tickets Requested

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Tentative Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Irem Temple Chanters	Village Green Area
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Zembo Shrine Oriental Band	Temple Area
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Zembo Shrine Clowns	Village Green Area and Temple Area
10:30 a.m.	Cornerstone Dedication and Unveiling of the Tree of Life	Independent Living Community
11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (approximately)	Tours of the Independent Living Community Buildings	Independent Living Community
11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (approximately)	Bus Tours of Masonic Homes and Masonic Conference Center	
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Irem Temple String Band	Village Green Area
11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Al Bethel's French Quarter Orchestra	Temple Area
11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Residents' Rooms Open House (Check at Information Stands for available rooms.)	Residents' Rooms
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Mime	Village Green Area and Temple Area
12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.	Carousel Organ	Independent Living Community
12:00 noon-12:45 p.m.	Al Bethel's French Quarter Orchestra	Village Green Area
12:00 noon-12:45 p.m.	Bainbridge Band	Temple Area
1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	Bainbridge Band	Village Green Area
1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	Hot House Band	Temple Area
1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Pipes and Drums of Erepa Grotto	Village Green Area
1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Jaffa Temple Band	Temple Area
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Juggler	Village Green Area and Temple Area
2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Hot House Band	Masonic Health Care Center
2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	Bavarian Barons	Temple Area
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Jaffa Temple Band	Village Green Area

Cornerstone Dedication of Independent Living Community Begins Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes

The Cornerstone Dedication of the Masonic Homes Independent Living Community by W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will open the fifth annual Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes on Saturday, October 20, 1990. The Cornerstone Dedication will take place at the front entrance of the Independent Living Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m.

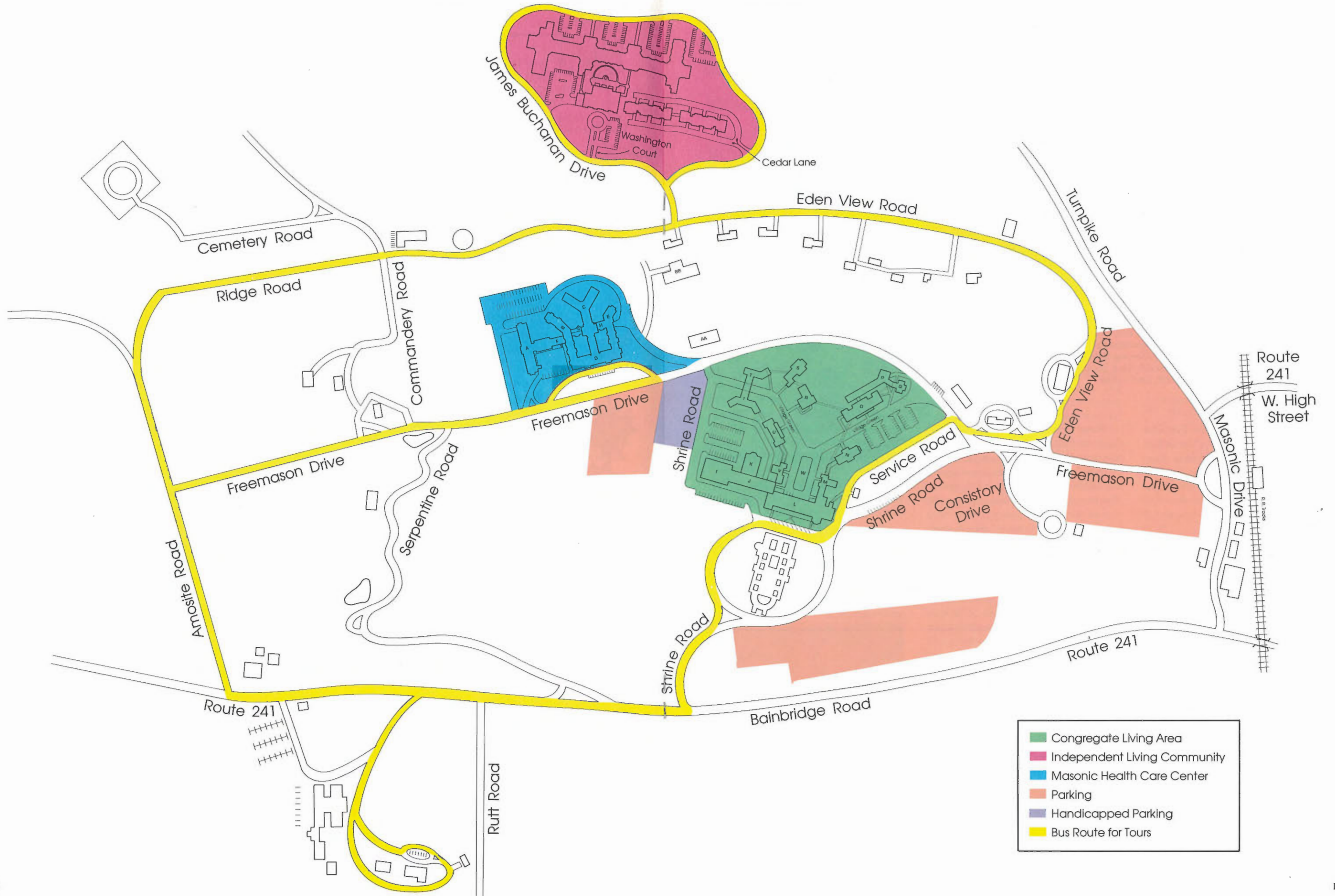
Immediately following the dedication, an unveiling of the Masonic Tree of Life, presented by Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, in honor of Past Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz will take place. The Masonic Tree of Life is to be installed on the lobby wall of the Independent Living Community Clubhouse. Many of the

leaves on the tree and several stones at the base have already been purchased and inscribed in honor or memory of an individual, or purchased by a particular Lodge. Additional leaves and stones are still available for purchase.

This year, for the first time, a self-guided tour of a portion of the Masonic Health Care Center is being planned. Information will be available concerning the Health Care Center Renovation Project. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for this project is announced in another article in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Residents rooms will be open for viewing along with the Laboratory, X-ray, Pharmacy, and several Recreation Areas where light refreshments will be served.

Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes opens at 10:00 a.m. and the booths close at 4:00 p.m. Please assist the staff of the Masonic Homes by completing and returning the coupon contained in this issue to the address indicated just as soon as possible. We are anticipating a large crowd this year, therefore, the more we know are coming the better our plans can be established in advance.

It should be noted the Masonic Homes will not be able to provide wheelchairs for those who require them . . . please bring your own wheelchair. Handicapped parking will be available. You must advise the Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so special tickets can be forwarded to you in advance of your arrival.



Masonic Health Care Center Breaks Ground for Total Renovation



Bro. W. Scott Stoner, The Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, assisted by Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.S.G.W. and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee, and members of that Subcommittee. Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, N.H.A., Executive Director of the Masonic Homes, and Mr. William C. Davis, Jr., N.H.A., Administrator of Health Care Services, break ground for the complete renovation of the present Masonic Health Care Center.

The firm of S.F.C.S., Sherertz Franklin Crawford Shaffner Inc., Architects and Engineers of Roanoke, Virginia, have prepared the plans, and the firm of Warfel Construction Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is the construction manager. Both firms were represented for the ground breaking.

Bro. Murphy stated, "This project, which will take eight years, is divided into five phases of various lengths. This project is being undertaken due to the age and lack of space and services in portions of the current Masonic Health Care Center. The Committee on Masonic Homes has placed this work on the trestleboard to meet the needs of the Masonic Fraternity in the future.

"Phase I involves laying the ground work for future phases. A mechanical/electrical underground tunnel will be built to connect the Ben Franklin building with the Masons Care building. Dining rooms will be added to each floor of the Masons Care building to provide on-the-floor dining rather than requiring residents in this area to board the elevators at meal time to dine on the ground floor. This makes each floor more self-sustaining and will provide a more convenient atmosphere for the pleasure of the residents.

"Phase II involves the demolition of the entire East Wing. In its place will be constructed a new wing complete with the most up-to-date design, convenience, and efficiency of a new nursing home. The first floor will be designed for the care of Alzheimer's patients who need special treatment because of their disease. A courtyard will be constructed to provide both indoor and outdoor walking paths as a source of treatment and pleasure for those afflicted by Alzheimer's. Each nursing floor will be designed to provide clusters of 12 residents, with each cluster operating as its own individual unit.

"Phase III will involve the reconstruction of the North Wing into the new Medical Clinic. An entrance will be provided on the first floor of the northern most part of the wing, where a receptionist will greet residents who have appointments with the doctors of our many ancillary services. All three floors of the new wing will provide office space and treatment rooms for the remodeled clinic. This clinic will not only service the needs of our Health Care Center residents, but also residents from our Masonic Homes Congregate Living Area and from our new Independent Living Community.

"In Phase IV, we will demolish the entire West Wing. In its place will be built a beautiful combined multi-purpose room and worship area where our residents can congregate for activities and worship. Adjacent to this area will be an arts and crafts area for resident activities. The remaining three floors will provide additional nursing home beds designed in the 12 to a cluster plan. In the central wings of the Ben Franklin building we will build beautiful new dining rooms on each floor with the capacity for all residents to dine at one time.

"Phase V adds a third floor to the Masons Care building and renovates the entire area. Plans are to make this area our new Personal Care section. Personal Care is providing slightly less nursing care than a nursing home for a resident who is able to do more activities of daily living independently. Once renovated, our Health Care Center will provide Personal Care in addition to Skilled and Intermediate Nursing Care.

"When completed, the Masonic Health Care Center will be providing nursing home care for approximately 450 residents and personal care for an additional 100 residents. This project will be successful, as with all Masonic undertakings, if we work together in unity. We are excited about this project and the additional quality of living it will provide our residents. Our renovated facilities, coupled with a dedicated, caring staff, will be prepared to meet the needs of the Fraternity in the next century."



Happenings at Masonic Homes



Moving-In Early at Independent Living Community

On Friday, April 20, we held our fifth social gathering for future residents. The day was a huge success with many residents able to attend. The day included a guided bus tour of the site, a delicious luncheon, followed by a business meeting. With the move-in dates close at hand, there was much to discuss. In fact, by the time you read this article, our first residents will have moved into the new cottages. With the excellent weather conditions, our cottages were made available to our residents as of August 1. The apartments in Phase I will be available October 8. Many of our residents have already scheduled their move-in dates as they are eager to move into their new homes. The Clubhouse will be available to the residents beginning October 8 with full services. This will include the beautifully decorated formal dining room, coffee shop, private dining room, bank, post office, library, beauty/barber shop, country store and social rooms.

Committees, consisting of members of our community, are now being organized

to assist in the development of our Country Store and Library. We are also in the process of preparing for the election of officers for the Residents' Association. The purpose of this association is to provide a forum through which constructive suggestions may be initiated.

Our health care services will also be available the day the residents move into our community on a fee-for-service basis which is a tremendous benefit.

As we progress through this project many of the misconceptions regarding the financial requirements for entering our community are being clarified. One of the most common misconceptions is the thought that a trust fund is required to be established in addition to the payment of the entrance fee at the time a reservation is made to the Independent Living Community. It should be noted that this is not the case. The trust is only established **if and when** a resident needs services requiring them to transfer to another level of care at the Masonic Homes for an indefinite period of time. A

trust agreement will be required when residents enter the Congregate Living area or the Masonic Health Care Center of the Masonic Homes. This requirement is not the case when a resident enters the Independent Living Community.

We will be pleased to discuss the details and admission policies and procedures for the Independent Living Community with you and answer any other questions you may have regarding the particulars of joining our community.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

Mrs. Patricia L. Gible
Marketing Manager
Masonic Homes

Independent Living Community
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199
(717) 367-1121, Ext. 314

Our model units are open for your convenience 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. Tours of the site are available.

Masonic Homes Volunteers Applauded

By Jane Kapp, Director of Volunteers



Mrs. Ardella Shoemaker receiving a gift from Bro. Murphy for her many hours of service to the Masonic Homes.

On Wednesday, April 25, the Masonic Homes honored their community volun-

teers at the Homes' Ice Cream Parlor. The community volunteers were recognized for giving over 7,780 hours of service to the Homes in 1989. Mrs. Ardella Shoemaker was honored for giving over 411 hours of volunteer service in 1989.

During 1989, 338 volunteers assisted residents and staff in the Health Care Center, Congregate Living Area, and at the Children's Home. Of these 338 volunteers, 133 were members of the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. The Masonic youth groups volunteered a total of 1,317 hours to the Health Care Center.

In addition to the many hours given by the community volunteers, these

individuals were recognized for the many residents they serve. Ninety residents in the Health Care Center receive volunteer visits on a regular basis. Members of the Abraham C. Treichler Lodge transported youth from the Children's Home to over 50 appointments in the community. Volunteers sponsor Bingos, oversee the operation of the Homes' Museum, and assist with special large group programs and outdoor activities. Volunteers assist weekly with craft programs, resident bookcart, and with nursing floor duties.

Volunteers at the Masonic Homes contribute many hours of time and love which are priceless to the staff and residents. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the Masonic Homes.



Happenings at Masonic Homes



Children's Day

By Virginia Migrala, Lead Houseparent



The Masonic Children's Home celebrated their 67th Annual Children's Day Awards Banquet on Friday, May 25, at the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Memorial Hall. Attending the event included: Bro. W. Scott Stoner, Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, the Executive Director of the Masonic Homes, and other Masonic Homes Administrative Staff,

Elizabethtown Area School Administration Representatives, the Masonic Children's Services staff, the children, and their families.

Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, the Director of Spiritual and Resident Services, gave the invocation. Delma Vincent, a resident of the Masonic Homes, was the organist and Bro. Richard Whitman, an employee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, was the photographer. Craig Eaton, a resident of the Children's Home, designed the program cover. After a lovely meal, Bro. C. Donald Barbush, the Director of Children's Services, led the program assisted by Gerard Migrala, the Assistant Children's Services Director. The Right Worshipful Grand Master Bro. W. Scott Stoner addressed the group and gave inspiring remarks to the children. Linda Burger, a child care worker, presented a touching slide presentation of activities at the Children's Home.

The children received awards for their achievements in academics, citizenship, creativity, vocation, and athletics. All 30 children were recognized for their participation and accomplishments in various activities including school activities, sports, Masonic organizations, church youth groups and volunteer work.

Andy Howarth and Allen Eaton, the two graduating seniors, were presented Bibles from Rev. Theodore E. Bowers, M.Div., the Assistant Director of Spiritual and Resident Services. They also received graduation certificates and a scholarship toward their higher education expenses. Andy plans to attend Millersville University to study biology. Allen wants to enroll in MTA to pursue a career in diesel mechanics. After the awards ceremony, the seniors planted trees behind the Smith Annex Building to commemorate the occasion and leave a living symbol of their ties to the Children's Home.

Grand Master Appoints Subcommittee Members for Masonic Homes

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, Grand Master, is pleased to appoint the following Brethren as subcommittee members for the Masonic Homes to share their professional expertise.

Building and Grounds Subcommittee

Bro. Carl R. Flohr

George Washington Lodge No. 143

Bro. Joseph I. Greenberger

Solomon-Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 231

Bro. John E. Hoffman

John H. Laedlein Lodge No. 707

Financial Subcommittee

Bro. George P. Bennett, Jr.

Hamilton Lodge No. 274

Human Resources Subcommittee

Bro. Russell W. Porter, Jr.

Tyrian Lodge No. 612



Youth Foundation

Scholarships Awarded

At the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, announced the winners of the 1990 Scholarships from the Educational Endowment Fund.

This fund, established in 1989, made its first four awards last year. This year, five general scholarships were awarded by the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.D.G.M. Eligible for the awards were children, grandchildren and dependents of Masons, and members of the Masonic-related youth groups.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Eric R. Egan, of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, who will be attending Pennsylvania State University to study civil engineering.

Laurie Sue Edling, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, who will be attending California University of Pennsylvania, to study professional writing and journalism.

R. Bruce Morgan, of Emporium, Pennsylvania, who will be attending Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, to study mathematics.

Danette-Lea Taylor, of Biglerville, Pennsylvania, who will attend Gettysburg College to study English.

Annette M. Weaver, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, who will attend Juniata College for pre-med studies.

Additionally, a \$6000 donation was received with the direction that six scholarships were to be awarded in honor of Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Emeritus, to young people in Philadelphia or contiguous counties.

\$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

(Awarded in Honor of Bro. Diamond)

Karen E. Boyer, of Aston, Pennsylvania, who will attend Millersville University to study marine biology.

Erie R. Cui, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, who will attend Drexel University to study business administration.

Meagan L. Fetterolf, of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, who will attend the University of Delaware to study environmental sciences.

MaryBeth Gorbey, of Woodlyn, Pennsylvania, who will attend Cabrini College to study business administration.

Geoffrey M. Strunk, of Media, Pennsylvania, who will be attending Pennsylvania State University for pre-law studies.

Robert J. Strunk, Jr., of Media, Pennsylvania, who will attend West Chester University to study criminal justice.

Nearly three hundred applications were received and processed by the Scholarship Committee this year. Applications for the 1991 awards will be available in September from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022 / (717) 367-1536.

The Youth Foundation annually publishes a Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide which summarizes all of the scholarship and loan opportunities available from Masonic organizations for students. The 1990-1991 edition of this guide will also be available in September.

DeMolay Convention Held at Masonic Temple

The Annual Session of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay was held at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, from April 25 through 29, 1990. This annual gathering of the national adult and youth leaders of the Order of DeMolay brought over five hundred people to the City of Brotherly Love for meetings of business, entertainment and inspiration.

Several highlights of the program will linger in the memories of the participants for a long time. On Thursday evening, R. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, hosted a Distinguished Guest Dinner in the Lincoln Room of the Union League, honoring the national Masonic leaders present. Bro. Stoner also invited the 100 DeMolay

Delegates to attend the dinner as distinguished guests.

A second highlight of the program was the Opening Session held on Thursday evening in Corinthian Hall. Over 750 people packed the largest Lodge Room in the Masonic Temple for this opening ceremony in which the State Master Councilor of Pennsylvania, Bro. David C. Santini, and his officers presided and received all of the national Masonic leaders, the R. W. Grand Master, and the Grand Master of DeMolay, Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr. A surprise visit from "Ben Franklin" (portrayed by Ralph Archbold) added a message of the purpose of brotherhood in a democracy, as only Ben Franklin could tell it.

Several events on Friday were considered highlights for various participants. The ladies and children of the Supreme Council members were treated to a trip to Elizabethtown, a tour and luncheon at the Masonic Homes, and a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World. The delegates to the International DeMolay Congress also travelled to Elizabethtown, to spend an afternoon of relaxation using the facilities at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. A hypnotist provided a hilarious break from the intensive committee meetings and formal sessions that crowded their schedule while in Philadelphia.

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Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

AUTUMN DAY

Saturday, October 20, 1990 • 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration Coupon

Name _____ Lodge No. _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

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Eight Miles to Lodge and Sixty-six Years Later

By Bro. William R. Gatehouse



Left to right: Bros. J. Shobert, Jr. W.; D. Miller, Master; Clair M. Daniels, P.M. and R. Olson, Sr. W.

Bro. Clair M. Daniels of Hobah Lodge No. 276 in Brookville, Pennsylvania, who has turned 90 years old and has dedicated sixty-six of those years to Freemasonry.

In 1922, Bro. Daniels walked eight miles from his home near Sigel, Pennsylvania to the Lodge to receive his Entered Apprentice Degree. He was so weakened from missing his evening meal and the long walk, that he collapsed at the Altar during his Obligation. The

Degree work could not be completed until he was revived and given food. Bro. Daniels served his Lodge as Master in 1935. He has been a regular at Lodge meetings through the years.

At the presentation of a plaque commemorating his service, Bro. Daniels commented that his one desire of fate was to live long enough to see Hobah Lodge move into its newly completed Temple, which it did in October of 1988.

DeMolay, continued

On Friday evening a dinner at the Hershey Hotel introduced the visitors from around the country, and throughout the world, to the Philadelphia Mummies, represented by the Greater Kensington String Band, and an enthusiastic performance by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Edward O. Weisser.

Later that evening the Master Masons in the group filled Ionic Hall to witness a flawless performance of the Master Mason's Degree by members of the Eighth Masonic District School of Instruction. Many of the Masons present had never sat in a Lodge together, and the experience of sharing Masonic fellowship was enhanced by witnessing the unique Pennsylvania Ritual.

Saturday brought the Installation of the new International Master Councilor and the new Grand Master of DeMolay, in Corinthian Hall. On Sunday morning, a prayer breakfast conducted by Bro. James Eric Pierce, Senior Chaplain at

the Chapel of Four Chaplains, concluded the program.

DeMolay Executive Officer, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., expressed his gratitude to the many volunteers who helped to coordinate the program, including the staff of the Masonic Temple, the Philadelphia Law Enforcement Square Club, Syria Shrine Temple, Somerton DeMolay Chapter, the New Jersey DeMolay Alumni Association, and the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation staff.

This was the first time the International Supreme Council has ever met in Philadelphia, and only the second time in fifty years it has met in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. An exhibit of historical DeMolay memorabilia, from the International DeMolay headquarters, was on display in the Museum and Library in conjunction with the Annual Session.

School of Instruction Awards

The following Schools of Instruction were awarded trophies for exhibiting special proficiency in the Ritualistic Work during the several Sectional meetings of the Schools of Instruction just completed for 1990.

We have stressed that although these schools were specially recognized as winners of the trophies, that there were no losers and that any brother who learns the ritualistic work and works to confer the degrees in his Lodge or in the school, is a winner.

These trophies were awarded for the extra effort which was made by the schools in their preparation for exemplification.

**29th District School at
Washington, PA**
Western Region

**South Hills and North Side Schools
at Pittsburgh**
Western Region

53rd District School at Mercer
Western Region

1st and 3rd District Schools
Eastern Region

34th District School at Mt. Union
Central Region

41st District School at Johnstown
Central Region

33rd District School at Kane
Northwestern Region

24th and 25th District Schools
Northwestern Region

17th District School
Northeastern Region

50th District School
Northeastern Region

5th and 8th District Schools
Philadelphia Region

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in the Sectional Meetings.

Bro. James K. Thompson
Instructor of Ritualistic Work



Notes and Queries

Someone is Missing: "You Are!" By Bro. John H. Platt, Jr.

Something new and exciting is happening at your Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The Library and Museum has a new name! As of April 6th, 1990, the Grand Lodge Library and Museum has been incorporated and is now known as THE MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

For some time, the Officers of the Grand Lodge have been aware that in order to maintain the high standards set by those who helped found the Library and Museum, such as Bro. John Wanamaker, first Chairman of the original Committee on Library, and Bro. Julius Sachse, the first Librarian, that certain changes were needed to obtain help in several areas. One quite obvious area is that of seeking additional funds. One avenue of reaching this goal is that of securing the status of a 501(c) 3 in-

stitution; this process has now begun. Once this approval has been obtained, many avenues will hopefully be opened to us. This will help in the area of funding (e.g. matching funds from various businesses). However, there is also another important area and that is: Volunteers. When we say someone is missing, and we say "You Are," we mean in this important program of the Library and Museum.

We need help: assistants to the tour guides of the Masonic Temple, people to sell items in our gift shop, people to be on duty in the Library and Museum, to allow our professional staff the time to work in other places like our Archives in the sub-basement, individuals to arrange and sort collections, to assist in research projects, and to assist with sorting and selection of materials for exhibits. These

are but a few of the interesting things that "You" can do to help in this adventure. Can we say that "You Are" involved in any of these areas of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania? We hope so. When the question is asked, "Is someone missing?" we will not have to say "You Are."

For further information you can reach me by phoning the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia at (215) 988-1934 or by using our toll-free number (800) 462-0430. Thank you for saying YES so that this valuable "Working Tool," your Library and Museum, may be used to the fullest, both by our Brethren and those whom we hope will become "Aware" of this, our outstanding Fraternity, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania.

Eighth District School Wins Award



The Degree Team of the 8th Masonic District School of Instruction was awarded the Trophy for Perfection and Ritualistic Proficiency at the Sectional Meeting of Schools on June 2, 1990.

Shown left to right, front row are: Bro. Abner A. Rissler, P.M., Principal, Lodge No. 776; Bro. Clarence Heffendrager, D.D.G.M.; Bro. Michael Imperial, Master, Lodge No. 410; Bro. Ralph Wagner, Senior Instructor and Chairman of Degrees, Lodge No. 245 and Bro. Wolfgang Hauke, S.W., Lodge No. 25.

Middle row: Bro. Carl Laughlin, J.D., Lodge No. 778; Bro. Barry Blyler, J.W., Lodge No. 427; Bro. John Reed, Guide, Lodge No. 776; Bro. Alfred Kraut, J.M.C., Lodge No. 596 and Bro. Richard Fleming, Candidate, Lodge No. 25.

Back row: Bro. Emil Gatone, Pursuivant, Lodge No. 596; Bro. Donald Sacks, S.D., Lodge No. 410 and Bro. John David, S.M.C., Lodge No. 410.

Not shown are Bro. Steven Osborne, Secretary, Lodge No. 427; Bro. Joseph Smigo, Chaplain, Lodge No. 245 and Bro. Joseph Bozzuto, Alternate, Lodge No. 245.

Looking For a Few Good Brothers

The Grand Lodge Committee on Temple is currently accepting applications for

Security and Maintenance Men

Those interested should contact

Bro. Daniel J. Hinds
Superintendent

at his office

(215) 988-1916

or at

(215) 988-1917

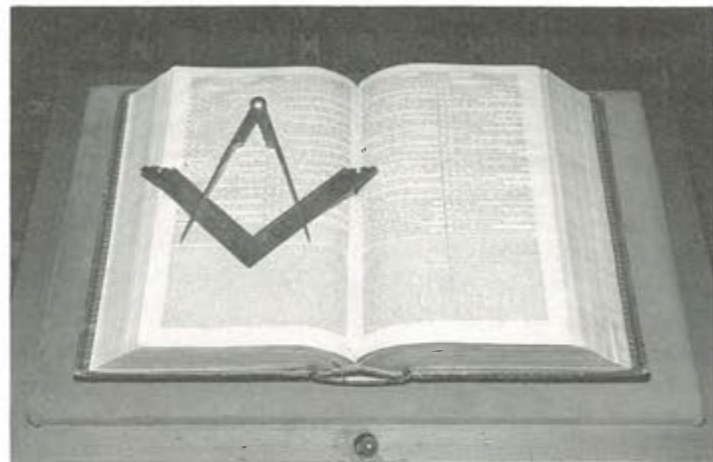
Masonic Awareness Program In The Beginning

As the Masonic Awareness Program continues to make progress across Pennsylvania, we continue to be encouraged by the calls and correspondence we receive from men, women and young people alike asking about Freemasonry in general, and our Lodges in particular. Brethren, we are bringing Light to many citizens who know very little about our Fraternity.

Members of our Fraternity have learned that the square and compasses, along with the other symbols that were explained when we received our Degrees are important to our understanding of Freemasonry.

When a man is first brought to Light at the altar of Freemasonry, he knows little about the significance of Freemasonry. He sees the square and compasses on the open Bible when he receives the Entered Apprentice Degree. Certainly he recognizes the Bible as the Great Light in Freemasonry, but no letter "G" is present at this point in his Masonic Education.

As a Mason advances to the next Degree, he encounters new symbols in the exemplification of the Fellow Craft Degree. The plumb, level and square along with the letter "G" are brought to his attention. At this point in his Masonic enlightenment,



the letter "G" begins to take on meaning for him as it is one of the familiar symbols in our Degrees and should always remind him of God and his faith in Him.

The meaning given to each Masonic symbol is beyond the understanding of the person who does not belong to the Masonic Fraternity. The logo or sign which symbolizes Grand Master Stoner's Public Awareness Program does not include the letter "G," for the Program is intended to inform the general public, those who would not know the significance of the letter "G" or any other Masonic symbol.

We encourage the Brethren to consider the symbols placed on old Lodge buildings, as well as the one on the east end of the Grand Lodge building in Philadelphia, which does not include the symbol of our Divine Creator. Neither those Masons of the past, nor our present Masons want to diminish our respect for the Supreme Architect of the Universe. So, we ask the members of the Fraternity to join hands and support the theme of our Grand Master's Program, "Keeping the Promise of America" through our Public Awareness Program.

Fall Campaign Set for Masonic Awareness Program

The second phase of the Grand Master's Masonic Awareness Program moves into high-gear this fall. A strong emphasis will be placed on the important role of the Subordinate Lodges in the overall effort to increase Freemasonry's visibility across the Commonwealth.

"Our 530 Lodges are the key to our success in letting people know what Freemasonry is all about," stated R. W. Grand Master W. Scott Stoner, who will kick-off the fall segment of the Masonic Awareness Program with a series of three Subordinate Lodge Training Sessions in late September just prior to the launch of the state-wide newspaper, radio and television advertising campaign.

A primary focus of the training will include ways to talk about Freemasonry with non-Masons. "It is clear that we must help our members become better equipped to discuss our Fraternity with

those who want to know about who we are and what we do," commented the Grand Master.

Another problem encountered by many Subordinate Lodges is communicating Masonic activities through the press at the local level. "Over and over our Lodge officers report that they are having difficulty working with the media," added the Grand Master. "One of our goals is to provide assistance in learning how to work with the press."

The Subordinate Lodges already have available, through the District Deputy Grand Masters, the ten-minute audio-

visual program "Keeping the Promise" for use with Lodges and community groups.

"Throughout all our public communication, we will be making people aware of the 24-hour toll-free telephone number so they can inquire about Freemasonry," the Grand Master reported. "Although we have received signed Petitions as a result of our initial campaign this past spring, our primary goal is to let people know about Freemasonry." Over the long run, the Grand Master believes this is what will be of greatest benefit to the Fraternity in Pennsylvania.

"What pleases me most," he said, "is what I see happening with so many of our Subordinate Lodges. They are finding ways to make themselves active and visible. This is what Masonic awareness is all about."

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1990 Grand Lodge Officers



Grand Lodge Elected Officers (left to right): Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.G.S., Edward O. Weissner, R.W.J.G.W.; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.D.G.M.; W. Scott Stoner, R.W.G.M.; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.S.G.W.; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.



Appointed Grand Lodge Officers (left to right): Bros. George N. Holmes, Roy A. McCullough, Thomas C. Librandi, Jay V. Smith, Ralph C. Rickard, Larry Emigh, W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, David R. Smeltz, Sr., John W. Hisiro, Ralph Rodgers, Daniel K. Millington, and Michael D. Smoker.



1990 Grand Lodge Officers (left to right) seated: Bros. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary; Edward O. Weissner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master; W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master; George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; and Marvin G. Speicher, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Standing: Bros. Jay V. Smith, Grand Sword Bearer; Ralph C. Rickard, Grand Steward; Larry Emigh, Grand Pursuivant; David R. Smeltz, Sr., Senior Grand Deacon; John W. Hisiro, Grand Steward; George N. Holmes, Grand Marshall; and Ralph Rogers, Grand Tyler.



Grand Chaplains (left to right): Bros. Martin W. Hopkins, Charles H. Lacquement, James A. Gaiser, W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, Robert M. Vowler, Raymond L. Fetter, Richard L. Morledge.



Aides to the Grand Master (left to right): Bros. Roy A. McCullough, Thomas C. Librandi, W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, Daniel K. Millington, and Michael D. Smoker.