"Brethren"

Relative of Historic Printer Pays Visit

Temple Tour
A recent visitor to Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, was Mrs. Lloyd Ludlin of Grand Island, Nebraska, a descendant of Bro. John Dunlap, her great-great-grandfather. Bro. Dunlap, who was entered in Lodge No. 2 on November 6, 1768, was the first printer of the Declaration of Independence.

Long Life
Blissed with long life and good health, Bro. Samuel Paul, Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Philadelphia, celebrated his 100th birthday in October 1975. Born in County Derry, Ireland, Bro. Paul came to the United States when he was 18, becoming an American citizen in 1898. Associated with the Philadelphia Police Department for many years, Bro. Paul was made a Mason in April 1938 at age 95. His only son, Bro. William J. Paul, is Worshipful Master of Excelsior Lodge in 1948.

Five Generations of Gideons
Bro. Edwin H. Gideon, of Louis Wagner Lodge No. 715, Philadelphia, claims the largest Masonic family—covering five generations. His father, Bro. George D. Gideon, Jr., was a Member of St. Alban Lodge No. 539, his grandfather, Bro. George D. Gideon, was a Member of Potvin Lodge No. 441; his great-grandfather, Bro. Edward Gideon, was a Member of Rising Star Lodge No. 126; his great-great-grandfather, Bro. George Gideon, was a Member of Concourse Lodge No. 67, and his great-great-great-grandfather, Bro. Jacob Gideon, was a Member of Lodge No. 8. All the Gideons mentioned are Philadelphia Lodges.

Returned Jewel
A Past Master’s Jewel was returned to Dallas Lodge No. 398, Easton, Pa., by Bro. Joseph A. Behor of Saint Johns Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M., Middletown, Connecticut. He had purchased an antique desk. While moving it, a "secret compartment" opened and revealed a beautiful engraved Past Master’s Jewel that had been presented to "Bro. William E. Howell, P.M., by Dallas Lodge No. 396, F. & A. M., of Easton, Pa., Dec. 27, 1900." Bro. Behor polished the jewel and returned it to Dallas Lodge.

Legion of Merit
Bro. James Calvin Gibbs, Lafayette Lodge No. 632, Carnegie, was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, one of our nation’s highest peace time awards. Bro. Gibbs, a Colonel in the United States Air Force, recently retired after 38 years’ service. He was cited for meritorious service as Director of Communications for the 26th Air Division at Lackland Air Force Base, Arizona.

Long Climb for Emblem
Bro. Arthur Hackathorn was just one of 108 Members of Corinthian Lodge No. 575, Milwauk, Allegheny County, to attend the Stated Meeting on October 10, 1975, and purchased his 1976 Masonic Lapel Emblem. He climbed to the third floor Lodge Room and claimed he wasn’t "puffing." Bro. Hackathorn

New Horizons For Patton
Junior and Senior High School Students Now Accepted

Masonic Homes Has Opening For Staff Medical Doctor
The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is seeking to employ a fulltime medical doctor to fill its staff of three doctors at its Shellman Health Care Center. The position includes a home, pension and other liberal fringe benefits. Those interested should contact the Executive Director, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Quarterly Communication In Philadelphia Temple
The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.
Grand Lodge Officers
Three-Month Itinerary

Grand Lodge Officers will have a busy summer schedule, engaging in various activities to which members and their families are invited. The schedule includes:

- June 2 - Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- June 5 - Grand Master, Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, celebrating its 170th Anniversary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- June 12 - Grand Lodge Officers, first Bicentennial Dedication, Coulter Temple.
- June 19 - Grand Lodge Officers, lay cornerstone and dedicate new Masonic Temple for Kedron Lodge No. 126.
- July 14 - Grand Master, Second Bicentennial Dedication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia during the special tour of Independence Hall.
- July 28 - Grand Lodge Officers, second Bicentennial Dedication, Liberty Hall.

Visiting Hours for Temple
Thousands of Visitors Are Expected

Visitors from countries around the world are expected to visit Masonic Temple in Philadelphia during the Bicentennial year. During the summer period, from June 15 to September 15, the Temple at Masonic Temple during the special tour of Independence Hall.

One North Broad St. will be open seven days a week. The schedule will be:
- Monday through Saturday: continuous tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sunday hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The normal Temple tours are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., and closed Sunday.

During the summer months, Rainbow Girls, dressed in Colonial costumes, will be the tour guides.

In addition, Grand Lodges from 12 of the original 13 States, Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association will have special exhibits in the Grand Ballroom. This huge room will be turned into a gigantic Masonic display.

Bro. Glen T. Renegar, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and Chairman of the Committee on Temple, will be the tour guides.}

Masonic History Was "Made" At Congress Hall

Masonic history was made on Monday, February 16, when the Grand Master was received at a Special Meeting of Rising Star Lodge No. 126, presented Bro. McCain with a replica of the Liberty Bell. Bro. McCain presented a Grand Master's Medallion to Bro. Marder.

The visitation, with so many Grand Masters participating, was an unprecedented experience and one not likely to be repeated.

At the meeting, overflowing with members of Rising Star Lodge and the visitors, Bro. McCain pointed out: "Independence Square is so rich in history that it is difficult to choose highlights."

"For the Masonic Fraternity of this Jurisdiction it has a special significance, aside from the fact that so many of our Brothers met in these buildings to chart the course of a nation."

"It was in Independence Hall that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met from 1800 to 1802."

"Columbia Lodge No. 91 and Rising Star Lodge No. 126 were constituted in Independence Hall."

"Bro. Master, it is a rare privilege for the Grand Masters of North America to meet with Rising Star Lodge in Congress Hall."

"While we Pennsylvania Masons feel a particularly close attachment to these buildings, we must ever remember that Congress Hall and Independence Hall belong to all of us."

"We welcome our Brothers to their Philadelphia Shrine!"

Bro. H. Wallace Reid, Grand Master of South Carolina, continues his tour on his visit to Congress Hall to visit Rising Star Lodge No. 126.

"It was a thrilling experience to be escorted into the room occupied by the Continental Congress and to be received and welcomed by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania."

"Following our reception we were conducted to a seat which had been occupied by a member of the Continental Congress the year the Declaration of Independence was signed."

"Sitting in this beautiful room was an eye-opening experience."

"We were reminded that in the very room in which we were standing, John Adams was inaugurated as the Second President of the United States."

"Shortly thereafter, we were escorted down the steps into Congress Hall in much the same manner in which the President was escorted by former President and Bro. George Washington, along with Thomas Jefferson."

"I shall truly remember this visit for many years to come."
New Horizons Planned
For Future of Patton

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would enroll 16 Patton sixth graders. Henceforth, Patton boys have been limited to grades 9 through 12. The student body now will include youngsters in grades 7 through 12.

The school's changes come at a time when there is an unusual number of openings for new students. Masons knowing any boys who are eligible and qualified to participate in Patton's new educational programs are encouraged to facilitate filing of applications by such youngsters.

To be eligible for the Patton School, a boy must be:
- Between 12 and 18 years of age, and
- Have completed at least the sixth grade.

Charitable donations from Masons are also needed. The school has all the facilities necessary to offer qualified young men an outstanding educational opportunity.

Hitherto, the Masonic School, which is run by the Masonic Home Association, has only those boys who come from the homes of Masons and their families. The school has always been a nonprofit organization.

The school has been a private boys' Masonic school since 1849.

Available courses in the vocational-technical school cover practically the entire spectrum of up-to-the-minute technology in modern, well-equipped shops. Courses include auto repair, carpentry, cabinet work, commercial art, drafting, electronics, floriculture, graphic arts, heating and ventilating, machinist, metal, masonry, etc., and welding and a host of others.

The enrollment procedure for Patton under the expanded program will remain the same. These are the required steps for young applicants:
- Visit the school, with sponsor, if possible.
- Submit a parent's death certificate.
- Submit birth certificate of applicant.
- Submit a letter showing sponsorship by a member of the Masonic Fraternity who is a member of a Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. If the applicant is under 18, sponsorship by a Masonic Lodge must be given in writing.
- A complete transcript of school records. (Teachers will send a copy to the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.)

Patton School Graduation
June 5 at Masonic Homes

The 50th commencement exercises of the Thomas Ranken Patton School for Boys will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 5 in the auditorium at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Dr. Frederick P. Sample, head of the Patton School, will give the commencement address to the seven young men in this year's graduating class.

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Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, has urged Masons to attend, with their families, the program in Coudersport's Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The promise will be a pleasant trip, a performance by a crack band and chorus, a professional for a professional performance.

There will be two shows - at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. - free of charge. Seats will not be reserved.

In keeping with the Bicentennial spirit of the year, Bro. William Hill will act as narrator, impersonating Benjamin Franklin, an earlier Mason.

Prominent in the program will be the music of the Williamsport Imperial Teque Band, the oldest Masonic band in the world, and the Northern Tier Masonic Chorus.

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"Second Bicentennial Celebration"

Parade, Ceremony and Music In Ligonier – June 26

A huge afternoon parade of marching bands, massed flags, brightly and colorful Shrine units and other Masonic groups will open the Grand Lodge's second Bicentennial Dedication program on June 26 at Ligonier, in Western Pennsylvania.

The evening of an event-filled day will bring a "big band" concert on the Square in the heart of the borough by the famed Bob Crosby (younger brother of Bing) and the Bobcats.

And later, one of the biggest and most spectacular fireworks displays ever seen in the state will light up the sky with multi-colored pyrotechnics in a blazing finale.

About 1,400 members of Masonic organizations, plus high school bands, will participate in the Dedication Day celebration which has been planned by a committee headed by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, Junior Grand Warden.

Thousands of spectators are expected to converge upon the historic borough of Ligonier in Westmoreland County, site of the fort, a landmark in the vital events of 200 and more years ago. Ligonier's two Methodist Churches and the Presbyterian Church will serve meals throughout the day at nominal fees. Also, booths will be set up on the Square to sell hotdogs, soft drinks and other refreshments. DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and various local organizations will operate the booths.

Traffic will be rerouted around the center of Ligonier on the big day, and parking lots will be provided for visitors. Shuttle buses will furnish public transportation, and adequate sanitation facilities will be available.

Adding to the carnival atmosphere will be a profusion of bunting and the presence of Girl Scouts and various local organizations. Also, booths will be erected on the parking lots for meals throughout the day at nominal fees. DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, will take part in the Ligonier parade.

In event of rain, the celebration will move into Ligonier school buildings.

One of the highlights of the day will occur in the afternoon at the fort when Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, will speak and make a presentation of a bronze replica of a statue to the head of the fort. The statue is "Washington in Prayer at Valley Forge."

Bro. McCain will then introduce Bro. Stanley Maxwell, Grand Master, Massachusetts, who will give the address. Bro. Maxwell will also give a replica of the statue for the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Mass. The museum is sponsored by The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. on the eastern edge of the borough, the parade will move westward on Main Street, past the reviewing stand on the Square, to the western end of the town. Bro. George Holmes will be grand marshal.

Leading the procession will be the file-drum-and-bugle "Spirit of '76" from Syria Temple. Next will come Sir Knights carrying massed Colors and Rainbow for Girls displaying the various flags that have been used in the United States.

Next will come the Washington High School Band, famed Bob Crosby Band, of Washington County, in Colonial dress. Following will be a procession of Grand Lodge elected officers, Past Grand Masters and Bro. Maxwell of Massachusetts, all riding in antique automobiles.

The Ligonier High School band, next in line, will lead lodge officers in Masonic dress, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and Scottish Rite.

Following will be a full panoply of Shrine units, including the Band, Oriental Band, Patrol, Legion of Honor, clowns and the Highlanders (bagpipers).

Youth groups will make up the next contingent — DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. Then will come uniformed units of Jaffa Temple, followed by marching units of The Grotto and Tul Ceddus.

A theme of patriotism and reverence will prevail at the Fort Ligonier ceremonies which begin at 4 p.m. Included will be:

- Invocation — Bro. David J. Wynn, Grand Chaplain.
- National Anthem — Syria Temple Band.
- Pledge of Allegiance — a DeMolay member.
- Patriotic number — Shrine Chanters.
- Introduction of Bro. McCain who will make the presentation to the head of Fort Ligonier.
- "God Bless America" sung by the assembly, led by the Director of Chanters.

At 4:30 p.m., a musical program on the Square will begin with a two-hour concert by bands and other Shrine units.

Bob Crosby and the Bobcats will take the stage at 6:30 to 7:30 when Bro. McCain, the Ligonier mayor and members of the borough council will be present. Bro. McCain will make a presentation to the mayor.

The Bob Crosby Band will resume at 8:15 and play until 9:15 p.m.

Then will come the grand finale of the celebration — a tremendous spectacle of aerial fireworks which will soar into the sky from ground just south of the borough. The display will be visible and audible throughout the area.

Using the very best of domestic and exotic "scenes," the fireworks show will consist of 104 exotic "scenes" and an ending that will be remembered long after the music has faded from the night sky and the echoes have ceased to reverberate.

Included in the various "scenes" will be colorful presentations of flowers, including an aerial field of goldshaders, and action such as birds flying from a rotating wheel, flying fish chasing each other, an erupting volcano and "Niagra Falls." In one display, a giant "spiderweb" of fiery interwoven threads will be cast instantaneously across the sky to hang for a time before dissolving into darkness.

Bob Crosby

The music that began as New Orleans jazz and evolved into Dixieland Swing will entertain visitors to the Grand Lodge's second Bicentennial Dedication celebration at Ligonier on June 26.

Holding forth on the bandstand in the Square for a two-hour evening concert will be Bob Crosby and the Bobcats, an orchestra that started in the 1930's, and carried the magic of big band and swing era on into the 70's.
"Third Bicentennial Celebration"
"Country Fair" at Masonic Homes — July 24

The green rolling hills environment of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will take on the atmosphere of a country fair July 24 as the Grand Lodge combines its third Bicentennial celebration with the laying of a cornerstone for a new Health Care Center building.

There will be rides, including a ferris wheel, whirl-in-space cars and a "gallop" ride. To top it off, there will be free balloons for the young, distributed by Zembo Temple Clowns.

Two crack Philadelphia string bands, in Elizabethtown Parade costumes, will offer their toe-tapping music in parades and concerts on the midway, and additional music will be provided during the day by the Zembo Shrine Band.

There will be cotton candy, ice cream, soft drinks and balloons.

The " midway" will offer many opportunities to win prizes.

And none of these attractions will cost visitors a cent. The only money it will be possible to spend at this fair will be for purchase of items handcrafted by Guests at the Masonic Homes. These articles will be on display, and anyone wishing to buy may do so.

Adding to the country-fair picture will be a display of livestock raised on the Masonic Homes farm — cattle, pigs, chickens, and fowl.

Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, and the Executive Board of the Grand Lodge inform all Masonic organizations in Central Pennsylvania, with Masonry as a prerequisite, to participate in the Elizabethtown celebration and in the cornerstone-laying ceremonies.

Lodges are urged to charter buses to Elizabethtown for members and their families, thus enabling them to bring food and folding tables for picnics on the 1,600-acre grounds of the Masonic Homes.

Activities of the day will begin at 10 a.m. with tours of the Masonic Homes and grounds. Special buses will be available for those desiring riding tours of the grounds, including the Patton Masonic School.

The Frelingue String Band will parade in a day from 11 a.m. to noon, and the Joseph A. Ferkro String Band Inc., in its prize-winning "Spirit of '76" costumes, will perform at 3 p.m. for an hour.

The cornerstone-laying ceremonies will start at 2:30 p.m., and last about an hour. Participating Lodge officers must be in Masonic dress, and facilities for changing will be available at Masonic Homes.

In event of rain, activities will be held indoors, in the Health Care Center.

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Fourth Celebration At Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge — Oct. 9

Pomp, pagentry and entertainment will be featured at the fourth Bicentennial Dedication at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on Saturday, October 9.

It will bring together Symbolic Lodges, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Shrines, Tall Cedars and others in a colorful dedication to Country and Freemasonry.

The outdoor ceremony will start at 3:30 p.m. in the area of the George Washington at Prayer Statue that was presented to Freedoms Foundation by Masons in Pennsylvania.

It will feature an address by Bro. James W. Stubbs, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. The complete program includes:

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Tours
- Open House, Freedoms Foundation
- Tours
- Lodge Band Concert
- Lodge Temple Band
- Processional
- Closing

Opening of Program

Invocation - Grand Lodge Chaplain
- Singing of National Anthem and "God Save the Queen"
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Dinner
- Music by Mr. Joe Martin's Orchestra
- Presentation of the Flag by a Distinguished Citizen
- Presentation of "The Sizing C edars"
- Benediction - Grand Chap lain

Tickets for the outstanding dinner and show are $12.50 each, or $25.00 a couple.

Complete the coupon enclosed and send it as soon as possible to the Grand Master's Office Masonic Temple, 11 North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Tickets will be mailed in June. Be sure you are included. The tickets will be issued by date money is received in the Grand Master's Office.

Introductions by Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

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Entertainment — The Sizing C edars — Introduced by the Supreme Tall Cedar

Benediction — Grand Chap lain

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Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge — Oct. 9

This is a aerial view of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge where the fourth Bicentennial Dedication Program will be held on October 9. Masons, families and friends are invited.

The featured entertainment will be "The Sizing Cedars."

The members are all business and professional men from the Metropolitan Area of Washington, D.C. They have appeared on television, radio, stage and recordings.

They sing "so kids can walk."

The program for the evening includes:

- Invocation
- Grand Lodge Chaplain
- Singing of National Anthem and "God Save the Queen"
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Dinner
- Music by Mr. Joe Martin's Orchestra
- Presentation of the Flag by a Distinguished Citizen
- Presentation of "The Sizing Cedars"
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Introductions by Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Grand Master will introduce Bro. James W. Stubbs, R. W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of England

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