Three-Month Itinerary of
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Gard Lodge Offices have a busy schedule for 1968, with the exception of July and August. The schedule for the next three months includes:

June 1—Grand Master, meeting with 35th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Jermyn, Monroe County.

June 1—Grand Master, 105th Anniversary, Philadelphia Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

June 4—Grand Lodge Officers, Committee on Lectures and Committee on Fratricity, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

June 8—Grand Master, meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters and Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

June 8—Grand Master, meeting with 55th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

June 22—Grand Master, meeting with 36th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

June 24—Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

June 28—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting.

The next three months includes:

June 1—Grand Master, meeting with 53rd District Lodge of the 11 Masonic Districts, Scranton.

June 15—Grand Master, attending the Sectional Meeting of the School of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Allentown.

June 22—Grand Master, meeting with 36th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Scranton.


June 28—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

July 12—Grand Master, Council of Deliberations, Scranton Masonic Temple.

July 26—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabeth.


August 23—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabeth.

Robert P. Casey, First Vice President of Pennsylvania's Constitutional Convention, is shown greeting James Wain (center) and Ronald Hubert (right) both Patton Masonic School students, as they arrived to serve as honorary pages during a week of the Convention.

Bro. John R. Rouse

Appointed D.D.G.M.

Of 24th Masonic Dist.


The Grand Master, accompanied by several of his Elected and Appointed Officers, officially presented Bro. Rouse to the Lodges of his District at a Special Meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 366, held in the North East High School, on Saturday, May 11th.

Over 800 Attend Four Sectional Meetings of School of Instruction

The attendance and efforts have been excellent at the four Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction held thus far this year.

The Sectional Meeting held at New Castle on March 16th had a registered attendance of 181, representing 53 Lodges of the 11 Masonic Districts involved.

The Sectional Meeting held at Uniontown on March 23rd was attended by 187 of the Brethren representing 53 Lodges of the 11 Masonic Districts covered.

The Sectional Meeting held at Harrisburg on March 30th, for an area covering 18 Masonic Districts, attracted 304 of the Brethren representing 76 Lodges.

On April 6 at Everett, 192 of the Brethren were registered and representing 48 Lodges in the six Masonic Districts of that area.

A Sectional Meeting will be held at Allentown on June 15th for the several Masonic Districts in the northeastern section. The R.W. Grand Master has scheduled a visit to this particular Sectional Meeting to review the Work.

A sixth Sectional Meeting has been scheduled for Meadville on September 21st for the southwestern area.

The date for a Sectional Meeting in the Philadelphia area is still pending.

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The June Quarterly Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, Scranton, Pa., at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 1968.

This will be the first time a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge has ever been held in the northeastern section of the state.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, urges as many Masons as possible to make a special effort to attend the June Quarterly.

He pointed out that it is not necessary to be a Lodge Officer or a Past Master to attend a Quarterly Communication. All Master Masons are invited.

Scranton has ample hotels and motels for those planning to stay overnight. The Masonic Temple is located in the center of the city, 420 North Washington Avenue.

The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, Scranton, Pa., where the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968. Opening for use in 1938, this spacious building is the meeting place for six Symboitic Lodges, one Royal Arch Chapter, one Council of Royal and Select Masters, one Commandery and one Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Scranton.

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Grand Lodge Officers Attend Annual Masonic Service Assn. Meeting

Grand Lodge Officers attended the 49th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States on February 21 in Washington, D.C.

It was reported that no requests for assistance because of a major disaster were made by any Grand Lodge in the United States during the year.

When Hurricane Beulah struck portions of Mexico and Texas last year, the Association offered to provide aid if needed. The Grand Lodges affected expressed appreciation but reported they could meet the need with their own resources.

During the past year, however, American Grand Lodges, through the Association, sent contributions for the relief of Masonic Brethren in Italy, Korea, and to aid Hungarian Masons in exile.

It was reported that the Short Talk Bulletin program has continued. There are now 40 Short Talk Bulletins in print. The Association also distributes dignitaries and other materials.

An extensive report was made on the Association's hospital visitation program. A new program, Masonic Hospital Visitation, was established. The program provides hospital care, including food and personal sanitary aid to Masons and their families who are hospital patients.

For your convenience, the telephone numbers of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, are as follows:

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Group picture taken at the Annual Conference of Grand Master’s of Masons in North America, held in Washington, D.C., February 19th and 20th. Seated in first row, sixth from the left is Bro. John A. Young, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who was elected Chairman of the Conference. To Bro. Young’s left is Bro. Samuel W. Mcintosh, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, who has long served as Executive Secretary of the Conference, and next to Bro. Mcintosh is Bro. James B. Patrick, Grand Master of Kentucky, who was elected Vice Chairman of this year’s Conference.

Full-Time Doctor Needed at Homes

The Masonic Homes at Elizabeth-town need a full-time medical doctor. The opening is for daytime, five days a week.

C. Hamblock, Medical Director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, 17022, or by calling (Area Code 717) 367-1121, or by mailing a letter to Freemasons’ Memorial, 510 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19123, to the attention of the Masonic Homes, requesting additional information on the position.

An all-time high... Guest Fund for ’67

The 1967 Guest Fund appeal ended on March 15 with a new all-time high collection of $282,441.15. This is equal to $1.13 per member. The Grand Master announced that the total appeal will be approximately $300,000.00.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, sincerely thanks those who responded to the 1967 appeal. He said: “I commend Masons in Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Masons everywhere, who contributed to the Guest Fund, which gives assistance to Masons and their widows, and who helped meet the needs of this year’s Guest Fund.”

Nine New District Chairmen Appointed

The following new District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have been appointed by Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master:

**MASONIC DISTRICT “D”**
- Bro. George W. Wise, Lodge No. 172

**MASONIC DISTRICT “F”**
- Bro. E. Robert W. Willms, Lodge No. 154

**MASONIC DISTRICT “O”**
- Bro. Philip C. Ellis, Lodge No. 576

**MASONIC DISTRICT “P”**
- Bro. Thomas H. Leinbach, Lodge No. 277

**MASONIC DISTRICT “T”**
- Bro. Franklin S. Hefner, Lodge No. 222

**MASONIC DISTRICT “Z”**
- Bro. Robert W. Wilson, Lodge No. 438

**MASONIC DISTRICT “S”**
- Bro. H. Carlton Swisley, Lodge No. 755

**MASONIC DISTRICT “U”**
- Bro. Forrest D. Kitchen, Lodge No. 370

**MASONIC DISTRICT “V”**
- Bro. Robert K. Worbis, Lodge No. 816

**MASONIC DISTRICT “W”**
- Bro. William W. Olson, Lodge No. 755

**MASONIC DISTRICT “X”**
- Bro. Robert W. Wilson, Lodge No. 438

**MASONIC DISTRICT “Y”**
- Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master

**MASONIC DISTRICT “Z”**
- Bro. William W. Olson, Lodge No. 755

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is most appreciative of the services being performed by the District Chairmen as they encourage and oversee the Masonic Culture Program in their respective Districts.

When You Change Your Mailing Address Please Notify Your Lodge Secretary

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to notify your Lodge Secretary. This will enable him to keep his Lodge mailing list accurate and current. Your Lodge Secretary will then be able to notify you of any issues of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," which is returned to us with a Postage Due of 10 cents. Help us eliminate this costly Postal Return. THANK YOU.

When June 24 Marks 100th Anniversary Of The Cornerstone Ceremonies For The Masonic Temple, Philadelphia

On June 24, 1868, St. John’s Day, more than 30,000 Masons gathered at Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the Masonic Temple, the home of Grand Lodge.

The ceremony was preceded by a parade of approximately 8,000 Masons and 15 bands through the heart of downtown Philadelphia. There were 72 Masonic Lodges represented in the parade.

The cornerstone was laid by Grand Lodge Officers in full Masonic ceremony in accordance with the Abraham Rezon.

Bro. Richard Vaux, who was then Grand Master, used the gavel that Bro. George Washington used at the laying of the cornerstone for the Capitol at Washington, D.C.

The granite cornerstone is five feet six inches long, two feet four and a half inches deep and four feet nine and a half inches wide, and weighs between nine and ten tons. It was laid in the northeast corner of the foundation wall. It bears the following inscription:

"This cornerstone of the New Masonic Temple was laid with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren from Pennsylvania and sister Jurisdictions, June 24 A.D. 1868, A.L. 5868."

Placed in the cornerstone were the following:

Holy Bible, Abraham Rezon, list of Lodges in this Jurisdiction, copy of the last annual publication, copy of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge in reference to the building of the Temple, Masonic Register for 1868, coins of the United States, Washington Penny 1791, Franklin Penny 1787, one piece of wood cut from one of the columns of Lebanon.

A piece of marble, part of the Golden Gate of the Temple of King Solomon, a piece of stone from the foundation of the Temple at Jerusalem, a gold Masonic Medal, a silver medal of First Grand Master Peter Williamson, copper medallion struck in commemoration of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1790, a fragment of foundation stone of Solomon’s Temple that was found forty feet below the Mosque of Omar, a gold circular Masonic Medal, a silver set of Lodge Jewels and the Working Tools of a Master Mason’s Lodge, Biography of Bro. Stephen Girard, newspapers of the day, various gifts from individual Brethren, and lists of Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Building Committee.

Following the ceremony, Bro. Vaux delivered an address, which concluded:

"Now, in our age of unrest and disunion, we, in unity and harmony, begin the foundation of a structure dedicated to principles of unity and faith, everlasting in their nature, and in their origin antedating all modern institutions."

"May our children’s children, in the generations to come, as our fathers did in the generations that have passed, see the wonder, the wonder of Masonry."

When the ceremony was concluded, a marble slab, cut in the form of a Kentucky square, was used to seal the cornerstone that contains the lead box in which the articles were deposited.

Following the laying of the cornerstone, one of the most unusual banquet in Masonic history was held in the Academy of Music. More than 1,000 Brethren attended.

A newspaper account of the banquet related:

"The galleries were festooned in..."
various designs with wreaths and festoons of laurel, and with beautiful rustic hanging baskets suspended in the air.

“The south was a magnificent canopy of the symbolic colors, royal blue and purple — on the background were the several implements of the Craft, the square, compasses, level, plumb, trowel, etc. — surrounding this canopy was a bluestar, formed of brilliant stars, which reflected the light from every point.

“In the centre of the building there was suspended from the dome the statue in gas jets. Les there be light! back of this were rose natural flowers, immediately below these were hung the square and compasses, 7 feet high, and to the right and left the level and plumb, 5 feet each, formed entirely of natural flowers; at the extreme end of the stage were two brazen columns, natural flowers; at the extreme end from every point.

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Hermann Lodge, No. 125, Valentme candy to Dr. and Brother Heinz Ruggeberg Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"We" The One...

In closing, the newspaper article (Continued from preceding Page) of the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth-town, Pennsylvania, operated by Grand Lodge, should instruct the attorney to make such gifts to:

Brothers: Martin R. Kippen, District Deputy Grand Master for the 48th Masonic District (left) and Bro. Carl R. Wood, R. W. Worshipful Master of Pharaoh Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville, and with the Grand W. W. B. Kippen presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and placed at the base of the George Washington at Prayer Statue, Freedom's Foundation, Valley Forge, on the President's Birthday, 1963, in a Masonic ceremony participated in by the Officers and Members of Lodges in the 48th Masonic District.

Cornerstone Ceremony

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Our Expanding Communities

In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a man has the right to petition any subordinate Lodge for initiation and membership, but when the Lodge to which the petition is presented is not the nearest Lodge to the residence of the petitioner, the Lodge receiving the petition is required to inspect the Lodge nearest his residence if there is any Masonic objection to him.

The question as to which is the nearest Lodge is constantly becoming more of a problem. A card file, in the Office of the Grand Secretary, has been established over the years showing the Lodge or Lodges nearest most of the cities, towns and other communities. But the rapid growth of new suburban areas, and the construction of new highways and bridges has made many of these cards obsolete and incorrect. The elimination of many of the Post Offices in the suburban communities has also complicated this problem.

For the immeasurable influence of Freemasonry shall continue, then we must have faith in God, faith in our Brethren and faith in ourselves. Our Hope in the future depends on the quality and the sincerity of our Faith, while the journey of life itself will be justified, the greatest and only virtue — LOVE — which is the chief cornerstone of that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A Way of Life

Freemasonry, A Way of Life

Every individual is by nature endowed with certain traits of character which form the basis for reasoning and the conduct of life. In fact, these natural traits or tendencies are but supports along life's highway, directing us in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. If, by self-analysis, we can discover and discard those traits which seem to lead us in the wrong direction, and at the same time, cultivate those natural tendencies which point the way to higher achievement, then we have carried into effect one of the great principles of Freemasonry.

Our station in life is fixed many times by conditions or circumstances over which we have no control. Consequently, the individual is master of his own destiny only in a certain degree. It would then be seemly, then, that we realize that the niche which we are to occupy in this world has already been carved for us by some natural or Divine power, and the heights to which we can rise are in all probability limited by powers and deficiencies within us. Our ability to make proper decisions, the height of our own ambition, and the relationship existing between ourselves and our fellowmen are the cardinal principles which can very well determine our success or failure.

In Freemasonry, the inherent faults of the individual Member, and endeavors by precept and example to correct irregularities. It provides an opportunity for self-improvement by regular attendance at its Stated and Extra Meetings and throughout the study and application of its beautiful Ritualistic and Lodge Work. It provides the opportunity for social contact, that fraternal fellowship, whereby men from every walk of life may meet upon a common plane or level. Here, are taught the correct principles of right living. Here, we learn to get along with our neighbor and our fellowmen. Here, we are taught these great virtues — Faith, Hope and Love.

These should remind us of our obligations, and our duties as Freemasons.

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The survival of Freemasonry means much more than the survival of an institution. It means the survival of ideals which enrich the daily lives of every individual. If there is any question or doubt as to which is the nearest Lodge, because of these new developments, it is suggested that it be referred to the District Deputy Grand Master (or Deputies if more than one District is involved) and in this way the exact file in the Grand Secretary’s Office can be brought up to date.

Additional Supply of Bronze Medallions Now Available

To satisfy the demand for the special bronze medallions, struck by the Grand Lodge to commemorate the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation, a new supply has been ordered.

A reproduction of the statue is shown on the obverse side and a reproduction of the Seal of Grand Lodge appears on the reverse side of the medallions.

These medallions may be purchased for $5.00 each, including boxing and mailing charges. Checks or money orders payable to Ashley B. Paul, Grand Secretary, Lodge No. 22, Worshipful Master, 234 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

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