Thank you notes and letters arrived from all parts of the state — expressions of gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its sponsorship of a summer youth program during July at the Patton School in Elizabethville.

"I want to thank you for being interested in me," wrote a young lady from Clearfield who then registered to be a common complainer, "but the flood was too good and I lost five pounds."

The Masonic Homes, the hospital and the farm are fantastic," wrote another, adding, "I think I understand now why my dad is so proud of being a Mason." A total of 546 girls, 444 members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and 132 members of the International Order of Job's Daughters, participated in the activities directed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Programs.

The Masonic Homes, the hospital and the farm are fantastic," wrote another, adding, "I think I understand now why my dad is so proud of being a Mason." A total of 546 girls, 444 members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and 132 members of the International Order of Job's Daughters, participated in the activities directed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Programs.

The committee is chaired by Bro. Ralph Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Past Grand Master, R. P. Ralph H. Hunt is program coordinator.

Schedules activities in each of the six-day sessions included tours of the Masonic Homes and services in St. Michael's Church.

Each day began with calisthenics, softball games and the archery proved popular. Everyone took advantage of the Honor facilities for swimming. The girls and their leaders held practice sessions to prepare for future events, created skills for talented young people and rated the square dances as a favorite activity.

Participants in the youth program are selected by their leaders through an intensive program tied to the individual units. The competition increases as new

The Masonic Homes, the hospital and the farm are fantastic," wrote another, adding, "I think I understand now why my dad is so proud of being a Mason." A total of 546 girls, 444 members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and 132 members of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, participated in the activities directed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Programs.

The committee is chaired by Bro. Ralph Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Past Grand Master, R. P. Ralph H. Hunt is program coordinator.

Schedules activities in each of the six-day sessions included tours of the Masonic Homes and services in St. Michael's Church.

Each day began with calisthenics, softball games and the archery proved popular. Everyone took advantage of the Honor facilities for swimming. The girls and their leaders held practice sessions to prepare for future events, created skills for talented young people and rated the square dances as a favorite activity.

Participants in the youth program are selected by their leaders through an intensive program tied to the individual units. The competition increases as new members of both organizations seek to find their first visit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, its responsibilities to youth, is already planned for the program to be conducted in the summer of 1978.
Masonic Dedication, Enthusiasm, Activity

(Continued from Page 1)

of the Thirteen Original Colonies were arranged for display in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, and daily tours to accommodate the hundreds of tourists who wanted to see Philadelphia for the Bicentennial Celebration.

This current Masonic Year has also introduced new dedication, enthusiasm and activity. New Lodge and Jaycee Committees; your Grand Lodge sponsored a Canada-United States Masonic Friendship Cruise; and shared Masonic fellowship with members of other Lodges in Puerto Rico; we have had nine Lodgesتكونك; we have completed and dedicated the final building in the new Masonic Homes Health Care Center, your Grand Lodge and Lodges have made 29 official dedications to other Grand Lodges; we have established a new program for new Masonic Lodges: We have produced and made available a new 25-year service record and emblem for the Lodges to present; one Quarterly Communication held in Pittsburg on Wednesday, June 1, 1977, attested a record attendance of more than 1200 Brethren; and, we have expanded the present Masonic Student Councils of our Special Youth Program.

Having served you as Grand Master for more than 25 months, a title of honor and distinction shared by few Masons, I have traveled widely within our own jurisdiction and have become acutely aware of visiting many other jurisdictions; serving the State of the Craft on the York Grand Lodges in other countries are recognized as coordinated. There are many kindnesses and satisfactions in our country others are not aware of.

What Lodges may be visited?

Only Lodges which are under the Grand Lodge of Grand Lodges which your Grand Lodge is affiliated or directly related to. When traveling in other Jurisdictions, it will be wise to make inquiries before starting your trip.

Christopher Wren's Edict

Whereas, among many labors, etc., that peculiarly custom of venerating is too often available for the benefit of men and to continue the interest and authority of the Craft, and that such laziness may be too often seen in the world, and that it is ordered that customary swearing shall be a sufficient ordination to any laborer who comes to this place, and that the people, through the works, upon sufficient proof, shall be removed from the same.

It is significant to note that the two festival days of the Satans fall in these two years—first when the sun is nearest, and second, when the sun has reached its northernmost summit and again turns toward the south. People in the ancient days had their organizations and gods even as we do today, and dedicated them to a pantheon for protection.

The worshiping of the sun or other deities had as paramount mankind that when Christianity was introduced to the world, the Church found it impossible to stop the people from such pagan celebrations. It was natural to feel the need of adopting some patron for protection. The Church therefore consecrated its churches to God of the Almighty, and the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the example.

Why did Freemasons choose St. John Baptize as their patron? One would suppose that they would name some outstanding person, but St. John the Baptist was a humble man, a plain man who held, above all, its obligations to God and, with almost unbelievable steadiness, he brought those around him to the deep-seated, profoundly inspired, virtuous, and faithful.

For many years only St. John the Baptist was the patron Saint of Freemasonry, until after the 16th Century that St. John the Evangelist was also adopted as a patron. The "Old Charges" of Freemasonry speak of St. John the Evangelist as "A Patron Of The Craft."

He was constantly intermitting the cultivation of the legible form of all the Gospels, the Gospel of St. John is the most Masonic for the central theme is Rock. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons dedicated the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

The Ancient degrees and their growth have been pointed out in various places, few Masons have studied the question as to this. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

The ancient degrees and their growth have been pointed out in various places, few Masons have studied the question as to this. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons dedicated the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

The Ancient degrees and their growth have been pointed out in various places, few Masons have studied the question as to this. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons dedicated the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

The Ancient degrees and their growth have been pointed out in various places, few Masons have studied the question as to this. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons dedicated the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

The Ancient degrees and their growth have been pointed out in various places, few Masons have studied the question as to this. It portrays the Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons dedicated the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.
To Take Good Youth and Make Them Better

"I cannot remember when I've had such a wonderful time as I did at Daughters in 1972." - Linda Johnson

"Your generosity was much appreciated. It feels so good to know someone truly cares for me the way you do." - Ellen Hakes

"I knew that as long as I lived, I would never forget those four days of my life. I thank God for your generosity." - Cindy Flaherty

"Although my family is not a Rainbow people, I will always have a very special place in my heart." - Cindy Bevers

"I'm very grateful for people like yourself, and I know that I'm lucky to have been one who benefited from your time and devotion. God bless." - Pat Mitchell
The trestleboard in time

Freemasonry

These photos were taken from a series of postcards presented to Grand Lodge by Mrs. Wilmer F. Heaton from a collection maintained by her grandfather, the late Bro. Emanuel W. Bartman, a member of Norristown Lodge No. 260. Guest house 2 and the committee headquarters buildings are now apartment housing for employees. The conservatory is now taken up by accounting offices and the rest house no longer exists. Grand Lodge Hall is shown shortly after construction was completed in 1913.

"First the grain and then the blade, The one destroyed, the other made, Then stalk and blossom, and again The gold of newly minted grain."

"...The idea of a Home or Homes under control of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for dependent Masons, their wives, widows and orphan children, had its planting in the year 1903, and the seed sown then has culminated in the purchase of a property at Elizabethtown. The doings of the several communities appointed during that time have passed into history, if not into innocuous desuetude, and have been destroyed, but the blade is made. The stalk and blossom will complete its growth within the coming year, and then the golden grain will be ready for harvesting...

"...And now brethren, since words, oftentimes idle and useless, are but thoughts emanating from the mind, let us to work while it is yet called day, 'for the night cometh when no man can work,' 'for the tree is known by its fruit.'"

Grand Lodge Proceedings 1911

Always Building

New Temple construction

State condemnation of an old building prompted construction of a new Temple to house Indiana Lodge No. 313 and Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753, Indiana.

A redevelopment program took the building that formerly housed Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Tyrone, and Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring, constructed a new Temple after a fire destroyed its old home.

Reports on other building programs completed in 1977 will be presented in subsequent issues.