

## Washington Letters Tell Relationship

Much interest was shown and many questions were asked about the three George Washington items displayed during the Quarterly and Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia.

The three items tell an interesting relationship between Bro. Washington and the Grand Lodge.

When Bro. Washington was President of the United States, he resided in the Presidential Mansion on Market Street near Sixth Street in Philadelphia.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its Annual Communication, December 27, 1791, proposed that Bro. William Smith, a minister, and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers be a committee to prepare an address to the President. The Grand Lodge was adjourned to the second day of January, 1792, to receive the report of the committee. On the appointed day, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and Bro. Smith presented a draft of the address to be presented to Bro. Washington. This draft was unanimously approved and signed by Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. Grand Master, and by Bro. P. Le Barbier Duplesses, R. W. Grand Secretary. The original of this draft is on display in the Museum of the Grand Lodge. It reads:

"To His Excellency George Washington President of the United States  
Sir & Brother

The ancient York-Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, . . . since your Election to the Chair of Government in the United States, beg leave to approach you, with Congratulations from the East, and in the Pride of Fraternal affection to hail you as the Great Master-Builder (under the Supreme Architect) by whose Labours the Temple of Liberty hath been rear'd in the West; exhibiting to the Nations of the Earth a Model of Beauty, Order and Harmony, worth of their Imitation and Praise . . ."

## Grand Lodge Installs Officers; All Elected to Homes Committee

Besides the Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers installed at the Annual Grand Communication December 28, 1970 were:

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, a retired Philadelphia businessman, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. John L. McCain, personal investments, Pittsburgh, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, a Philadelphia engineer, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, of Harrisburg, R. W. Grand Secretary.

All the elected Grand Lodge Officers are members of the Committee on Masonic Homes which operates the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Others elected to the Committee on Masonic Homes are:

Bro. William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, of Warren.

Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr., of Harrisburg.

Bro. Scott C. Rea, of Sunbury.

Bro. Ellis E. Stern, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Coatesville.

Bro. Walter P. Wells, of Coudersport.

Bro. Milton Fritsche, of Douglassville.

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Devon.

### Busy Three Months

## Quarterly Session Tops Itinerary

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers the next three months includes:

March 2-3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 6 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

March 13 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, constitute South Gate Lodge No. 808, Masonic Hall, Pleasant Hills.

March 20 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room, Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486, Middletown.

March 26 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 27 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Philadelphia.

April 10 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room, George Wagner Lodge No. 639, St. Marys.

April 16 — Grand Lodge Officer, 50th Anniversary, John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport.

April 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 24 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Crescent Lodge No. 493, Philadelphia.

May 1 — Grand Master, 75th Anniversary, Tyrian Lodge No. 612, Wilmerding, and Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek.

May 8 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Fraternal Lodge No. 483, Rouseville.

May 10 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Pittsburgh Lodge No. 484, Pittsburgh.

May 14 — Junior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden's Night, McKeesport Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.

May 15 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Logan Lodge No. 490, Altoona.

May 19 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Tyrone.

May 22 — Grand Lodge Officer, 100th Anniversary, Valley Lodge No. 499, West Pittston.

May 23-26 — Grand Master, Grand Conclave, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Scranton.

May 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

### School of Instruction

Following are the dates for the Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction for 1971:

March 6 — Harrisburg

March 27 — Pittsburgh

April 3 — Uniontown

April 17 — New Castle

April 24 — Allentown

May 8 — Williamsport

May 15 — Pleasant Hills

September 11 — Meadville

September 25 — Philadelphia

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## Bro. Ball Serves 2nd Year As State's Grand Master

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgh industrialist, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

This is the second year Bro. Ball will serve as Grand Master. He will head more than 245,000 Masons in 610 Blue Lodges throughout the state.

The ancient ceremony of Bro. Ball's installation took place Dec. 28, 1970 at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

In accordance with Masonic Law, the installation ceremony is held on December 27th, St. John the Evangelist's Day, except when it falls on Sunday and then it is held the following day.

Bro. Ball is a Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 429, F. & A. M., Zelienople, Butler County; a former member of Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Millvale, Allegheny County, and was Warrant Master of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh.

He was elected to Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1963, after serving as District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District.

Bro. Ball has been a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance since 1958, having served as vice chairman for eight years. He also served six years as a Trustee of the Thomas Ran-

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BRO. HIRAM P. BALL  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

### '70 Collection Lags

## Guest Fund Drive Hits Homestretch

The closing date is March 15 for the 1970 Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Guest Fund is running more than \$30,000 behind the 1969 collection, when Pennsylvania Masons contributed nearly \$492,000.

Hoping the current collection goes over this amount, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, has urged all Masons who have not mailed in their contributions to the Guest Fund to send

them before March 15.

A major part of the Guest Fund will go toward construction of facilities for 23 more hospital beds at the Masonic Homes.

Contributions to the Guest Fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Guest Fund and mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

## Daylight Lodges Seen Possible to Offset Problem of 'Strangers'

Thousands of Masons are strangers in their Blue Lodges because they hold night-time jobs which keep them away from their meetings and activities.

Thousands of other Brethren are members of city Lodges but live in outlying suburbs. They go home after work and find it difficult to return for their Lodge meetings.

Recognizing this as one of the major problems Freemasonry faces today, Grand Lodge is considering steps to assist its Brethren.

Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, is keenly interested in the problem and is taking an active part in the Grand Lodge program.

If enough Brethren indicate their interest, one or more Daylight Lodges may be constituted to meet in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Bro. Kern said he will assist in every way he can in formulating and getting the Lodges started.

If there is adequate interest in other cities, Grand Lodge will provide the same assistance.

Bro. Kern, who recently returned from a world-wide trip, cited London, England, as one city where the problem is recognized. Most of the Lodges in London, he said, hold their meetings in the afternoon, have an early supper and the Brethren then are free to go home.

Bro. Kern pointed out that Univer-

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## Bro. Ball Serves His Second Year As Pa. Grand Master

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ken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Ball is a member of Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 162; Mt. Moriah Council No. 2; Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 and Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, all of Pittsburgh.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh and Valley of New Castle.

For his years of Masonic work, Bro. Ball was coroneted an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1964.

He served as Potentate of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, in 1957. He also is a member of Court No. 2, Royal Order of Jesters.

Bro. Ball is a member of Islam Grotto, Pittsburgh, and Forest No. 138, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, McKeesport.

He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and has served as a trustee of the college the past 18 years.

He is president and board chairman of Ball Chemical Co.

Bro. Ball attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from Thiel College at Greenville, Pa.

Bro. and Mrs. Ball, the former Florence Helen Campbell of Indianapolis, Ind., have three children, Hiram P., Jr., Victoria I. and Susan C.



A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held November 28 to dedicate the Lodge Room of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 in the new Coraopolis Masonic Temple.

### New Temple Debt-Free

## Coraopolis Holds Dedication

The Lodge Room of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 was dedicated at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, dedicated the Lodge Room November 28 in the new Masonic Temple in Coraopolis, Allegheny County. He was accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers.

Coraopolis Lodge No. 674, which has 460 members, is in the 47th Masonic District. Bro. Ralph D. Horsman, retired superintendent of schools in Mt. Lebanon, Pa., is the District Deputy Grand Master.

The new Temple, which is at 1142 Maple St. Ext., is an 86 by 42-foot grid-block masonry building.

Besides the 60 by 40-foot Lodge Room, the main floor features a large entrance hall, Secretary's office and rest room.

The Lodge Room has new permanent, auditorium-type seats for more than 80 members, with space available for an additional 80 seats. The beautiful antique Officers' chairs were obtained from the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

A blend of blue is used in a pleasing manner in the Lodge Room for the carpeting, chairs and tint of the walls.

The lower level of the Temple consists of a Social Hall, modern stainless steel kitchen, ceramic tile rest rooms, storage rooms and a mechanical room. This room contains two separate heating and air conditioning systems, one for each level of the Temple.

A built-in public address system serves the Lodge Room and the Social Hall, which has banquet facilities for more than 200 persons.

Off-street parking for about 100 cars is accessible from either level of the landscaped property.

When completed, the Temple was debt-free.

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sity Lodge No. 610 in Philadelphia, of which he is a member and Past Master, recently under a dispensation of the Grand Master held an afternoon meeting in the Masonic Temple. He said the attendance was better than average.

Commenting further on Daylight Lodges, Bro. Kern said:

"They would give tremendous, added value to Freemasonry in that the facilities in the Masonic Temple would be in full use throughout the entire day, rather than just part-time at night."

Bro. Kern asks all Brethren interested in Daylight Lodges to write him and voice their opinions. Address letters to Bro. Kern at the Grand Master's office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, 19107.

Be sure to include your Lodge number, where you live and your preference on the day and hour a Daylight Lodge should meet.

### Glory of Life

*The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.*

—BLACK

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication

December 2, 1970

Over eight hundred Brethren attended the December Quarterly Communication and viewed the many renovations in the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The R. W. Grand Master was highly honored to receive Distinguished Guests from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Maryland, Vermont, Indiana, West Virginia, Ontario, the Scottish Rite, Masonic Service Association, the Conference of Grand Masters, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Red Cross of Constantine.

The Annual Election was held, at which the present six Grand Lodge officers and the Members of the Committee on Masonic Homes were re-elected.

Action was taken on the two Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which had been presented at the June Quarterly Communication. The Amendment which added the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary to the Committee on Masonic Homes was adopted by voice vote. The Amendment which would permit a Lodge to receive a petition for initiation and membership from a petitioner whose residence is anywhere in the County in which the Lodge is located or in any adjoining County whose border touches the other at any point, without making an inquiry, was not adopted. This action was by ballot.

### Committee Reports

Interesting reports were presented by the following Committees and Trustees: By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Culture; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; Temple; and 1976 Committee. These complete reports will be included in the 1970 Proceedings.

A petition was received for a warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Pleasant Hills in Allegheny County to be called South Gate Lodge No. 808. It will be Constituted on March 13, 1971.

The Committee on Finance Report, as usual, attracted much attention. The approved Budget Receipts and Expenditures for 1971 total \$5,397,000. The estimated Masonic Homes expenditures include \$3,700,000 for maintenance and \$304,000 for capital improvements.

The contract covering the alterations to the fourth floor of the Hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was approved, which will provide space for 23 additional Guests. These new facilities should be available by next June.

The purchase of a property adjoining the Masonic Homes was also approved.

Several amendments to the Pension Plan were approved, and a room which

was formerly a part of the Library and Museum was officially named "The Benjamin Franklin Room."

Brother Richard E. Hickam, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, spoke for the Distinguished Guests, and stressed the necessity for good Leadership at all levels, improved Masonic Education and Dedication to the tenets of Freemasonry.

Grand Lodge was saddened by the recent deaths of Brothers Paul H. Magnus and Frank L. Neff, Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Lodge closed shortly before 3:00 p.m.

### Annual Grand Communication December 28, 1970

Slightly over 230 Brethren attended this Communication in Corinthian Hall. Distinguished Guests were present from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, Louisiana, Maine, Alabama, Illinois, the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine, De Molay, and many prominent Masons from our Jurisdiction.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge La Oriental Peninsular in Mexico.

The usual Annual Reports were presented. They will be included in the 1970 Proceedings.

Bro. Thomas B. McIntosh, Jr., M. W. Grand Master of Louisiana, and Ill. Bro. George A. Newberry, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, spoke for the Distinguished Guests in a most interesting and gracious manner.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on the 1970 activities and some of the programs for 1971.

Promptly at High Noon, the Grand Lodge Officers were duly installed. Grand Lodge closed at 1:30 p.m.

A Religious Service was held in Corinthian Hall on the Sunday evening

## SUSPENSIONS

It is hoped the Lodge Officers will make every effort possible to have their Members, who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, promptly restored to membership.

A personal contact is often successful.

before the Annual Communication. Bro. and Rev. David J. Wynne, a Grand Lodge Chaplain, delivered a magnificent sermon, preaching on "Light, Life and Love." The Scottish Rite Choir, of the Valley of Philadelphia, led the singing of the hymns.

Bro. and Honorable George A. Goodling, a Member of our Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, and a Member of the House of Representatives, recently addressed a Lodge in the District of Columbia. His address was so well received that it has been printed, with his approval, in The New Age, the publication of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, and The Short Talk Bulletin of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. His remarks on "where are we, as Masons, going from here?" is a most thought-provoking article, stressing the need for Masons to devote themselves "to a life of service and helpfulness."

Bro. George H. Earle, who was Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1935 to 1939, recently received his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem.

Bro. John H. Newhard, a Member of New Temple Lodge No. 720 in Allentown, is one of the oldest Masons in our Jurisdiction. He celebrated his 104th birthday anniversary last October 29. We all hope he will enjoy many more birthdays.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Past Grand Master, once said, "Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes."

Fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

Ashby B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary





## Camera Capsules of Festive Annual Grand

Scores of Pennsylvania Masons attended the Annual Grand Communication in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Distinguished Brethren from 13 other Jurisdictions also took part in the activities, many of them pictured here.

Highlights included the installation of Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgh industrialist, as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. Other Grand Lodge Officers also were installed.

For the first time in the history of Grand Lodge, the Grand

Master's Banquet was held in the Masonic Temple with Distinguished Brethren and their Ladies in attendance.

A religious service was held in Corinthian Hall Sunday evening, December 27. Bro. David J. Wynne, a Grand Lodge Chaplain, preached the sermon, "Three Little Words." His theme referred to Light, Life and Love.

The Scottish Rite Choir of the Valley of Philadelphia, under the direction of Bro. Edward S. Siddall, offered several hymns.





## A 'Young' 98, Bro. Higgins Ends Service to Craft

Bro. Charles Higgins, the "voice" of Freemasonry to tens of thousands of Brethren he instructed in the work for over a half century, has ended his dedicated service to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Now 98 years young but still blessed with remarkable memory and keen wit, Bro. Higgins resigned as Grand Tyler effective last December 28.

He had served 34 years in that office.

Since 1938 when he was appointed, his friendly smile had greeted hosts of Brethren in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Higgins also served most of 1933 as Grand Tyler following his appointment after a death in that office.

He was a representative in Grand Lodge for 30 years.

A native of Philadelphia, he has been a Guest since 1964 in The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at 3333 North Broad Street.

Countless Brethren have attended his school of instruction classes as students and looked to Bro. Higgins for guidance and enlightenment in the ritualistic work. Outside the school, he devoted up until two years ago thousands of "private" hours to counseling Brethren in the Craft.

He taught the work for 50 years, many of them as principal instructor.

His service in the esoteric work is "without equal," said Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Higgins' devotion and love for Freemasonry was kindled more than 59 years ago when he became a member of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia. He is Past Master of his Lodge, having served in 1920.

Up until recent months he honed his fantastic memory even sharper by reciting one of the degrees each night before going to bed.

He brought his sharp memory into use in another "love" of his life — playing checkers.

In fact, nobody could best Bro. Higgins when it came to playing more than one opponent at the same time. He became a checkers champ at playing games simultaneously. In the years 1910-20, he toured the state giving exhibitions, meeting as many as 105 opponents at once.

In recalling his heyday as checkers king, Bro. Higgins' eyes brightened as he remarked:

"You might think Freemasonry is hard to learn, but it's not half as hard as checkers."

There are 25,000 ways to play the game, he said. His home library once

held 250 books on checkers.

It's been 25 years since Bro. Higgins matched moves against an opponent. "I just haven't had enough time," he explained.

An upholsterer by trade, he operated his own business in West Philadelphia for 66 years.

Bro. Higgins' Masonic Record includes serving in 1934 as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania. He is a Past High Priest of University Chapter No. 256; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 46 and Past Commander of St. Alban Commandery No. 47.

As a Shriner, Bro. Higgins has been a member of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, for more than 56 years. He has been an honorary member of Syria Temple for more than 30 years.

## Hospital Bid Goes To Harrisburg Firm

A Harrisburg firm has been awarded the contract on the renovation project which will provide 23 more hospital beds at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The low bid of H. B. Alexander & Son, Inc. was approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes at a special meeting held Nov. 24, 1970 in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The firm's bid was "a time and material contract, with a maximum total cost of \$165,000."

Six contractors submitted bids on the project.

The cost of construction originally had been estimated at \$250,000. An additional \$50,000 is earmarked for furnishings and equipment.

The new facilities will be on the fourth floor of the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital at the Homes. The floor has not been occupied by Guests.

Target date for completion of the work is June 1.



**BRO. CHARLES HIGGINS**  
Grand Tyler 34 years

## Grand Lodge Cites Digest of Decisions On Insurance Sales

Grand Lodge recently has received complaints about insurance firms which allegedly have exclusive policies for the benefit of Masons.

Grand Lodge does not sponsor or endorse any insurance company.

Before purchasing any policy, it is advisable that all Brethren be sure to read and understand what is included in the policy.

Grand Lodge does not authorize the distribution of any insurance sales promotional literature through Masonic channels.

The Digest of Decisions covers this Masonic Law, as follows:

Decision LXVII, Section 3, reads:

"All schemes in business affairs to attract patronage, or support by the use of Masonic emblems or the parading of Masonic names, are contrary to the teachings of the Craft in this Jurisdiction."

And Decision LXVIII, Section 3, reads:

"The names of officers and members of Lodges must not be furnished to canvassers, lecturers, solicitors, etc."

Brethren in this Jurisdiction who receive sales promotional literature which implies that Grand Lodge either has sponsored or endorsed any insurance company are asked to send such information to:

The Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

## Patton School Earns Accreditation

Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown, for the first time in its 46-year history, has received accreditation for the educational program it is providing its students.

Dr. John W. Kopp, superintendent at Patton, said he has been informed of the favorable action by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Patton School, he explained, has been put on the commission's accredited membership for ten years, ending December 31, 1980.

Previously, Patton was a private licensed school by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Kopp said the Patton administration began two years ago to prepare for the school's evaluation by a visiting team of educators.

Commenting on winning accreditation, Dr. Kopp said:

"Everybody at Patton was thrilled to get the news. When you have this approval, you know your students are getting the proper work for college entrance."

Accreditation, Dr. Kopp said, not only means that Patton is offering an excellent curriculum but its teachers are certified to teach their various subjects.

Patton teachers, he explained, also are scheduled to serve on evaluation teams which will visit other schools.

While Patton School will not come up for evaluation for another ten years, it must continue a program to maintain accreditation.

Dr. Kopp said periodic reports on enrollment, staffing, curriculum development and plans for future expansion of facilities must be sent to the Commission on Secondary Schools.

## 2 District Deputies Appointed in East

Two new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master. They are: Bro. C. Edward Weaver, Past Master of Crescent Lodge No. 493, Philadelphia, Masonic District "H."

Bro. George W. Hadley, Past Master of Perkins Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia, Masonic District "J."

At the same time Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr. has been created a Past District Deputy Grand Master by Bro. Ball.

Bro. Warner, who has served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "J," is a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes.



## 200 Years of Freemasonry

Bro. Walter F. Kuster (extreme right), a member of Washington Lodge No. 265 in Bloomsburg, is the fourth member in his family to receive a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Emblem. Helping him celebrate are (left to right) Bros. Ralph, Kimber and Herman Kuster, all previous recipients of the coveted award.

## Pleasant Hills Sets Program To Constitute South Gate Lodge

South Gate Lodge No. 808 will be constituted March 13 at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in Masonic Hall, 455 E. Bruceton Rd., Pleasant Hills, Allegheny County.

South Gate Lodge was organized under the direction of Bro. John L. Andrews, District Deputy Grand Master of the 57th Masonic District.

Officers select of South Gate Lodge are Bro. H. Raymond Hillgartner, a Past Master of Geter C. Shidle Lodge No. 650, Worshipful Master; Bro. John J. Wine, former Member of William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758, Senior Warden; Bro. James F. Casey, former Senior Warden of Lodge No. 650, Junior Warden; Bro. George H. Rhodes, former Member of Lodge No. 758, Treasurer, and Bro. Harley W. Pratt, former Member of Medina Lodge No. 336, Medina, N.Y., Secretary.

Bro. Clare D. Hillgartner was appointed Senior Deacon and Bro. Gilbert G. Whitmer Junior Deacon.

The Trustees are Bros. Joseph D. Howdyshell, Arthur S. Kleitz and Robert Novich.

The recommender on the petition for the Warrant for South Gate Lodge was Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 759.

The Stated Meetings of South Gate Lodge will be held the third Monday of the month.

## Grand Master Names Four Floor Officers

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, announced the appointments of four new Grand Lodge Officers December 28 at the Annual Grand Communication. They are:

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Past Master and Trustee of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Luzerne County, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro. William L. Mullan, Past Master and former Secretary of Quaker City Lodge No. 724, Philadelphia, Grand Steward.

Bro. Paul R. Jenkins, Past Master and Treasurer of George W. Guthrie Lodge No. 691, Pittsburgh, Grand Purveyor.

Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 8 and Past Master of Fort Washington Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington, Montgomery County, Grand Tyler.