Bro. Frank W. Bobb
Appointed Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator

Bro. Frank W. Bobb, librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, was appointed Librarian and Curator for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, effective December 27, by Bro. John K. Young, when R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bobb is Past Master of George W. Kendrick, Jr. Lodge, No. 690, Philadelphia. He also served for two years as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. He succeeds Bro. William A. Carpenter, Philadelphia, who was appointed Secretary to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in 1961.

Bro. Bobb has had varied experience in the library, archival and records management fields. He joined the staff of the Historical Society in 1927 as library assistant. In World War II, he served as an officer with the United States Army on detail to the Office of Strategic Services. After the Korean War, he served as senior records analyst in the Department of Records Group, Library of Congress, Philadelphia. He returned to the Historical Society in 1961. He has written papers on records management, library systems and control, microbiographic techniques and devices, and other allied subjects.

Bro. Bobb is married and serves as Vestryman and Treasurer of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Franciville, Philadelphia.

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In Memoriam

Bro. C. Howard Witmer

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was saddened by the death on November 3 of Bro. C. Howard Witmer, physician, civic leader and a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes for many years.

Bro. Witmer, 54, of Lancaster, dedicated his life to the advancement of Masonic activities and was appointed by the Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Committee for the Grand Lodge on Masonic Homes.

The following are excerpts from an editorial that appeared in a local newspaper on the day he died:

"In his post as head of the board of directors of the Masonic Homes, he brought his personal views on excellence in education into effective application.

"Among his many other varied roles were those as president of the Lancaster County Bar Association, president of the Masonic Homes and director of the Lancaster County Library, and district Rotary governor."
Symbolic Lodge Officers Urged to Attend Grand Master’s Days at Masonic Homes

Four Saturdays during the summer months have been scheduled as “Grand Master’s Days” at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The dates are:
- Saturday, July 18; Saturday, July 25; Saturday, August 1; and Saturday, August 29.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, will extend invitations to all the Elected Officers, the Lodge Culture Chairmen, and other Masonic Lodges in the Grand Lodge from all 610 Masonic Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

A tentative program includes:
- 10 a.m. — Meeting with the Grand Master.
- 12 noon — Lunch for those attending, at the Masonic Homes.
- 1:00–2:00 p.m. — Guided tours of the 1600 acres of the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School.
- 4:00 p.m. — Conclusion of activities.

In an effort to be sure that adequate plans are made to handle the large number of Grand Master’s Days guests, members have requested the following assignments for the four days:

Saturday, July 18, for Masonic Lodges in Districts B, A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 30th, and 60th.

Saturday, July 25, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 37th, 38th, 39th, 43rd, 47th, 48th, 49th, 51st, 54th, 55th and 57th.

Saturday, August 1, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 35th, 34th, 35th, 41st, 44th, 46th, 52nd, 53rd and 55th.

Saturday, August 29, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 14th, 16th, 15th, 42nd, 45th, 50th, 58th, 59th and 60th.

District Deputies have been urged by the Grand Master to charter buses to transmit Brethren to and from the Masonic Homes. The Grand Master has authorized the use of Subordinate Lodge Lodges to provide expense support for the benefit of the Subordinate Lodges and the Masonic Lodges.

This is one of the most important functions that we have scheduled in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

This will give our Lodge Officers an opportunity to visit the Masonic Homes — for most, the first time in their Masonic careers to visit the Homes.

The Grand Master requested all Lodges to make plans necessary to plan for the four events. Bro. Ball has urged Masonic Districts not to request changes.

If the assigned date presents a serious conflict with other activities in the District, Bro. Ball has requested the District Deputy to ask for a change of date.

The Grand Master explained: “We do not want to create a hardship. Our goal is to have every Lodge Officer in Pennsylvania visit the Masonic Homes.

“I am sure this will be worth every effort put into the visitations.”

Further details will be provided to the District Deputy, District Deputy and Lodge Officers at a later date.

School of Instruction Sectional Meetings Set

The following are the dates for the Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction for 1970:

- March 7 — Harrisburg
- March 14 — Uniontown
- April 1 — McKeesport
- April 4 — Scranton
- April 11 — Pittsburgh
- April 18 — Everett
- May 15 — Altoona, Pittsburgh
- September 12 — Oil City
- September 26 — Philadelphia

A seminar for instructors will be held at this meeting. District Deputy Bro. Willis R. Wolf, Past Grand Master, of Philadelphia.

Henry Price Medal

This Medal, which was adopted by the Grand Master a few years ago, was presented to Bro. John K. Young, by Bro. Herbert H. Jaynes, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, for his recent generous contributions to our National Memorial Association. Many prominent Masons from our Jurisdiction were present at our December Quarterly Communication to present the Medal. I will wear it with respect, and hope my conduct will be an inspiration to others who recognize this Emblem.

From Our Grand Secretary’s Office

December Quarterly Communication, December 3, 1969

The attendance at this important quarterly Masonic Communication was close to 500 Masons. Over 300 Masons of all of our R. W. Past Grand Masters, 52 District Deputy Grand Masters, 20 Past District Deputy Masters, and 8 Grand Lodge Chaplains, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, warmly greeted the Distinguished Guests.

Our Grand Lodge meets in New York, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Kentucky, Delaware, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana, the Grand Lodge of America, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Many prominent Masons from our Jurisdiction were present.

Before this Masonic Communication the Grand Master presented to all Past Grand Masters, 52 District, Deputy Past Grand Masters, 20 Past District Deputy Masters, and 8 Grand Lodge Chaplains, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, warmly greeted the Distinguished Guests.

The important questions considered were the Committee on Finance, including the present financial situation, and the Committee on Correspondence, including the present financial situation, and the Committee on Correspondence. The Grand Lodge also approved the expenditure of $3,714,000, for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Communication closed at 2:40 p.m.

Annual Grand Communication December 27, 1969

This Annual Communication, the first ever held in Pittsburgh, and despite the severe snowstorm that hit most of Pennsylvania, attendance was well over 800. It is believed to be the largest number ever to present at an Annual Communication in our Jurisdiction. Despite the bad weather, Distinguished Brethren from us with: Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, Montana, Georgia, Bermuda, Canada (Province of Ontario), the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and the Masonic Lodges in the various jurisdictions of Pennsylvania.

New Grand Lodge Recognition

Bro. Richard A. Kirshner, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a most interesting report on the recommendation of this Committee. A fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Iran and the Grand Lodge of Pau, in France, Brazil, Bro. Brogley, R. W. Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario, spoke in a most gracious manner for the Distinctive Grand Lodge who connected.

Bro. John K. Young, the retiring R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on his service, past and present, and in the interest of peace and order, gave a detailed account of the Grand Lodge in the past, and the present. Bro. John K. Young, the retiring R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on his service, past and present, and in the interest of peace and order, gave a detailed account of the Grand Lodge in the past, and the present. Bro. John K. Young, the retiring R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on his service, past and present, and in the interest of peace and order, gave a detailed account of the Grand Lodge in the past, and the present. Bro. John K. Young, the retiring R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on his service, past and present, and in the interest of peace and order, gave a detailed account of the Grand Lodge in the past, and the present.
Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies welcomed the opportunity to take part in the many activities during the Annual Grand Communication in Pittsburgh. This was the first time in the history of Grand Lodge that an Annual Communication was held in Pittsburgh. In spite of the very inclement weather, hundreds of Masons attended the Communication in Syria Mosque. Visitors from many other Grand Lodges joined in the activities. The pictures included here are representative of the functions held in conjunction with the Communication.

The Grand Master's Banquet in the Hilton Hotel was attended by more than 1,000 Brethren and their ladies. Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgher, was installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at the Communication in Syria Mosque. Other Grand Lodge Officers were also installed. Bro. John S. McCans, was General Chairman and Bro. Samuel H. Verner, Vice Chairman of Activities at the Annual Grand Communication.
Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. John L. McCain, of Pittsburgh, was installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania at the Annual Grand Communication in Pittsburgh on December 27, 1969.

McCain, a Past Master of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, is engaged in personal finances.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master from December 27, 1964, until his installation as Junior Grand Warden.

He also served Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Finance and the 1976 Committee.

In Rite York Masonry, McCoy is a member of St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter, No. 305; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, now serving as Eminent Commander; United States Premier Conclave; Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; and Appendant Orders, and the Golden Triangle York Rite College, No. 32, Knights Masons of the United States of America.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, McCoy is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh, including George Lodge of Perfection Pennsylvania Council Prince of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 32, Knights Masons of the United States of America; United States Temples, Valley of Pittsburgh, including Temple; Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 38, Knights of the Red Cross of Palestine; and Temple; Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 32, Knights Masons of the United States of America.

McCain was nominated to receive the Honorary Threethird degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

He is also a member of Syria Shrine Temple; Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 38, National Sojourners; Pittsburgh Court, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters; and many others.

Advise the Board of the South Hills Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Born in Pittsburgh, McCoy graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and attended the graduate school of the University of Pittsburgh.

He was employed by the United States Steel Corporation prior to serving as an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Army from 1941 to 1946 when he was honorably discharged as a Major in the Chemical Corps.

He then served as a vice president of Hackenschmidt, Inc., until 1961 and after a merger into the H. J. Heinz Co. served in the same capacity for several years.

He is currently serving on the Trustee Board of the Ohio Valley General Hospital as a vice president and a director of the West End Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a past president of the McKees Rocks Rock Club.

McCain and his wife, Genevieve, live in Mt. Lebanon, a Pittsburgh suburban community. They have one son, Bro. John L., Jr.