'Agnes' Victims Given $614,850
In Flood Relief

The Committee on Flood Relief's
final report shows Grand Lodge pro-
duced $614,850 in cash gifts and loans
to victims of tropical storm Agnes
which ravaged Pennsylvania last June.

The committee, which was appointed by Bro. W. Orrville Kin-
gel, R. W. Grand Master, presented its
final report at the March Quarterly
Communication. The committee, its
work completed, was dissolved as of
March 7 after recommending such
actions as those listed below.

**UNDER THE CHAIRMENSHIP**

Of Bro. John R. Woodall, R. D. Deputy Grand Master, the committee had met
regularly and administered the flood
relief program since July 5.

The committee reviewed 320 applications for assistance up to Dec. 31, 1972. Bro. Kimmel had
decided the flood emergency period over
as of that date. The committee's report was
accepted by Grand Lodge.

The flood relief program was carried
out in four phases.

Under the first phase, Grand Lodge
approved $470,500 in low interest loans
to flood victims in twenty-one counties.

**CASH GIFTS**

Total cash gifts amounted to $111,850
in cash gifts to brethren who needed help immediately in the disaster.

Under the second phase, Grand Lodge
approved $12,300 in cash gifts to brethren
who needed help immediately in the disaster.

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**Thousands to Tour Building
Dedication Crowns Fun-Filled Day**

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**3rd Woods Brother Gets Emblem**

A highlight of Sherryllo Temple No. 571, 100th anniversary celebration when Bro.
W. Orrville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, presented brove. Ralph A. Woods, the Lodge's oldest
member, with the Lodge's 50th Year Masonic Emblem. Present, looking
on are Bro. Woods' two brothers, Bro. Fredrick H. Woods and Bro. Charles H. Woods (left to right), who also are 32nd degree members of Sherryllo Lodge. Their late brother, Bro. George M. Woods, served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1933.

**Everywhere is set for a fun-filled day July 28 when thousands of Brethren
and their families converge on Ellis-
brook, known for dedication of the "Masons Care Building" at the Masonic Homes.

The full day of activities will get
underway with opening tours of the
new 11,656 square foot building. Tours also will be conducted throughout
the Homes and grounds.

There will be entertainment provided by award-winning bands, a choral group
and clown unit from various Masonic
Homes.

**Taking part in the festivities will be**

**Island Rite Choir, under the direction of Bro. James E. Snyder, and three
bands from Shrine Temples across the
state.**

Zembo Temple in Harrisburg will
send its Concert Band to perform under
the baton of Bro. Lincoln B. Fogle-
berger, the string band of Zembo Temple.

Near Philadelphia, will be directed by Bro. Henry Yerkes; and the
Shrine Temple Band, near Philadelphia, will be directed by Bro. John L. McCain.

**The dedication program will be held**

at the Grand Auditorium of the Masonic Homes. The dedication service will be led by Bro. John G.

Stephen's Jr.

While they will have no part in the
dedication ceremony, about 20 red
nosed, haggie pants characters from
Zembo Temple's Clown Unit will be
even more amusing to the children.

The CLOWNS, laden with plenty of
prizes for the youngsters, will be per-
foming their slapstick routine through-out
the grounds. From morning to dusk,
the savanting clowns will certainly bring
joy to young and old alike.

The shuttle buses will travel a fixed
route in the grounds from 9 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m. The buses will be
dispatched at regular intervals under the
supervision of the Grand Lodge.

**Parking**

Parking space is available to handle
more than 3,000 cars and at least 200
caravans which will be brought in
for the dedication.

**About 50 DeMolay members will as-
sist while 65 members of the Rainbow Girls and Job's Daugh-
ters will serve as guides.**

For the convenience of visitors,
water dispensers and comfort stations
will be placed in various places.

Soft drink stands also will be con-
veniently located.

First aid stations will be staffed at
the hospital and Grand Lodge Hall.

**All arrangements will be available if
needed. A list of cars will be made available
to take visitors to the first aid stations.**

**Grand Officers and Their Ladies**

Highly pleased over tremendous turnout at the March Quarterly, the Grand Lodge Officers
and their Ladies spent two evenings in the beautiful
Masonic Hotel, Milburn. After the reception, all the guests in the Masonic Hotel, Milburn
School. Left to right are Bro. Arthur P. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and
Mrs. Paul; Bro. John R. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, and Mrs. Woodall; Bro.
Henry Yerkes, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Mrs. Yerkes; Bro. William E. Yeager of

Other pictures are shown in Pages 2 and 5.
Members Donated Labor

Old Hall in Taylor Becomes Temple

An old, dilapidated frame building in Taylor has been transformed into a beautiful Masonic Temple by Acacia Lodge No. 579 members who voluntarily labored thousands of hours on "the shell of an old building."

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Memorial Drops

As State Lists

237,404 Masons

Preliminary statistics for 1972 show a decrease in both membership and the number of Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported there were 237,404 Masons in 605 Symbolic Lodges as of Dec. 27, 1972, the start of the new Masonic Year.

As compared to that date in 1971, it represents a decrease in membership of 2,278 Brethren. It marks the 12th consecutive year membership has declined in Pennsylvania.

And there also was a loss of five Blue Lodges during 1972 as a result of mergers

Bro. Paul stressed the 1972 membership figures may change since a study of the general returns has not been completed. He presented his report at the March Quarterly Communication at Hershey.

During 1972, Bro. Paul, said there were 4,729 new initiates into the fraternity and 1,176 Brethren admitted. However, this gain of 5,905 was offset when deaths, suspensions and resignations took 5,183 Brethren off the membership rolls.

Bro. Paul, said death last year called 6,097 Brethren, while 1,389 were suspended and 697 resigned.

Meaningfully, Bro. Paul reported 696 Brethren attended Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly. They represented 281 Lodges.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, expressed great pleasure in welcoming the tremendous turnout at Hershey, the March Quarterly, held at the beautiful Milton Hershey School, featured an enjoyable program of activities for both the Brethren and their Ladies.

Freemasons' Hospital

Needs Staff Doctor

There is an opening for a staff doctor at the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Bro. Robert W. Westcott, executive director of the Hospital, said the doctor will be provided a home on the Hospital grounds, and the doctor, he added, will be a permanent member of the hospital staff.

For further information, please write or contact Bro. Westcott at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.
Temples Fulfills Clearfield Dream

A century-old dream of having its own Masonic Temple has become a reality for Clearfield Lodge No. 314. In impressive ceremonies last month, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, symbolically placed the cornerstone and dedicated the Lodge Room of the new, $150,000 Temple.

Bro. KIMMEL was accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge on April 14.

Following the afternoon ceremonies, nearly 200 Brethren attended a 6 p.m. banquet held in the Temple's large social room.

The 600-member Lodge, constituted Feb. 22, 1858 as Clearfield County's first Masonic Lodge, moved into its new home last January. Lodge No. 314 is in the 21st Masonic District, with Bro. John E. Miller Jr. as District Deputy Grand Master.

Ground was broken in June, 1970 for the one-story brick, colonial-type building. The Temple is situated at Golden Rod Farms on a two-acre tract off U.S. Route 322, about two miles east of Clearfield.

The Lodge, which is fully carpeted, has 140 permanent, theater-style seats.

Besides the social room with banquet facilities, the Temple features include a lobby, lounge, office, kitchen and rest rooms.

The building is electrically heated and air-conditioned. A paved parking lot has space for 100 cars.

The Clearfield Masonic Temple Association, a non-profit corporation, was formed after a concerted effort began in the Lodge in 1966 to build its own home.

CAPITAL FUNDS for construction of the Temple were raised through a campaign held among Masons in the Clearfield area. The fund drive was headed by Bro. Roy I. Fulton, the oldest living Past Master of Lodge No. 314, and Bro. Launoeutl E. Soults Sr., also a Past Master.

Historically, the Lodge's first meetings 115 years ago were held in a building on S. Second Street near the William F. Powell Hardware Store. It is

DeMolay Provided 20 Scholarships

Fun and fellowship awaits 20 Pennsylvania youths who will attend a DeMolay Leadership Camp this summer on scholarships provided by Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said Grand Lodge will offer a scholarship in each of the 20 DeMolay Districts in the state. Each scholarship, which costs $80, will be awarded to a qualified youth selected by his DeMolay District Deputy.

A SPOKESMAN for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, said the group will hold 12, week-long Leadership Camps this summer. They will be held in almost every section of the country.

Two of the camps, which get under way June 23 and run through Aug. 23, will be held at sites in the northeastern United States.

Northeast Camp No. 1 will be held June 23-29 at Camp Jewell, Conn., while Northeast Camp No. 2 will be held Aug. 19-25 at the Holiday Hills YMCA at Pawling, N.Y.

The Leadership Camps, which started in 1963, are designed to provide all-around training in DeMolay programs and projects. At discussion and inspirational sessions each youth can share his ideas with other DeMolays from other regions of the United States and Canada. Sports activities and entertainment also highlight the camps.

State Leads Contributors to MSA

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1972 was the leader in contributions for the Hospital Visitation Program of the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of the United States.

Pennsylvania contributed $22,500 to the program last year, followed by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota with $15,700.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS of member Grand Lodges were disclosed in a report presented at the MSA's 54th annual meeting last Feb. 19 in Washington, D.C. At the session the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which joined the MSA last November, was welcomed as its newest member. There are now 44 Grand Lodges with memberships in the MSA.

In other hospital visitation activities in 1972, it was reported a new Field Agent began April 1 to contact veterans in VA Hospitals.

He is Bro. Chester W. Zerbe, a member of Lawrence Lodge No. 708 in Erie.

Bro. ZERBE is a member of Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies and is a past commander of the Legion of Honor of Zem-Zem Shrine Temple in Erie.

During World War I, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in France and has been active in veterans' organizations. Bro. Zerbe formerly was Pennsylvania State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served two years on its National Council.

Dinner Features Hershey Events

Honored by Connecticut

Bro. Kimmel Presented Medal

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, has been awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal for Distincted Masonic Service by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The medal was presented to Bro. Kimmel by Bro. William C. Nei, R. W. Grand Master of Connecticut. The presentation was one of the highlights of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's 185th Annual Communication held April 3-5 in Hartford.

The medal is named in honor of Bro. Pierpont Edwards, who served from 1789-91 as the first Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

Temple Fulfills Clearfield Dream

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now Prave's. From 1871 to 1898 the Lodge met on the third floor of the old Masonic building, presently Rudd's store.

Then on Jan. 1, 1899 the Lodge moved into the new Keystone Building. But the Brethren's meeting place and most of their records were destroyed in a disastrous fire which swept the building Feb. 15, 1900.

DURING THE next 10 months, the Lodge met in the Odd Fellows Hall while the Keystone Building was being rebuilt. The Lodge returned and continued to meet in the Keystone until its new Temple was completed.

Large social room has banquet facilities for 220 persons in Clearfield Lodge's new Masonic Temple, which also features a lounge, office, lobby and rest rooms.
Pennsylvania Masons again have displayed their spirit for giving by successfully supporting the 1972 “Guest and Building Fund” drive for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Contributions totaled $1,103,188 when the campaign closed last March 15. It was the second highest total ever contributed to the fund, surpassed only by the $2,120,073 in gifts during the 1971 drive.

BRO. W. ORVILLE Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said the 1972 fund success assured the continued advancement of the Masonic Homes. He commented:

“Grand Lodges are highly appreciative of every Brother’s gift. The wonderful response is a demonstration of the great love and concern Masons have for helping others.”

The average contribution per member in the state was $4.63. In May 1972 the fund for Gwenn received $334,386 from the estate of Bro. Henry H. Koser, who was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 587 in Lancaster County.

The late Bro. Koser’s gift is the largest single contribution ever made to the fund.

BRO. KOSER, who lived in East Hempfield Township in Lancaster County, died Nov. 29, 1970. His bequest to the fund was made under terms of his will.

A memorial plaque honoring Bro. Koser will be placed in the new Masonic Care Building at the Masonic Homes.

Jobs Are Open At Homes, Patton

There are openings in numerous jobs classifications at the Patton Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School for Boys at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Robert W. Westcott, executive director of the homes, said immediate job openings are available for a night watchman, plumbers and oil burner and maintenance mechanics.

HOUSING IS AVAILABLE if desired, he added, pointing out the Homes has an excellent fringe benefit program. Interested persons should contact Bro. Westcott at the Patton Homes, 17022 Mt. Herman Road, Patton.

Patton Masonic School has jobs in ‘live-in’ positions, including dormitory supervisors, janitorial, and dining and linen services.

Serves Memorial Group
Bro. Young Elected to National Post

Bro. John K. Young, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has been unanimously elected as second vice president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The election of Bro. Young, a Philadelphia attorney, and other officers of the association came at its 65th annual meeting held last Feb. 19, in the Memorial in Alexandria, Va.


During his tenure in office, American Freemasonry achieved completion of the massive Washington Memorial. Commenting on his retirement, Bro. Hessey said:

“I devoted all the time needed to help Freemasonry complete this magnificent memorial to Bro. George Washington.”

With this, Bro. Hessey received a standing ovation.

Besides being elected as officer, Bro. Young also fills the vacancy on the board of directors created by the retirement of Bro. Hessey. Bro. Young also was appointed as the association’s executive chairman by the new president.

BRO. YOUNG was nominated for second vice president by the nominating committee headed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Fund Campaign Hills $1.1 Million

Landsdowne Do-It-Yourself Project

Ten years of diligent and dedicated labor have been put into a do-it-yourself project to raise funds for Landsdowne Lodge No. 711 in Lansdowne, Pa. Parishioners of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Lansdowne are building a $12,000 bungalow to be paneled, their job of remodeling an old, drafty meeting place into a beautiful home is finished. The paid up project started about 1963, with the volunteer force laboring under the supervision of Bro. Thomas L. Shankle, Past Master and a cabinet maker.

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