Every Pennsylvania Mason is urged to send his contribution. No matter how small — to the Guest and Building Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The closing date of the fund drive is March 15 and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, is holding an open-pouring of donations puts the collection over the top.

THE GUEST AND Building Fund goal of $1,000,000 is twice the amount ever requested. The goal was determined by taking into consideration (1) the needs of the Guests at the Homes and (2) the need for the new 100-bed extended care building under construction at the Homes.

Bro. Kimmel pointed out that contributions to the fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to "The Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund." They should be mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Deputies Assemble in Zembo Mosque

Shortly before Grand Lodge convened in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque at the Annual Grand Communication, a group of District Deputy Grand Masters of Pennsylvania got prepared to pour the contributions. Grand Lodge was accorded by a record turnout of 1,680 Brethren who represented 242 Lodges.

Bro. Rife Chairman

Seven Past Masters, two of whom are also Past District Deputy Grand Masters, have been appointed to the Committee on Masonic Culture by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

- Bro. Herman A. Dotter, of Azazel Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Past Deputy Grand Master for the 45th Masonic District.
- Bro. C. Harry Lefever, Grand Chaplain and also of Lodge No. 302.
- Bro. Kenneth W. Neblinger, of Steelston-Swatara Lodge No. 77, Steelston.
- Bro. Howard O. Stahl, of Peter William Lodge No. 325, Scranton.

After appointing the committee, Bro. Kimmel stressed that Lodge programming will be one of the biggest concerns. Through Masonic culture, he said, "our Lodge programming must be improved."

Bro. Carpenter Gets Education Post

Bro. William A. Carpenter, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236, Chester, has been appointed Director of Masonic Education by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master.

In the new post, he will work under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Culture.

Activities Planned For March Quarterly

The March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held March 1 in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The day's activities will open at 10:30 a.m. with a Committee on Finance meeting. At 1:30 p.m. the District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting will be held.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. Following Grand Lodge, refreshments will be served at about 9 p.m. in the Grand Banquet Hall.

Bro. Kimmel Takes Office As State's Grand Master

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a prominent Harrisburg funeral director, civic and church leader, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The ancient ceremony which marked his installation took place Dec. 27, 1971 at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque.

Bro. Kimmel succeeded Bro. Hiram P. Hall, a Pittsburgh Industrialist, in being elected to the highest office in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Kimmel will head more than 242,000 Masons in 610 Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

He was elected to R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1971.

He is chairman of the Building Committee for the new 116-bed extended care facility, which Grand Lodge is building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. For the past six years, he has served Grand Lodge as a member of both the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance.


For his years of Masonic work, he was honored in 1950 when he was coronated an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1966 the Supreme Council, the Scottish Rite's governing body, crowned Bro. Kimmel an Active Member for Pennsylvania. Only four other men presently hold this distinction in the state.

In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Bro. Kimmel is chairman of the Scottish Rite's Committee on the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Bro. Kimmel is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg, and served as commander-in-chief of the Harrisburg Consistory from May 1958 to May 1961.

Bro. Kopp to Retire At Patton School

Bro. John W. Kopp will retire July 1 as superintendent of the Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic School for Boys at Elizabethtown.

He was appointed to the post six years ago.

Bro. Kopp has worked 43 years in education at public and private schools and with the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Instruction. He received his doctorate at Penn State University in 1951.

Bro. Kopp is a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 370, Lykens; the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg; and Zembo Temple, Harrisburg.

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All-Time Attendance Set At Harrisburg Annual Grand

The Annual Grand Communication in Harrisburg last Dec. 27 attracted the largest attendance for such an event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R.W. Grand Secretary, said 1,080 Brethren were present when Grand Lodge convened in Zembo Mosque.

The Brethren, he added, presented 242 Lodges or 40 per cent of those in Pennsylvania.

Distinguished Brethren from nine other jurisdictions were received and took part in the program. They represented Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Ireland.

SPEAKING FOR the distinguished guests during the activities were Bro. Woodrow W. Morris, M.W. Grand Master of Iowa, and Bro. George A. Newbury, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The highlight of the Annual Grand came with the installation of the Grand Return Officers. They were elected at the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

The Quarterly, Bro. Paul reported, was attended by 807 Brethren who represented 419 Lodges. He said distinguished guests from 28 jurisdictions were received at the Quarterly, which was held Dec. 1 in Corinthian Masonic Temple.

Bro. Herbert H. James, M.W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, spoke for the distinguished guests. They represented 18 states, the District of Columbia, England, Scotland and Turkey, Nova Scotia and Quebec, Canada.

IN OTHER action at the December Quarterly, Bro. Paul reported, 242 Lodges or 40 per cent of those in Pennsylvania.

He has been assigned to carry out installation program services at Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville.

A MEMBER OF Chester Lodge No. 236, Chester, 36th Masonic District.


Bro. W. J. Yates, Past Master of Center Lodge No. 236, Chester, 36th Masonic District.

Bro. W. J. Yates, Past Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 621, Lebanon, 45th Masonic District.


Bro. W. J. Yates, Past Master of Mahoning Lodge No. 577, Mahoning City, 58th Masonic District.

School Schedule 9 Sectional Meetings

The 1972 schedule for sectional meetings of the School of Instruction is:

April 3 - Harrisburg

March 10 - Atlantic City

May 15 - Williamsport

June 3 - Allentown

September 30 - Philadelphia

A seminar for principals and instructors will also be held at Everett on a date to be announced.

New Deputies Are Appointed In 13 Districts

Thirteen new Deputy Grand Master positions have been appointed by Bro. W. O'Orville Kimmell, R.W. Grand Master.

They are:


Bro. A. D. Appling, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, 1st Masonic District.


Bro. Z. H. Bunn, Past Master of Laurel Lodge No. 651, Uniontown, 31st Masonic District.

Bro. E. C. Smouse of New Enterprise, who was attending the program. They represented 24 other jurisdictions from England, Scotland and Ireland.

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Memories of An Unforgettable Time

It was an inspiring scene as 1,080 Masons assembled in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque on Dec. 27 to take part in the Annual Grand Communication.

The gathering, including distinguished Brethren from nine other Jurisdictions, was the largest to attend such an event in the history of Grand Lodge.

The highlight was the installation of Grand Lodge Officers with Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, civic and church leader, being installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Other activities included the Grand Master's Banquet in the Penn Harris Motor Inn at Camp Hill. More than 1,000 distinguished Guests and their Ladies attended.

A vespers service was held Sunday, Dec. 26 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple. Bro. Hermann W. Kaebnick, resident bishop of the Harrisburg area, Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, was the principal speaker.

The Men and Boys' Choir of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral sang, directed by Michael H. Sheemaker, choir master and organist.
State Jurist Installed
As Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Walter P. Wells of Coudersport, Judicial District, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. His installation to the high office took place Dec. 27, 1971 at the Annual Grand in Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg.

BRO. WELLS has been a member of Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Homes for five years.

He is a Past Master and member of Endwall Lodge No. 432, F. & A. M., in Coudersport.

He was honored in 1953 for his years of Masonic work when he was conferred an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Wells has been a trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Coudersport, of which he is a member, for the past 50 years. He served as commander-in-chief of the Coudersport Consistory from 1963 to 1969.

HE IS A Past Wise Master of the Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Wells is a Past High Priest and member of Coudersport Royal Arch Chapter No. 263, and a member of Coudersport Council No. 63 and Potter Commandery No. 69.

In a member of Jaffa Temple in Altoona; Altoona Court No. 70, Royal Order of Jesters; Royal Order of Scotland; Pennsylvania Council of the Society of Rosicrucians; American Lodge for Research of the Order of the Society of Rosicrucians; and Masonic home for the future. In 1971, he was installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

JOHN WALTER WELLS, following his graduation from the Dickinson School of Law, before entering Dickinson, Bro. Wells graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science degree in economics.

HE was admitted to the Potter County Bar in 1951 and holds memberships in the county, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania.

Wells and his wife, the former Anne Mulligan, have four children, John Walter II, Rosemary Anne, Christopher Arthur and Patricia Anne. The family resides at 204 Allegheny Ave. in Coudersport.

Bro. Kimmel Takes Office
As State's Grand Warden

OFFICERS installed, Members Elected
To Home Committee

Four new Grand Lodge floor officers have been appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. They are:


BRO. R. RUSSELL BAYNE, Past Master of Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775, Steelton, Grand Sword Bearer.

BRO. WALTER B. WILSON, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, Grand Patrolman.

Five floor officers were reappointed.

They are:

BRO. THOMAS H. BURGESS, Past Master of Ararat Lodge No. 687, Harletton, Junior Grand Deacon.


Fifteen Grand Chaplains also were reappointed.

Memorable Moment at Annual Grand

Members of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in Harrisburg especially rendered honors at the Annual Grand Lodge, Bro. Orville Kimmel, who served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1947. Here at the Grand Master's banquet Bro. Kimmel received the pin presented to him earlier in the day. It is a pin designed especially for the Past Grand Masters of the Lodge, while recognizing are Bro. Charles G. Howard, the immediate Past Master (far right), and Bro. Robert L. Smith, presently serving as Worshipful Master.

Reunions Top Highlights
Springtime Offers Busy Itinerary

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

March 1 - Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Dunbar

March 24 - Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

March 25 - Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Jerusalem Lodge No. 506, Philadelphia

March 28 - Grand Master, Informal Visitations, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg

April 22 - Senior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Jacob Cochran Lodge No. 814, Dauphin

April 28 - Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

April 29 - Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, European Lodge No. 103, Berwick

May 5 - Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Caldwell Cemetery, Bloomsburg

May 8 - Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Pottsville Lodge No. 502, Pottsville

May 13 - Grand Master, Scottish Rite Class Night for Grand Master, lodge Conshohocken

May 18 - Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Harrisburg Cemetery, Harrisburg

May 20 - Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Mechanicsville Lodge No. 518, Dauphin

May 21 - Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery of Knights of Pythias, which he served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, while recognizing are Bro. Charles G. Howard, the immediate Past Master (far right), and Bro. Robert L. Smith, presently serving as Worshipful Master.

Father and Son Share Great Joys

An Allentown father and his son have just shared one of the greatest experiences of their Masonic lives - serving as Worshipful Masters of their Lodges.

Bro. Samuel J. Snyder of Allentown was Worshipful Master of Emmaus Lodge No. 702 this past Masonic Year. At the same time his son, Bro. Ralph S. Snyder of Weatherly, served in the East at Fidelity Lodge No. 655 in Wilkes-Barre.

They have shared other great Masonic joys together.

One came in early 1968 when the father conferred the three degrees in Freemasonry on his son. And another came when the son was privileged to attend his father's installation as Worshipful Master.