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The Grand Master will approve the work after reviewing the exemplification, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall.

In morning and afternoon sessions that day, the regional instructors will conduct rehearsals of the work.

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Winter Provides Busy Itinerary

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

- November 13 — Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Rural Amity Lodge No. 70, Athens.
- November 20 — Grand Master, 71st Reunion Banquet, Williamsport Consistory, Williamsport.
- November 20 — Junior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Wilson Lodge No. 714, Clairton.
- November 22 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Finance, Philadelphia.
- November 27 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, St. John's Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh.
- December 1 — Grand Lodge Officers, December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.
- December 2 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Chapter Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.
- December 3 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- December 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, Annual Grand Communication, Harrisburg.
- January 8 — Grand Master, Masters' Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- January 15 — Senior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, North Hills Lodge No. 716, Pittsburgh.
- January 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- February 5 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Riverside Lodge No. 503, Wrightsville.
- February 21-23 — Grand Lodge Officers, Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.
- February 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- February 26 — Grand Master, Masters' Night, sponsored by Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.



New Hospital Section Visited

During a recent tour of the new 23-bed area on the fourth floor of the hospital at the Masonic Homes, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, is shown facilities at the nurses' station by Miss Donna Raudabaugh, a nurse's aide. Looking on from left are Dr. Herman F. Meckstroth, medical director, and Drs. Carl G. Johnson and Robert H. Linn, staff physicians.

Lodge Rooms Dedicated

York, Cochranon Fulfill Dreams

The Lodge Rooms in two new Masonic Temples were dedicated and a cornerstone placing ceremony was held last month at Special Communications of Grand Lodge.

In impressive ceremonies Oct. 2, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, symbolically placed the cornerstone and dedicated the Lodge Room of the \$535,000 Temple at York.

The Grand Master on Oct. 16 also dedicated the Lodge Room of Cochranon Lodge No. 790, near Meadville, culminating a 10-year effort by the Brethren to have their own Temple.

At the Special Communications the Grand Master was accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers.

The new Temple at York is the home of three Blue Lodges having a combined membership of 2,000. They are York Lodge No. 266; Zerodatha Lodge No. 451 and White Rose Lodge No. 706. Each Blue Lodge shared in the

fund raising drive to build and refurbish the Temple.

Bro. Emanuel A. Cassimatis, District Deputy Grand Master of the 42nd Masonic District, which includes York, said at the Oct. 2 dedication:

"The completion of the new Masonic Center of York marks the end of a long

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About the Cover, Other Temple Scenes

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, pictured on the cover page, is described as "one of the greatest works of art ever carried on by Masons in any part of the world."

The Temple has been extensively renovated and scenes of its imposing interior are displayed on Pages 4 and 5 and the back page.

'Creation of Genius' Awes Visitors

One of the wonders of the Masonic world is the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Since its dedication nearly a century ago, this architectural jewel has attracted hundreds of thousands of Brethren and visitors to the mother city of Freemasonry in America.

The magnificent Temple, which is the home of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, is unlike anything else in the nation. Or the world, for that matter, if you take the word of architects and artists, structural engineers and scholars. They have come away from visits amazed at what their eyes have taken in.

Veteran guides who conduct tours through the building say countless visitors from Europe and other foreign lands have told them they have seen nothing to compare to it.

The Masonic Temple's majestic turrets and spires stand out symbolically as they frame a part of Philadelphia's downtown skyline.

The massive structure, from its elaborate exterior to imposing interior, is the creation of genius.

It was designed by Bro. James H. Windrim, who was a prominent architect and a member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72. The building has been described as "one of the greatest works of art ever carried on by Masons in any part of the world."

Brilliant exemplifications of various orders of architecture are seen in the Temple's seven Lodge Halls. They are the finest examples of the Corinthian, Ionic, Italian Renaissance, Norman, Gothic, Oriental and Egyptian styles.

Egyptian Hall, for example, is called the "only perfect specimen of Egyptian architecture in America." This extraordinary room is an exhibit of the greatest wonders left by the ancient builders from the Nile Valley. So perfect are the room's mystic symbols and designs that scholars come to study them.

Visitors are awed by the massive beauty of the Temple's hallways and stairways. The grandeur is enhanced by oil paintings, statuary, other works of art and furniture of the richest character.

The brilliance of the interior is magnified by chandeliers and the glow from some 5,000 light bulbs.

Overlooking the highly polished, marble Grand Staircase is a beautiful stained glass window which depicts "Holy Ground." The glass mural portrays "Burning Bush," where Moses received instructions from God.

At the top of the window in circular form are emblems of the Masonic Fra-

ternity. Panels at the base of the window portray the four cardinal virtues — Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

Besides the seven Lodge Halls, the Temple contains the offices of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; a distribution center which handles mailing and printing operations; eight committee rooms; seven banquet rooms and kitchen facilities equal to any large hotel.

As nerve center of the Masonic system in Pennsylvania, the Temple also houses the Grand Lodge Museum and a library which has more than 70,000 volumes. The Brethren can borrow many of the books, even by mail.

The museum has one of the finest collections of Masonic treasures in the world.

The most priceless possession is Bro. George Washington's Masonic apron which was embroidered by Madame Lafayette. Her husband, Marquis de Lafayette, presented the apron to the President in August, 1784. The occasion was Bro. Lafayette's first visit to America after the Revolution.

The apron was turned over to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1829 by the Washington Benevolent Society.

The museum also prizes two of Bro. Washington's original, handwritten letters. Dated December 27, 1796, they are addressed to "Fellow-citizens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Another treasure is Benjamin Franklin's 1734 printing of the 1723 English edition of "The Constitutions of Free-Masons." It is the first book on Freemasonry printed in America and, consequently, is considered the rarest and most prized Masonic book in the country.

Other displays in the priceless collection include a St. Peter's Lodge notice engraved by Bro. Paul Revere and the Geneva Bible or Breeches Bible, as it is better known. It was imprinted in London, England in 1599.

Both the museum and library have been completely renovated under an extensive remodeling program in the historic Temple.

The work started about four years ago when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began looking ahead to the 1976 celebration. Pennsylvania wants its beautiful Temple refurbished by then to handle the great numbers of Brethren and visitors who will be coming to Philadelphia when the nation celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The renovation project has touched

Temple Sets Hours, Welcomes Tourists

Thousands of tourists and visitors have marveled at the magnificence of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Veteran guides who conduct tours through the building said one of their highspots this year came in September. During Sept. 26-30 when the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite held its annual meeting in Philadelphia, more than 1,900 visitors toured the Temple.

Guided tours are conducted at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, tours are at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. only. The Temple is closed Sundays, legal holidays and on Saturdays during July and August.

everything from modernizing the kitchen to installing a new communications system so all the Lodge Halls can be in contact with each other.

All the staff offices have been remodeled and equipped with new furnishings. Every Lodge Hall and room throughout the Temple can be made comfortable by a new humidifier and air conditioning system.

In addition to Grand Lodge, 79 Blue Lodges and 21 other Masonic Bodies hold their meetings in the Temple.

This requires a continuous house-keeping operation by maintenance personnel. They use modern mechanical apparatus and equipment, plus a lot of old-fashioned elbow grease, to keep the immense building practically spotless.

When the huge, granite cornerstone for the beautiful edifice was laid June 24, 1868, the gavel used was the one Bro. Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol 75 years earlier.

It took more than five years of skilled labor to build the Temple.

But the day finally came for its consecration, the grandest event in the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 26, 1873 the Temple was dedicated in solemn ceremonies and since that day has been serving mankind in the spirit of universal benevolence and brotherhood.

Ruskin Offers Advice

John Ruskin once said, "Never omit an opportunity to do a kindness, speak a true word or make a friend."



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CORINTHIAN HALL, magnificent meeting room of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



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EGYPTIAN HALL, America's only perfect specimen of Nile Valley style.



NORMAN HALL, whose features are Rhenish Romanesque.

600 Masons Took Journey To Altoona's Jaffa Mosque

Quarterly Communication — September 1, 1971

Jaffa Mosque in Altoona adequately accommodated the 600 Masons at the September Quarterly Communication. Quite a few Brothers traveled many miles to attend.

The quarterly meetings of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Committee on Finance, as well as the session with the district deputy grand masters, preceded the Communication.

The customary committee and trustee reports were concise and enlightening.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals, the expulsion of a member was removed and he was restored to good Masonic standing.

Most of the amendments to the by-laws submitted by 30 Lodges were approved by Grand Lodge in whole or in part, as recommended by the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported receipts of \$1,508,280.81 and expenditures of \$1,562,730.60 for the third fiscal quarter ending Aug. 15.

Through the efforts of the Committee on Masonic Culture, many names have been added to the Speakers' Bureau. Quite a few Lodges are establishing libraries and have received a supply of interesting books from Grand Lodge. A special exhibit of Scottish Rite items was prepared in the Grand Lodge Museum in anticipation of many visitors who would be attending the Supreme Council sessions in Philadelphia late in September.

The Committee on Masonic Homes reported the contract for the 116-bed addition to the hospital at Elizabethtown has been awarded to D. S. Warfel Associates, Inc., of Lancaster, at a cost slightly less than \$2,590,000. The contractor has started work on the project and much of the excavation has been completed. It is hoped that all our members will contribute generously to the Guest and Building Fund to help meet this large expenditure.

The Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms continues to meet with many Lodges that contemplate new or vastly improved facilities.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Printing and Publishing, the contract for the 1971 Proceedings was awarded to George H. Buchanan Co.

The report of the trustees of the Patton School for Boys indicated the fall classes have begun with 49 boys enrolled. Bro. Howard F. Rissmiller, Worshipful Master of Puritan Lodge No. 740, West Reading, was honored as an outstanding Patton alumnus and re-

ceived the Grand Master's Award for 1971. He was a member of the class of 1960. The school would appreciate receiving some modern shop machinery that is not being used.

The Committee on Temple reported that most of the proposed projects have now been completed. The expenditures for the first nine months of \$279,500 are within the budget allocation.

All the Jurisdictions are cooperating in establishing a program for the 1976 Bicentennial celebration in Philadelphia, as announced by our 1976 Committee.



BRO. KENNETH M. MILLER

As new Field Agent of Masonic Service Association, he handles visitation program at VA Hospital at Wilkes-Barre. He is member of Plymouth Lodge No. 332.



A Century of Happy Birthdays

Many fond memories undoubtedly flashed across the remarkable mind of Bro. Charles Higgins (center), retired Grand Tyler who also taught the ritualistic work for 50 years, as he prepared to cut the cake at his 100th birthday celebration last Aug. 12. Among the Brethren who helped honor him were (left to right) Bro. Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary; Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. George R. Bunting, president of The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, 3333 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, where Bro. Higgins' party was held. He has been a Guest there since 1964.

Harrisburg Awaits Annual Grand

When the Annual Grand Communication convenes Dec. 27 in Harrisburg, it will be only the third time in history it has been held outside of Philadelphia.

The Annual Grand also will mark one of the few times that Pennsylvania Masons and their Ladies will participate in program events.

All Master Masons and their Ladies are invited to the Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple at Third and Division Streets, about a mile north of the State Capitol.

Bishop Hermann W. Kaebnick, resident bishop of the Harrisburg area, Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be principal speaker at the service.

The Men and Boys' Choir of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg, will sing under the direction of Michael H. Shoemaker, choir master and organist.

Master Masons and their Ladies also will attend the Grand Master's Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn at Camp Hill, near Harrisburg. All banquet tickets, which were offered on a first come, first serve basis, have been sold.

Master Masons only will attend Grand Lodge when it convenes at 10 a.m. Dec. 27 in Zembo Mosque, also at Third and Division Streets. Highlight of the Communication will be installation of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers.

A luncheon for the Brethren will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple.

Then at 3 p.m. the newly installed Grand Master will be received officially at a special meeting of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in the Temple.

Harrisburg will be only the third city outside of Philadelphia to ever host an Annual Grand. Pittsburgh's Syria Mosque was the setting when Bro. Hiram P. Ball was installed as Grand Master in 1969. And in 1958 Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote was installed as Grand Master in the Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Equity Honors Grand Lodge Library

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Grand Lodge Library, Equity Lodge No. 591 in Philadelphia held a special meeting Sept. 24 in Congress Hall.

Bro. George Washington took the oath as President in this historic building, and the first meetings of Congress were held there.



Officers Hold Cornerstone Ceremony

Grand Lodge Officers participated in an impressive ceremony Oct. 2 to symbolically place the cornerstone for the new 116-bed extended care facility at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. From left are Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. John L. McCain, Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, Grand Master, who officiated. Ground was broken last July 23 for the three-story brick structure which will cost an estimated \$3.5 million to build and equip.

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and, at times, difficult task. It was distinguished both by the exemplary dedication and effort of a score or so Brethren, as well as the general support of all York Masons."

Following the dedication, nearly 1,200 Brethren, their wives and guests attended a banquet held at the York County Fairgrounds. An estimated 5,000 York area residents toured the Temple during an Oct. 3 open house.

Groundbreaking for the Temple, a split-level building with two stories in front and one in the rear, was held Aug. 8, 1970.

The Temple is situated on an 8.4 acre site overlooking the North York Exit of Interstate 83. The site was a gift from the late Bro. William H. Baker on behalf of the J. E. Baker family.

There are three major rooms and a lounge in the Temple. Just off the main entrance is the Blue Room. Above this area on the second floor is the Red Room, which is used by the York Rite Bodies. The upper level also includes the Marquis de Lafayette Room, an all-purpose area for banquets and other events.

Kitchen facilities on the first floor are linked to this room by a dumb-waiter to

expedite catering.

The 137-member Cochranon Lodge, constituted in January of 1961, had held its Stated Meetings for 10 years in an Odd Fellows building.

Then in April of 1970 the Cochranon Lodge bought a business property off Route 173, just south of the community. The structure was remodeled into a Temple, with an addition built for dining and kitchen facilities. Most of the work was done by the Brethren.

Carpeting was bought and theater-type seats were reupholstered for the Lodge Room. An air conditioning unit was donated by one of the Brethren.

Cochranon Lodge No. 790 is in the 25th Masonic District, of which Bro. John J. Allio is District Deputy Grand Master.

Election Highlights December Quarterly

The election of Grand Lodge Officers will highlight the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 10 a.m. Dec. 1 in the Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St.

A luncheon for the Brethren will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple. At 2 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume its labor.