Special for Bicentennial
Masonic Temple Open for Celebration

Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is "dressed" for the Bicentennial Year — the two hundredth anniversary of our nation. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the world are expected to tour this magnificent structure.

The Temple will be open for normal tours at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. throughout the year, from June 15 to September 15.

During the summer period continuous tours will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sunday.
The tours on Sunday will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The above schedule includes the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

During the summer months, rainbow girls, dressed in Colonial Costumes, will be the tour guides.

In addition, Grand Lodges from the 13 original states will have special exhibits in the Grand Banquet Hall. This huge room will be turned into a Masonic display, Bro. Glen T. Ren- gar, Chairman of the Committee on Temple, is arranging for the displays.

The Grand Master has urged Masons, families and friends to make a special effort to visit Masonic Temple during the special summer schedule — from June 15 to September 15.

In addition to touring the Temple, visitors will have an opportunity to visit the Museum with its outstanding collection of Masonic memorabilia.
The cornerstone of Masonic Temple was laid on June 24, 1868. It took more than five years of skilled labor to build the Temple.

It also adds color and beauty to center Pa. Is 9 to Above Address.

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Bro. McCain Installed as Grand Master of Masons

Ben John L. McCain, a Pittsburgh business executive has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania
He succeeded Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, of Philadelphia, in being elevated to the highest office in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.
The ancient ceremony which marked Bro. McCain's installation took place at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, on December 27, 1975.

As Grand Master, Bro. McCain heads approximately 250,000 Masons in 600 Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

In Freemasonry, Bro. McCain served as Worshipful Master of Minnors Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh, in 1959. He also served the Lodge as Culture Chairman and a Trustee.

He was appointed as a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in 1964 and served until installed as Junior Grand Warden on December 27, 1965. He also served Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, previously to being elected Grand Master.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter No. 305, Pittsburgh, serving as High Priest in 1973; Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, serving as Commander in 1969 and 1970; United States Premier

Details: Pages 5, 6, 7 and 8

All Masons and Their Ladies Invited on London Trip

The Grand Master has invited all Masons and their ladies to join him in a visit to the Grand Lodge of England — and London — for eight days, starting September 9, 1976.

Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, said this is "an extraordinary event, for an extraordinary year."

Details of this extraordinary opportunity are on Pages 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this issue. Don't pass up this opportunity.
You will be accompanied by all the Grand Lodge Officers, including the Grand Master, and their ladies.

Grand Lodge will not make one penny on this visitation. All the money will be used to entertain and assure the comfort of those participating.

Check the price of a trip on a "do it yourself" basis. You will be amazed how much the Grand Lodge trip will save you.
For instance, three outstanding highlights, included in the cost are — a special banquet for Brethren following a visit to the Grand Lodge of England. It will be held in the famous Connaught Hall of Grand Lodge. While the Brethren visit the Grand Lodge of England the ladies will be treated to a fabulous show at the famous London Palladium Theater.

All those on the visitation will be treated to a luxurious banquet in one of London's famous hotels. It will include all the English pomm and pagansy. This alone will be worth going to London.

Planes will leave Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Be sure you and your lady have seats on one of them.
Applications will be processed on a first received basis.
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Approved and Authorized To Be Printed By
The Grand Master

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Bro. Warner Chairman Of Homes Committee

Bro. Theodos K. Warner, Jr., Past District Deputy Grand Master and a member of the Committee on Homes since 1970, has been elected Chairman of the Committee.


The Committee unanimously approved the Grand Master's recommendation.

Bro. McCain Installed as Grand Master of Masons

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Conclave, Knights of The Red Cross of Constantine and Attached Orders; and the Golden Triangle York Rite College.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. McCain is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh, where he served as Sovereign Prince of the Pennsylvania Council of Princes of Jerusalem in 1965 and 1966 and a trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies from 1964 to 1974.

For his work in Freemasonry, Bro. McCain was honored in 1970 when he was crowned an honorary Thirtieth Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry.

He received further Scottish Rite Honors in 1973 when he was crowned a Knight in Arthurian Masonry.

A former member of the DeMolay, he was honored by being awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He is the first former DeMolay member to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Bro. McCain is a member of the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh; Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2; and National Sojourners, Pittsburgh Chapter No. 38.

A resident of the Pittsburgh area all his life, Bro. McCain was educated in the public schools of Dormont, Pennsylvania State University and the graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh.

He married Genevieve B. Hachmeister of Pittsburgh in 1941. They have four sons, John L. McCain, Jr., Past Master of Minor Lodge No. 287, F. A. M., and a grandson, John L. McCain, III. The McCains live in Mt. Lebanon.

Bro. McCain was employed by the United States Steel Corporation at the Homestead Works and the Irwin Works prior to serving as an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Army from 1941 to 1946.

After the war, he served as vice-president of Hachmeister, Inc. until 1961 when he was merged into J. H. Heinz Company. He served in the same capacity for several additional years. Bro. McCain is now engaged in personal investments.

The McCains are members of the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon where Bro. McCain is a Past Deacon.

Bro. McCain is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Valley Hospital and director of the West End Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is also a past president of the McKees Rocks Rotary Club.

U. S. Steel Executive Installed As Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, of Pittsburgh, superintending Chemical Engineer at the Clayton Works of the United States Steel Corporation, has been installed as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

His installation to the high Masonic office took place on December 27, 1975, when he was appointed to the Committee on Masonic Homes.

Bro. Williamson is a member of the Valley Rapid Arch Chapter No. 289, Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Masters and Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

His installation is also a member of Valley Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Pittsburgh.

Born in Pittsburg, he was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh.

A member of the Center Avenue United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, he served as Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Board, served as Trustee, Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Administrative Board.

Bro. Williamson served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952. He was employed by the United States Steel Corporation following his honorable discharge.

He is serving as Vice President and Director of the Sentinel Savings Association of Delmont.

He is a past Pittsfield Councilman, having served from 1969 through 1973.

He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Chemical Society, Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Oven Association, and Vice-President of the Terminal Operators Association, Port of Pittsburgh.

Bro. McCain Installed as Grand Master of Masons

Two special medallions have been struck by Grand Lodge in recognition of the Bicentennial of the United States. The one shown above is actual size, and is the larger of the two medallions.

Two special medallions have been struck by Grand Lodge to commemorate the Bicentennial of our country.

Both medallions have been struck in bronze.

They are both available on a limited basis. When the supply is gone, there will be no more strikes.

The larger of the two medallions has a three-inch diameter.

One side of the medallion is a reproduction of the George Washington at Prayer statue, struck by Grand Lodge and presented to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The other side is a reproduction of the Seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The smaller of the two medallions has a one and a half inch diameter, the size of a silver dollar.

One side of the medallion is a reproduction of Masonic Temple, One N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, the home of Grand Lodge. The other side is a reproduction of the Seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The cost of the large medallion is:

- $6.50, with case, plus 50 cents sales tax when purchased in Grand Lodge's Museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

- $8.00 when purchased by mail, including an envelope, mailing box, postage and 30 cents sales tax.

The cost of the dollar size medallion is:

- $1.00, including 6 cents sales tax.

- $1.25 when purchased by mail, including 6 cents sales tax and postage.

To be assured of receiving the medallions of your choice send your check, made out to the Grand Secretary, to Committee on Masonic Culture, One N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

The "Washington at Prayer" medallion was designed by Donald DeLue, a world famous sculptor.

He also was the sculptor selected by Grand Lodge to create the Washington at Prayer statue at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The Pennsylvania 1976 Masonic Emblem is now on sale in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

They are $2.25 when purchased by mail, including 12 cents sales tax and postage.

It is a collector's item and all Masons should have one of these Emblems to wear, especially this year.

The Emblems can be purchased for $2.25 plus 12 cents tax, from the Museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

They are $2.25 when purchased by mail, including 12 cents tax and postage.
"First Celebration"

Bicentennial Dedication in Coudersport — June 12

The first Grand Lodge Bicentennial Celebration will be held in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Coudersport, on Saturday, June 12. The celebration will be held in the Scottish Rite Dedication, at 3:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Bro. John L. McCain has urged Master Mason and their families to make a special effort to attend this program.

Bro. Walter P. Wells, Deputy Grand Master, is heading the committee to plan for this outstanding dedication program. The program will include:

- Prelude — Organ Meditations
- Processional — Uniformed Knights Templar with American Flags and a DeMolay Group
- Invocation
- Reading of Allegiance, led by a DeMolay

There is no charge for this wonderful program.

The "Imperial Teteque" Band started in 1884 as a brass quartet. The members of this musical group — all Masons — performed at Lodge meetings and social events sponsored by Master Masons. The program went out of existence in 1944, but in 1956 it was again started as the Williamsport Consistory Band. The personnel of the band, all Masons, travel as much as 20 miles to attend rehearsals. Its musical director and principal conductor is Bro. Donald C. B canine, and its business manager, Bro. H. Carlton Sweeley.

- Introduction of the Program, Bro. Walter P. Wells, Deputy Grand Master
- Narrator — Bro. William Hill, Jr., as Bro. Benjamin Franklin
- Musical Numbers — Williamsport Consistory Imperial Teteque Band, directed by Bro. H. Carlton Sweeley
- Northern Tier Music Chorus, directed by Bro. William Brocklebank
- Patriotic Play, by Coudersport Consistory Players
- Musical Numbers — Chorus and Band
- Introduction and Address by Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master
- Finale — all participants.

The famous "Imperial Teteque" Band of Williamsport, sponsored by Williamsport Consistory, will be one of the musical groups participating in the first Grand Lodge Bicentennial Dedication on June 12, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport. All Masons and families are invited to attend. There is no charge.

The right to form a lasting bond between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and England is a special bond that will endure. The "Imperial Teteque" Band of Williamsport will be one of the musical groups participating in this historic event.

In this Bicentennial Year, we will have the opportunity to extend the hand of Brotherhood to our English Brothers.

London is a city for all seasons — year-round theater, ballet, concerts; museums enough for a lifetime of browsing. There is the world-famous Madame Tussaud's waxen Chamber of Horrors. Fantastic shops for men and women, Charles Dickens' house and haunts, and Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral.

Queen of cities, ablaze with heraldry, pomp, and pageantry, London also swells to a trendy tune. Soho's cosmopolitan cafes thrrob with raffish nightlife. Saturday afternoons bring a parade of flower people, shapey "birds", and mystics of minimal income along the King's Road in Chelsea.

We will have an opportunity to meet and talk with our English Brethren. We will visit Freemason's Hall for a special program at which Officers of the Grand Lodge of England will participate.

Because we expect an overwhelming response to this trip, we have reserved rooms at two of London's top hotels -- the Gloucestor and the Penta Hotels, both of which are equipped with every convenience possible.

So register now and don't take the chance of being left out of this once in a lifetime opportunity of seeing London and visiting the "Mother" Grand Lodge of Freemasonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John L. McCain
Grand Master
Included Features
- Round trip jet transportation via certified supplemental airlines with inflight dining
- All flight reservations and tickets
- Pre-registration at your hotel
- Deluxe hotel accommodations at the beautiful Penta Hotel or comparable for 7 nights
- All transfers and baggage handling between airport and hotel
- Half day sightseeing tour of the highlights of London
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- Half day sightseeing tour of the highlights of London
- All taxes and tipping for services included in the program
- A special banquet for the gentlemen with a visit to the Grand Lodge of England
- A night out for the ladies to London's famous Paladium Theater
- A traditional banquet for all with English pageantry, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- A hospitality desk located in the hotel lobby staffed by a team of Trans National on-site professionals

Optional Tours
Exciting optional tours are available. Besides seeing London’s famous Tower of Big Ben, Parliament, The Changing of the Guards, the Royal Palace, Piccadilly, and many others; you can visit famous Shakespeare’s Country – Oxford! See historical Winchester Cathedral and mysterious Stonehenge. Walk down Petticoat Lane – listen to soap box orators at Speakers Corner. Feast yourself as in days past in Elizabethan Fashion – or perhaps hop over to Paris for a day!

Special Dine-Around Option
A special dinner option which includes five dinners at a selection of London’s typical restaurants. To register, just check box on registration form. $49.00 per person.

Deluxe Hotel Option
Accommodations at the deluxe Gloucester are also available. See back page for details.
Deluxe Hotel Option
Optional deluxe accommodations at the Gloucester Hotel are available.
The price for this deluxe hotel package is $469.00 plus $75, tax and services.
Single supplement is $90.00.
Deluxe Hotel requests will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
Please check the appropriate box on the registration form if you desire this option.

Travel Tips

Reservations
All reservations are confirmed upon receipt of $100 deposit per person.
The price is based on double or triple occupancy. A single room is $200.00 additional.
Children under 12 receiving $50.00 deduction when Rooming with parents.
Reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility
Only members of this organization who have been members for six months and their immediate families are eligible.

Patriotic
Each passenger must have a valid passport, an international driver's license, and a valid passport upon arrival. Each person is allowed two pieces of luggage not to exceed 75 lbs., total.

Insurance
Insurance for health, luggage and air line injuries is not included. Insurance will be sold to passengers, if desired, during the trip in the amount of $25.00 for one person.

Tips
Gratuities for hotel service, tips to chauffeur, and tips to hotel employees are included. Tips to guides, escorts, and drivers are not included.

Hospitality Desk
A Hospitality Desk will be in operated in your hotel lobby staffed by an experienced local guide. Optional tours may be selected by passengers in the evening. All passengers are invited to join the Hospitality Desk for a reception in the evening.

Campground
The campground is $399.00 per person, double occupancy, and includes accommodations in the park, air travel, and all meals.

Price: $399 + $65 = $464.

Departure Date: Sept. 9, 1976
Return Date: Sept. 17, 1976
Price: $399 + $65 = $464.

Glen Miller Orchestra
To Play In Town Square

The world famous Glen Miller Orchestra will provide the dance music in the Ligonier Square on Saturday, June 26 for Grand Lodge’s dedication day program.

The Orchestra, under the direction of the famous band, is the only authentic Glen Miller Orchestra.

It was in the early forties of the “big band era” that Glen Miller produced his unique musical sound.

Today, some 30 years later, the authentic Glen Miller sound is very much alive.

At the start of the concert, the moment the band is heard, it is like the first notes of an old育人, Moonlight Serenade,” there’s no coming back from that.

The Miller brand of music holds a lot of nostalgia for older people, but the younger generation is again swayed to such Miller hits as “Tuxedo Junction,” “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” “Serenade in Blue,” “At Last,” “Little Brown Jug,” and “String of Pearls.”

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"Third Celebration" Masonic Homes Dedication—July 24

Masons, families and friends are invited to attend a picnic and cornerstone laying ceremony at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Saturday, July 24. It will be a fun-filled day for all of those who attend.

It is the third special celebration and dedication in recognition of the Bicentennial year of this nation.

Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, urges all Masonic Lodges and all Masonic organizations requiring Masonry as a prerequisite to participate in this activity.

The full day’s activities will start in the morning with tours through the Masonic Homes and grounds.

There will be entertainment by award winning bands, choral groups and clown units from various Masonic Bodies.

The 1600 acres of the Homes will be set aside as a giant picnic area for guests and visitors. Groups are urged to pack their own picnic lunches and take their own folding chairs for comfort.

Masonic Lodges are urged to charter buses for their brethren and families.

Bro. McCain pointed out: "This is a day we can relax and visit with our Guests and all Masonic friends."

The cornerstone ceremony will start at 2 p.m. and will be concluded by 5 p.m.

Grand Master Named Nine Floor Officers

The Grand Master appointed the following brothers to act as floor officers of Grand Lodge:

- Bro. George A. Hot, Jr.; Past Master of Charleroi Lodge No. 615, Charleroi, Senior Grand Deacon
- Bro. William L. Carey, Past Master of Eudalia Lodge No. 342, Coudersport, Junior Grand Deacon
- Bro. George N. Holmes, Past Master of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh, Grand Marshal
- Bro. John L. McCain, Jr., Past Master of Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh, Grand Sword Bearer
- Bro. Daniel S. Brown, Past Master of Dallas Lodge No. 508, Pittsburgh, Grand Tyler

Grand Master Appoints Committee On Finance

The Committee on Finance, charged with overseeing "all matters relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge . . . will include the following:

- The four elected line officers of Grand Lodge in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon.
- Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, in accordance with Masonic Law, appointed the following members:
  - Bro. Ellis E. Stern, Past Master of Canonsville Lodge No. 564, Canonsdale, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

"Fourth Celebration" Freedom's Foundation On October 9

The fourth and last Masonic dedication program will be held on Saturday, October 9, at the George Washington at Prayer Statue. Firefighter LODGE No. 8, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This will be the highlight of Masonic dedication programs by Grand Lodge in 1976.

It will include:

- Participation in the program at the George Washington at Prayer Statue.
- Attendance by the Washington at Prayer statue was a gift from Masons in Pennsylvania to Freedom’s Foundation at Valley Forge in 1976.

At the dedication program in September, 1967, more than 20,000 Masons and their families attended the ceremony.

Masonic Education Meeting in Philadelphia Temple

The Twenty-first Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries will meet in Philadelphia on May 6, 7 and 8.

It will include delegates from Grand Lodges in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia Temple

Masonic Education Meeting in Philadelphia Temple

The March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held March 3 in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. Following Grand Lodge, refreshments will be served in the Grand Banquet Hall. Master Masons are invited to attend.