Bro. Hoover Retires
As District Deputy, Named Chaplain
Bro. David R. Hoover of McConnellsburg, who recently was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master, has been appointed a Grand Chaplain by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master.
Bro. Hoover was named to replace Bro. Alfred N. Sayres, 78, of Neffsville, who died last June 4 after serving as a Grand Chaplain for more than 20 years. Bro. Sayres was a member of Lambertson Lodge No. 476, Lancaster.

FOR THE PAST 28 years, Bro. Hoover has served as pastor of the McConnellsburg Lutheran Parish, which takes in three churches. He also has served 10 years as chaplain of the State House in Harrisburg. Bro. Hoover is a member and Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnellsburg.
He recently retired from the office after serving 10 years as District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District. The district takes in seven Blue Lodges and embraces Fulton, Huntingdon and Bedford Counties.

School Schedules
10 Sectional Meetings
The schedule of dates and places where the School of Instruction will hold 1973 sectional meetings in:
March 3 — Harrisburg
March 10 — Washington
March 17 — Pittsburgh
March 24 — New Castle
April 7 — Allentown
April 20 — Kane
April 28 — Ligonier
May 12 — Willisonport
September 15 — Coatesville
October 5 — Scranton

Ground Broken for Project
Somerset Temple Will Rise in Spring
Construction of the new Masonic Temple in Somerset will begin this spring and the $250,000 project is expected to be ready for dedication next fall.
The new home of Somerset Lodge No. 358 will be the first it has owned in its 107-year history.
GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies were held last Nov. 11 for the Temple, which will rise on a four-acre tract along Route 219. The site, which will provide ample parking area, overlooks the Somerset Mall about two miles north of the city.
The Temple will be of brick construction in contemporary, New England design.
Beside being the home of the 600-member Somerset Lodge, the building will feature facilities for other Masonic groups. Plans also include a secretary's office and a Fellowship Hall.
The $250,000 campaign for funds for construction and endowment of the Temple has been very successful, according to Bro. G. E. Walker of Somerset, District Deputy Grand Master of the 41st Masonic District. He is a member and Past Master of Lodge No. 538.
BRO. WALKER said numerous memorial gifts have been made to boost the fund drive. Since it was constituted Sept. 20, 1865 the Somerset Lodge has had three meeting places. It first met in the home of Bro. William B. Crofforth on N. Center Avenue, where a man's shop is now located. It was here the records and property of the Lodge were lost in the great fire of May 9, 1872.
For nearly 100 years — from June, 1873 to March, 1972 — the Lodge met on the third floor of the William J. Baer building. It was razed last year for construction of a new bank.
The Lodge has been meeting since April 11 in the Odd Fellows Hall on N. Center Avenue.

Officers, Committee Installed for '73
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Bro. W. Orville Kimmel Right Worshipful Grand Master

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, prominent Harrisburg businessman and a leader in community and church affairs, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.
In his second year as Grand Master, Bro. Kimmel will head nearly 240,000 Masons in 605 Blue Lodges across the state.

Bro. Kimmel Leads Craft in State
It was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.
As grand lieutenant commander of the Scottish Rite's Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, he holds the second highest office in the 500,000-member organization. It takes in 15 northern states.
The Supreme Council, the governing body of the Scottish Rite, has crowned Bro. Kimmel an Active Member for Pennsylvania in 1966. Only four other men in the state presently hold this distinction.

Bro. Kimmel was honored for his year of Masonic work when he was conferred an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Master in 1939. He was elected to R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1965.
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Mergers in Scranton, Philadelphia Give State 605 Lodges

With approval in December of two mergers involving Lodges in Scranton and Philadelphia, there are now 605 Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Shook, C.W.G. Grand Secretary, reported the merger in Scranton of Hiawatha Lodge No. 621 with union Lodge No. 291. He said the lodge will be known as Hiawatha Lodge No. 291.

The merger was approved and became effective last Dec. 27 at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Before the merger, Bro. Paul said, Hiawatha Lodge had about 185 members and Union about 500.

With the merger, there is now one lodge in the 15th Masonic District. It is under the supervision of Rt. Worshipful Bro. Lewis Yagi of Scranton, the District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Paul said the merger of Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661 into Covenant Lodge No. 456, both of Philadelphia, was approved and went into effect last Dec. 8 at the December Quarterly Communication. It was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The lodge is known as Covenant Lodge No. 456.

The merger in Masonic District "G" Philadelphia, places nine lodges under the supervision of Bro. Robert W. Cantwell as District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Paul said Lodge No. 661 had about 170 members and Covenant about 289 when they merged.

Lewisburg Lodge Burns Mortgage

More than 60 members looked on happily as Charity Lodge No. 144 in Lewisburg, Union County, held a mortgage burning ceremony last September to celebrate final payment of the debt on its Masonic Temple. It was built in 1901 at an estimated cost of $100,000. Watching as Father to the job are (left to right) Bro. Harold L. Shrader, a Past Master and trustee of the Lodge; Bro. Leonard E. Reichenbach, the secretary and a Past Master; Bro. Howard J. Brookes, a Past Master and trustee who conducted the ceremony; Bro. James D. Pfeifer, then the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Lewis D. Baker, also a Past Master and trustee.

4 Communications Are Highlights Of Crowded 3-Month Itinerary

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

March 7 - Quarterly Communication, Millville.
March 17 - Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Phoenix Lodge No. 73, Phoenixville.
March 23 - Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
March 24 - Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Integrity Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.
March 31 - Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, New Bethlehem Lodge No. 520, New Bethlehem.
April 7 - Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Liberty Lodge No. 553, Port Allegany.
April 15 - Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Committee to investigate Masonic Homes, Lebanon Lodge No. 286, Lebanon.
April 21 - Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Lodge Room dedication, Franklin Lodge No. 314, Clearfield.
April 27 - Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Bro. Conrad Hahn, one of America's outstanding Masonic leaders, will be the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies for the new "Masonic Care Building" being built at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Since 1964, Bro. Hahn has been executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of the United States.

The new 116-bed "Masonic Care Building" will be dedicated at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, in ceremonies at the homes.

In 1960, Bro. Hahn was named editor of publications for the MSA, which is often called the "working arm of Freemasonry." He still serves as editor, in addition to his duties.

Bro. Truman's Memory Honored at Annual

In memory of former President and Bro. Harry S. Truman, 221 Beethoven who represented 110 Lodges stood in silence last Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Truman, whose distinguished Masonic record included serving as Master of Grand Master of Missouri in 1940-41 died at age 88 the day after Christmas in Kansas City, Mo.

He was a Mason for almost 64 years and was the only president of the United States to be an honorary 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Even when president, Bro. Truman was never too busy to go out of his way to render Masonic service.

In 1950 while he was serving as the nation's 33rd president, Bro. Truman was with Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research.

Earlier, when he was in the U.S. Senate, he spoke of being Grand Master as an honor which he believes is greater than any other he has come to me.

Bro. Truman was a member of Chapter and Council for 53 years. He was also Secretary of a Temple and was a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner for more than 51 years.

BRO. CONRAD HAHN
Executive Secretary of the MSA

Yale College and was graduated with high honors, receiving a bachelor of arts degree. At Yale he was a Phi Beta Kappa and earned varsity letters in lacrosse.

Bro. Hahn did graduate work at Columbia University's Graduate School of Philosophy and Political Science. There he achieved highest honors in English and received his master's degree in 1938.

Then in 1928 he began a 24-year tenure at Southern Adventist University. In 1952, at that time he became Master of the Masonic Order at the University.

He had a distinguished career in education as well as Freemasonry.

Born of missionary parents at Puerto, Stilson, Mexico, he was educated in the public schools of New Orleans, Kansas City, and Philadelphia.

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**Bro. Hahn Speaks At July Dedication Of 16th Bed Facility** (Continued from Page 3)

Bro. Hahn is a member of Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 58 in Sullyfield, and a dual member of Bethesda Lodge No. 204 in Bethesda, Md.

He served as Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut in 1957.

**Bro. HAHN Is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Bridgeport in Connecticut.** He was honored in 1962 when he was coronated an honorary thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 15; Jerusalem Council No. 16 and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, all of Bridgeport.

He is a member of Sphinx Temple in Hartford, Conn., and the Royal Order of Secret Adelphoi. Simon Styles Conclave No. 57, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantin, both in Washington, D.C.

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**Bro. Higgin’s Death Ends Love Affair**

When death called 101-year-old Bro. Charles Higgins, it ended a love affair he had carried on with Freemasonry for more than 60 years.

Bro. Higgins died last Nov. 24 in The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, 3333 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, where he had been a guest since 1964. His passing saddened Grand Master of Masons.

For Bro. Higgins, blessed with a sharp, fantastic memory, had taught and enlightened them in the ritualistic work for more than a century. And before resigning as Grand Tyler in December, 1920, Bro. Higgins had served Grand Lodge 34 years in that office. His friendly smile had greeted countless Brethren in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Higgins was a member of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia. He achieved many honors in his Masonic life, but one of his most cherished came when he served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1920.

He was an upholsterer by trade and started his own business in West Philadelphia for 66 years.

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**Honored Under Masonic Law**

**15 Brethren Created Past Deputies**

Fifteen Brethren have been created Past District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with Masonic Law. They are:

**Bro. James W. Fry, Past Master of University Lodge No. 610, Philadelphia, Masonic District “A.”**

**Bro. Joseph E. Traut, Past Master of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, Masonic District “C.”**

**Bro. James R. Martz, Past Master of Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greenfield, 4th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Edward A. Hyatt, Past Master of Skerrit Lodge No. 343, Cochransville, 5th Masonic District.**

**Bro. P. Thomas Fenner, Past Master of Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven, 11th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Floyd P. Norman, Past Master of Boss Lodge No. 350, Bloomsburg, 17th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Theodore R. Bolger, Past Master of Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring, 20th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Oscar D. Shoup, Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, 26th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Walter L. Sykes, Past Master of Charters Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, 29th Masonic District.**

**Bro. David R. Hoover, Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnel­slburg, 34th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Emanuel A. Casimatis, Past Master of York Lodge No. 266, York, 42nd Masonic District.**

**Bro. Lowell N. Carpenter, Past Master of Lewistown Lodge No. 556, Ly­ases, 44th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Ralph L. Homan, Past Master of John A. Braehead Lodge No. 743, Dormont, 47th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Clifford J. Massey, Past Master of Waverly Lodge No. 301, Scranton, 59th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Allen J. Hicks, Past Master of Mound Olive Lodge No. 704, Lebanon, 60th Masonic District.**

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**Two Youth Groups Present Cash Gifts For Care Building**

The Pennsylvania Grand Assembly, International Order of The Rainbow for Girls, and the Associated Chapters, Order of DeMolay of Pennsylvania, have given gifts toward the new “Masons Care Building” nearing completion at the Masonic Homes at Eshleman.

The youth organizations presented their gifts to Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, last Dec. 27 during the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge in Philadelphia.

The gifts were presented for the new building which will be known as DeMolay’s Mentor Home in honor of DeMolay’s 25th anniversary coming in the spring.

**Committee Revises Questions, Answers**

A new 32-page edition of the Masonic Question and Answers book has been published by Grand Lodge’s Committee on Masonic Culture.

The book contains 100 questions and answers on Freemasonry. For easy reference, it also contains an index on the many subjects discussed.

**The INFORMATIVE booklet, which costs 25 cents per copy, may be ordered by writing to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.**

Besides the 25 cents cost, each booklet will require an additional ten cents to cover cost of handling and state tax. You may order one or any number of booklets.

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**Chosen by Grand Master**

**16 New District Deputies Appointed**

Sixteen new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. The new deputies, whose appointments became effective last Dec. 27, are:

**Bro. Arthur B. Stetser, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, Masonic District “A.”**

**Bro. Robert G. Boone, Past Master of Roscoff Lodge No. 135, Philadelphia, Masonic District “C.”**

**Bro. Harry L. Oyer, Past Master of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, 4th Masonic District.**

**Bro. John E. Wiersig, Past Master of New London Lodge No. 545, West Grove, 5th Masonic District.**

**Bro. Robert M. Klug, Past Master of Valley Lodge No. 797, Valley View, 11th Masonic District.**

**Bro. George E. Farrell, Past Master of Friendship Lodge No. 247, Mans­field, 17th Masonic District.**

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Under the program's second phase, Grand Lodge has granted $427,200 for low-interest loans to help victims back on their feet. Gift contributions totaling $12,300 have been given to local organizations which did outstanding community work during the disaster.

In the fourth phase of the program, Grand Lodge has provided $7,200 to assist in restoring Masonic Temples damaged by flood waters.

The 237-member Trojan Lodge, has repaid $2,500 to the Home of St. John's, West Chester. The award was presented to Bro. W. R. Pomeroy, Jr., a member of the Lodge.

Bro. Woodall stressed that the committee will continue to receive reports and pending reports of its work. The committee meeting was held on Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication in Philadelphia.

The committee as of last Dec. 27, had processed 537 applications for assistance. Of these, 453 were approved and put on file pending loans. Bro. Woodall said the committee has tentatively approved 53 applications, while they are still under file pending further information.

At the Annual Grand Communication the committee reported that 11 letters the committee had received from flood victims. They expressed thanks and appreciation for Grand Lodge assistance. The committee indicated an abiding faith in the future.

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