**Annual Communication Slated for Pittsburgh**

The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge — to install a new R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania — will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 27, in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

The session is open to all Master Masons. You do not have to be a Lodge Officer or a Past Master to attend. Luncheon will be served to all those attending at 1:30 p.m. in the banquet room.

Following the luncheon at 3 p.m., a Special Meeting of Milnor Lodge No. 287 will be held in Syria Mosque to receive the newly installed Grand Officers during the Annual Grand.

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**Masonic Blood Donor Club Invites Membership**

The Masonic Blood Donor Club of Southeastern Pennsylvania, with 1,970 members, is celebrating its Eighth Anniversary.

During the eight years, the Club has donated 1,866 pints of blood to Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Wayne W. Thompson is Chairman of the Club, and has served in that capacity since it started in 1967. He reported:

"It is quite obvious that active promotion by Lodge Officers and Members does get results. "We would welcome an opportunity to meet with Lodges to tell the Blood Club story.

"A member of the Club, his wife, and tax dependents are eligible for blood, as and when needed, without charge for the blood." If a member dies, his widow continues with privileges for one year. Then, if so elected, she can join on her own right.

The requirements for membership are that you must give or provide one pint of blood upon application. Then, if necessary, you will be required to give again in the same sequence of your membership number.

Since the start of the Club, eight years ago, no member has been called to give blood a second time.

Annual dues are $2.00. This is to meet overhead expenses. Masons desiring membership can send $2.00 to Masonic Blood Donor Club, 1612 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Those desiring additional information on the Club should write to Bro. Wayne W. Thompson, 620 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, Pa. 19046.

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**Masonic Law**

The use or dispensing of intoxicating liquors at Masonic banquets or at any Masonic occasion in any room or place under control of a Lodge is prohibited.

Decisions LXVIII, Par. 1, Digest of Decisions.

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**Grand Master Thanks Brethren For Opportunity to Serve Masonry**

By Rochester B. Woodall

R. W. Grand Master

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1973 you conferred upon me the honor to serve as your Grand Master — the highest honor that can be conferred in Freemasonry.

I assure you that it has been the greatest challenge and experience of my entire life.

By the grace and mercy of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, my mental and physical powers have remained constant. For this, I give grateful thanks to the Lord.

The goals which I hoped to accomplish are either nearing completion or have been completed. These will be enumerated in the Grand Master's Annual Report which will be printed in the 1975 Abstract of Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The service that I have been able to render has been a great pleasure to me.

I sincerely realize and acknowledge that it was made possible only because of the support and dedication of the Masons of Pennsylvania.

I wish that I could have met each and every one of you personally because . . . "How can you be a Brother to someone you don't even know?"

By the use of this issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason, I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you as my tenure of office as Grand Master approaches Saint John the Evangelist's Day on December 27, 1975.

May your future be bright, your troubles small, and your enthusiasm the greatest.

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The building became necessary to replace patient beds lost by strict state and federal regulations for Adult Care Centers.

In participating in the ceremony, the

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Grand Lodge Officers’ Four-Month Itinerary

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers for the year 1976 includes:

December 5 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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December 27 — Annual Grand Lodge Officers’ meeting, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 10 — Grand Master, Lu Lu Temple’s Masters’ Night, Philadelphia.

January 14 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 27 — Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

February 13 — Grand Master, Visitaton to Lodge No. 5, Philadelphia.

February 15, 16, 17, 18 — Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Philadelphia.

February 27 — Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 6 — Grand Lodge Officers’ Anniverversary, Million Lodge No. 276, Milton.


1976 Masonic Emblem

The Pennsylvania 1976 Masonic Emblem will go on general sale on January 2, 1976. Up to that time, it could only be purchased by Brethren attending the Stated Meeting of their own Lodge in October.

Therefore, wearing the Emblem in 1976 has been restricted to those who attended the October “Rededication” meeting of their own Lodge.

Those who did not attend the October Stated Meeting of their Lodge will be able to obtain the Emblem by sending $2.25 to the Committee on Masonic Emblem, One N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. The Emblem covers, taxes and postage costs.

No Emblems will be mailed until January 2, 1976. You must order now to assure a prompt delivery after the first of the year.

Brothers desiring to visit the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, can purchase the Emblem for $2.00 plus tax after January 2, 1976.


This is the year for Rededication to the Country and the Masonic Fraternity.

— ATTEND YOUR LODGE —

“Can you be a Brother to someone you don’t even know?”

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Memorials Available

Memorials are available in the $4,000,000 replacements building that will be erected at the Masonic Health Care Center at Elizabethtown.

Bronze plaques will be placed at rooms and areas to indicate the donor, similar to those in the Masonic Care Building.

Suggested gifts and memorial allocations for individuals, Lodges and Masonic Districts, include:

- Single Room: $10,000
- Single Room Furnishings: $1,500
- Double Room: $25,000
- Double Room Furnishings: $15,000
- Dining Rooms: $25,000
- Lounges: $15,000
- Examination & Treatment Room: $10,000
- Main Entrance Area & Lounges: $150,000

Send Contributions to Homes

If you have misplaced, or have not received, a self-addressed envelope for your annual contribution to the Masonic Buildings Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, send your check direct to Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Please indicate your address and Lodge number. Your assistance is needed and deeply appreciated.

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Construction started on the new replacement building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown following groundbreaking ceremonies on Oct. 24. Holding an ax to the new building at the groundbreaking ceremonies are: to left: R. Roberts; right: R. W. Woodall, Grand Master; Mrs. W. E. Vanhoutte, director of nursing; and Theodore K. Miller, Sr., Chairman of the Building Committee.

The first stone of earth signified the start of construction for the new Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Left to right: Bro. Chester, R. W. Woodall, Grand Master; Mrs. M. E. Vanhoutte, director of nursing; and Theodore K. Miller, Sr., Chairman of the Building Committee.

The building is planned for completion in 1977. It will be a $2,500,000 facility, which will accommodate 100 residents in the first floor, with a second floor of 50 rooms and a third floor of 50 rooms.

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Pennsylvania Masons Helped “Build” A Nation

This is the third and last article on “Giants” Among Men — Pennsylvania Masons who played important roles in Colonial Days to “build” a new Nation.

Pennsylvania Masons honor their Brethren.

Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith


He was one of the forceful merchants who protested against the suppressive mercantile measures of England. Active as a member of the Provincial conventions or congresses of 1775 and 1776, he helped to engineer the overthrow of the provincial government of Penn sylvania.

Bro. Smith was elected to the Continental Congress on December 7, 1775 and remained in Congress until 1779. He served as a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving in 1779-1794, and again in 1798-1802.

His military career started in 1775 when he was made a lieutenant colonel of a battalion of privateers. He was a prominent figure in the defense of the city when the British occupied Philadelphia in 1777. He was a staunch supporter of the Articles of Confederation which became effective in 1781.

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Bro. Smith was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the American Philosophical Society. In 1775, he was made a lieutenant colonel of the Continental Army and in 1783, he was brevet major general.

Bro. Thomas Cadwalader

Bro. Thomas Cadwalader, physician of Philadelphia, a Revolutionary surgeon, was born in 1707. As a doctor, Bro. Cadwalader is noted for his use of inoculation against smallpox. In 1750 he delivered the first series of medical lectures in Philadelphia.

In civic affairs, he was associated with Bro. Benjamin Franklin in founding the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731.

He was one of the original physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital and one of the first members of the American Philosophical Society. In politics, he served as a member of the Philadelphia Common Council, 1751-1774, and the Provincial Council from 1755 until that body was dissolved at the beginning of the Revolution.

In 1765, he signed Philadelphia’s non-importation agreement and participated in a mass meeting at the State House protesting the Stamp Act.

In July 1776, the Committee of Safety appointed Bro. Cadwalader one of several doctors on a committee to examine all candidates applying for the position of surgeon in the navy. During the Revolution he was frequently requested by American authorities to examine prisoners of war in Philadelphia.

Bro. Cadwalader became actively involved in politics. He was elected to the First Congress and was elected to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania in 1784; vice-president of Pennsylvania under Bro. Benjamin Franklin. 1785-88; and was a member of the First, Third and Sixth Congresses of the United States.

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In 1790 he served in the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, and from 1790 until his death he was collector of customs for Philadelphia. Bro. Muhlenberg died at his suburban home at Grays Ferry, Philadelphia, on October 18, 1801. He was buried beside his father at the Augustan Church at Troup. Bro. Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg is well known for his work as a Lutheran minister, his Woodstock congregation.

He also was a Lutheran minister, being ordained at Reading, Pa., October 25, 1770, by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

In 1775, he helped his brother, Peter, for mixing revolutionary activities with his religious calling. He was in sympathy with the revolutionary cause. On March 2, 1779, he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Edward Badia as a member of the Continental Congress.

In August of 1779 he laid aside his pastoral duties and embarked upon a political career.

Bro. Muhlenberg was a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania and its Speaker from 1780 to 1783. He was commissioned justice of the peace on March 9, 1784, and later that year became register of wills and recorder of deeds in Montgomery County, Pa.

In 1788 he was elected to the First Congress as a Federalist, representing the Philadelphia district.

He was elected the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and was re-elected to the Second, Third and Fourth Congresses.

On January 8, 1800, Gov. Thomas Mifflin appointed him receiver-general of the Pennsylvania Land Office. Bro. Muhlenberg died June 4, 1801 and was buried in the Lutheran churchyard at Lancaster, Pa.

Descendants of Masons Can Obtain Scholarship Aid

The University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, has received a generous gift from a benefactor, providing scholarship aid to descendants of Masons who attended the University.

The fund, known as the George E. Nitzche and William D. Hawkins Fund, 1943, is endowed fund with only the income available.

To be eligible, students must be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania and must demonstrate need as required by the school’s student aid policy.

Those interested should write or contact the Director, Student Financial Aid, Logan Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. 19174.
Son of Past Grand Master

Bro. Donald H. Goodyear, Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, son of Bro. Samuel M. Good- year, R. W. Past Grand Master, continues his devotion to his Lodge that is now in its 151st year. Bro. Goodyear, retired after forty-four years as an executive of the Kinney Shoe Corporation, was Raised Masonically by his father in 1924 while his father was R. W. Grand Master. He was Worship- ful Master of his Lodge in 1929 and has remained active. He was Chairman of the Executive Committee that recently planned an excellent program for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197. Born and reared in Carlisle, Bro. Goodyear traces his family back to 1713, when they first settled in Pennsylvania. His father in 1924 while his father was R. W. Grand Master.

Candidate to Acting Master

At the Stated Meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia, on January 6, 1975, Bro. Paul Sokoloff, Past Master and Secretary, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on a young member. The following Degree, Bro. Harvey Sokoloff assumed the station of the Worshipful Master and conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on a young member. The following month Bro. Harvey Sokoloff conferred the Fellow Craft Degree upon the same candidate.

Helps Illinois Lodge

Bro. J. Sheldon Oartel, Member of Orient Lodge No. 590, Wilkinsburg, Pa., was honored by the Officers and Members of A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676, Highland Park, Illinois, on February 14, 1907, receiving his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem and Wallet Card. Dr. Oartel, a retired Colonel in the United States Army, an outstanding organist, was presented with a special award in appreciation for his services as an organist at Stated Meetings and other activities of Fay Lodge. His military service included Director of Dental Division at the Medical Research and Graduate School of Walter Reed Hospital, Chief of Dental Service at the Tokyo Army Hospital and Chief of Dental Service at Valley Forge General Hospital.

Jewels Presented in 1897

At the funeral services for Bro. Frank T. Warner, member of William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 359, Philadelphia, in Margate, N. J., on August 15, 1975, the Lodge presented to Members and Members of Friends of the Lodge No. 79, held at Atlantic City, conducted the Masonic Burial Service. The Lodge jewels used in the service were presented to Trinity Lodge by William C. Hamilton Lodge when a visitation was made to Trinity Lodge on May 18, 1897. The jewels are so inscribed.

Busy Serving Others

Bro. Alfred E. Yeaton, Past Master and former Secretary of Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square, is enjoying his retirement in a daily service to others. Bro. Yeaton, a driver for the Volunteer Transportation Corps of the Montgomery County, transports patients from their homes to clinics, hospitals and doctor's offices.

Seventy-Five Years

Six Pennsylvania Masons have seventy-five or more years in Good Masonic Standing. They are: Bro. Floyd M. Caln, Monongahela Lodge No. 289, Entered June 15, 1897; Bro. Robert A. Brus, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Entered January 2, 1899; Bro. William L. Graham, Union Lodge No. 334, Bradford, Entered December 19, 1899; Bro. Joseph A. Williams, Driftwood Lodge No. 572, Entered December 8, 1899; Bro. George Dickel, Bristol Lodge No. 29, Entered May 12, 1900, and Bro. Paul C. Roberts, Grove City Lodge No. 603, Entered October 16, 1900.

Fifteen Presidents — Masons

Of the thirty-eight Americans who have served the United States as President, fifteen claimed the honorable title of Freemason.

Two Presidents only have the distinction of having occupied the important station of Grand Master of Masons — Andrew Jackson who from Oct. 7, 1822 to Oct. 4, 1824, served as Grand Master of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman who, from Oct., 1940 to Oct., 1941 served Missouri as Grand Master of Masons.

Two have served Grand Lodges as District Deputy Grand Master — James Buchanan in Pennsylvania and Harry S. Truman in Missouri.

Four — Washington, Jackson, Buchanan and Truman served as Worshipful Master.

First Masonic Book

The first Masonic Book printed in America was published by Bro. Robert Franklin at Philadelphia in 1734. It was a reprint of Anderson's Constitution. Bro. Franklin was a Past Master of Pennsylvania at the time. He was elected to serve a second time as Provincial Grand Master in 1749.

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One President — Lyndon B. Johnson, never advanced beyond the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Two others, Taft and Buchanan were officers of constituent Chapters.

Five — Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding and Truman were Knights Templar.

One of our Presidents — Truman — was a member of the Cryptic Rite.

Five Presidents — Johnson, Garfield, Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Ford were Scottish Rite Masons.

Two Presidents, Truman and Ford, have been crowned Thirty-Third Degree Knights. Another, Warren G. Harding, was elected to receive this honor September 22, 1921. He would have received the degree a year later but the illness of Mrs. Harding prevented it and he died before the 1923 Session of the Northern Supreme Council.

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