Quarterly Session, Paton Graduation Highlight Itinerary

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

June 3 — Graduation Exercises, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown.
June 7 — Quarterly Communication, Scotland Rice Cathedral, Allentown.
June 8 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Harry A. Houckman Lodge No. 616.
June 10 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Bradford's Field Lodge No. 516, Bradford.
June 12 — Deputy Grand Master, Annual Conclave, Order of DeMolay, King of Prussia.
June 17 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Germania Lodge No. 593, Pittsburgh.
June 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
June 26 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Dallas Lodge No. 505, Pittsburgh.
July 20 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
August 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Monroeton Church Dedicated to Masonry

(Continued from Page 4) and completely painting the interior. A large dining area, adapted by a modern kitchen, was completed.

There were many people present when the task was finally finished, among them Bro. Richard M. Robinson of New Albany, District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District and a Past Master of Evergreen Lodge.

Bro. Robinson made an official visitation to his Lodge last September when it held its first meeting in its new home.

Evergreen Lodge was constituted Aug. 12, 1819 in Towanda. In 1846, the Lodge moved to Monroeton.

Appointed Officers Keep a Date

The appointed Grand Lodge Officers kept an appointment with the photographer at the close of Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly Communication. Left to right front are Bros. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshall; Walter B. Wilson, Grand Pursuivant; William E. Yeager, Deputy Grand Master; and Bros. C. Grant Brittingham, presently the District Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. David H. Porter, superintendent of Evergreen Lodge.

Programming Chief Concern

Culture Group Aids Lodge Planning

Masonic Districts were not represented in the first listing which was mailed in late 1971. Therefore, the culture committee is appealing to many District Deputy Grand Masters for the names and addresses of Brothel who would be competent speakers for Lodge meetings and activities.

The staff of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is busy serving the Craft and the public. The card catalog is being revised and new books are being added to the collection. Many of the books are relative to events, persons and Masonic subjects of special interest for the 175th Bicentennial Celebration.

Lodges interested in starting their own libraries should apply for a "starter set" through their District Deputy Grand Masters. The set consists of six historical volumes on Freemasonry and is being made available by Grand Lodge. There will be no charge except shipping costs.

Bro. Alexander Named 'Engineer of the Year'

Bro. Wallace H. Alexander, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Masonic District for more than seven years, has been named "Engineer of the Year." Bro. Alexander was chosen for this high honor this year by the Harrisburg Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

Since 1963 Bro. Alexander has been president of H. H. Alexander & Sons, Inc., general contractors, of Harrisburg.

Happiness Is ... Burning the Mortgage

Less than six years after having a church to renovate into their Masonic Temple, the Brethren of MacCalla Lodge No. 596 in Southington gathered for the mortgage burning ceremony. The big event took place at a dinner held Feb. 14 in the Temple at Main and Church Streets. Happily putting the torch to mortgage are (left to right) Bro. Harry B. Smith, president of the MacCalla Masonic Hall Association and a trustee of the Lodge, and Bro. James E. Smith, the Worshipful Master. Looking on behind as James do job are left to right Bro. Leon E. Cope, a Past Master of Lodge and also a trustee; Bro. Charles S. Reynor, Grand Lodge Tyler and a Past Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District, and Bro. C. Grant Brittingham, presently the District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Masonic District. Bro. R. George Dickel gave $219,000 in memory of his late wife, Florence M. Dickel.

Bro. Melvin G. Keller and his wife, Mary F., gave $66,000 as a memorial.

MANY OTHER Brethren and Lodges also made major contributions to the fund. A complete list of contributors and the rooms and furnishings to be dedicated as memorials in their honor will be printed in the August edition of "The Pennsylvania Freeman."

Commenting on the success of the fund, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"Grand Lodge is sincerely and deeply appreciative of the Brethren who generously gave to benefit others."

"REACHING THE goal assures us of continued advancement of our most important charity, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown."

Your splendid support, and the dedication of the Brethren who made major

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Harrisburg Educator To Address Grads At Patton Exercises

Bro. David H. Porter, superintendent of Harrisburg schools and a trustee of Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown, will be the principal speaker June 3 at Patton commencement exercises.

Ten seniors will receive their diplomas at 11 a.m. exercises in the George H. Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

MEMBERS OF the graduating class and their sponsoring Lodges are:

Robert L. Bachich, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia; Larry A. Boone, Lodge No. 62, Reading; Kim W. Challenger, Cresona Lodge No. 426, Cresona; Sara R. Dubly, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg; Dale R. Kinsel, Orient Lodge No. 590, Williamsport; Stanley L. Mathena, Orrstown Lodge No. 262, Orrstown; Glenn W. Miller, Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler; Donald D. Walton, Coatesville Lodge No. 564, Coatesville; Charles E. Ward, Jr., Franklin Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh; and Dennis C. Wiggins, Washington Lodge No. 156, Quarryville.

THE GRADUATES will be presented their diplomas by Bro. Richard A. Rudolf, also a Patton trustee, and another highlight of the commencement.

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Elected Officers Show Gratification

The faces of the elected Grand Lodge Officers mirror their gratification over the large turn­out of Brethren and the highly successful program at the March Quarterly Communication. Looking for a picture-taking session at the close of Grand Lodge are (1. to r. fron t) Bro. John L. McCann, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. W. Ovville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Robert B. Woodard, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. Left to right rear are Bro. Ashley B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Walter W. Wells, R. W. Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Arthur B. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer, was not present for the photo because of a death in the family.

20 DeMolay Scholarships

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is providing 20 scholarships to send qualified youth to a DeMolay Leadership Camp in the state this summer. Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said under the program a scholarship is available for each of the 20 DeMolay Districts in the Jurisdiction. Each scholarship costs $75.

Allentown Hosts June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication of the Pennsylvania Masons, held May 18 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Allentown.

Although the beginning of Freemasonry in Allentown dates back as early as 1817, it was the first time the city hosts such a meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DROPS TO 239,722

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There were 239,722 Masons in 610 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania as of Dec. 31, the beginning of the new Masonic Year.

Bro. Ashley B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported that represents a decrease in membership of 2,667 Brethren from 1971.

He presented the membership summary at the Monthly Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Bro. Paul emphasized the statistics were preliminary since a study of the general returns had not been completed.

During 1971, Bro. Paul said, there were 4,683 Brethren initiated into the fraternity and 815 expelled. These, however, were offset when deaths, suspensions and resignations took 8,165 Brethren off the membership rolls.

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Bro. Dickel, who resides in Maplewood, N.J., is a member of Lodge No. 25 in Bristol, Pa. His late father also was a member of the Lodge and a late brother, Harry C. Dickel, was a Past Master of the Lodge.

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**CHairs 73 Committee**

Bro. Kimmel Gets Conference Post

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Mas­ter of Masons in Pennsylvania, has been elected chairman of the Conference Committee for the 1973 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

The nine-member Conference Com­mittee was elected at the annual Con­ference of Grand Masters held last Feb. 22-23 in Washington, D.C.

**THE COMMITTEE** will be respon­sible for the arrangements and programs for the 1973 conference.

Elected to work with Bro. Kimmel on the Conference Committee are:

- Bro. Howard J. Hunter, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Fifty-nine Grand Masters attended the 1972 conference. They represented 49 Grand Lodges of the United States, eight Grand Lodges of Canada, one Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and one Grand Lodge—the York—of Mexico.

**A HIGHLIGHT of THE 1972 con­ference was the opening address by Bro. Kimmel in a group discussion session.**

He spoke on "Relationship of Free­masonry to the Religious Community." The other three group discussion topics were "The Transient Mason," "How Universal Should Our Masonic Fraternity Be?" and "Is Nationalism and Masonry the Same?" The topics developed much interest and a wide range of opinions and ideas were exchanged.
Johnstown Group Works to Make Better Brethren

Making Masons better individuals in their Lodges and in society is one of the purposes of a newly formed group of Brethren in the Johnstown area. Known as the Johnstown Masonic Culture and Study Group, its members belong to the four Symbolic Lodges which meet in the Johnstown Masonic Temple.

The LODGES ARE Cambria Lodge No. 2768, Johnstown; Conemaugh Valley Lodge No. 692 and Connelsville Lodge No. 742. They are in the 41st Masonic District, with Bro. Guy E. Walker as District Deputy Grand Master.

The culture and study group discuss subjects of interest to Masons and how members of the Craft can best serve humanity. A major concern of the group is to make Masons, especially newly initiated members, aware of the storehouse of knowledge which is available to those that seek it.

Another purpose of the group is to enlarge and improve the library in the Johnstown Masonic Temple. The library is being cataloged and the physical facilities expanded.

The group is urging more Masons to use the library and read Masonic literature. New books have been obtained from the Grand Lodge Library in Philadelphia.

Serving in East
A Family Tradition

The Dunlap family of Lycoming County has its third son serving as Worshipful Master of the Dunlap Lodge No. 299.

Bro. Kenneth J. Dunlap, of RD 1, Dunlap, was elected last Dec. 2 to serve in the East of the 115-year-old Lodge.

His father, Bro. A. Kenneth Dunlap, the secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Williamsport, was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1948. He had followed in the footsteps of his father, the late John Dunlap, who served as Worshipful Master in 1918.

And the family is hoping Bro. Dunlap’s term will not be the end of this wonderful tradition. For Bro. Dunlap, an accountant, has other ambitions which he hopes will keep him in the Lodge.

Moscow Lodge No. 504 will highlight its 100th anniversary with a banquet and dedicating

For Lodge’s Double Celebration

Calendared Circling in Moscow

The Brethren of Moscow Lodge No. 504 in Moscow, Lackawanna County, have had May 27 circled on their calendars for some time. That day two of the most memorable events in the history of the Lodge will be held — the dedication of its new Room and observance of its 100th anniversary.

The Lodge Room will be dedicated at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge to be held at 4:30 p.m. in the new Temple on Green Street. Bro. W. Grifflie Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, will dedicate the Lodge Room. He will be accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers.

Following the ceremony, the Lodge will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the Elmhurst Country Club. About 200 members and guests will attend.

The 154-member Moscow Lodge was constituted April 12, 1872. It is in the 59th Masonic District, with Bro. Ford J. Mann as District Deputy Grand Master.

The CRAFTSMEN’S Association of the Lodge was founded in 1961 with two primary objectives — to acquire the land and erect a new building.

On October 20, 1965, the Lodge was moved to Dunmore and met there four years until the new building was completed.

Fourteen months after moving to Dunmore, the Crafsmen’s Association bought nearly two acres of land along Green Street in Moscow for its new home. When it was completed October 1, 1969, the Lodge returned to Moscow and five weeks later held its first meeting in the new building.

Bro. William A. Davis, Worshipful Master, said the new Temple has helped renew and create tremendous enthusiasm for Freemasonry in the area.

After nearly a half century of labor, American Freemasonry is going to achieve completion of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va., in 1972.

Approval has been given by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to spend $1,500,000 to complete the exterior granite work on the majestic courtyard.

The association approved a resolution to borrow $250,000, at five per cent interest, from the Endowment Fund. The money is to be repaid within five years.

The cornerstone of the massive Memorial was laid in 1923. The beautiful structure which was to complete this work to build and equip, today has an appraised valuation of $14 million.

The association announced it plans a fund drive to help raise the $250,000 to repay the Endowment Fund.


Bro. Townsend recalled the old baseball player said, "Here, kid, you might want to save this.

Instead, the team continued to score and eventually won.

Bro. Townsend still has the baseball he used to hit the game’s greatest home run hitter.

During his diamond career, Bro. Townsend also played against such greats as the immortal Ty Cobb, Home Run Baker, Satchel Paige and Dizzy Vance.

Bro. Townsend is a Past Master and trustee of Mohammon Lodge No. 394 in Philpburg.

Miss USA’s Kin Are Butler Masons

The father, grandfather and uncle of one of America’s top beauty queens are members of the same Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania.

Miss Michelle McDonald of Butler, near Pittsburgh, has been named Miss USA since crowned last May at Miami Beach. She is a graduate of Knox High School in Saxonburg, Butler County. Among her best boosters are her father, Bro. Richard C. McDonald; her grandfather, Bro. Loyal C. Walker, and her uncle, Bro. Kenneth J. Dunlap, a member of William H. Miller Lodge No. 769 in Butler.

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Oldest Mason Plans 104th Birthday

Next month his fellow Brethren are going to light 104 candles on the birthday cake of Bro. George L. Roberts of Tunkhannock, the oldest Mason in years of membership in Pennsylvania.

Besides ranking No. 1 in this jurisdiction, Bro. Roberts is the fourth oldest Mason in point of membership throughout the United States and Canada.

He has been a member of Temple Lodge No. 104 in Tunkhannock for more than 80 years.

While Bro. Roberts’ 104th birthday will not be marked by the Lodge 11 days earlier at its June 5 Stated Meeting.

Bro. Roberts is still keenly interested in Masonic activities and attended the Lodge’s annual St. John’s Day banquet last January.

His Masonic life includes being a Royal Arch Mason 72 years, a Knight Templar 71 years and a Shriner 70 years.

Temple’s Safekeeping in Good Hands

The care and safekeeping of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is a monumental task handled by the five-member Committee on Temple at work here, headed left to right at night by Bro. Herbert M. Bowey; Bro. Glen T. Renegar, chairman of the committee and District Deputy Grand Master of District 9; Bro. John H. Flett, Jr., and Bro. William O. Voight, superintendent of the Temple, who attends meetings of the committee but is not a member. Standing left to right are Bro. John F. Palmer and Edward W. Williams, Jr.