



Now used for Grand Lodge receptions, this beautiful, stately Benjamin Franklin Room in the Masonic Temple was officially named at the December Quarterly Communication. The new room formerly was a part of the library and museum. The splendor of the room is enriched by 11 murals and the oil portraits of living Past Grand Masters of Pennsylvania.

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Grand Lodge Gives \$4,716 Contribution To Memorial Assn.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has given \$4,716 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The presentation was made prior to the association's annual meeting February 22 at Alexandria, Va.

The contribution represents \$1 for each initiate into the Fraternity in Pennsylvania in the preceding year. This continuing Grand Lodge contribution is part of the "Pennsylvania Plan."

Under the plan, the Grand Lodge presented about \$300,000 to the association nine years ago and since then \$1 for each initiate.

In all, \$76,644 was reported contributed to the association this year by all the Grand Lodges. A breakdown of the amount shows:

- \$19,218 for the endowment fund.
- \$55,676 for maintenance fund.
- \$ 1,750 for landscaping fund.

It took \$174,000 to operate the Memorial last year. This included \$15,000 for a reserve fund to meet future emergencies.

Of the total operating cost last year, \$54,000 was contributed by Grand Lodges and \$122,000 was income from a \$2.8 million endowment.

Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

- June 1 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 2 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 5 — Graduation Exercises, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown.
- June 12 — Junior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie.
- June 18 — Junior Grand Warden, Annual Awards Banquet, Order of DeMolay Conclave, Erie.
- June 19 — Junior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Oil City Lodge No. 710, Oil City.
- June 19 — Senior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Penn Lodge No. 709, Chester.
- June 23 — Deputy Grand Master, Reunion, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Coudersport, Coudersport.
- June 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- July 9 — Grand Lodge Officers, Council of Deliberation, New Castle.
- July 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- August 12 — Grand Master, 28th Grand Assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Penn State, State College.
- August 31 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Altoona.
- September 1 — Quarterly Communication, Jaffa Mosque, Altoona.

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Tribute to a Great Man Kneeling in Prayer

An impressive public program marked the Grand Lodge's fourth annual wreath laying ceremony at the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge. Taking part in the tribute were (left to right) Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, who gave the address and placed the wreath at

the foot of the statue; Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master. See pages 4-5 for other pictures of ceremony which was attended by more than 2,000 Masons, their families and friends.

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10 Boys to Receive Diplomas at Patton Exercises June 5

Ten seniors will receive diplomas June 5 at commencement exercises of Patton Masonic School in Elizabethtown.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, will be the commencement speaker at the 11 a.m. exercises in George H. Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Homes.

Members of the graduating class are Charles Brecht, Gregory Clark, Drew Dawson, Myron Dubee, John Edye, Leonard Evans, Kenneth Miller, John Peters, Richard Pipke and Milton Ranck.

The graduates will be presented their diplomas by Bro. Richard A. Rudisill, a trustee of the school.

Five of the graduates will enter college in the fall. Leonard Evans will study at Tyler School of Art of Temple University; Myron Dubee will attend Lackawanna Community College; Gregory Clark will major in physical education at Slippery Rock State College; Drew Dawson in social sciences at George Washington University and John Peters in electrical engineering at Temple University.

Charles Brecht will attend a Philadelphia area institute to continue his apprenticeship as an electrician. John Edye and Kenneth Miller will be employed as apprentice machinists; Richard Pipke as an apprentice electrician and Milton Ranck as an apprentice carpenter.



Bro. Frank W. Bobb, librarian and curator of Grand Lodge, and Miss Judy Mazefsky, assistant to the librarian, leafing through one of six rare and attractive Grand Lodge volumes on Freemasonry which are available at no cost to Lodges interested in establishing libraries.

Library Starter Set

Rare Books Available to Lodges

In keeping with this year's centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge Library, the Grand Master is encouraging Lodges to establish their own libraries.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, is making available six Grand Lodge volumes on Freemasonry as a starter set for Lodges interested in beginning a library.

These volumes also are available to Lodges which already have libraries.

The number of starter sets is limited and requests will be filled as received.

The starter set includes three volumes of "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania." These rare and attractive books have been compiled from the early records of Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia. The books cover the years 1757 to 1855.

Two rare volumes of "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania (Moderns and Ancients)" are featured in the starter set. Covering the years 1730 to 1791, these books relate to Lodges which have surrendered their Warrants or affiliated with other Grand Lodges. They also contain a history of Army Lodges and those that have assisted in the formation of other Grand Lodges.

Bro. Julius F. Sachse, former librarian and curator of Grand Lodge, com-

plied the two volumes from the records in the archives of Grand Lodge.

The sixth volume in the starter set is "History of Masonic Knights Templar of Pennsylvania." This beautiful book, also by Bro. Sachse, is a full account of Templarism in the state from 1797 to 1919.

Lodges interested in receiving a starter set should apply through their District Deputy Grand Master. It is recommended this be done as soon as possible.

There will be no charge except shipping costs for any of the six volumes.

Lodges which apply for the set also will be placed on a list to be notified by Grand Lodge when other duplicate books are available.

State's Oldest Mason Plans 103rd Birthday

Bro. George E. Roberts, who was made a Mason January 11, 1892, in Temple Lodge No. 248 in Tunkhannock, is still active in Masonry and recently attended his Lodge's banquet. He is the oldest Mason in length of service in the Grand Lodge and will celebrate his 103rd birthday June 16, 1971.

Bicentennial City Gets Conference

The annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, usually held in the nation's capital, will be held in Philadelphia in 1976.

The conference will be held in February but as yet no dates have been set.

All the officers of Grand Lodges are coming to Pennsylvania for the 1976 observance of the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The decision to bring the important meeting to Philadelphia, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was made at the conference sessions last February 23-24 in Washington, D.C.

At that time a seven-member committee, known as the Permanent 1976 Committee of Grand Masters of Masons, was elected.

It is working under the chairmanship of Bro. Thomas B. McIntosh, Jr., M. W. Past Grand Master of Louisiana.

The committee will encourage and report various activities being planned by Masonic Jurisdictions for the 1976 national celebration.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, is serving on the committee. Other members are:

Bro. Charles F. Gosnell, M. W. Past Grand Master, New York.

Bro. Lester S. McElwain, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, California.

Bro. Warren A. McMinimee, M. W. Past Grand Master, Oregon.

Bro. Robert L. Pugh, M. W. Past Grand Master, North Carolina.

Bro. Dwight L. Smith, M. W. Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Indiana.

In addition, Bro. G. Egerton Brown, M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, was elected an ex-officio member of the committee to represent Jurisdictions outside the United States.

After naming the committee, the conference gave it the authority to elect additional members if it was deemed advisable. Under this authority the committee elected Bro. Herbert H. Jaynes, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, as its eighth member.

To help defray expenses of the committee, the Grand Lodges and Masonic Bodies were requested to contribute one cent for each member in their Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will contribute \$2,460.

Ruskin Sets Goal

John Ruskin said: "Never omit an opportunity of doing a kindness, speaking a true word or making a friend."



Visitation Cheers Bedfast Brother

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, warmly clasps hand of bedfast Bro. John E. Gardner, a member of Euclid Lodge No. 698 in Harrisburg, during a recent visitation and tour of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lebanon. Accompanying Bro. Kimmel were (left to right) Bro. Wilmer E. King, Grand Steward; Bro. Daniel D. Rode, chairman of the Visitation and Sick Committee of Lodge No. 698 and Bro. Edward L. Vice, Masonic Service Association field agent at the Lebanon hospital. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began visitation programs in Veterans Administration and Service Hospitals in Philadelphia area of the state in October, 1968. See page 7 for related story.

Pennsylvania to Share Ideas For '76 Masonic Celebration

The opening address in a group discussion at the Conference of Grand Masters was given by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master. He spoke on "The Masonic Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of 1776." Following are excerpts from his address:

"We in Pennsylvania are concerned, just as Freemasonry throughout the United States is concerned, with the form our participation should take in this mammoth, national celebration.

We should cherish with pride the fact that Freemasonry was intimately interwoven in the building of the greatest country in the world today.

Much of our country's history, as you know, is steeped in Freemasonry. Many of America's early leaders and greatest men were members of the Fraternity.

Let me share a little of what we plan to do in Pennsylvania in 1976, and why

we are concerned enough to do these things.

Our concern with this eventful year began showing itself nearly three years ago when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania appointed a special 1976 Committee. It has already done much toward formulating our program.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has accepted the challenge. We will share ideas and information, and co-operate with other Grand Lodges to make the 1976 celebration a success in every way.

We not only have a special 1976 Committee working but, under the authorization of Bro. John K. Young, when he was Grand Master, a fund was created which will total \$250,000 in 1976. This fund will be used on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to

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'Let Us . . . Emulate Him and Show Concern'

Chilly winds whipped across historic Valley Forge as more than 2,000 Masons, their families and friends attended the Grand Lodge's fourth annual wreath laying ceremony at the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation.

Highlights of this tribute to a great American came when Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, gave the message and, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, placed the wreath at the foot of the statue.

The public ceremony last Feb. 14 was conducted under the general chairmanship of Bro. David J. Godschall, District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District.

Taking part in the impressive program were the Harrisburg Scottish Rite Choir, under the direction of Bro. James E. Sawyer, and the Concert Band of Rajah Temple in Reading. The band was under the baton of Bro. William H. Levan.

Other Bodies participating in the processional included Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery; eight Scottish Rite Valleys; four Shrine Temples and representatives

of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, National Sojourners and the Order of DeMolay.

In his message the Grand Master told the gathering:

"It took one important thing—concern—to bring each of you here before the statue of this great man kneeling in prayer . . .

"Every American citizen must begin showing this same concern if our country is to overcome the challenges of war and world tension, hunger, pollution, crime and discontent . . .

"Bro. Washington was concerned with the issues of his day. He committed himself to those things which meant the most, whether it was on the battlefield, in the field of government or in his personal life . . .

"Let us, my Brethren, emulate him and show concern. Let us give of ourselves as much as he gave of himself. Let us become involved and do something about the challenges our country faces today."



Middletown Observes Centennial

The 100th anniversary of Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486 in Middletown was highlighted March 20 when the cornerstone was placed and Lodge Room dedicated in its new Masonic Temple.

The ceremonies were held at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, placed the cornerstone and dedicated the Lodge Room.

The 400-member Prince Edwin Lodge is in the 2nd Masonic District. Bro. Wallace H. Alexander is the District Deputy Grand Master.

In congratulating the Lodge members, Bro. Ball said:

"You are to be commended for your loyalty to the Lodge and to the principles of our Fraternity. These are the factors that stimulate the efforts and sacrifices that made your new Temple possible. This is the Masonic dedication that will enable you to reach future goals."

The new Temple on W. Emaus Street is a two-story, tan brick veneer Masonry building.

Generally, the Lodge Room walls are prefinished plywood with T-bar ceiling and flush lighting. The floor is carpeted wall-to-wall.

The first floor Social Room has rest room facilities and a kitchen with serving counter. Walls, ceiling and lighting are the same as in the Lodge Room. Wall-to-wall carpeting covers the stage and floor of the social area.

The building features gas heating and air conditioning.

The parking area, accessible from Nisley Street, holds about 30 cars.

Hospital Inspection Tops June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held Wednesday, June 2 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

A program highlight will be a 3 p.m. inspection of new facilities on the fourth floor of the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital. The renovation project provides 23 more hospital beds at the Homes.

Grand Lodge will open at 7 p.m. in George H. Deike Auditorium.

Brethren arriving in the morning or early afternoon will find ample eating facilities in the Elizabethtown area.



Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486 highlighted its 100th anniversary by placing cornerstone and dedicating Lodge Room in its new Masonic Temple in Middletown.

Pennsylvania to Share Ideas For '76 Masonic Celebration

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help defray a part of the anticipated expenditures.

In addition to this, we have undertaken an extensive remodeling project in our Temple so we will be able to handle the great number of visitors who will be coming to Philadelphia in 1976.

We want the public as well as the Brethren to share in this great anniversary by proudly displaying our Masonic Temple and the historic treasures we have housed in it.

The library and museum have been remodeled to enhance their exhibits and displays.

Through these priceless objects, our visitors will see the part Freemasons played in laying the foundation of our government and in securing America's most treasured possessions — individual freedom and political independence.

We would also like to offer adequate space in our historic Temple for exhibits and displays from the 13 Jurisdictions of the original states. In this way, these Jurisdictions would have an ac-

tive part in the Masonic 'show case' in the Bicentennial City.

We plan to invite and welcome all Masons from every Jurisdiction to see our beautiful Masonic Temple and possibly to use it for their special Lodge meetings. To do this, our law would have to be changed. I believe it will be, at least for 1976."

Guest Fund Drive Ends at \$471,729

Pennsylvania Masons contributed \$471,729.03 to the 1970 Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The fund drive, which ended March 15, was \$20,555.55 less than the record collection of 1969. The Brethren that year contributed the all-time high of \$492,284.58.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, expressed appreciation and personal thanks to every Mason who took part in the 1970 collection.

Speakers' Bureau Being Augmented

By ASHBY B. PAUL
R. W. Grand Secretary

Quarterly Communication — March 3, 1971

Despite the inclement weather, the March Quarterly Communication was well attended in Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Committee and Trustee Reports

The usual reports were concise and informative. The ever-busy Committee on By-Laws reviewed the by-laws submitted by 27 Lodges, most of which were approved in whole or in part.

The report of the Committee on Finance for the first fiscal quarter indicated receipts of \$2,590,220 and expenditures of \$2,167,200. Upon the recommendation of this committee, resolutions authorizing the sale of two properties were adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Culture reported that the responsibility for publishing "The Pennsylvania Freemason" has been transferred to the Office of the Grand Master. The Speakers' Bureau is being augmented and some of the popular booklets are being rewritten and, it is hoped, will be available in the near future.

The renovations to the fourth floor of the hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown are progressing on schedule and should be completed prior to the June Quarterly Communication which will be held at the Masonic Homes. The Guest Fund is slightly less than last year. Because of the hospital waiting list, applications for non-ambulatory Guests cannot be accepted at this time. Grand Lodge was pleased to receive a check for \$10,000 from University Lodge No. 610 for the Masonic Homes expansion program, and a check for \$3,000 from Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158 for furniture in the new fourth floor hospital rooms.

Ten of the Patton Masonic School students are expected to graduate June 5, and it is hoped to have a full enrollment of 60 students next fall.

Improvements to the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street are moving ahead as planned. The Committee on Temple expenditures for the first quarter were \$80,435.

Membership Statistics

The number of Lodges remained at 610 in 1970. The preliminary membership statistics show a net loss for 1970 of 2,616, slightly higher than the previous year. While 4,721 were initiated, there were 6,013 deaths, dropping the total to 242,404 as of December 27, 1970.

Grand Masters' Conference

The R. W. Grand Master gave an interesting report on the Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington, D.C. in February. He was happy to announce

that the 1976 Conference of Grand Masters will be held in Philadelphia. A committee of seven, including our Grand Master, was appointed to the Permanent 1976 Committee of Grand Masters of Masons. Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, reported on the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association which was held in Alexandria, Va. Donations for this Memorial made by the Grand Lodges totaled over \$76,000. All Lodges are still requested to donate \$1 each year for each new initiate. Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, highlighted the 52nd annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association, pointing out our fine participation in the Hospital Visitation Program.

Special Communications

South Gate Lodge No. 808 was constituted March 13 at Pleasant Hills, bringing our total Lodges up to 611.

The new Lodge Room of Prince Edwin Lodge No. 486 at Middletown was dedicated March 20.

The new Lodge Room of George Wagner Lodge No. 639 at St. Marys was dedicated April 10.

The dedication of the new Lodge Room of Moosic Lodge No. 664 at Moosic is scheduled May 29.

Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia held an interesting meeting recently commemorating 43 years of service by Bro. J. Lybrant Tomlin, and 40 years of service as secretary by Bro. Herbert D. Louderback. Both brothers are continuing their excellent service to their Lodge.

Bro. Franklin L. White, a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 362 in Erie, received his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem. He expressed his gratitude with these thoughtful words:

"Being a Mason has been the greatest privilege of my life. The brothers I have met throughout the world have been outstanding in their communities. If every man throughout the world was a Mason and lived by the teachings and principles advocated by Freemasonry, the poverty, jealousies and wars we are experiencing would not exist."

Father Confers Degrees on Sons

Not many fathers have experienced the great privilege and joy that has been Bro. David R. Hoover's, District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th Masonic District.

He has conferred the three degrees in Freemasonry on his only two sons in the Lodge of which he was Warrant Master.

In Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 in McConnellsburg, Bro. Hoover conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on his sons David R. Hoover II, 24, and Stephen Michael Hoover, 21, on Nov. 9, 1970.

They received the Fellow Craft Degree last Feb. 8 and the Master Mason Degree March 15.

82 Field Agents Make VA Hospital Visitations

The call for continued support and increased contributions to the Hospital Visitation Program was made at the 52nd annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association.

The session was held February 22 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Presently, 82 field agents are in active service in the visitation program at Veterans Administration Hospitals throughout the country. Many volunteers, including DeMolay boys, also serve in the program.

Ninety hospitals are visited on a regular basis.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began participation in the program in 1968 in the Philadelphia area.

Bro. R. E. Minnich Named District Deputy of Ninth

Bro. Rollin E. Minnich, Jr. of Laurys Station, Lehigh County, has been named District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District.

His appointment was announced by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Minnich is a member and Past Master of Chapman Lodge No. 637 in Northampton. The 9th Masonic District takes in parts of Northampton and Bucks Counties.