

Grand Master's Itinerary

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- 4 Lodge No. 138, 175th Anniversary, Orwigsburg
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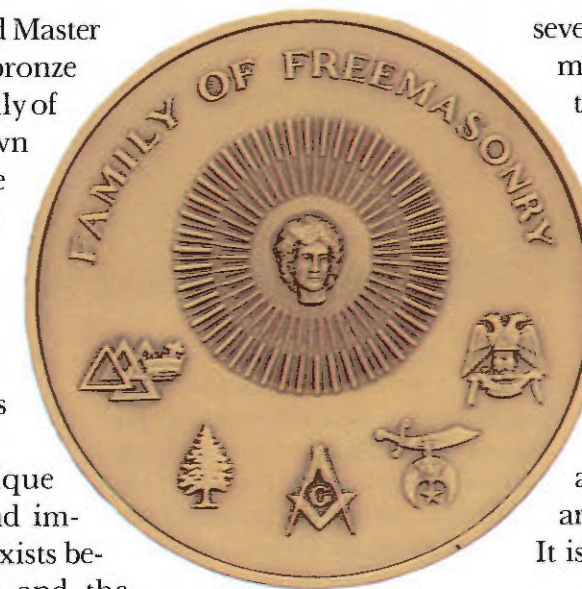
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The Family of Freemasonry

Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master has caused to be struck a bronze medallion depicting the "Family of Freemasonry": The well known symbols of the York Rite, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Blue Lodge, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, emanating from the rays of Apollo, the god of light.

The idea behind this unique work of art is to illumine and improve the fraternal bond that exists between the Symbolic Lodges and the



several appendant bodies; that Freemasonry is not only a brotherhood that includes the immediate members who belong to it, but that it is also a family that must extend itself to include many others who might not be members, but who can benefit from our light.

Production of these medallions is very limited. Bro. Kurtz is presenting the medallion at his visitations to the Blue Lodges and the various appendant bodies. It is not for sale.

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The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Implements Changes to Better Serve the Masonic Fraternity

Assignment of All Assets No Longer Required

After 78 continual years of requiring the turning over of all assets to the Masonic Homes upon admittance, a new admission policy has been initiated by the Committee on Masonic Homes and will become effective June 6, 1988.

The Committee on Masonic Homes approved this change at their December 4, 1987 meeting which was recommended by a special sub-committee consisting of the following members: W. Scott Stoner, R.W.D.G.M., chairman; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.S.G.W.; Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M.; John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. and Legal Counsel;

and Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director.

This change was approved after careful consideration of all factors involved, with specific consideration on what would best serve the residents, as well as the Masonic Homes.

The new policy will permit applicants to control and retain their assets after certain three-year requirements for Homes care have been fulfilled. Utilizing a trust arrangement, individually supervised and monitored by a Trust Officer from an outside bank, each resident would be currently advised by a monthly statement as to all charges, income and balance of the account.

All residents will still have to maintain

their eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare in the event it would ever be needed and each resident would be required to submit a financial report of their assets and execute a will of their choice upon admission.

This new policy will help those members or relatives who need or want to apply to the Masonic Homes and are reluctant to turn over all their assets.

The new policy does not in any way change the primary mission of the Masonic Homes which is to provide service to those who have a social, medical or financial need. The quality of care at the Masonic Homes has never and will not in the future, depend on an in-

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Annual Grand Communication is Held in Hershey



Brethren and their ladies from throughout Pennsylvania as well as other Masonic jurisdictions began to arrive in Hershey for the Annual Grand Communication in the early afternoon of Sunday, December 27, 1987 for the two day affair.

Shuttle buses then took the invited Brethren and their wives to Founders Hall of the Milton S. Hershey School where Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz hosted a Vesper Service. The solemn religious service included singing led by the Harrisburg Consistory Choir, responsive readings and a scripture lesson conducted by The Rev. Martin Hopkins, D.D., one of the ministers from Bro. Kurtz's church. Another minister from Bro. Kurtz's church, The Rev. Robert M. Vowler, delivered the sermon, "Underachievers All." A reception followed in the marbled rotunda of Founders Hall.

That evening, the Grand Master's Dinner, hosted by Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., was held in the Camelot Room of Founders Hall. After dinner, the prominent Brethren and their ladies were introduced. These Masonic notables included most of our Past Grand Masters, other Brethren from Pennsylvania and distinguished guests from sixteen other jurisdictions as far away as Washington state. Guests from twelve other Masonic bodies represented the York Rite of Free-

masonry, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction A.A.S.R., the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, The Masonic Service Association, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the youth groups. Bro. George Holmes, Grand Marshal, said a few words about Bro. Stenberg's tenure as Grand Master and then presented him with a photographic Book of Remembrance and a ring inscribed with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, a gift from his appointed officers. Following the dinner, the evening concluded with a reception in the rotunda where a beautiful, decorated Christmas tree stood surrounded by the guests dancing while music filled the marbled rotunda.

Monday began with a buffet breakfast at the Hershey Lodge after which seven hundred Brethren attended the Annual Grand Communication in the auditorium of Founders Hall. Grand Lodge was opened and Bro. Stenberg greeted distinguished guests. Many of the Grand Lodge minutes and usual reports were dispensed with, excepting of those most important. Bro. Stenberg gave a short farewell address, after which the Grand Lodge Officers were installed in ancient form at high twelve. Grand Master Kurtz then delivered his Inaugural

Address which was published in the February issue of this publication. After the business portion of the meeting, Bro. Kurtz was presented with a gavel made from a tree at the Masonic Homes. Presenting the gavel were Bros. Abraham C. Bucher, P.M. of William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756 and Stanley Kaylor of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. After a few remarks, the Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 1:30 p.m.

While the Brethren attended Grand Lodge, their ladies attended a luncheon at the Hershey Lodge. Julia Cummings, who holds a PhD. in Speech, discussed communication and the importance of laughter. Mrs. Stenberg introduced Mrs. Kurtz and turned the afternoon over to her.

Meanwhile, the Brethren were entertained at a luncheon held in the Camelot Room following the closing of Grand Lodge.

Following this, at 3:00 p.m. a Special Meeting of Bro. Kurtz's Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, was held to welcome the newly installed Grand Master. Dressed in traditional Scottish attire and playing the bagpipe, Bro. Charles Anderson of Robert Burns Lodge, led the Grand Lodge Procession. Bro. Kurtz gave a short talk on his experiences in the Craft

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Bro. Arthur Kurtz, Grand Master.



The Vesper Service



Freemasonry: A Family Affair: Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, Grand Master and Family.



"Thank you, Bro. Stenberg. . ."



Mrs. Stenberg presents pin to Mrs. Kurtz at the Ladies' Luncheon



Grand Master Kurtz and Charles Anderson, Piper.

Items from Our Museum: The New Wanamaker Collection



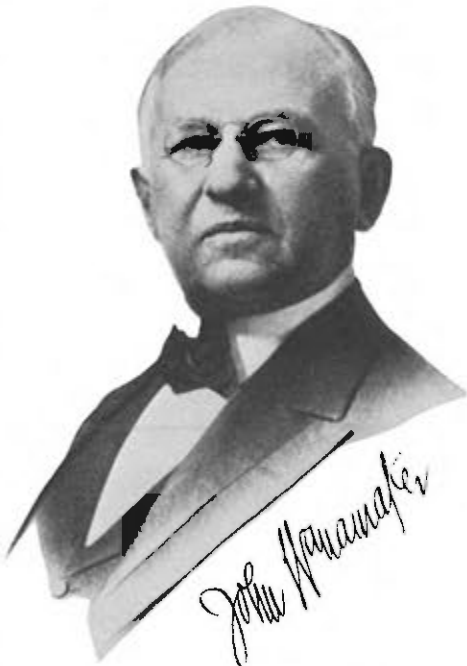
John Wanamaker, who was born on July 11, 1838, making this the 150th anniversary of his birth, rose from a very poor background. His first job was as an errand boy making \$1.25 a week in 1852. He opened his first store in 1861, and quickly became one of the richest and most powerful men in the United States. His fame, however, was made in his extraordinary public life founded on his philanthropy. Bro. Wanamaker was also known for his work with the Presbyterian Church, the Y.M.C.A., and education. He founded an institute for poor youths, helped found the Presbyterian Hospital, and sent mercy ships to the starving during World War I. For his great works, Wanamaker was made a Mason-at-Sight in 1898, and affiliated with Friendship Lodge No. 400 in Jenkintown in 1900, where he was Master in 1905. The Capitular Degrees were conferred upon him in Abington R. A. Chapter No. 245 in 1900, and he joined Mary Commandery No. 36 in 1901. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Philadelphia. On September 16, 1913 he was crowned an Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree.

To the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Wanamaker is most important because he was appointed the Chairman of the Committee on Library of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1906, and held that position until his death on December 12, 1922. Under his guidance, the Museum was created in October 1908, completed with carved mahogany cases donated by him, and are still in use today. As the obituary in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1922 stated, "He gave to the work of the Committee on Library much of his time and it is largely due to his untiring energy and excellent judgment that we today possess a library and museum unique, valuable, and without a rival."

With the recent developments in the John Wanamaker Department Store resulting from the sale of the store chain to Woodward and Lothrop's of Washington, D.C. and the sale of the Center City Philadelphia store building to California developer John Kusmiersky, the Museum on the eighth floor of the store closed at the end of 1987. Fortunately, the collection from the Museum was made available to four Philadelphia insti-

tutions: The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Atwater Kent Museum, the Presbyterian Historical Society and the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge.

Just after the new year, the Temple received over two hundred books, principally concerned with spirituality, Christianity and American history. The books, along with a bust of Brother Wanamaker, were assembled in an enormous mahogany bookcase with glass doors removed from the Wanamaker Museum which also displays objects from the Grand Lodge Museum which had been donated by Bro. Wanamaker. This may be viewed at the lower level of the rear staircase. In the Museum, currently displayed are two large pieces from the Wanamaker Museum: A replica of the Signer's Desk which served the early Federal Government when they met in Philadelphia from 1790 to 1800, and a replica of the Rising Sun Chair. The



original of the chair was made by Bro. John Folwell in 1779, and was Bro. George Washington's chair at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, about which Bro. Benjamin Franklin commented that the Masonic symbol on the crest rail was a "rising" and not a "setting" sun.

The Pennsylvania Newspaper Project Comes to the Grand Lodge Library

On January 5th and 6th, 1988, Barbara Kurimchak of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project came to the Grand Lodge Library to catalogue the newspapers in our collection as part of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project. This Project, funded as part of the United States Newspaper Project by the National Endowment for the Humanities, has as its objectives, to find, catalogue, and microfilm every newspaper ever published within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge Library is of special value to this Project because of its rather unique collection. Fifty-one separate titles have been catalogued in the Grand Lodge Library thus far.

Some of the newspapers are represented by only one issue, but others have substantial runs. Many of those single issues contain the story of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Temple in 1868, and of the Temple's Dedication in 1873. So far, the Newspaper Project has been able to determine that the Grand Lodge Library has three titles, the existence of which was previously unknown: *The Expositor and General Advertiser*, *The Pennsylvanian and Anti-Masonic Investigator*, and *The Philadelphia and*

Southern Trade Journal. Each is represented by only one issue.

In addition to this, the Grand Lodge Library has two other titles that had been known to exist, but until this time had not been seen by Project personnel, or by any one else for that matter: *The Anti-Masonic Examiner and Chester County Recorder* and *The Juniata Herald and Antimasonic Democrat*.

Of the Masonic newspaper *The Keystone*, the Temple holds a nearly complete run, 1867-1905. There are issues of many newspapers published during the 1820's and 1830's, when the Anti-Masonic Party was very active, so that both sides of the story are represented. As work on our valuable collection continues, the Library and Museum staff find more newspapers tucked away, so that Ms. Kurimchak will be invited back.

Since each state has its own project under the United States Newspaper Project, no non-Pennsylvania papers are being processed. In order to make this colossal inventory and cataloguing project a success, it is hoped that eventually an exchange of information, and perhaps an exchange of newspapers themselves will occur. The whole project

has been coordinated by the State Library in Harrisburg.

It should be mentioned that the Grand Lodge's own Librarian and Curator, Bro. John H. Platt, was one of the small group of people who had the original idea for this project. It took the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and then the Federal Government several years to understand that this was not just a librarian's amusement, but that newspapers, by their very nature as daily or weekly publications, do not last long, the most important single reason being that especially after 1860, they were printed on very cheap paper which disintegrates rapidly. Therefore, without this Project, all of the valuable first- and second-hand information would have been lost forever.

If anyone reading this article knows of any private collections no matter where in the state they may be located, please contact the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project, c/o Library Services Division, State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1601, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105. The Project has its own definition of what a newspaper is, so even if you are not sure whether your item is a newspaper or not, let the Project know about it.

The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program Presents Some Good Figures

The following was reported at the March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, by Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Foundation:

The Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has started its third year as it helps children fight this dreaded disease that is spreading across our country like a plague.

Since its inception, the Foundation has made forty-one grants totaling \$411,846. As a matter of interest, the annual gifts were:

1986	14 grants	\$140,041
1987	15 grants	\$171,124
1988	12 grants	\$100,681

The Grand Lodge Officers and Board of Directors of the Foundation who were available, met with the Advisory Committee on January 19, 1988 and again on March 18, 1988 at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The Advisory Committee consists of Loretta P. Finnegan, M.D. (Director of Family Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia), Chairwoman; Karole Kaltenbach, M.D. (Assistant to Dr. Finnegan); Michael T. Flaherty, Director of the Chemical Dependency Program at St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh; Jeannine Peterson, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health for Drug and Alcohol Programs; Sandra Morgan,

Director of Student Assistance, Department of Education; Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M. and Robert P. Kinney, Jr., Secretary.

The Advisory Committee will provide proper assistance for the Board of Directors in helping them to administer future grants. Their contribution to this great project will be to review applications, performance reports and to recommend to the Board such increases, decreases or discontinuance of grants that do not meet with the purpose of the Foundation.

The National Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children met on February

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Freemasonry: A Family Affair

Unity Lodge No. 719 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania is a family affair: Fifty eight per cent of the Lodge officers are

related to the Worshipful Master. Pictured left to right:



David L. Bellamy, Junior Deacon, *cousin*. Joseph L. Bellamy, Jr., Treasurer, *uncle*. Nelson M. Baird, Jr. D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District. William R. Bellamy, Worshipful Master, *son*. George C. Bellamy, Senior Warden,

father. Robert A. DiFrancesco, Pursuivant, *father-in-law*. Robert M. DiFrancesco, Senior Master of Ceremonies, *brother-in-law*. Ronald M. DiFrancesco, Member, *brother-in-law*.

March Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on March 2, 1988. More than five hundred Brethren attended. This was the first Quarterly Communication for the newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Along with the usual business, it was announced that Jefferson Lodge No. 288, held in Pittsburgh is to merge into Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Millvale. Both are in the 48th Masonic District.

In addition to this, the following Committees made their reports: By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms and the Committee on Temple. A report on Project SOLOMON II was also read.

It was resolved that Article 19.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon* be amended. This Article concerns the suspension date for non-payment of dues. Consideration of this Resolution will take place at the December, 1988 Quarterly Communication.

The deaths of Bro. William H. Gosser of Lodge No. 52, Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund and of Bro. Richard L. Rudisill, Lodge No. 802,

Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 60th Masonic District were announced.

The newly appointed Grand Lodge Floor Officers were then announced: Bro. Sherwood F. Watts, Lodge No. 464, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. J. Franklyn Runkle, Jr., Lodge No. 629, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. R. Emmert Aldinger, Lodge No. 682, Grand Steward; Bro. Ralph C. Rickard, Lodge No. 43, Grand Steward; Bro. George N. Holmes, Lodge No. 45, Grand Marshal; Bro. A. Maxwell Paget, Lodge No. 464, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. David L. Kempfer, Lodge No. 21, Grand Pursuivant and Bro. Ralph Rogers, Lodge No. 543, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master then asked for those Brethren who were to be given the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Awards to step before the Altar.

After the Awards were given out remarks were made by the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Elected Officers, after which the various Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were announced.

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Drug and Alcohol, *continued*

22, 1988 at the Conference of Grand Masters held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Foundation participated in the Conference by having Dr. Finnegan present a program on pre- and post-natal addiction of mothers and their children.

A young lady, aged nineteen, who is currently attending Elizabethtown College, was also present. She spoke on her experiences as one who was addicted to drugs and alcohol. She has now overcome her problems and her story was very interesting. Her mother also spoke briefly about the great problems which were suffered by the family due to their daughter's addiction. They are quite happy now that she has overcome her addiction, and they are willing to speak about their experiences.

Also presented at the Conference of Grand Masters was a student assistance program delivered by Linda T. Roebuck, the Governor of Maryland's Coordinator for Student Assistance Programs. This assistance program has been presented to Scott D. Thompson, Executive Director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

In addition to this, Mr. Thompson has endorsed the Student Assistance Programs presently being used by Pennsylvania and Maryland. The program that the Grand Lodge of Maryland is now using, was inspired by the Pennsylvania program and has been tailored to their needs. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has also agreed to train student assistance personnel for other Jurisdictions.

In addition to this, the program has received a letter from Gov. Robert P. Casey, in which he expresses his appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership in the field of drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Gov. Casey has mentioned that the Pennsylvania Students Assistance Program has trained over three thousand teachers, school administrators, counselors and others who, on a daily basis, help students confront the risk of drug and alcohol abuse.

It is obvious that our Fraternity at large can be very proud of what the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is doing for our young people and it is hoped that this very necessary program will continue to have the support of each and every one of you.

Public Speaking Program is Available

"How to Master the Art of Public Speaking," is a program that was developed for exclusive use by members of the Masonic-related youth groups and the Masonic Fraternity.

It was created by Bro. Dean Vaughn, a leader in the research and development of applied learning systems for education and business. This unique program applies the science of memory to the art of public speaking. It will provide our young people with a vital skill which they will use academically, professionally, and socially: A skill they will use for the rest of their lives. The program is equally effective for adults.

The program uses twelve hours of videotape instruction to teach basic techniques of improved memory skills, and applies these skills to public speaking. The course teaches vital information about the types of speeches, what to do when preparing a speech, what not to do when delivering a speech, and methods to evaluate one's performance as a public speaker.

This program provides youth and adult alike with skills that are essential to success in today's society. The individual will acquire confidence by being able to speak to large audiences without the fear of forgetting what you wanted to say. This confidence, and the special skills taught, will help the individual in schoolwork, ritual work, public presentations, job interviews and many other opportunities in which one must present himself to the public.

To use the course, a group must first purchase the Group Training Program, which is the main instruction component, and consists of eight (8) video cassettes, four (4) sets of four audio-cassettes, and an instructor's guide. This instruction kit costs \$595.

With this program on hand, members can then register to participate by purchasing the Personal Kit which includes the Learning Guidebooks, a speech planning book, and a reading text. This kit costs \$28.00, plus \$1.68 for Pennsylvania state sales tax. An optional personal kit includes one set of the four (4) audio cassettes, which are very useful for practice and review. This Personal Kit costs \$50, plus \$3 Pennsylvania state sales tax, per individual.



Because of the inter-active nature of the video-cassettes and the personal kit components, it is important that each participant own his own personal kit.

Registration for the program gives each individual the right to participate in the training program, and to enter periodic youth competitions held at a local, regional and state-wide level, in which individuals will compete for recognition, awards and scholarship prizes.

Initially, the cost for the program may seem high, but when compared to the cost of college credits, private instruction and today's textbooks, it becomes quite reasonable. This is truly a professional training program using the most advanced educational techniques and materials available today.

This is not a fund-raising venture for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Our sole aim is to provide the very best public speaking program for the benefit of the Fraternity we serve.

The program can be used to train all present members and leaders of each organization, as well as new members, year after year. Once the Group Training

Program has been purchased, individuals only need to register for the program and purchase their Personal Kits. This program can be conducted for groups, big or small, or completed by an individual in his very own home.

"How to Master the Art of Public Speaking" can become a very effective membership recruitment tool for the youth groups. By learning to speak well in public, members will be able to tell their peers that they acquired this great ability by belonging to their Masonic-related youth group and participating in the Public Speaking Program. This is an opportunity that is not offered in any other youth organization, and our young people can benefit by the exclusive rights acquired by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

For further information about the Public Speaking Program, or for order forms, please write or call the Foundation offices, at:

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022
(717) 367-1536

Youth Groups Prepare for Annual Meetings

The highlight of any youth program is the annual meeting when members from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania gather in a convention-style atmosphere to share in meetings, workshops, competitions and awards ceremonies.

Job's Daughters

This year the Grand Sessions of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters will be held on June 16-19, 1988 at the Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg. The program will include a Carnival, a trip to the Miniature Horse Farm, a formal banquet, the Installation of Grand Bethel and Grand Council officers, arts and crafts, choir and speech competitions, presentation of awards and scholarships, and business meetings.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents Masonic Service Hours Awards and Community Service Hours Awards. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation also presents a \$1000 Service Scholarship to Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania.

DeMolay

The Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania DeMolay will be held at Grove City

College on July 14-17, 1988. The schedule includes election of new State Officers, athletic and ritual competitions, workshops on public speaking and advisor training, awards banquet and the crowning of the new DeMolay State Sweetheart.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents trophies for the top three finishers in the Outstanding Chapter Competition. In addition, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation presents a \$1000 Service Scholarship to the retiring State Master Councillor.

Rainbow

The 1988 Grand Assembly for Rainbow in Pennsylvania will be held in Altoona on July 13-17, 1988. This program includes the election of the new Grand Officers, the Investiture of the Grand Cross of Color, Drill Team competition, initiation and installation, and the Coronation program for the new Grand Worthy Advisor.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents silver bowls to the winners of the following competitions: Ritualistic Perfection, Petitions, Service, Visitations, and 100% Dues Collection. Additionally, a \$1000 Service Scholarship will be presented to the retiring Grand Worthy Advisor.

Lodge No. 347 Annual Installation



At The Annual Installation of Officers on December 2, 1987, Lake Erie Lodge No. 347 in Girard, Pennsylvania swore in its 100th Worshipful Master. Bro. Richard A. Killian, Jr. received the word of the chair from his grandfather, Bro. Robert S. Keep. A Past Master in 1939, Bro. Keep also conferred all three Degrees on his grandson in 1982.

Chairman Richard E. Shimer, P.M. and District Deputy Grand Master Spencer W. Hauenstein honored Past Master Conrad by being present for this event.

The elder Bro. Conrad was initiated into Logan Lodge No. 490 on June 4, 1929, and served as Worshipful Master in 1940. He served as Treasurer of the Lodge from 1953 through 1984.

This was the first Degree work performed by Bro. Conrad since he conferred the Degrees on his son, C. James Conrad in 1950. His son James was present for his cousin Russell's initiation into Freemasonry.

in life to join, Bro. Conrad said, "Nobody ever asked me!" After reading the "Friend to Friend" brochure he discovered that "Nobody ever would!" that he had to do the asking. He further stated that he has known and has worked with Masons all his life, members of his family were Masons and he still did not know how to become a Mason. When Bro. Kraft gave him the brochure to read, he was pleased and surprised, his first reaction being, "I want to do it. Help me!" They did, and he is now a Mason.

The Past Masters of Logan Lodge, SOLOMON II District Director M. Dale VanHorne, P.M., SOLOMON II Lodge

YOU AND SOLOMON II: Good News Stories of Pennsylvania Freemasons

You and SOLOMON II takes a New Location

In an attempt to provide a regular place for *You and SOLOMON II* and a single means of distribution, the Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, has suggested that *The Pennsylvania Freemason* become our home. We welcome this invitation for it shows the support Project SOLOMON II is getting from our Grand Master.

We are certain that here you will find

many stories about Masons and Masonry that will be of great interest to you. The format has given us an opportunity to include more "good news" stories. With this article, we are beginning a new feature on Lodge Halls.

As we go forward together, to maintain and build Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, we thank you for your support.

Do You Recognize this Lodge Hall?

Beginning with this article, we honor a Blue Lodge and the building where it meets. The Lodge pictured has entered its 136th year of operation. A celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary was held on May 6, 1952.

According to the Lodge Notice of December 31, 1987, the membership of the Lodge on December 27, 1983 was 253. The Project SOLOMON II Report in the same Trestle-board indicated a present membership of 309 Master Masons. This growth of 56 members in five years speaks well of the Lodge as a dynamic and growing body.

Have you discovered the name of the Lodge we are highlighting? The photograph and the information speak of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 in Orrstown, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Bro. Elmer L. Wingert is serving as Worshipful Master. Bro. Larry Hill is Lodge Secretary and Treasurer is Clifford W. Swartz, Sr. Project SOLOMON II



Chairman for Orrstown Lodge is Bro. Kent D. Garman. Bro. Dale F. Coons provided the information and the photograph for this story. Orrstown Lodge will soon be planning its Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Masons Do Service for Others

Bro. James L. Good, a Life Member for 42 years, of West Chester Lodge No. 322, sent us the "good news" that he was given the Silver Beaver Award by the Chester County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At a recent annual recognition night, Bro. Good was very surprised to hear his name read and received the highest recognition the Council can give. He has given much time to the local Troop, especially on camping trips.

Another member of West Chester

Lodge No. 322, Bro. Joseph Boyd, also received the Silver Beaver Award that night. Bro. Boyd is President of the Chester County Council.

We are pleased to have this "good news" story sent by Bro. Good. When a Brother has earned recognition for long service, he should be proud to share his honor. We believe more attention and publicity should be given to the positive contributions of people, in general, and this Fraternity, in particular.

A Mason Coaches in the Olympics



Bro. Mackrides

Bro. Gregory P. Mackrides of Hamilton Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia, will go to Seoul, Korea for the 1988 Olympics having been named the strength coach of the United States Olympic Team.

Bro. Mackrides was presented the Masonic Bronze Medallion for heroism by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R. W. Grand Master, at the September Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia in 1982. Since that time, Bro. Mackrides has been his Lodge's representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Five and one-half years ago, Bro. Greg lost a spot on the U. S. Olympic Weight Lifting Team after a near-fatal beating he received. A 14 year old boy ran into the gym of his former sports clinic in Northeast Philadelphia pleading with Bro. Greg to hide him from two assailants who were chasing him. He hid the boy and fought off the men but the beating and stabbing Bro. Greg received left him with a shattered left shoulder, permanent nerve damage to the right eye and a fractured skull. He says, "The hardest thing for me was the doctors telling me in the hospital that I'd never lift weights again." He was back in training six weeks after the attack. His assailants were sentenced to prison terms.

In 1984, he opened a larger workout facility, the Sports Clinic, in Mayfair. He has worked with the Villanova football team and is the men's and women's strength and conditioning coach at the University. He has also trained three Olympic wrestlers in 1984. One of these men, Bruce Baumgartner, won the Gold Medal in the Freestyle Heavyweight Division.

The Fraternity is proud of Bro. Gregory Mackrides for his talents, his courage and his tenacity in overcoming his adversity. His knowledge and skill as a coach will aid many United States athletes in fulfilling their dreams.

Membership in the Fraternity

This information on Masonic membership has been taken from the May 1986 *Short Talk Bulletin* entitled "A Foundation Stone". The excerpt points out one of the problems facing Masonry's search for men of integrity. We are indebted to Bro. Sidney Stoloff of Athelstan Lodge No. 482 for bringing this important message to our attention:

One of the most misunderstood of the laws of Freemasonry is the rule that prohibits the solicitation of a candidate by any Mason. Every man who enters the portals of a Masonic Lodge must come of his own free will and accord but he can only come if he knows of the opportunity.

So far ingrained in our Masonic law is the rule against solicitation that it has unquestionably caused most Masons to refrain completely from discussing Freemasonry with friends and acquaintances who are not Masons. Don't let that happen to you.

The failure of the Masonic Institution to make known to the public, that is to non-Masons, its principles and its purposes has, in the past, resulted in both suspicion and antagonism toward Masonry. People are naturally inclined to be suspicious or fearful of those things of which they are ignorant.

Masonic Neighbors

Bros. George T. Gordon and Robert W. Thorp are next-door neighbors residing on Harris Street in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Bro. Thorp is Worshipful Master of Easton Lodge No. 152, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Gordon, P. M., served as Master of Delaware Lodge No. 52 of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Both men served as Master of their respective Lodges at the same time during 1987.

Bro. Bertine B. Steigerwalt, D.D.G.M. of the 9th Masonic District, provided this information and the photograph for this story.



Bros. Gordon and Thorp

Brothers Helping a Brother

Bro. John M. Waugaman, P. M. and Secretary of Plum Creek — Samuel Hamilton Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh, sent one of the most heartwarming stories in this issue. Pictured from left to right are Bro. James M. Simpson, Sr., P. M. and Treasurer; Bro. Harold Kromer; Bro. James R. Rainey, Worshipful Master and Bro. John M. Waugaman, P. M. and Secretary; all members of Lodge No. 799. The Brethren are presenting a check for over \$2,000 to Bro. Kromer who recently received a heart transplant. Bro. Waugaman stated: "This, I think, is truly Freemasonry at work." We agree so strongly and are happy to report Bro. Kromer is home and doing well.



"Help to a Brother".

Moscow Lodge Cares



Moscow Lodge's Outreach

Moscow Lodge No. 504, Moscow, has taken a hint from the Masonic highway billboard program and is spreading the word that Masons are helping in the fight against drug abuse. They have adopted a smaller version of the sign and have installed it at the local little league baseball park. The Dandy Lion Little League, like other non-profit youth groups, is always in need of financial support. The selling of advertising signs on the outfield fence is one of their sources of revenue.

Moscow Lodge members thought that the ball park would be a good place to let their community know about Masonry's involvement in the nationwide anti-drug program. What better group to address than Little Leaguers and their young families? Both Masonry and Little League benefit from this simple sign in right field. This story was submitted by Junior Warden Earl Trygar.

Masons Do Care

Dallas Lodge No. 396, Easton, proved once again through the "Food for the Local Needy, 1987" Drive that Masons do care. This annual project is started each November and completed shortly before the holiday festivities begin. The program was begun in 1986 by a committee of three men who make up food baskets. Each basket included a ham or turkey. The Salvation Army volunteers distributed the baskets to the needy.

The 1987 committee consisted of Worshipful Master, Bro. Clarence B. Howard, Jr.; Senior Deacon, Bro. Willie Van Brackle, Jr.; Bro. Sam Corpora, Jr. and Bro. James Fritts. This "good news" story was submitted by Bro. Frank A. Kehm, Sr., Secretary for the Lodge, and Bro. Bertine B. Steigerwalt, District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District.



Food for the Local Needy, 1987 — Dallas Lodge No. 396, Easton

More Than 1100 Years of Service

Bro. Clarence V. Johns, P.M. of George W. Kendrick, Jr. Lodge No. 690, sent the following story to Project SOLOMON II Regional Director Edward Weisser.

He believes that the following Brethren deserve special recognition from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by having their names placed in *You and SOLOMON II*. Each one has served Masonry for more than fifty years and all of them are members of Kendrick Lodge:

	Years a Mason
Henry Hermanns	68
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Howard Stites	67
Frank R. Knorr	66
David H. Gray	64
Charles H. Baker	63
Erwin F. Boeckle	63
William Lambert	63
John Schmidt	62
William H. Bristowe	60
J. Stanley Hutt	60
Walter K. Koch	58
Frederick P. Maier	58
John T. Raker	58
John W. Beaber	56
Samuel Rutledge	54
George H. Aeugle	53
George McCann	53
Thomas Ogden	52
William G. Connell	51
Reinhardt Schatschneider	50

We Hope Santa Walter Price Doesn't Retire

Walt Price is one of those unique Master Masons who probably never uttered a discouraging word in his life, continually carrying a positive outlook and serving as an example and inspiration for all Masons. After ten years of service as District Deputy, he never says anything negative, carries no cynicism and is as enthusiastic today as he must have been when he began serving as a District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, shared a story he heard at a recent meeting of Masonic District "G" in Philadelphia. Bro. Tom reported that Past District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. Walter Price, "... is a rather roly-poly but good-natured Brother, who plays Santa Claus annually and brings gifts to the District "G" guests and the children at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

After Past Master Johns presented the list of men with over fifty years of service in the Fraternity, he stated, "Although we only had two petitions, one restored to membership and five deaths, we had a very good year. What frightens me is where are we going to obtain new members to replace our elderly Brethren a few years down the road? Any ideas you or the other Directors have would be greatly appreciated."

The words of the Past Master speak eloquently of a problem facing a number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. This is a problem that should concern all Masons in our Commonwealth. What can you do to help the widow's son?

He collects candy and gifts from the Brethren in the area lodges and gathers them together, then, in the month of December, he makes a visit to the Masonic Homes and there delivers the presents.

Because Bro. Price ends up with extra gifts, he contacts Bro. and Rev. Dr. Charles H. Lacquement, Director of Spiritual and Guest Services at the

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The Ralph Slider Masonic Family

Bro. Ralph H. Slider, Sr., P.M. is a man who takes his Masonry seriously. On November 30, 1987, Bro. Slider raised both his son, Ralph, Jr. and his son-in-law, Bro. Daniel Wittman in Greenleaf Lodge No. 561 which meets in Allentown. The elder Bro. Slider also instructed, entered and crafted his two candidates. Bro. Slider takes considerable fatherly pride in that two of his family members are worthy of Masonic membership.

The elder Bro. Slider is a Past Master of Greenleaf Lodge, and he currently serves as Lodge Director for Project SOLOMON II. He is also Vice Principal of the School of Instruction for the 10th Masonic District, Chairman of the Proficiency Committee of his Lodge and he also conducted the first course on public speaking held at Greenleaf Lodge.

Bro. Slider is active in Lehigh Valley Consistory, Shrine and Boy Scouts of America. One might well ask whether or not Bro. Slider has a job. As a matter of fact, he is the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer for the City of Allentown. He is a board member of the Burn Foundation and President of the Lehigh County Fire Chiefs' Association.

One might also ask how Bro. Slider



Front row, left to right: Bro. Daniel Wittman; Bro. Slider, Sr.; Bro. Ralph Slider, Jr. Second row, left to right: Bro. C. DeForrest Trexler, P.D.D.G.M.; Bro. Paul F. Kunkel, P.D.D.G.M. and Regional Director, Project SOLOMON II and Bro. Myron P. Wehr, P.D.D.G.M.

finds time to spend with his family. They, too, have strong Masonic connections. His wife, Rita, was recently the Worthy Matron of the New Temple Chapter No. 209, Order of Eastern Star. His daughters, Kathleen and Kerry Marie, have completed their respective years as Worthy Advisors of Allentown Assembly No. 40, Order of Rainbow for Girls. His

son, Ralph, Jr., was a member of DeMolay.

As Bro. Robert H. Hoffman, III, who reported this article said of Bro. Slider, "Congratulations, Bro. Slider. Your aid and assistance is greatly appreciated by both your Fraternity in general, and your Lodge in particular."

"Good News" Spreads Across the Country

Bro. Charles E. Reedy, P. M., of Milton Lodge No. 256, Milton, responded to a request for "good news" published in *The Pennsylvania Freemason* by submitting the following story.

For the past seven years, Bro. Reedy has played Masonic Postal Chess with many members of the Craft throughout the United States. He stated: "Naturally one gets to know his opponent from remarks noted on each move exchanged."

Recently Bro. Reedy played with Bro. Jack B. Helms, P.M. of Orinda, California. Bro. Helms was Worshipful Master of Orinda-Plymouth Lodge No. 521 in 1967, 1985 and 1987. Bro. Jack asked for information about the Lodge activities in Pennsylvania. To this, Bro. Reedy responded with news about Project SOLOMON II and sent a copy of *Friend to Friend*.

From this beginning the exchanges continued with Bro. Jack Helms stating: "I'd like to get our Grand Lodge to print a pamphlet similar to *Friend to Friend*. Everyone who has seen it liked it. I took it to our Masonic Service Bureau (state) today."

On March 27, 1987, Bro. Helms wrote: "I'm mailing off my rough draft of *Freemasonry for a Friend* to the printer. I will send you a copy as soon as possible. I think you will see a strong resemblance to your (Pennsylvania) publication."

We are pleased to present this story for it shows in a very dramatic way how one Mason with working tools like *Friend to Friend* can extend his influence for good across the nation. Masons need to support each other. We know from this story that Project SOLOMON II is working in a positive manner.

Keep the "Good News" Stories Coming

What a pleasure it has been for me to receive the many stories you find in this issue of *You and SOLOMON II*. Certainly you will agree there is much good news to share. We need to celebrate the long hours of service and devotion so many Master Masons give to their Fraternity.

Has your Lodge been featured in *You and SOLOMON II*? Do you have a good news story that should be shared? Since we have been given a new format, there is space available to continue our work. We are grateful to R. W. Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz for his continuing opportunity to support our Fraternity.

I will expect to hear from you in the near future. Send your story and a glossy black and white photograph to:

Dr. Elvin G. Warfel
Box 224 Chalfont, PA 18914

Bro. William Vogt Retires as Masonic Temple Superintendent



Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary; Bro. Carl Homan, Chairman, Committee on Temple; Mrs. Vogt; Bro. Vogt; Linda Herbert, Secretary; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. William Vogt, Superintendent of the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, retired October 30, 1987 after having served in this capacity since February 1, 1969. Bro. Vogt had previously spent twenty-five years in the Philadelphia Police Department having ended his career as a Sergeant after a distinguished career.

In addition to Bro. Vogt's daily supervision of a staff of fifteen to twenty persons in building maintenance, building security and regular tours, he also supervised extensive alterations and renovations in various areas of the Masonic Temple, including the relocation of the Library and Museum. He also supervised the finding of additional and more functional office space for the Grand Master's Office and his staff and the Grand Secretary's Office and his staff. The Assembly Room was initially converted into an office for mail distribution and stationery supplies, Bro. Vogt later supervised this same area being converted into a data processing center. He handled

all contracts with Catering Services for exclusive catering to be furnished to all Masonic Bodies meeting in the Temple. Expense being a constant factor, Bro. Vogt was instrumental in the installation of many cost-saving systems, the Energy Management System, monitored by computer, established an efficient control of the building heat and air conditioning.

Bro. Vogt was a Charter member of the Law Enforcement Square Club and from this group of law enforcement members he formed details to supply security for many Grand Lodge functions. Toward the end of his career as Building Superintendent, Bro. Vogt was instrumental in locating the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple and in having it placed in a permanent position in the Grand Foyer, where his name will be forever "etched in stone" as Superintendent of the building.

Bro. Vogt will be missed by Grand Lodge for his faithful and dedicated service to the maintenance and security of the Grand Lodge headquarters and magnificent Masonic Temple.

Bro. Paul S. Krasley Retires from Committee on Appeals

Bro. Paul S. Krasley, a fifty year member of Royersford Lodge No. 585 has

retired from the Committee on Appeals, a position he had held since 1978. Bro. Richard B. Wickersham, a former Judge of The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has assumed the vacancy. Bro. Wickersham is a Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464.

Reflections, continued

"Reflections in a Museum Case" runs from early April to the end of November, 1988, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson Elected Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes

Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, P.D.D.G.M. of the 26th Masonic District, has been elected chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes for 1988. This is to correct a mistake in the February issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* which named Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Deputy Grand Master as Chairman.

Masonic Family Day will be Held at West Point Park

The Second Annual Masonic Family Day will be held at West Point Park, an amusement park in West Point, Pennsylvania on Saturday, August 20, 1988. Cost of the tickets is \$6.00 per person, three years of age and older. For tickets and information, please contact the Grand Master's Office at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, (215) 988-1920.

Available at West Point Park are free parking, including handicapped parking, a softball diamond, sheltered pavillions with picnic tables, refreshment pavillions (including catering service) with various amusements for the children, both young and old. Rides will open from noon to 7:00 p.m. and unlimited use is included in the price of admission. The gate will open at 10 a.m.

If you decide to come as a group (50 minimum) you may contact the park directly to arrange for catered buffets, costs and menus at (215) 699-4329.

Your non-Masonic families and friends are also invited since this is a family affair.

The park is easily accessible from the Lansdale exit of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The picnic will take place — rain or shine!

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dividual's assets or ability to pay.

The Masonic Homes staff is developing guidelines and policies for the implementation of the new Admissions Policy which will be available in the near future.

The Committee on Masonic Homes further decided at their January 22, 1988 meeting to utilize Admissions Counselors to process applications to the Masonic Homes. These counselors will be trained by the Masonic Homes staff and will be provided extensive information on the Masonic Homes and the new Admissions Policy.

This change will still have the application process starting with the Lodge Secretary, but will provide relief for the Lodge and District Deputies who have had to expend a tremendous amount of time on applications in the past.

With approximately six individuals from throughout the Commonwealth trained to obtain the needed information from an applicant and to provide answers about the Homes, communication will be enhanced and the application process should be reduced from our current four to eight month time frame for applications to be requested, completed, and submitted to the Committee on Masonic Homes for approval.

In the past, this time frame has created problems for applicants needing access to health care after an illness or injury.

Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director, indicated, "The Masonic Homes has been the answer for so many people during our 78 year history and we are pleased to be able to implement these new changes which will enhance our services, so that we can continue to meet

the needs of the Masonic Fraternity in the future."

Independent Living Units To Be Added

Arthur J. Kurtz, Right Worshipful Grand Master, announced in his Inaugural Address the development of an Independent Retirement Community to be built on the Masonic Homes grounds.

This announcement is the culmination of eighteen months of intense review and study by the Grand Lodge Officers, the Committee on Masonic Homes, the Executive Director and other professional advisors.

The addition of Independent Living Units at the Masonic Homes is part of a Comprehensive Service Plan that was approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes at their October 22, 1987 meeting.

The Comprehensive Service Plan also addresses the need to offer assisted living or personal care to provide a continuum of services to the Masonic Fraternity.

Assisted living will offer some assistance with normal activities (i.e. bathing, housekeeping), but stresses independence for the resident.

An architectural firm specializing in long term care was selected from a field of five architectural firms to review the Comprehensive Service Plan and develop a Master Plan for implementation of these services.

This process will develop the design, costs, and time frame for the Independent Living Units and for work in the Masonic Health Care Center including developing an Assisted Living Program and upgrading the existing intermediate and skilled health care beds.

The Independent Living Units will be made available for an entrance fee and monthly maintenance fee.

The entrance fee will be amortized over eight years, so that if individuals would decide to leave, they would receive their entrance fee back less the amortized amount for the number of months they were in residence.

Residents of the Independent Living Community will have access to health care at the Masonic Homes, if required, on a fee for service basis.

However, the whole premise of Independent Living is to provide service that will help the residents to stay in their independent community.

Residents will in most instances maintain their cars and will participate in an active community with people that they will have much in common.

Complete information including floor plans, unit costs, monthly maintenance costs, programs, completion schedule, and services offered is being developed and will be available within a few months.

If you are interested in obtaining more information you can call or write to the Executive Director at the Masonic Homes and your name will be put on a mailing list for information as soon as it is available.

Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes

For information call or write to:

Executive Director
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-1121

Freemasonry is at Work in Frackville



From left to right, Bro. Hugh F. Beddow, Senior Warden; Bro. Fred T. Boychalk, Junior Warden of Frackville Lodge No. 737; Carol Bowen, Director of Volunteers for Youth of Schuylkill County and Worshipful Master David Bowen.

Freemasonry is alive and well in Frackville, Pennsylvania thanks to Frackville Lodge No. 737 and a local organization, Volunteers for Youth of Schuylkill County. Bro. David W. Bowen, Worshipful Master, decided to make the distribution of food baskets, as well as clothing to needy children in northern Schuylkill County one of his projects during his tenure as Master of the Lodge.

More than \$250 was raised through contributions. At a dinner given to thank the members of Frackville Lodge and their families, Bro. Bowen stated, "If we can help just one young person to have a merrier Christmas as well as to realize the significance of this season, with its love and brotherhood, then we have accomplished our purpose for humanity." He further said that, "Masonry was built

on the premise of love and brotherhood and is devoted to serving our fellow man through our work and faith. At this time we all remember the words of our Lord when he said, 'but the greatest of these is charity!' This Christmas season and throughout the year, we as Masons wish to demonstrate our charity to our fellow man in this small way."

Carol Bowen, wife of the Worshipful Master and Executive Director for Volunteers for Youth then spoke on the need for big brothers and sisters to work closely with youth that are not always in financial need, but often simply need a role model to help them grow.

Frackville Lodge has a proud history of working closely with other local charities and their work with Volunteers for Youth resulted in a happy Christmas for many children in that area.

December Quarterly Review

More than eight hundred Brethren attended the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania where the following Grand Lodge Officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz,
R.W. Grand Master
Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. George H. Hohenschildt,
R.W. Junior Grand Warden

Also elected were seven Brethren to serve on the Committee on Masonic Homes. The resolution to raise the Grand Lodge dues was passed by a four to one margin. This is the first time in more than thirty years that the Grand Lodge dues have been increased.

Bro. Peter A. Ciancione, P.M. of Solomon-Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 231 and Bro. Henry W. Cooper, Sr. P.M. and Secretary of Glenshaw Lodge No. 793 were awarded the SOLOMON II Throat Medallions.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Award was given to Lodge No. 9 for their donation of one thousand dollars to the Foundation; Dormont Lodge No. 684 was given the Award from the Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children for their contribution of one thousand dollars. In addition, Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 was the recipient of two awards from the Foundation.

Foundation Seeks to Halt Intergenerational Addiction

As one of its newly stated primary goals the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has targeted the prevention of intergenerational addiction.

Exemplifying this goal is the pioneering work being supported at the Maternal Addiction Program of the St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh. Begun some eight years ago under the tutelage of Dr. Loretta P. Finnegan, Chairwoman of the Foundation's Executive Committee,

the St. Francis program has historically sought to intervene in the destructive addictive cycle by working directly with pregnant women and the newborn and young children of chemically dependent women.

Most recently St. Francis has sought to take their understanding and highly sophisticated treatment protocols even further by seeking a special Pennsylvania license as the State's first neonate detoxification and rehabilitation program.

Michael T. Flaherty, Director of the St. Francis Chemical Dependency Program, points out that the combined specialized learnings of chemical dependency and obstetrics can offer more to the field of prevention of chemical dependency than perhaps any other one area of current understanding. "Life is begun with a developed mistrust of one's environment," says Flaherty. "In those months of pregnancy and those early years of life we

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have learned a wealth of information on how to intervene in the likelihood that the child will be predisposed to a life of addiction."

Flaherty and the Maternal Addiction Project's Coordinator, Ms. Jan Miller, RN, have used the Foundation's support to formalize their learnings and approach both State and National authorities to seek regulations that would require but make it advantageous for other medical settings to replicate the special awareness and techniques of the St. Francis Maternal

Addiction Project and the Family Center of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

"Pennsylvania is extremely fortunate in having Dr. Finnegan and two such sophisticated programs. As there are now only five such centers in America one has to wonder what is happening elsewhere. This is a big country and pregnant women are giving birth to chemically dependent newborns all across the Nation. Early studies indicate that without special recognition and treatment

nearly fifty percent of these children will themselves become addicts. First, however, we will need to educate a lot of people on what we know and why we all need to specialize in treating this high-risk population. We have solutions!" adds Flaherty.

The Pennsylvania Foundation is keenly interested and working with the pioneering efforts of Dr. Finnegan and Mr. Flaherty to make their knowledge available for the prevention of multi-generational addiction.

I Want To Know . . .



Bro. Frank W. Bobb
Librarian and Curator
Emeritus

QUESTION: Several inquiries have pro-
tested the possible membership of a Ku
Klux Klansman in a Masonic Lodge.

ANSWER: The original inquiry, which
was broadly answered in the November
Pennsylvania Freemason, resulted from
the visitation of a Pennsylvania Mason to
a southern Lodge. I have no knowledge
of Klansmen in Pennsylvania Lodges.

The procedures for making a Mason
are familiar: the petition, the recom-
menders, the Committee of Inquiry, the
publication in the Lodge notice, sent to
all members, of the candidate's name,
residence, age and occupation, and the
balloting, which is secret. One black ball
rejects. It is the sole prerogative of each
individual Lodge to decide on its mem-
bers. Should there be a Masonic objection
after a member of the Klan is made a
member, Masonic charges may be
brought by a member of the Lodge.

QUESTION: Is it true that Brother
Rudyard Kipling was initiated by a
Hindu, passed by a Moslem, and raised
by a Christian?

M.O.K.

ANSWER: Rudyard Kipling, a noted
British author, whose works have many
Masonic references, as, for example, *The
Man Who Would Be King*, was born in
India in 1865 and died in London in 1936.

He joined Hope and Perseverance Lodge
No. 782, Lahore, India, in 1886, by special
dispensation as he was only twenty and a
half years old. In March, 1924, he wrote:
"I was secretary for some years of Hope
and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore,
which included Brethren of at least four
creeds. I was entered by a member of
Brahmo Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a
Mohammedan, and raised by an
Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian
Jew." Brother Kipling was made a Mark
Mason in 1887, and was active in other
Masonic bodies throughout his life.

QUESTION: I would like to know the
background of the grave in Fairfax,
Virginia, which bears the following in-
scription: "The Grave of Montfort: This
gate swings only by order of the Worship-
ful Master of Royal White Hart Lodge to
admit a pilgrim Mason."

ANSWER: This question is a puzzle.
Joseph Montfort was born in England in
1724 and died in North Carolina in 1776.
He was a colonel of colonial troops,
served in various local and provincial
offices, and was an active member of
Royal White Hart Lodge in Halifax,
North Carolina. In 1771, Montfort was
appointed Provincial Grand Master of
America by the Grand Lodge of England,
an appointment that has caused much
confusion because there were Provincial
Grand Masters in other colonies at the
time. Perhaps an inquiry to Royal White
Hart Lodge No. 2 in Halifax, North
Carolina, or to Henry Lodge No. 57 in
Fairfax, Virginia, may provide an ex-
planation for the grave marker. The
explanation would make a good follow-
up in this column.

QUESTION: How should the compasses
on a Masonic ring point?

W.C.H.

ANSWER: There is no rule prescribing
how a Mason should wear a ring bearing
the square and compasses. The points of
the compasses may point either toward or
away from the wearer. The only require-
ment is that the ring be worn with dignity
and pride.

In Memoriam: Bro. Frank W. Bobb

Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and
Curator Emeritus of the Grand Lodge
Library and Museum died at the age of
76, on Thursday, March 24, 1988. Bro.
Bobb was appointed Librarian and
Curator in 1969, by then R. W. Grand
Master John K. Young. He was made
Emeritus in June of 1987, by then R. W.
Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. A
fuller story on Bro. Bobb's accomplish-
ments will appear in the August issue of
The Pennsylvania Freemason.

In Bro. Bobb's memory, an endow-
ment fund has been established in
accordance to the wishes of his widow,
Lois Given Bobb. The interest from this
fund will be used by the Library and
Museum for a myriad of projects. Many
Brethren who were acquainted with Bro.
Bobb know that Masonic research in
general and the Grand Lodge Library
and Museum in particular, were Bro.
Bobb's life. It is hoped that all will agree
that this will be a fitting memorial to this
Masonic scholar who labored long and
well for the cause of Freemasonry in
Pennsylvania.

Contributions to the Frank W. Bobb
Endowment Fund may be made by send-
ing a check made payable to the Grand
Lodge of Pennsylvania with a note
specifying that the contribution is for
this Fund. Send the check to:

Office of the Librarian and Curator
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2598

We Hope Santa, *continued*

Masonic Homes, to find out the names of
guests least likely to receive visitors dur-
ing the holidays, then "Santa" visits
them.

Thank you, Bro. Tom, for this fine
story and kind words about Bro. J. Walter
Price, P.D.D.G.M. and we also thank the
Lodges of District "G" for their support.
We wish Bro. Price and his wife good
traveling but we hope he returns in time
to be Santa Claus again. After all, Santa
never retires.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk . . .



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

My Brethren:

On February 17, 1825 Sentia Lodge
No. 198 was Constituted in Shippens-
burg, Pennsylvania but went out of
existence on February 6, 1837.

On February 18, 1858 Cumberland
Valley Lodge No. 315 was Constituted in
Shippensburg. The Warrant Master at
that time was Brother Henry Ruby, Sr.
and his remarks when assuming the
duties as Worshipful Master of the Lodge
are well worthy of note:

"In assuming the honorable and ele-
vated position as Worshipful Master of
this Lodge, I cannot forbear thanking
you for the part taken in having me
invested with the Constitutional Au-
thority of the Right Worshipful Grand
Lodge by which this Lodge is to be

directed in her labors and good govern-
ment.

"Among the many honorable po-
sitions I have been favored with in public
life, I regard this one as among the least
merited, but the most exalted in my
history. From my inexperience in the
important labors I am called to perform
as Master, I would be violating my
feelings, did I not give utterance in this
connection, to my fears in not fully
realizing your expectations.

"But in casting eyes around me and
seeing myself encircled with brethren
good and true, I take courage in going
forward in the discharge of the duties of
my office, and in doing so, I shall strive to
perform them to the best of my ability.

"With the view of accomplishing
successfully the work before us as a
Lodge in accordance with the ancient
landmarks of the craft, I shall look to you
my brethren in office in the West, and in
the South — on my right and on my left,
for counsel and aid.

"Thus united in our effort, I feel
assured we will be able to prove ourselves
worthy of the confidence that the Right
Worshipful Grand Lodge has been
pleased to commit into our hands. And,
my brethren, when done with carrying
out the designs drawn by the Sovereign
Architect of the Universe, 'on our
spiritual trestleboard of our earthly
existence, may we all be well prepared to
enter the door of mercy of our Great
Divine Master into those mansions
beyond the skies, where love and peace,
and joy forever reign."

June Quarterly will be Held at Masonic Temple

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will
meet in Quarterly Communication on
June 1, 1988 at the Masonic Temple
located at One North Broad Street,

Philadelphia. As always, the Communi-
cation is open to all Master Masons.
Dinner is free and will be served at 5:00
p.m. that evening. The Communication
will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen

The Grand Lodge Committee on
Masonic Education and the Grand Lodge
Library have made available *The
Exemplar: A Guide to a Mason's Actions*
by William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M. at
a special purchase price:

Soft bound, \$84 per dozen
Hard bound, \$120 per dozen

The Master Builders, Volume II Now Available

Volume II of *The Master Builders*, the
much appreciated history of Free-
masonry in Pennsylvania, is now avail-
able for sale. Covering the modern
period, this volume is the second part of
the Masonic trilogy being written by Dr.
Wayne A. Huss, historian. The con-
cluding volume, dealing with Grand
Master biographies, will be published in
the spring of 1989.

Because of the book's special appeal to
Masons and because only a limited
number of copies have been printed, the
Grand Lodge History Committee has
decided to offer Volume II to the mem-
bers of the Fraternity first, giving them a
full opportunity to purchase it before
making it available to the public at large.
Sales are expected to be brisk since the
first volume of *The Master Builders* has
been reviewed favorably in both Masonic
and non-Masonic publications, which
have complemented its comprehensiveness,
scholarly approach and readable
style. To quote one review: "... the book
is a welcome addition." Pennsylvania
Masons are encouraged to obtain their
copies soon.

Attractive features of Volume II of *The
Master Builders* include descriptions of
the interior decoration of the Masonic
Temple, appreciation of the Fraternity by
non-Masons, the rise and fall of member-
ship, patriotic reactions of Pennsylvania
Masons in time of war and the expansion
of Masonic education and Masonic
charity. The text is augmented by charts
and tables, as well as by a number of
contemporary photographs and a com-
prehensive index to both volumes.

March Quarterly, *continued*

Announcement was then made of the
upcoming Quarterly Communication
that will be held at the Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia on Wednesday, June 1,
1988 at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Grand Master's
promise that he would finish the business
of the Quarterly in under two hours,
Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at
8:49 p.m.

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"Reflections in a Museum Case"

Grand Lodge Museum Joins with Library in Celebration

On October 2, 1908, Bro. John Wanamaker, as the Chairman of the Committee on Library, led the opening celebration of the new Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Library, in existence since the end of the eighteenth century, had received numerous Masonic artifacts over the years, and the librarians were eager to display these acquisitions. Two events precipitated the founding of the Museum: The George Washington Loan Exhibition of 1902, and the Benjamin

Franklin Loan Exhibition of 1906. Plans for a museum were approved in 1907, and the mahogany cases were in place by the Fall of 1908. Eighty years later, the Museum proudly celebrates its history of Masonic collecting.

With the help of the Library and the Archives, the exhibit "Reflections in a Museum Case: Eight Decades of Masonic Collecting, 1908-1988," opened in early April, exhibiting some of the finest objects, books and graphics in the collection. In a new maneuver for the

Library and Museum, eight new display cases in the Grand Banquet Hall carry a large part of the show, as well as some of the original 1908 cases in the Museum.

Furthermore, the show is running in conjunction with a major exhibition throughout the greater Philadelphia area called "Legacies of Genius." Sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collection Libraries, the combined effort of Philadelphia libraries celebrates the important book collections in the area.

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and then presented his newly struck medallion that depicts the various other bodies in Freemasonry which Bro. Kurtz has termed, "The Family of Freemasonry." The Grand Master was presented a check to be donated to a charity of Bro. Kurtz's choosing and a mounted copy of the Sunday supplement of the *Sunday Patriot-News* in which appeared an article on the day's proceedings along with explanations of the different Masonic bodies that make up the "Family of Freemasonry." After closing remarks, the Lodge was closed in Harmony.

Twelve hundred Brethren and their ladies attended the second evening's Grand Master's Dinner-Dance in the Chocolate Ballroom of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. After dinner and introductory remarks, Bro. Kurtz introduced Miss Mandi Jo Clay-

pool, Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow for Girls; Miss Karen Stoner, Miss Job's Daughter for Pennsylvania and Brent Richards, State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay. Each spoke of the work that their respective youth organizations are doing and each presented checks for various causes to the Grand Master. Noble Donald Dentler, Illustrious Potentate of Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., then presented Bro. Kurtz with a pocket tape recorder after which Bro. Darwin Chilcote, Worshipful Master of Bro. Kurtz's Lodge, presented him with a check to be used for the new retirement community being planned for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Entertainment followed dinner, after which the Brethren and their ladies danced to the music of the Joe Martin Orchestra until midnight.

Reserve October 22nd to be at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to Enjoy Autumn Day!



R. W. Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz has scheduled Autumn Day 1988 for October 22nd at the Masonic Homes. Many of the Brethren and their families have enjoyed previous Autumn Days at the Masonic Homes. For those who have not, this will be a fun-filled day of family atmosphere with good food, interesting

displays, crafts and Masonic fellowship. It's the perfect time to enjoy your beautiful Masonic Homes and grounds. A full schedule will appear in the August Freeman.

Plan now to spend October 22nd with your Masonic family at Elizabethtown.

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