Pennsylvania when the Brethren learned about his case.

THE MEMBERS of Silver Gate Lodge No. 296 in San Diego voted last August to remit his dues. Similar action by the Bloomberg cornerstone and Lu Lu Temple in Pennsylvania soon followed.

And joy finally came back Sept. 10 to a Brother who had been "lost" for more than 39 years.

On that day Bro. Postman's heart was surely elated when the Grand Master of Pennsylvania presented him current dues cards reinstating him to membership in the three Masonic Bodies.

In the special program at Lebanon Veterans Hospital, Bro. Kimmel to her delight, and the Masonic officials who had gathered to honor Bro. Postman.

"In this 'lost' Brother the Craft has found a jewel, and do we ever cherish this occasion. This is highlighting Freemasonry and we're so happy all of you are here to enjoy it with us."

THE HEARTWARMING presentation of Bro. Postman's dues cards that took place Sept. 10 came, ironically, on the very day he was made a Master Mason 39 years ago.

Maybe this was coincidence or could the Supreme Architect's hand have been behind the timing of such a rewarding moment?

Among those who accompanied Bro. Kimmel on his visit to the hospital were Bro. Conrad Burtner (seated) thoughtfully pulls his pipe as he prepares to blow out the candles on his cake at his 96th birthday celebration. Fellow Masons who helped organize the event were, from left, Bro. William B. Brown, a Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association; Bro. M. Hay, a Past Master and Pheilburg, and Bro. Lynn C. Butler, a member of the honored guest and a Past Commander of Late-Commander No. 87 in Butler.

Craft Salutes Butler Mason With Party on 96th Birthday

A Spanish-American War veteran who has been a Pennsylvania Mason for more than 69 years was honored with a party on his 96th birthday in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Butler, Pa.

The party for Bro. Roy I. Burtner was given by the Masonic Service Association (MSA); Bro. William B. Brown, of nearby Porterville, is Field Agent for the MSA at the hospital.

WHEN BRO. BUTRNER blew out the candles on his birthday cake last July 12, representatives of many Masonic Bodies were present to salute him. Bro. Burtner became a Mason in Butler Lodge No. 272 on Oct. 22, 1903. It is the oldest living Past Commander of Late-Commander No. 87 in Butler, having served in that office in 1914.

Bro. Burtner was honored by Grand Lodge in October, 1953 when he received his 50-year Masonic Service Emblem.

During the Spanish-American War, Bro. Burtner served in the 15th Regiment of Pennsylvania's National Guard. He was stationed at Camp Athens, Ga., and was being honorably discharged in January, 1899.

AFTER HIS military service, Bro. Burtner worked as a field man for an oil company in Jefferson Township, Butler County. For many years he operated the Past Hotel in Butler, and then worked at Spanes until his retirement in 1943.

Bro. Burtner has been a resident in the Nursing Home Care Unit of the hospital for the past 10 years.

Grand Lodge 3rd Oldest

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania worked by authority of the Grand Lodge of England as early as 1751, thus making Pennsylvania the third oldest in the world. It is preceded only by the Grand Lodge of England (1717) and Ireland (1729).

The March Quarterly Communication in 1973 will be held in Hershey, at the Milton Hershey School, which takes in 10,000 acow of beautiful land in the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

In announcing the site and program for the gala affair March 7, Bro. W. Cyril Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said a new concept for Quarterly Communications will be introduced.

THE MARCY Quarterly. Bro. Kimmel said, will be highlighted by six events which will be open to the Ladies. The District Deputy Grand Masters will be urged to encourage the Ladies from every area of the state to form groups, charter buses and come to Hershey.

The magnificent Founders Hall, which is the hub of Milton Hershey School complex, will be the center of activities during the Quarterly. The hall is an architectural gem and a major attraction in itself. It was built and named as a tribute to the memory of Milton S. Hershey, great industrialist and humanitarian, and his wife, Catherine, the founders of the school.

Both the Brethren and Ladies will enjoy the March Quarterly program, which features an open house, reception, dinner, entertainment and a dance. All these events will be held in Founders Hall, which has a beautiful rotunda and reception area for visitors, a banquet room, chapel and auditorium, social center, closed circuit television studio and administrative offices.

AND WHILE the Brethren are attending Grand Lodge, the Ladies will be shown the movie, "Milton Hershey School Story," in the Heritage Room of Founders Hall.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m.

Amendment Affects District Deputies

The election of Grand Lodge officers and the Committee on Masonic Education will highlight the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Cape N. Broox St.

A 12:30 luncheon will be held for the Brethren in the Grand Banquet Room. At 2 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume its labors.

Action also will be taken on the following proposed amendment to the Alhambra Resolutions:

Resolved, that Article XII, Section 13, the first sentence of which reads, "A District Deputy Grand Master, having served as such for a period of ten years or more, may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master," shall be amended to read as follows: "A District Deputy Grand Master, having served as such for a period of five years or more, may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master."
Fraternity Restores ‘Lost’ Brother

Thirty-nine years is a long time to have been a “lost” Brother. But after all that time the “lost” Joseph T. Portman somehow returned one beautiful thing — the light of Masonry — that had touched him during 82 years of living.

SOMETHING, MAYBE it was the Supreme Architect’s handiwork, triggered the hospitalized Portman’s memory just a few months ago when he remembered to a visitor his wonderful experience of being a Mason.

Portman remembered even though he was severely gassed on a World War I battlefield and has spent practically his entire life since in Army hospitals. The past 24 years he has been a patient in the Lebanon Veterans Hospital at Lebanon.

The road which led to Portman’s being found and restored to good Masonic standing, after nearly four decades of being “lost” to the Fraternity, stretched from Pennsylvania to California.

Portman not only told his hospital visitor that he joined the Masons in San Diego in 1915 but he recalled, almost fantastically, the correct name and number of his Blue Lodge — Silver Gate Lodge No. 296.

PORTMAN also mentioned the Bloomburg (Pa.) Consistory and Lu Lu Shrine Temple in Philadelphia which, he said, he joined shortly after his return from the World War I fighting front.

By coincidence, the visitor who stopped by just to make Portman’s day more pleasant was Bro. Edward L. Vice of Harrisburg. A Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Bro. Vice carries out its visitation program at Lebanon Veterans Hospital. The program in this state is financed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

After writing to the secretary of Silver Gate Lodge about his visit with Portman, Bro. Vice received word back that a check of the records showed the Lodge never had a member by that name.

And when Bro. Vice later asked Portman if he had any dues cards, the aged veteran replied “no,” claiming he hadn’t paid dues for more than 40 years.

MONTHS PASSED when on another visit to the hospital, Bro. Vice was shown a Masonic calendar kept by Portman. The craft is more than just a hobby to the “lost” Portman said he received from Silver Gate Lodge.

Bro. Vice, his interest spurred by the calendar incident, decided to discuss Portman’s case with Bro. Mark Richards, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

But graciousness and understanding marked the road to Portman’s restoration to membership in Pennsylvania.

Temple Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year and a two-day open house will climax the anniversary.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said the open house will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15, 16.

In announcing the celebration at the September Quarterly Communication, Bro. Kimmel said leaders in business, government and the community are expected to take part. Plans for the open house have not been completed but guided tours of the Temple and a banquet will be held.

The magnificent Temple, which is the home of Grand Lodge, is an architectural, cultural jewel and one of the wonders of the Masonic world. Besides Grand Lodge, it houses 21 other Masonic Bodies and holds their meetings in the Temple.

The beautiful edifice was dedicated in solemn ceremonies Sept. 26, 2873. Since that day the Temple has been meeting mankind in the spirit of universal benevolence and brotherhood.
Garfield Lodge Dedicates Temple, Once Oldest Church in McDonald

A building which once housed the oldest church in McDonald has become one of the newest dedicated Masonic Temples in Pennsylvania. The Temple is the home of Garfield Lodge No. 694 and its Lodge Room was dedicated last Oct. 6 at a special Communication of Grand Lodge.

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The former parishioners of Garfield Lodge, Grand Master, dedicated the Lodge to the Pennsylvania Masonry, the McDonald Robinson Run and Washington Presbytery. And the officers of the Lodge are to part in a meaningful ceremony last Oct. 6.

The new Temple in Washington County is the home of Garfield Lodge No. 694, which was founded in 1871 as a meeting place. Proceeds from the sale of the building were used to make the new Temple debt-free.

Places to Stay If Hershey Bound

If you're planning to attend the 1973 March Quarterly Communication at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, you'll be interested in nearby hotels or motels for accommodations.

Excellent accommodations will be available at the Patriot Lodge, a hotel where the Pennsylvania Masonic Temple is located.

The school also is easily reached from at least three other overnight facilities. They are Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on Route 22, about 25 miles north of Hershey; the Twp. Ethel Motel at Route 22, and the Capitol Motel, about five miles east of Hershey on U.S. Route 22.

The magnificent rotunda of Founders Hall at Milton Hershey School will be the beautiful setting for a dance for the Brethren and their Ladies at the Quarterly Communication March 7, 1973. The decorated rotunda features chandeliers of Austrian crystal, gold-bronze grillwork in the arches and stairways and the flags of the 50 states.

Six Events for Ladies, Hershey Hosts March Quarterly

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You must have a ticket if you expect to have dinner in the Cameo Room. However, the Ladies and Brethren who do not desire to attend the dinner are still welcome to come and enjoy the other events at the March Quarterly.

After the movie for the Ladies and Grand Lodge has closed, an entertainment program will be staged at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The 40-piece Glen Club, directed by Virgil L. Alexander, and the Spartan Orchestra of the Hershey school will highlight the entertainment.

The orchestra, under the baton of Bro. W. Purnell Payne, will then play at a dance from 11:15 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the rotunda, with its beautiful dome and other magnificent appointments.

DRESS FOR THE LADIES AND BRETHREN AT THE DANCE WILL BE FORMAL.

The rotunda of Founders Hall is a glittering setting in the rotunda, with a sparkling dome and other magnificent appointments.

Culture Committee Offers Services

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If you are interested in any of these services, write to the Grand Committee on Masonic Culture at the Masonic Temple, One North Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Phone numbers are Area Code 215-567-2248 or 567-4190.
**Giving of Gifts Creates Memorial**

The new Masonic Care Building under construction at the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, will be a living memorial to the Lodges and Brethren who gave generously gifts to help others.

Pennsylvania Masons contributed an all-time record $1,280,073 to the 1971 "Guest and Building Fund" drive at the Homes. This splendid support enabled Grand Lodge to continue its program toward the new 116-bed extended care facility.

**The MAJOR contributors to the 1971 fund and the rooms and furnishings which will be dedicated with plaques as memorials** are as follows:

**FLOOR ONE**
- **Dining Room** — "Memory of Henry H. Koser," Manheim Lodge No. 517, Manheim.

**FLOOR TWO**
- **Recreation Room** — "Memory of Margaret Van Dyke Walker," presented by her husband, Bro. William J. Walker, of William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500, Lebanon.

**GROUND FLOOR**
- **Visitors' Entrance** — "Memory of James T. Schenklen," presented by his widow, Mrs. Blanch M. Schenklen.
- **Nursing Station** — "Memory of James T. Schenklen," presented by his widow, Mrs. Blanch M. Schenklen.

**Furnishings Only (Double Rooms)**
- **2008** — "Memory of Willis E. H. Oates, D.D.G.M., Kane Lodge No. 566.

**Furnishings Only (Single Rooms)**
- **2010** — "Memory of James T. Schenklen," presented by his widow, Mrs. Blanch M. Schenklen.

The four floors of the program have seen Grand Lodge provide $7,200 to restore Masonic Temples which were damaged by flood waters.

**Holiday Time**

Now is the time, with the holiday season around the corner, to embrace the spirit of giving and share the joy of the season with others.

If you haven't already done so, act now! The goal is to raise at least $600,000 to provide many services for the Guests at the Homes. Your gift, no matter how small, will play a big part in helping others. So make your check or money order payable to the "Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund." You can mail your contribution to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

**Now It's 'Masons Care Building'**

A name has been chosen and dedication plans set for the new 116-bed extended care facility being built at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The $5,5 million structure will be known as the "Masons Care Building."

The name was approved at a meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The three-story building will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 1973, in ceremonies at the Homes.

In announcing the name and dedication date at the September Quarterly Communication, Bro. W. Ovynle Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said, "The building is 'progressing well.'"

He reported that the brick work was 98 per cent completed, the roof finished and the interior work was well underway. The air-conditioned, structure, one of the most modern of its kind in the country, is being constructed adjacent to the Philadelphia Preemasons' Memorial Hospital.

**WHILE PLANS have not been finalized for 'Dedication Day,' the Lodge apparently will be urged to charter bus services to bring groups to the ceremony.**

The program is expected to highlight masonic tours of the homes and entertainment by bands and singing groups from various Masonic Bodies. Information also will be set up throughout the grounds for use of the Lodges, which will bring their own picnic lunches.

**Circulating Books Listed**

A 32-page brochure which lists the Masonic books in the Grand Lodge Circulating Library is available. Upon request, it is available to you by the Committee on Masonic Culture.

Bro. Jordan may borrow up to two books at a time at no cost, except for return postage.

**Giving of Gifts Creates Memorial**

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2019 - Reading Consistory.
2021 - Chester Lodge No. 236.
2023 - Mifflin Lodge No. 295.
2025 - New Oxford Lodge No. 408.
2027 - Harrisburg Lodge No. 629.
2029 - Homestead Lodge No. 635.
2031 - Bro. Grant S. Hunter and his family.
2033 - Fort Pitt Lodge No. 634.

2013 - "In Memory of Margaret Van Dyke Walker," presented by her husband, William J. Walker, of William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500.

**He's 98 (Almost),**

**Visits Office Daily**

Bro. William A. Jordan's 98th birthday is on the horizon but the Philadelphia Freemason is as active ever with Masonic and business affairs.

He's a resident of Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburgh, Bro. Jordan is a Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past Master of Lodge No. 647. He was Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 647.

Bro. Jordan, in his 2nd year as a lawyer, still comes every day to his law office in downtown Pittsburgh. Earlier this year the Allegheny County Bar Association paid tribute to Bro. Jordan for his long service. He is a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth.

Bro. Jordan had the honor of presenting Grand Lodge 50-year Masonic Service Emblem to those eligible at a recent meeting of Universal Lodge No. 566.

And next March he'll celebrate being 98 years young.

The Brothers and their Ladies will have dinner in the rich atmosphere of the Chimney Room in Founders Hall at the Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973 at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Jordan and his wife, Jeannie Dively Jordan, will join the celebration.

**The Spartan Orchestra of Milton Hershey School will provide the music at the dinner to be held in Founders Hall during the Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973. The orchestra is directed by Bro. W. Purnell Payne, a member of Lodge No. 78."**