

Grand Master's Itinerary

JANUARY THROUGH MAY 15th:

JANUARY

- 2 Lodge No. 190, Norristown
- 3 Lodge No. 352, Chester
- 5 Lodge No. 236, Chester
- 6 Present D.D.G.M., 1st District, Lodge No. 764, Lancaster
- 7 D.D.G.M. Seminar, Danville
- 10 Lodge No. 558, Lansdale
- 11 Regional Instructors' Seminar, State College
- 12 Lodge No. 429, Zelenople
- 13 Lodge No. 245, Doylestown
- 14 D.D.G.M. Seminar, Kittanning
- 16 Lodge No. 486, Middletown
- 17 Lodge No. 701, Ambridge
- 18 Present D.D.G.M., 53rd District, Lodge No. 389, West Middlesex
- 19 Present D.D.G.M., 27th District, Lodge No. 540, Chicora
- 21 D.D.G.M. Seminar, Milesburg
- 23 Present D.D.G.M., 8th District, Lodge No. 596, Souderton
- 25 Present D.D.G.M., 21st District, Lodge No. 790, State College
- 26 Present D.D.G.M., 33rd District, Lodge No. 379, Ridgway
- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 27 Receive R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Lodge 551 at Lancaster Masonic Service Center
- 28 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Annual Meeting
- 30 Present D.D.G.M., 20th District, Lodge No. 490, Altoona

FEBRUARY

- 1 Present D.D.G.M., District F, Lodge No. 359, Phila.
- 2 Present D.D.G.M., 41st District, Lodge 538, Johnstown
- 3 Lodge No. 689, Allentown
- 4 Warden's Night, Pittsburgh, Syria Temple
- 6 Lodge No. 327, Hazleton
- 7 Lodge No. 227, West Reading
- 8 Lodge No. 390, Pittsburgh
- 9 Lodge No. 716, McCandless Twp.
- 10-12 7th District Officers at Masonic Conference Center
- 13 Lodge No. 784, Verona

- 14 Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek
- 15 Lodge No. 663, Fawn Grove
- 16 Lodge No. 744, Broomall
- 17 Lodge No. 681, Camp Hill
- 18-22 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Seattle, Wa.
- 24 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 24 Lodge No. 706, York
- 25 Annual Banquet, Lodge No. 236, Chester
- 26 Annual Masonic Church Service, Del. Co.
- 27 Law Enforcement Square Club, Lodge No. 506, Philadelphia

MARCH

- 1 Forest No. 56, T.C.L., Coatesville
- 2 Lodge No. 255, Shamokin
- 3 Annual Banquet, Lodge No. 779, Springfield
- 5 Lodge No. 256, Milton
- 6 Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg
- 7 Quarterly Communication, Phila.
- 8 Lodge No. 549, West Reading
- 9 Lodge No. 720, Allentown
- 10 Syria Masters' Night, Pittsburgh
- 12 Lodges Nos. 252 & 614, Fayette City
- 13 Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia
- 14 Lodges Nos. 81 & 715, Phila.
- 15 Lodge No. 226, Lebanon
- 16 Lodge No. 114, Philadelphia 175th anniversary
- 17 Lodge No. 25, Bristol
- 19 Lodges Nos. 216, 267, 270, 730 & 797, Pottsville
- 20 Lodge No. 673, Allentown
- 21 Lodges Nos. 283, 648 & 733, Bethlehem
- 23 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 24 Lodges Nos. 526 & 582, Elizabeth
- 26 Lodges Nos. 651, 225 & 459, Uniontown
- 27 Lodge No. 156, Quarryville
- 28 Lodges Nos. 399 & 366, Northeast
- 29 Lodge No. 365, Cory
- 30 Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine & Appendant Orders, Philadelphia
- 31 25th Anniv. Banquet, Chester Chapter Order of DeMolay

APRIL

- 2 Lodge No. 778, Woodside
- 3 Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawney
- 4 Lodge No. 483, Rouseville
- 5 Lodge No. 272, Butler
- 6 Lodge No. 9, Tacony
- 7 Lodge No. 572, Orbisonia
- 8-9 Grand Council, R. & S.M., Harrisburg
- 9 Lodge No. 765, East McKeesport
- 10 Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown
- 11 Lodge No. 472, Woodside
- 12 Lodges Nos. 324 & 371 Mifflintown
- 13 Lodge No. 532, Driftwood
- 14 Dedication of Lodge Room, Lodge No. 625, Concordville
- 16 Lodge No. 355, Blairsville
- 17 Lodge No. 767, Prospect Park
- 18 Lodge No. 238, Tamaqua
- 19 Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg
- 24 Lodge No. 332, Plymouth
- 25 Lodge No. 775, Middletown
- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 28 Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
- 28 Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg, 125th Anniversary
- 30 Annual Maxwell Sommerville Banquet, Lodge No. 121

MAY

- 1 Lodge No. 657, Bellevue
- 2 Lodges Nos. 566 & 627, Kane
- 3 Lodge No. 740, West Reading
- 4 Lodge No. 229, Rochester
- 5 Valley of Williamsport, A.A.S.R.
- 6 Vesper Service, 36th District, Chester
- 7 Lodge No. 275, Latrobe
- 8 Lodge No. 754, Titusville
- 9 Lodges Nos. 637, 567 & 563, Catasaugua
- 10,11 Northeast Conference on Masonic & 12 Education and Libraries, Harrisburg
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NUMBER I

William A. Carpenter Made Pennsylvania Grand Master

Bro. William A. Carpenter of Upland, former Grand Secretary, has been installed as Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Carpenter assumed the highest masonic office in the state at noon on Tuesday, December 27. He succeeded Bro. Samuel C. Williamson of Pitcairn, who served as Grand Master for 1982 and 1983.

The installation ceremony took place during the Annual Grand Communication held in the auditorium of Founders Hall on the campus of the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Also installed were Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. of Pittsburgh as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz of Harrisburg as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. W. Scott Stoner of Lancaster as Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond of Jenkintown and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson of Audubon were reelected Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, respectively.

Born in Chester, Bro. Carpenter became a resident of Upland, the oldest settlement in Pennsylvania, following completion of his military service after World War II. He was assigned to the Military Intelligence Office at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. from 1940 to 1946.

He was educated in the public schools of Chester and attended Princeton

University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Carpenter developed an interest in printing and newspaper work through an early association with *The Chester Times* and later with the News-Journal Co. of Wilmington, Delaware. He was the composing room superintendent of the *Wilmington Journal—Every Evening* in 1961 when he resigned to accept employment with the Grand Lodge.

A member of Chester Lodge No. 236, Bro. Carpenter served as Worshipful Master in 1953; as Treasurer from 1954 through 1956, and as Secretary from 1957 through 1973.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chester Masonic Temple Association, having served five years as chairman and 11 years as secretary.

Accepting full-time service as Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator in 1961, he served in that capacity through 1969 when he joined the Grand Master's staff for two years and then served as Director of Masonic Education until his election in 1973 as R.W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Carpenter was editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* from its inception



in 1954 to 1969, and again in 1980 and 1981.

He has served on the Committee on Masonic Education, the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Youth Services. He has also served as an Administra-

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Grand Master's Program Will Recognize 'Masonic Saints'

Grand Master William A. Carpenter has developed an ambitious program of informal visitations that will bring him into contact with virtually every one of the 574 lodges in the jurisdiction during his expected time as Grand Master for 1984 and 1985.

More than 300 meetings with the lodges have already been established for the two year period. The itinerary printed on page 16 is eloquent testimony to the pace the Grand Master has established.

"I have spent a great deal of my more than 30 years of labor in the vineyards of Freemasonry—in the lodges throughout the state," said the Grand Master in explaining the program he will maintain.

"I spoke in the lodges when I was Librarian and Curator; when I was the Director of Masonic Education, and when I was the Grand Secretary," Bro. Carpenter said, adding, "If anyone wants to find the Grand Master in the next two years, they'll

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Bro. W. Scott Stoner Becomes Junior Grand Warden



Bro. W. Scott Stoner of Lancaster, a partner in the firm of Dorwart, Andrew and Co., Certified Public Accountants, has been installed as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

His installation to the fourth highest masonic office in the state was accomplished at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held at Hershey on December 27, 1983.

A Past Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551, Columbia, Bro. Stoner served as Worshipful Master in 1973-1974; as Treasurer in 1976-1977, and as Representative in the Grand Lodge from 1978 through 1983.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Masonic District

in 1977 and was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1983 as he vacated the office to assume the station of Junior Grand Warden.

Born in Lancaster, Bro. Stoner is a lifelong resident of the area. He was educated in the Hempfield School District and is a 1961 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1965.

The Junior Grand Warden was employed by Dorwart, Andrew and Co. in 1966 and was admitted to the partnership in 1973. At present he is audit partner in charge of the firm's continuing professional education.

A member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants, he served as president of the South Central Chapter, PICPA in 1980-1981. He has served as chairman of several PICPA committees and is presently a member of the Pennsylvania Institute Council.

Bro. Stoner is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Landisville where he was a member of the Church Council and the finance committee.

Active in the community, Bro. Stoner served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Lancaster. He is a former board member of Lutheran

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Concerning the centerfold . . .

The color photographs on pages eight and nine are designed to give a one-step-back view of the production of the documentary film *Transitions*, the story of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The 21-minute, color, sound, 16mm film, produced by Doug Bailey Films, Inc. of Rockville, Maryland, received rave reviews when premiered at the December Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia.

Planning for the film began in March of 1983. Production began in June and continued at various intervals through August.

Written and produced by Doug Bailey, president of the production company, the film is narrated by Willard Scott, noted NBC-TV "Today" weatherman.

Scott is a Senior DeMolay from Alexandria, Virginia and holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Production of the film was very much a family affair. The associate producer is Daryl Bailey, daughter of Doug Bailey. The assistant cameraperson is Nancy Aaronson, wife of the director-cinematographer, Reuben Aaronson.

The title of the film reflects on the transition of the former Thomas R. Patton Masonic Institution for Boys to the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, headquarters of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The theme extends to the inevitable transition of young boy and girl to young man and woman, helped in part through the training programs offered at the facility.

One film sequence follows the historical evolution of the foundation from the school. Other sequences cover a young ladies' talent show and various sports activities.

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PROJECT SOLOMON II® The Rebuilding of Freemasonry

Top leaders of the Grand Lodge, in a display of unity of purpose, announced on December 27 the implementation of PROJECT SOLOMON II,® a program designed to rebuild Freemasonry within the state of Pennsylvania.

The specific objective of SOLOMON II is to reverse the decline in membership and rebuild the fraternity to a minimum of 250,000 members over the next four years.

The joint announcement, by Brothers Samuel C. Williamson, William A. Carpenter and Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., effectively dramatized the commitment of those who will serve as Grand Master during the life of the project.

SOLOMON II was developed by Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Information.

"The project," he said, "because of its nature and magnitude, is symbolic to the building of King Solomon's Temple, hence the name SOLOMON II."

"The nature of the project, the building of a temple of men, and its magnitude, requiring the participation of all Pennsylvania Freemasons, makes it worthy of its title," he added.

The project is based on two premises.

The first premise is that Freemasons will respond to a worthwhile cause and will join hands in unanimity to achieve a worthwhile goal.

The worthwhile cause is the survival of Freemasonry.

It is a debt we owe to the Freemasons of the past, and a promise we should make to the Freemasons of the future. We are the only link between them and carry the responsibility of assuring the survival of the fraternity.

Masonic membership in Pennsylvania has now dropped from more than 250,000 to just over 200,000, and continues to decrease at an increasing rate!

In fact, at the present rate of decline, the fraternity will lose another 50,000 members within the next 10 years alone!

If the problem is not faced now, in a few years we may have too few members to solve the problem, even with a good plan.

The worthwhile goal is an ambitious goal. It is clearly defined and so worthwhile that every Master Mason, as a point of duty, will want to participate. It is so ambitious that every Master Mason must participate in order to achieve it.

The goal, the rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania within a period of four years to a minimum of 250,000 members, will produce many benefits.

It will create a revival of Freemasonry in the state.

It will assure the strength of the fraternity for many years to come.

It will increase attendance through enthusiasm for and participation in the project.

It will provide Pennsylvania Freemasons with the opportunity, by example, to lead the entire masonic fraternity into a bright new beginning.

And it will re-establish Pennsylvania as the largest masonic jurisdiction in the United States.

The second premise upon which the project is based is that every Master Mason has friends, relatives, acquaintances, church members, fellow workers and others who would be valuable assets to the masonic fraternity.

PROJECT SOLOMON II is a building plan which will organize the craft and provide the working tools so that Masons will know what to say and how to effectively communicate with non-masons.

The task can be accomplished and the goal reached without violating any dictates of masonic law and while preserving the high standards of qualification for membership.

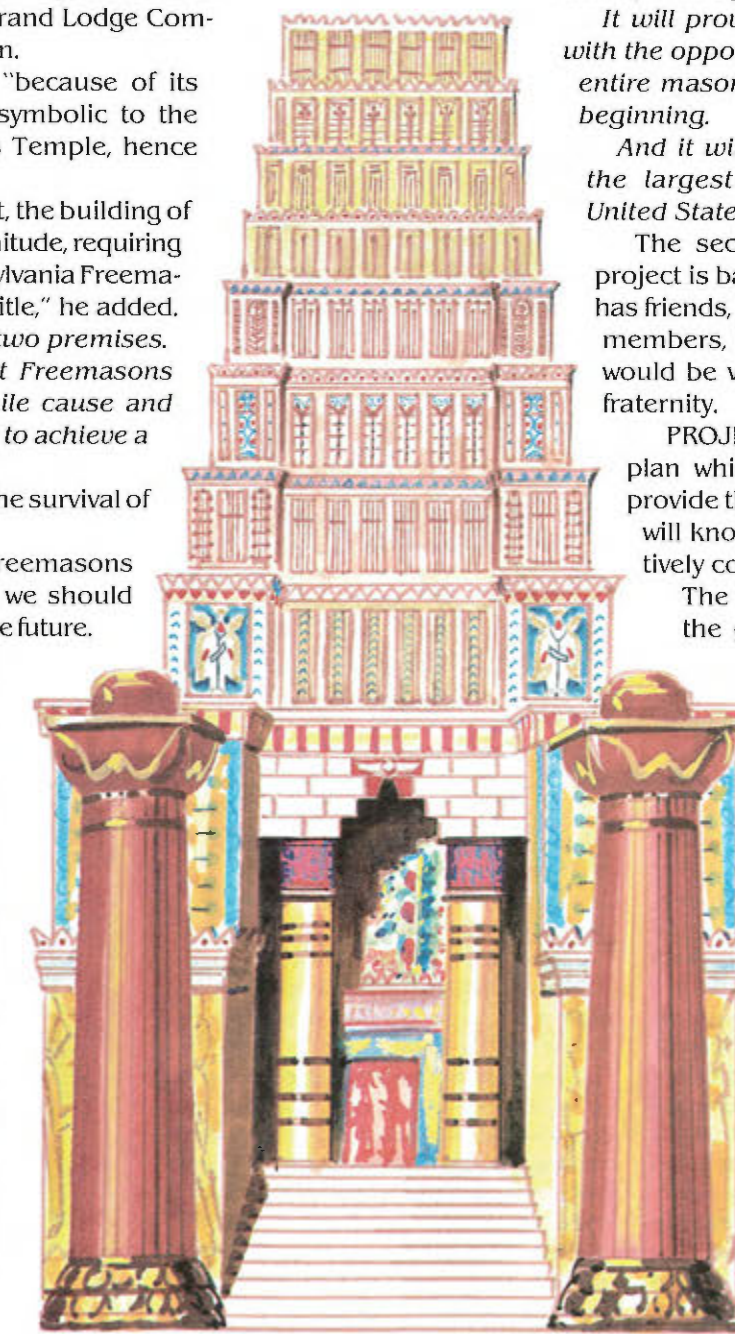
SOLOMON II began on December 27, 1983.

The first phase of the project, a direct mailing to each Mason residing in the state, will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

The second phase, direct, personal contact with every member residing in a masonic district, will follow.

The challenge has been made. It remains for each of us to accept the call.

SOLOMON II is a registered trademark of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.



Grand Master Uses Masonic Symbols in Bronze Medallion

Bro. William A. Carpenter, in designing a three-inch bronze medallion to commemorate his term as R.W. Grand Master, incorporated the symbols of Freemasonry to, in his words, "excite curiosity and conversation among Freemasons."

In a copyrighted brochure he wrote to explain the symbols, the Grand Master states the medallion "could serve as a reminder of masonic lessons once learned and even forgotten."

Ordinarily, a very limited number of medallions are struck (200 to 300 pieces) and a Grand Master presents them to the lodges and masonic bodies he visits. He also uses them as personal gifts to his peers when visiting other jurisdictions and as measures of gratitude for officers and members who strongly support the plans and programs of his administration.

The reverse of the limited medallions contain the seal of the Grand Master and the years he served in that high office.

Because of the universal appeal of the design of his medallion, Grand Master Carpenter has directed that 2,000 pieces be struck and made available to the members and friends of the craft at cost.

The same dies were used to create the obverse of the 2,000 pieces, but the reverse contains the seal of the Grand Lodge rather than that of the Grand Master.

A special coupon accompanies this article for your convenience in placing an order. The price of the medallion has been set at \$15 per piece and covers the costs of handling, mailing and state sales tax.

The medallions will be mailed in an attractive box containing a walnut display stand.

The brochure explaining the medallions and the seals will be placed inside the packaging.

In causing the medallion to be struck, Grand Master Carpenter continues the practice of modern Grand Masters to so mark their administrations.

Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master during the American Bicentennial celebration in 1976, struck a medallion showing a profile view of the statue of Washington at Prayer. The statue was a 1967 gift by the Masons of Pennsylvania to the Free-dom Foundation at Valley Forge.

Judge Walter P. Wells, Grand Master in 1978-1979, because of his admiration for a Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, used a likeness of Bro. Benjamin Franklin for his medallion.



Front View (actual size)

Back View

The same design was later used to create the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, a gold medal used by the Grand Lodge to honor those who have made significant contributions to Freemasonry.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, who celebrated the 250th anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in 1981 by dedicating the statue, *Benjamin Franklin—Craftsman*, to the City of Philadelphia, used a representation of the statue on his bronze medallion.

The immediate Past Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, used a five figure interpretation of William Penn's signing of a treaty with the Indians as the design for his medallion in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth.

Bro. Carpenter's medallion takes note of the definition of Freemasonry as "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

The Grand Master writes in the accompanying brochure, "Without symbols, communication among Freemasons would be impossible. The symbolism of Freemasonry is the soul of Freemasonry."

The brochure explains the significance of each of the symbols while acknowledging that many others in use throughout the world could not be incorporated.

Those included do have specific meaning for Pennsylvania Masons in particular, and for all Masons in general. Careful examination of the photographs accompanying this article may reveal one or two symbols with which you are not acquainted.

Orders will be filled promptly from existing stock. Should you have any questions, you are invited to contact the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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'Why I Want to be a Mason'

The complete text follows:

There are several reasons why I would like to join the masonic lodge in the future. I feel that in joining the lodge, it would greatly benefit me, just as membership in the Order of DeMolay has strengthened my life. Being a line officer in the Carlisle Chapter of DeMolay has improved my leadership qualities. I have had to take on many responsibilities for the sustainment and advancement of the chapter. My prime motivation in fulfilling these responsibilities was to maintain the trust that the other members had placed in me.



In addition to gaining leadership, I have become more confident in public speaking since joining DeMolay two years ago. My ability to learn the ritual of our order assisted me in gaining confidence in my public speaking; now I am more comfortable in speaking, even if I do not have prepared notes. Because of my increased responsibility and gain of confidence, my experiences in DeMolay have worked together to make me a better person.

Paul F. Malinich, Jr. Wins Order of DeMolay Essay Contest

I view the masonic lodge in a similar manner as DeMolay because there are officers who perform ritual in the ceremonies of both organizations. Therefore I would be encountering a similar situation in Masonry, and it would enhance my life to make me a better citizen, just as participation in DeMolay did. DeMolay

has molded my background for entering manhood, and the Masonic Lodge would continue my instruction of life as I faced the future and the experiences of having a full-time job and raising a family.

Another beneficial aspect that I would find from membership in Masonry is the brotherhood that is involved. In DeMolay I have been grateful for the new friends that I have made because we are more than friends. We have become brothers through our initiation into the order. At the altar we dedicated ourselves to God and our country. Now we share a special brotherhood that cannot be found outside of a fraternal organization. As an adult, I would like to join the best fraternal body available, the masonic lodge, so that I could continue to experience the comradeship among brothers later in life. I value brotherhood greatly because I can turn to my brothers, when I am having difficulties, to help me overcome my problems.

Although the leadership and the brotherhood of the Masons is very important, the most convincing reason for my petitioning the lodge would be that the actions of the Masons in their daily lives reflects their lessons. The Masons I have known have always been a very helpful and encouraging part of my life. The members of our advisory council have always been willing to help me, within all areas of my life and not only those pertaining to my DeMolay involvement. Even Masons who are not advisors have demonstrated their care to me. I have received both advice and assistance from many Masons who helped me at times when I needed it most.

All organizations talk about the way their members should live, but it is often hard to see those qualities show through in the members' lives. However, in the masonic lodge, its members do live the way that they profess. One of their most important ideas is a belief in God, and this helps them through their daily lives since they are trying to please Him. Because Masons are really living a life of service to God and their fellow men, instead of just talking about it, Masonry appeals to me. I look at Masons with respect for their lives, and I would like to become a member of that proud organization.

Grand Master's Inaugural Address

DECEMBER 27th, 1983

My Brethren:

Being elected and installed to the office of Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania is, indeed, one of the highlights of my life.

Such an honor has not happened to many Pennsylvania Masons. If my arithmetic serves me correctly, I take my station as your 105th Grand Master in nearly 253 years of Ancient Craft Masonry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

With sincere mixed emotions, I accept the responsibility of this high office. To the officers and members of my "Blue Lodge," Chester Lodge, No. 236, who accepted me and later sponsored me, to the host of Grand Lodge officers and members, and to so many other Brethren of the Craft who have inspired and encouraged me, I am most grateful.

Having been "called to Freemasonry" for full-time service some twenty-three years ago, this humble Mason has never dreamed nor aspired to occupy the Oriental Chair in the Grand East of our Grand Lodge. You have placed me there and I will continue to labor and serve to the best of my ability and to be deserving of your confidence.

I must mention, however, that this high office, particularly in our Jurisdiction does generate a preponderant, awesome and frightening feeling. It is my sincere hope and prayer that I will be more than just a custodian. One must lead for progress and, at times, take risks hopefully with wisdom and discretion.

With your kind indulgence, I will endeavor to unfold the plans and designs as they appear upon the trestle-board or tracing-board for my term as your Grand Master.

Having had the privilege and the pleasure of serving so closely and compatibly with my predecessor in the Grand Lodge Line, Brother Samuel Carlson Williamson, our immediate Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, and also having enjoyed with him the satisfaction and encouragement expressed by the Craft for many productive accomplishments, I am prompted to continue portions of Brother Williamson's excellent program.

Working for and with the youth of our Jurisdiction will be one of my priorities. With the first-of-its-kind facility our Grand Lodge has established at our new Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus, it would be unwise not to keep this complex, designed for our youth, always available and active.

Through the generous contributions of Pennsylvania Masons and the various appendant bodies, the initial goal of \$500,000.00 for the newly established Pennsylvania Youth Foundation of our Grand Lodge has been realized. During

my term in office, it will be my hope and desire to conduct and complete a second such campaign in an effort to realize another goal of \$500,000.00 or more for this worthy fund. An appeal is made to the "Blue Lodges" to give serious thought and action to designating portions of charity funds or income from charity funds in support of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Pennsylvania Masons and friends of Pennsylvania Masons are also invited to consider the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation in their wills, bequests and other estate residue.

True, the amassment of funds cannot always guarantee absolute loyalty in our adopted youth outreach. The real purpose for the emphasis on fund raising for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is to create an adequate income from the fund that will help perpetuate the ad-

"Dare we be Masons?"

ministrative and operating expenses for our new Masonic Conference Center, already a most popular place with thousands of our young people and for many Masonic uses.

Yes, it seems that funds are so necessary with every endeavor in which we are engaged. Everything, in this day and age, seems to have a price on it. However, as important as funds may appear, when it comes to providing and working with our young people, funds are not really the main ingredient in our outreach. The one thing our young people need most is our dedication and concern for them as human beings, our sincere efforts in their behalf, and our time. Yes, the most important thing our young people need is us.

While extending our interest in youth, it is also recommended that our Lodges take a serious and determined look at what can be done to help, aid and assist in community projects. For too long our "Blue Lodges" have maintained a less than weak profile of visibility and viability in our local communities.

The ideals that have blessed our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity for many, many years, need to be shared in ways that will also enhance and benefit our communities. Those things we keep to ourselves tend to die with us. Those things we share with others seem to live forever. Several doors have been opened enabling us to reach down into our communities. We must make use of them.

To help make our fraternity more visible and viable, we now have a Special Grand Lodge Committee charged with designing and promoting a Public Information Program. The excellent efforts already evidenced by this new committee will be continued during my term.

In conjunction with our new human relations outreach to better acquaint a vast number of people with the true meaning and objectives of Freemasonry, another new program will be launched to even reach out and touch many of the inactive and "rusty" Masons who have wandered or drifted from Masonry's mainstream.

Also appearing on our trestle-board is a continuing endeavor to develop a solid and lasting Masonic family concept with and between the appendant Masonic bodies. No organization can endure with any degree of success or satisfaction if, in reality, it reflects a house-divided complexion. It has been wisely stated that coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress, and working together is perfection and success.

Our American way of Freemasonry, which allows for so many appendant bodies, does present a few problems. Having devoted most of my Masonic journey to my "Blue Lodge" and our Grand Lodge, I have been amazed at the percentage of Master Masons who have practically transferred their full Masonic allegiance from the "Blue Lodge," that accepted them and made all their Masonic travels possible, to one or more of the appendant bodies. There is nothing wrong with "spreading your wings," Masonically speaking. However, it is a breach of Masonic ethics to forsake your Symbolic Lodge, the foundation of a Masonic career, which should always command our personal interest and loyalty.

A true and united Masonic family of all branches of Freemasonry could and should be an immeasurable influence and impact in a nation and the world where the ideals and philosophy of Freemasonry are so urgently needed. Perhaps the time is long past, Brethren, for Freemasonry to appear more as a united force rather than just a form as it so often may appear. A united force is something we can use and direct, but a form seems to be something we can only serve and preserve or protect. The tragedy of a house-divided and even misplaced priorities is an eventual concern for survival. And, to compound the problem, men can become so concerned and determined in keeping an organization alive that they tend to forget or drift away from the very ideals that gave Freemasonry birth.

The many segments comprising the whole Masonic family, working in concert

and within the parameter of long established rules and regulations peculiar to Freemasonry, could well be the best training arena and proving grounds for developing men of character. This is really Freemasonry's main mission and the primary need in this nation and the world-at-large. The world's number one problem is not economic. It is not political. Nor is it educational. It is the human problem of character. We are sadly in need of more men of character. Read your papers. Listen to your radios. Look at the tube. We should hope and pray, everyone of us, that we, as Masons, will always try to do better what we have always been trying to do.

Plans and designs remaining on my trestle-board or tracing-board, are what I like to call: "Mingling With Masons." This will not be a new undertaking for me. I have been doing it for nearly twenty-five years. And, I really look forward to doing it again.

In response to two programs announced back in January 1983, more than 325 dates have been scheduled for informal visitations by the Grand Master to the "Blue Lodges" throughout the Jurisdiction in 1984 and 1985. We regret, however, that all Masonic Districts and more Lodges are not scheduled for this outreach to the "Blue Lodges."

As we mingle with the Craft, it will be our intent to listen and observe and also endeavor to inspire the Brethren in the real "Mission of Masonry."

While visiting the Lodges, we will pause briefly to present a newly designed "Grand Master's Award" trophy to a member of the Lodge who has distinguished himself by outstanding service to Freemasonry. We have in mind those "Masonic Saints" who have been doing their special thing for their "Blue Lodge" in particular and for Freemasonry in general. It seems that every Lodge is blessed with one or more of these special Brethren. Nearly 300 are already scheduled to receive their trophy, suitably engraved.

Another item, in our desire to "Spread the Gospel of Masonry," has been the striking of a three-inch bronze medallion,

"Wisdom, Strength, and Fraternity"

featuring Masonic symbols and the theme, "Freemasonry, A Way of Life." An informative illustrated brochure will accompany each bronze medallion.

Having shared a few priorities of my over-all program, I request your continued indulgence while I share a few brief addenda or addendums, as I prefer to call them. Some are of a personal concern.

Some could prove to be informative. And, some we could, and perhaps should, work together in trying to resolve:

Masonic Dress—What has happened with the pride and dignity once evidenced in the way we dressed to attend our "Blue Lodge?"

Lodge Dues—The amount of unpaid Lodge Dues indicated on annual audits of our Lodges approaches a scandalous figure. Paying Lodge Dues before or when due is not only a Masonic obligation, it is a Masonic privilege!

Vanishing Manonic Emblem—Next time you are in a group of Master Masons, note the few "Blue Lodge" emblems being worn. The Square, the Compasses, and the letter "G", comprise the most honorable and meaningful Masonic emblem. But, where are they?

Masonic Education—We have one of the great Masonic Libraries and Museums in the Masonic world, administered by our Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. Upon request, a variety of Masonic educational literature will be shared. Why not avail yourself of this vast source of Masonic knowledge?

Our Unique Ritual—One of our most prized and priceless possessions, our Ritual, should command our constant vigil to preserve and continue to pass it on from mouth to ear in all its purity.

Proficiency Program—Our Masonic Law, requiring that a candidate prove his proficiency prior to being advanced, will be further enforced by a specified time limit for qualifying.

Masonic Temple, Phila.—Grand Lodge has been receiving sizable partial funds for proceeding with the proper repairs to the damage suffered due to the commuter tunnel project parallel to the south wall. In due time a sign or a symbol will appear on the main tower to identify the building as a Masonic Temple to the public.

Conduct Becoming A Mason—Some say it isn't easy. Yes, living our Masonry every hour of every day is a real challenge and a worthy accomplishment. You are Freemasonry to many. And, Freemasonry is what Freemasons are.

The Pennsylvania Freemason—You're entitled to a free copy four times each year. But, you must tell us where you live. Notify your Lodge Secretary immediately if and when your address changes.

Our Masonic Homes—Our greatest charity for nearly seventy-five years, this haven for our aged and orphans needs your constant financial support. Only twenty-five percent of Pennsylvania Masons have been making contributions to the Annual Guest and Building Fund for the Homes. We certainly should be able to do better than that! One major renovation project remains, the interior of Grand Lodge Hall, the first building constructed back in 1913. To answer an increasing concern of many of the Brethren, prudent

logic dictates no further expansion plans for our Masonic Homes.

Secrecy—Just how much longer must Pennsylvania Masonry be the victim of all the so-called Masonic secrecy that surrounds us? Freemasonry is not a secret society. It could be classified private. But, the real secret seems to be that we are not a secret organization. Yes, our Ritual and esoteric work is not for the profane. But, we should, with pride, share with our fa-

"Freemasonry, A Way of Life"

milies, friends and neighbors the many ways that Freemasonry is actually a way of life.

A Sleeping Giant—Often do we hear that Freemasonry is a sleeping giant. If so, isn't it time that we awaken it?

Brethren, I have attempted to challenge you. And, my challenge is this: "Dare we be Masons?" That is quite a challenge amidst the vast scope of things that surround us in our particular day and age. I only hope and pray that we have not reached a point in life and time when nothing is ever wrong. If this happens to be the case, then we must dare to be Masons more than ever before.

Prominent on the beautiful engraved Warrants granted to all Pennsylvania Lodges are the three words: Wisdom, Strength, and Fraternity. It is at this point that Pennsylvania Masonry, with its broad purposes and fraternal practices, has a commanding position in the broad spectrum of life as it is today. The essential purpose of Freemasonry, through Wisdom, Strength, and Fraternity, is to teach the truths of honorable living in all its phases. The development of strong and virile character is our ideal. Hence, we should always make our Fraternity more attractive to the people we would like to attract.

We've a story to tell to the nations, Brethren. One Master Mason, really living his Masonry, is more productive than one-hundred lectures on Freemasonry.

What is our task?
"Your task is to build a better world," said God.

"How?" ... you could very well ask:
"This world is so large, so complicated now!
"There's really nothing I can do. "So small and useless am I ... what can I do?"

Then, God, in His all-understanding way, replied: "Just build a better you."
P.S. Brethren, we are builders of temples in the hearts of men. So Mote It Be!

William A. Carpenter
R.W. Grand Master



Light at the End of the Tunnel

The construction of a portion of new sidewalk along the south side of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia provides visible evidence that the building of the commuter tunnel connecting the former Pennsylvania and Reading railroads is nearing completion.



The Grand Lodge has received \$500,000 from insurance carriers to date in partial settlement for costs to repair damage to the temple. The full extent of damages will not be known until all construction is completed and the tunnel is in service, probably in the spring of 1984.

Grand Lodge Committee Appointments

• Grand Lodge Committee on Finance for 1984:

Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Grand Master, chairman
 Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master
 Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden
 Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden
 Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master
 Bro. William J. Ebertshausen
 Bro. Robert D. Hanson
 Bro. William H. Dickey, Jr.
 Bro. Michael J. Peters
 Bro. Norman A. Fox

• Committee on Temple:

Bro. Carl D. Homan, chairman
 Bro. Joseph E. McQueen
 Bro. John J. Lotz
 Bro. Robert A. Detweiler
 Bro. Charles A. Blackman

• Committee on Masonic Education:

Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman
 Bro. Walter L. Sykes
 Bro. J. Keith Howe
 Bro. Robert Batto
 Bro. Wilfred E. Oakey
 Bro. Joseph Gentile
 Bro. P. Franklin Hartzel, Sr.

• Committee on By-Laws:

Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., chairman
 Bro. Harold S. McGear
 Bro. Wayne W. Thompson
 Bro. Raymond J. DeRaymond
 Bro. Rollin C. Steinmetz

• Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms:

Bro. Joseph I. Greenberger, chairman
 Bro. Paul F. Kunkel
 Bro. William H. Alexander
 Bro. Richard F. Flickinger
 Bro. Dale McConnell
 Bro. Charles L. Albright, Jr.
 Bro. Eugene G. Painter

• Committee on Youth Activities

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman
 Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Past Grand Master, co-chairman

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer

Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Past Grand Master

Bro. W. Edward Sell, R.W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Ralph R. Hunt, Jr.

Bro. Jon DePoe

• Committee on Correspondence:

Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman
 Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master
 Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer
 Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

Bro. Frank W. Bobb

• Committee on Appeals:

Bro. Robert D. Hanson, chairman
 Bro. William A. Herd, Jr.
 Bro. Frank F. Troup

Bro. Paul S. Krasley

Bro. John E. Miller, Jr.

• Committee on Public Information:

Bro. Blaine F. Fabian, chairman
 Bro. Rollin C. Steinmetz
 Bro. Melvin S. Mundie
 Bro. Dean E. Vaughn

• Trustees of Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge:

Bro. W. Edward Sell, chairman

Bro. James G. Law

Bro. Paul G. Murray

Bro. Emanuel Cassimatis

Bro. Newton C. Taylor

• Trustees of the Consolidated Fund:

Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Harriss A. Butler, III

Bro. William R. Lessig, Jr.

• Trustees of Joseph W. Murray Fund:

Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman

Bro. Stephen R. Newman

Bro. Herman Witte

Bro. Joseph R. Szymanski

Bro. William R. Lessig, Jr.

• Trustees of Lehigh County Memorial Endowment Fund

Bro. Francis D. Breisch, chairman

Bro. Carl W. Frantz

Bro. George B. Reinert

Bro. Ray L. Shive

Bro. Orlando M. Bowen

Masonic Districts Realigned in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Number Now 67

A realignment of the lodges in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas has resulted in the elimination of two masonic districts, I and 32, reducing to 67 the number of districts in Pennsylvania.

There had been 70 masonic districts until another Philadelphia area district was eliminated by a restructuring of lodges at the end of 1982.

The elimination of districts I and 32 was made effective at the start of the new masonic year on December 27, 1983.

The changes came as the result of a mid-1983 study requested by then Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson. It was conducted by the present Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., then the Senior Grand Warden.

The elimination of District I required changes in Masonic Districts C, E, F and G as follows:

1. Lodge 724 was transferred to District C

2. Lodges 71 and 115 to District E
3. Lodges 155, 289 and 659 to District F
4. Lodges 402, 732 and 773 to District G

The elimination of District 32 required changes in Masonic Districts 28, 48 and 55 as follows:

1. Lodges 288, 430 and 657 were transferred to District 28.
2. Lodges 576 and 676 to District 48
3. Lodge 318 to District 55

A further consequence of the elimination of District 32 was the transfer of its District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. David K. Johnstone, to the District Deputy position of District 55 as a replacement for Bro. Donald V. Pritchard, who has been created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

One other transfer of lodges between districts was accomplished at the same time when Lodges 248 and 341 of Dis-

trict 59 were moved to District 15.

The Grand Lodge officers expect that the number of masonic districts will continue to decline over the next several years because of the ever increasing numbers of lodge mergers. As the number of lodges lessens, there is a corresponding lessening of the need for district supervision.

Two mergers were accomplished at the end of 1983, reducing the number of lodges in the state to 574.

Lodge mergers are caused for the most part by economic conditions. As the costs to maintain the lodge and its holdings increase, those lodges in poor financial condition seek to merge with others in better shape.

A lesser number of lodges seek to merge because they lack leadership or are unable to attract new members. Urban areas have more mergers than the rural areas of the state.

Members Elected To Committee On Masonic Homes

The following were re-elected members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes during the December Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia on Wednesday, December 7, 1983:

- Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Joseph H. Brown, No. 751, Philadelphia.
- Bro. Walter B. Wilson, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.
- Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven.
- Bro. Richard M. Wilson, Lewisville Lodge No. 556, Ulysses.
- Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington.
- Bro. Guy E. Walker, Somerset Lodge No. 358, Somerset.
- Bro. John J. Taylor, Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, Girard.

The Grand Lodge line officers and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are also members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes as dictated by the Ahiman Rezon.

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, was elected chairman of the committee for 1984 during the meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes on December 9, 1983.

Grand Master Names Aides

Bro. William A. Carpenter has appointed five Brethren to assist him as Aides to the Grand Master. They are:

- Bro. William D. Spargo, Past Master of William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758.
- Bro. Roy A. McCullough, Past Master of Sunset Lodge No. 623.
- Bro. Earl R. Whitmore, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236.
- Bro. Larry Emigh, Past Master of Old Fort Lodge No. 537.
- Bro. Daniel J. Hinds, Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 491.

Pension Administrators

The Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has appointed the following as administrators of the Grand Lodge pension plan:

- Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, chairman
- Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden
- Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

Sectional Meetings for Schools of Instruction

The following is the schedule for 1984 of the Sectional Meetings of the Schools of Instruction:

March 17—Pittsburgh
March 24—Uniontown
March 31—Harrisburg
April 7—New Castle
April 14—Scranton
April 28—Everett
May 5—Meadville
May 12—Williamsport
May 19—Ridgway
June 16—Philadelphia

Specific information concerning each sectional meeting will be sent to the Schools of Instruction by the Instructor of the Ritualistic Work and the Regional Instructors.

The Sectional Meetings provide an opportunity for the officers and members of the lodges in specific areas to show their proficiency in the work.

Interested Masons are welcome to attend.

New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Grand Master, has appointed nine new District Deputy Grand Masters for 1984 as follows:

- **Masonic District "F"** Bro. Heinz Wendt of Philadelphia, a Past Master of Humboldt Lodge No. 359 meeting in Philadelphia.
- **1st Masonic District** Bro. Herbert M. Swisher of Lancaster, a Past Master of Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764 meeting in Lancaster.
- **8th Masonic District** Bro. Clarence Heffendrager, Jr. of Telford, a Past Master of MacCalla Lodge No. 596 meeting in Souderton.
- **20th Masonic District** Bro. Spencer W. Hauenstein of Bellwood, a Past Master of Logan Lodge No. 490 meeting in Altoona.
- **21st Masonic District** Bro. Ralph F. Spearly of State College, a Past Master of State College Lodge No. 700 meeting in State College.
- **27th Masonic District** Bro. Lynn C. Burtner of Butler, a Past Master of Argyle Lodge No. 540 meeting in Chicora.
- **33rd Masonic District** Bro. William A. Northey of Ridgway, a Past Master of Elk Lodge No. 379 meeting in Ridgway.
- **41st Masonic District** Bro. Fred D. Saintz of Johnstown, a Past Master of Johnstown Lodge No. 538 meeting in Johnstown.
- **53rd Masonic District** Bro. John Maynard Erb of West Middlesex, a Past Master of Kedron Lodge No. 389 meeting in West Middlesex.

Librarian Seeks Assistance

Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator, is searching for a likeness of Bro. William Adcock, R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania from 1783 to 1788.

Numerous requests have been placed in masonic publications throughout the country without success.

Any likeness of Bro. Adcock, a painting, sketch, print or silhouette, will be appreciated.

Bro. Bobb can be contacted by writing to the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or by calling (215) 988-1932.

Nine Brethren Are Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. Leonidas Galanos, Masonic District "F", a Past Master of Gothic Lodge No. 519 in Philadelphia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for eight years.

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, 1st Masonic District, a Past Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551 in Columbia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, 8th Masonic District, a Past Master of Newtown Lodge No. 427 in Woodside, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.

Bro. S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., 20th Masonic District, a Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616 in Altoona, served as District Deputy Grand Master for eleven years.

Bro. Hubert L. Stivason, 27th Masonic District, a Past Master of Kittanning Lodge No. 244 in Kittanning, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.

Bro. Richard L. Retzer, 33rd Masonic District, a Past Master of Wilcox Lodge No. 571 in Wilcox, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.

Bro. Joseph D. Paterson, 41st Masonic District, a Past Master of Summit Lodge No. 312 in Ebensburg, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.

Bro. William J. Gilmore, Jr., 53rd Masonic District, a Past Master of Lake Lodge No. 434 in Sandy Lake, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.

Bro. Donald V. Pritchard, 55th Masonic District, a Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 253 in Pittsburgh, served as District Deputy Grand Master for seven years.

Seminars Scheduled For District Deputies

The Grand Master will conduct a series of seminars for the District Deputy Grand Masters on consecutive Saturdays in January, giving them the opportunity to attend any one of three sessions.

The meetings will be conducted at points along Interstate 80 in the eastern, central and western parts of the state to facilitate travel.

The first session will be held on January 7 at Danville; at Kittanning on January 14, and at Milesburg on January 21.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter expects to begin the sessions early Saturday morning, break for lunch, and reconvene the meetings in the afternoon, if necessary.

Housing has been arranged for Friday evening, making the early Saturday morning start practical, and the anticipated early afternoon wrapup will allow the District Deputy Grand Masters ample time to travel home during daylight hours.

Attendance at the meetings is by specific invitation only.

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Grand Lodge Communication Schedule

The Grand Master has established the following schedule for communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1984 and 1985:

1984
March Quarterly, Wednesday, March 7, Philadelphia
June Quarterly, Wednesday, June 6, Erie
September Quarterly, Wednesday, September 5, Scranton
December Quarterly, Wednesday, December 5, Philadelphia
Annual Grand Communication, Thursday, December 27, Philadelphia

1985
March Quarterly, Wednesday, March 6, Altoona
June Quarterly, Wednesday, June 5,

State College
September Quarterly, Wednesday, September 4, Philadelphia
December Quarterly, Wednesday, December 4, Philadelphia
Annual Grand Communication, Friday, December 27, Pittsburgh

The March, June and September Quarterlies begin at 7:00 p.m. and the December Quarterly and the Annual Grand Communication begin at 10:00 a.m. as dictated by the *Ahiman Rezon*, the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Specific details about the places of meeting in Erie, Scranton, Altoona and State College will be released when plans have been completed.

Grand Master Appoints Floor Officers

The Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, announced the following appointments of floor officers during the Annual Grand Communication on Tuesday, December 27, 1983:

Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. James L. Emette of Latrobe, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518.

Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. Arthur Lee Rankin of Saxton, Everett Lodge No. 524

Grand Steward—Bro. William F. Walton, Jr. of Glenolden, Prospect Lodge No. 578

Grand Steward—Bro. R. Emmert Aldinger of Elizabethtown, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682

Grand Marshal—Bro. George N. Holmes of Pittsburgh, Lodge No. 45

Grand Sword Bearer—Bro. H. Dean Smith of Wilmington, Chester Lodge No. 236

Grand Pursuivant—Bro. Carl W. Feick, Jr. of Pittsburgh, Homewood-Fort Pitt Lodge No. 635

Grand Tyler—Bro. Ralph Rogers of Philadelphia, Fernwood Lodge No. 543

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Wm. Carpenter Made Grand Master *Continued from page 1.*

tor of the Grand Lodge Pension Plans and as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes continuously since 1973.

He was elected to the Grand Lodge line as Junior Grand Warden in 1979.

The Grand Master is a member of Chester Royal Arch Chapter No. 258; Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216; Riblah Council No. 59, and Chester Commandery No. 66, Knights Templar.

A member of the Valley of Philadelphia, A.A.S.R. and a Past Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Bro. Carpenter was coroneted an honorary thirty-third degree Mason in 1969.

Bro. Carpenter is also a member of LuLu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and was made a Tall Cedar at Sight.

He was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by the Supreme Council Order of DeMolay and received the Christopher Champlin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

His other masonic affiliations include membership in DeVal Council No. 60, Allied Masonic Degrees; Arin Council No. 6, Knight Masons, U.S.A.; the Pennsylvania College, Societas Rosicruciana; the High Council, S.R.I.C.F.; Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.; The Philaethes Society, and several Lodges of Research.

Grand Master Carpenter also served as Executive Secretary of the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries for 11 years and was Program Chairman for the 1979 Conference of

Grand Secretaries in North America.

An active churchman and civic leader, Bro. Carpenter is a member of the First Baptist Church of Chester. He is a past president of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention and has served on several national committees for the American Baptist Convention.

A former Deacon of his church, he recently served on a planning commission for the construction and financing of a new church building.

An auditor for the Borough of Upland for several years, the Grand Master served as a member and secretary of the Upland Borough School Authority from 1952 to 1982.

Having served as a Neighborhood Commissioner in the Valley Forge Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Bro. Carpenter helped establish Camp Delmont for use by Scouts in Delaware and Montgomery counties. He received the Silver Beaver Award.

The Grand Master has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind since 1950 and has served as a Trustee of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind.

He has been active in Y.M.C.A. work and was a member of the committee that established the Chester Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Bro. Carpenter married the former Dorothy Taylor Roberts of Upland on October 12, 1940. They reside at 1115 Woodside Avenue, Upland, PA 19015.

An Autumn Day At the Homes

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has made tentative plans to hold an "Autumn Day" at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Saturday, October 12, 1985.

Although plans for the event have not yet been formulated, the Grand Master envisions a day of fun for Pennsylvania Masons, their families and friends much like the activities surrounding the Grand Master's Days held in 1983.

Bro. Carpenter asked that the announcement be made at this time so that Masons and masonic groups will mark the date on their calendars.

The Grand Master has indicated he will authorize the use of lodge funds where practical to defray the cost of bus transportation to the Homes.

October is a particularly beautiful time of year at the Masonic Homes. Many of the fields will have been harvested by that time providing acres of parking space.

The heat that marked the Grand Master's Days will be absent and the colors of fall should be on display.

Look to future issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* for added details as plans are completed and we move closer to the date.

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
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Social Services, the East Region, and currently serves on the organization's Finance Committee.

He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Lancaster Federal Savings and Loan, a division of Horizon Financial Federal Assistance.

Bro. Stoner's other masonic affiliations include membership in Lancaster Royal Arch Chapter No. 43 and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar.

A Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lancaster Lodge of Perfection which he serves as a Trustee at present, he is also a member of the Valley of Harrisburg.

He was elected to receive the thirty-third degree at Boston in September of 1984.

He is also a member of Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and the Lancaster County Shrine Club.

Bro. Stoner is married to the former Phyllis L. Lamson. They are the parents of two daughters, Karen Elizabeth and Cheryl Lynn, and reside at 998 Nissley Road, Lancaster 17601.

Transportation Department Offers Special Blue Lodge License Plates

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has implemented a program to provide unique registration plates to the Masons of Pennsylvania.

The special license plates will be made available to members of the Blue Lodges in late January if the necessary arrangements for their manufacture can be made with Correctional Industries.

The plates will be available in the standard license plate colors of blue and gold. The square and compasses will be displayed on a two-color, weather resistant decal on the left side.

The word "Pennsylvania" is printed at the top of the plate with the words "Blue Lodge" on the bottom.

Two alpha characters, "MB" for Masonic Body, will be stacked directly to the right of the square and compasses followed by five numbers ranging from 00001 to 99999.

The special license plates will be issued in numerical sequence only. The cost to order a plate is \$20. Annual registration renewal fees will not be affected.

Forms to order the Blue Lodge plates will be distributed through the office of the Grand Master. Interested persons are invited to address their requests to the



Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

In addition to the information supplied by the applicant, the form must be signed by the Secretary of his lodge who will attest to the applicant's membership in good standing in the lodge.

When an applicant ceases to be a

member of the Lodge, the special Blue Lodge plate must be returned to the Transportation Department.

Requests for the special Blue Lodge plates are restricted to vehicles other than motorcycles and trailers with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

Admissions Policy: Editor's Note—The admissions policy of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is published in this issue of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Pennsylvania is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. There are housed at the Masonic Homes, members, their wives, widows and mothers of living, as well as, deceased members of the 579 Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 206,027 as of December 27, 1982. These lodges operate under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Neither the constitution of the Grand Lodge nor the by-laws of the subordinate lodges restrict membership by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap and there are many among our members who are not of the Caucasian race. No record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

The admission to the Masonic Homes of lodge members, their wives, widows or mothers of living, as well as, deceased members is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves, or disapproves, applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, and widows or mothers of living, as well as, deceased mem-

bers are, also, received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved, or disapproved, on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.
4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
5. Staff privileges will not be denied profes-

sionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.

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find him in the lodges."

An important part of his visits to the lodges will be the presentation of the Grand Master's Award to those the Grand Master fondly calls "Masonic Saints."

"A Masonic Saint is a man who has given of himself freely in service to his lodge, and often without reward or recognition," the Grand Master said.

He has charged the District Deputy Grand Masters with the responsibility of submitting, with the assistance of the lodges, the names of the individuals to be honored.

Grand Master Carpenter designed the award and then followed its development through the prototype and several models before authorizing the Harry Klitzner Co. of Providence, R.I. to produce it.

The white apron, the badge of a Freemason, is imbedded in lucite and is attached to a walnut base. The color blue, so vital to Freemasonry, so important to the Blue Lodge, is clearly evident.



"Masonic Saints Award"—designed by Grand Master William A. Carpenter. The Awards to Masonic Saints will be given during informal visits to the lodges.

Wendell August Forge Items to Benefit Youth Foundation

Silver, Bronze, Pewter and Aluminum

The Grand Lodge, in concert with Wendell August Forge of Grove City, has created a number of items in silver, bronze, pewter and aluminum bearing the image of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

All proceeds from the sale of the items will be turned over to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The first item, a nine-inch pewter plate, was announced in the November, 1983 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Eight additional items have been prepared as shown in the photograph accompanying this article.

The selection includes three aluminum items: a six-inch by nine-inch tray with hook for hanging; a nine-inch by six-

teen-inch serving tray, and a twelve-inch round bowl.

Among the items offered in bronze is a nine-inch by twelve-inch beveled tray with hook; a nine-inch clock (battery included); an ice bucket with ceramic liner, and a nine-inch round plate in a walnut frame with an engraved bronze name plate.

One limited edition piece has been added to the selection. Customers may order a twelve-inch round plate in bronze with either a pewter or sterling silver cut out of the Masonic Temple.

The pewter or silver cut out of the temple provides dramatic relief against the bronze plate.

The edition will be limited to 1,000 pieces and will be numbered sequentially. The numbers will be assigned according to the date the order is received.

The Blue Lodge, the Symbolic Lodge, is where each Masonic Saint began to build his record of service. It is where he took his first steps as a Mason and where he had the honor of being made a Master Mason.

Grand Master Carpenter, in developing his program of personal contact with the officers and members of the lodges—in the lodges—has decided to honor the Masonic Saints whenever possible in their home lodges.

"The honor will have more meaning to a man if it can be given to him in the presence of his friends. That is the intent of the program," the Grand Master said.

A brass plate, engraved with the recipient's name and noting his "outstanding service to Freemasonry," will be attached to each award.

A list of those who receive the award will be published in each edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* throughout 1984 and 1985.



COUPON Wendell August Forge Items COUPON

Item	Description	Price	Quantity
<i>Aluminum</i>			
230A	6"x9" tray with hook	\$ 35.00	_____
227A	9"x16" serving tray	55.00	_____
820A	12" round bowl	63.00	_____
<i>Bronze</i>			
71B	9"x12" beveled tray with hook	\$ 95.00	_____
66B	9" clock	120.00	_____
300B	ice bucket	145.00	_____
61B	9" round plate/walnut frame	175.00	_____
62Bp	12" round plate/pewter cut out	240.00	_____
62Bs	12" round plate/silver cut out	425.00	_____

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