Education Conferences Highlight Grand Master’s Program

The Grand Master has scheduled a series of 12 conferences throughout the state during 1978 in keeping with his theme of “Freemasonry through Education.”

In his inaugural address Bro. Walter P. Wells said, “In knowledge there is power, and once membership becomes more meaningful one better understands what he has heard, and knows more of the fraternity he has joined.

Our slogan may well be ‘Let’s be Masons — not just members.’ Better knowledge should increase our Brethren’s interest in their fraternity and hopefully their desire to become officers.”

To that end, the conferences will be attended by the District Deputy Grand Masters; the Masters, Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries of the Lodges, and Chairman of each Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

The conference schedule, including date, place and districts involved, follows:

February 25, Masonic Homes at Elizabeth, Pa., Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 19, 42 and 56.
March 1, Elizabethtown, Pa., Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 19, 42 and 56.
March 8, Manheim, Pa., Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 19, 42 and 56.
March 15, New London, Pa., Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 19, 42 and 56.
April 5, Pottstown, Pa., Districts 5, 6, 36 and 40.
April 22, Bloomsburg, Pa., Districts 11, 21, 33, 45, 46 and 58.
May 7, Philadelphia, Pa., Districts A, B, C, D, E, 8 (and possibly 6 and 36).
September 9, Scranton, Pa., Districts 12, 13, 14, 15, 30 and 39.
September 16, Erie, Pa., Districts 22, 23, 24, 25, 32, 53, 55 and 56.
September 30, Pittsburgh, Pa., Districts 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55 and 57.
October 14, Butler, Pa., Districts 26, 27, 28, 32, 37 and 39.
October 29, Bedford, Pa., Districts 20, 24, 41 — (and may serve as a catch-up for those not able to attend prior meetings).

The education conferences are, in most cases, being coordinated with other Masonic activities in the areas. Responsibility for the coordination has been assumed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture through its chairman, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master.

13 Brethren Created Past District Deputies Under Masonic Law

Thirteen Brethren have been created Past District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with Masonic Law. They are:

Bro. George Nichols, Past Master of Radiant Star Lodge No. 606, Philadelphia, Masonic District “G.”
Bro. Charles A. Ashby, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, 1st Masonic District.
Bro. David J. Godschall, Past Master of Shiloh Lodge No. 530, Lansdale, 6th Masonic District.
Bro. Frank F. Troup, Past Master of Homewood-Port Pitt Lodge No. 635, Penn Hills Township, 38th Masonic District.
Bro. Gregory L. Christ, Past Master of Mahanoy City Lodge No. 537, Mahanoy City, 88th Masonic District.

Bro. W. Wells Takes Office As State’s Grand Master

Bro. Walter P. Wells of Coudersport, senior lodge of Pennsylvania’s 55th Judicial District, Potter County, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The installation to the highest office in Freemasonry in the state took place during the Annual Grand Communication held in Founder’s Hall at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, on December 27, 1977.

He succeeded Bro. John L. McLaren of Pittsburgh. A graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Dickinson School of Law, Bro. Wells first entered the practice of law in Coudersport with his late father, John Walter Wells.

Admitted to the bar in 1951, he was elected district attorney for Potter County in 1953 and served in that post until 1952.

Bro. Wells became president judge of the 55th Judicial District in 1952 and served in that capacity until 1975.

A member of Eulalia Lodge No. 542, Bro. Wells served as Worshipful Master in 1940. He is a Past High Priest of Coudersport Royal Arch Chapter No. 265; a member of Coudersport Council No. 63, Royal and Select Masters, and a member of Potomac Commandery No. 69, Knight of Templar.

He was Commander-In-Chief of Coudersport Consistory from 1965 to 1967 and has been a trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Coudersport, for more than 30 years.

A Past Most Wise Master of the Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, he was consecrated a Honorary Thirty-Third Degree Mason in 1955.

His other Masonic affiliations include membership in the

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R. W. Grand Master

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Grand Master Schedules Summer Travel Program

The Grand Master has scheduled a summer travel program designed to take into consideration the varied amounts of time members of the fraternity and their friends may be able to devote to vacations.

To accomplish that goal, two separate trips will be made: a two-week tour of the Scandinavian countries and a one-week tour to Switzerland.

Details of the Scandinavian tour, covering nine departure dates from early May to late September, are presented on pages five through eight, and details of the Switzerland trip, with four departure dates in August and September, are presented on pages nine through eleven.

Plans are now being made to have Grand Lodge Officers host each of the individual trips and efforts are being made to provide the opportunity to visit places of Masonic interest and engage in Masonic fellowship when possible.

For example, plans have already been established for tours of the Masonic Temple in Stockholm.

The Grand Master will host the Scandinavian tour departing July 20 and the Switzerland tour departing August 14.

It is suggested that reservations for all trips be made as soon as possible because of limitations on the amount of space that can be accommodated on individual trips. Applications will be processed on a first received basis.
Northwest Bank Executive Installed As Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess of Hamilton, a vice-president and officer of the Hamilton National Bank, has been installed as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

He installed his office to take place on December 27, 1977 during the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge held at Hershey.

Bro. Burgess is Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Elizabethtown, having served as Worshipful Master in 1964 and as a Trustee for the past 10 years.

Appointed the Junior Grand Deacon from 1971 to 1973, Bro. Burgess was named to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in 1974 and became the District Deputy Grand Master for the 45th Masonic District.

He is a member of the Scotch Rite Valley of Bensberg.

Born in Hamilton, Bro. Burgess was educated in the city schools, attended The Pennsylvania State University, and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster.

In addition to active membership in various banking associations, Bro. Burgess is active in his community.

He is the past president of the Visiting Nurses Association of Elizabethtown and Vicinity, the Grand President and a member of the executive committee of the United Way of Greater Hershey, Inc., and is a member of the advisory boards of the Hershey Salvation Army and the Hershey Lions Club.

Member of Grace United Church of Christ, Hershey, he has served as a secretary and a teacher in the church Sunday School.

Burgess and his wife, the former Katherine J. Pennecke, reside at 515 W. Diamond Avenue, Hershey.

Fourteen Appointed District Deputy Grand Masters

Fourteen new District Deputy Grand Masters were appointed by Bro. Walter P. Wells, R. W. Grand Master.

They are:

- Bro. Wallace F. Richter, Past Master of Thomas Re. Paton Lodge No. 659, Philadelphia, Masonic District "G."
- Bro. Hubert L. Silvason, Past Master of Kittanning Lodge No. 244, Kittanning, 27th Masonic District.

New Appointments

The following new appointments were announced at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, 1977:

- Bro. Donald H. Felck, Lodge No. 342, Grand Chaplain.
- Bro. Christopher A. Wells, Lodge No. 1112, Aide to Grand Master.

All other floor officers have been re-appointed.

Quarterly Communication Schedule Set for 1978

Grand Lodge has accepted an invitation from the Valley of Coudersport for the use of its facilities in conducting the June Quarterly Communication.

A like invitation has been accepted from the Valley of New Castle for activities surrounding the September Quarterly Communication.

The March Quarterly Communication will be held at the Masonic Temple on Philadelphia, Activity on March 1 will begin at 10 a.m. with a meeting of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

A meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters is scheduled for 2 p.m. Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall, Refreshments will be served in the Grand Banquet Hall following the Communication.

The December Quarterly Communication and the Annual Grand Communication will be held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Officers Installed; Home's Committee Elected

Grand Lodge installed with officers at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27 included:

- Bro. William A. Clark, Past Master of Elysburg Lodge No. 414, Elysburg, 58th Masonic District.

Bro. Wells Takes Office

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If your Synagogue temple, Altar; Royal Order of Scotland, and Grand CHAPTER No. 2076, London, He has received the honorary Legion of Honor Degree from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Active in community and business, Bro. Wells is a director of the advisory board of the Pennsylvania Mutual Bank and Trust Company of Columbus and was the president and a director of the former Coudersport and Port Allegheny Railroad.

He has served as a vestryman of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Coudersport and holds membership in the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Wells married the former Anne Elizabeth Mulligan in 1937. They reside at 204 Allegany Avenue, Coudersport, and are the parents of three children: John Walter II, Rosemary Anne, Christopher Arthur and Patricia Anne.
Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to invite you to participate in a unique summer travel program scheduled by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The program is unique in that it is designed to consider the time you have available for travel this summer. To that end, the program offers a two-week Scandinavian tour and a one-week Switzerland tour. Departure dates are so varied you may wish to take advantage of both trips.

The trips are detailed in the following pages and represent exciting opportunities for those who look forward to the enjoyment, fellowship and educational experience of travel.

The itinerary of the Scandinavian tour includes stays in each of the four Nordic capitals with city sightseeing -- plus a cruise of breathtaking deepwater fjords, a drive through spectacular Norwegian mountain and valley countryside, and an evening cruise of the romantic Baltic Sea.

The tour of picture-book Switzerland, land of the Alps, will radiate from the cosmopolitan metropolis of Zurich. The program is unregimented, providing ample opportunity to tour the lovely Swiss countryside with its quaint villages, deep lakes, pastoral valleys and lofty mountain ranges.

Mrs. Wells and I cordially invite you and your friends to enjoy the best of Europe with us in 1978.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Walter P. Wells
Grand Master
By Air, Land and Viking Sea Routes...
All the best of beautiful, fascinating Scandinavia. This is a wonderful travel opportunity to a Storyland Adventure—and we invite you to join! We'll travel to and through Scandinavia in comfort and style. Finnair will be our host for the transatlantic flight to Copenhagen. We'll fly a roomy, wide-bodied DC-10 jet with complimentary meal and beverage service on route. We'll spend four nights in Copenhagen, then on to Oslo by air. Our night in Oslo will be followed by a motorcoach drive across Norway's pastoral countryside and majestic mountain ranges to reach the deepwater western fjords. We'll enjoy two days of unplanned scenic vistas, return from fjord country to Oslo (overlooking a fjord at its own) by way of a different land route. Then we fly Finnair's jet to Helsinki for three nights in the Swedish capital, followed by an overnight Baltic Sea cruise to reach Helsinki. We'll have two nights to rest in Helsinki, Finland, climaxed by a special farewell dinner. In the morning we board a Finnair DC-10 jet for our homeward flight, and fittingly, it will be climaxed by a special farewell dinner.

Finland
Helsinki is the capital city of the proud Finns is known as "The White City of the North" because it's built of white granite in the grand classical manner. This feature, plus a wealth of great modern buildings, together with numerous public art works and a beautiful Baltic waterfront, make Helsinki a pleasure to behold and explore, the very beauty of the city's architecture and urban form. And don't forget the marina. You'll enjoy the pavilions, museums and seaside walks of the Strand for 20's and '30's. A "Hall" of "seas"! Enjoying and being in amidst all specialties in products of colorful, Finnish modern design, including glassware, ceramics and textiles which have become famous all over the world. Just beyond Helsinki is the garden of Finland and Finland's glorious landscape of lakes and forests.

A Unity of History and Brotherhood
There is an important, historic relationship between Pennsylvanians and Scandinavians which adds special significance to this trip. Under a charter granted by King Gustavus Adolphus, his Swedish courtmen established the first permanent settlement in what is now Pennsylvania in 1635. It was situated on the site of the Delaware River at the south of present-day Philadelphia. Along with Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, Trondheim is one of the three bishoprics of America. Long-standing traditions of Freemasonry throughout the Nordic lands will add a memorabilia of international brotherhood to our travel experience. Denmark's first lodge, "St. Mohr," was established in 1635. In 1783, an appendix to the constitution. The present Grand Lodge is a Royal High Master of England, who holds the office of Grand Master and the title of Grand Master of America. The Prince of Wales Masonic Lodge is the royal lodge of the United Kingdom.

Norway
Oslo and the Breathtaking Fjord Country. First we'll enjoy Oslo the 900-year-old capital of Norway. In a picturesque location overlooking a fjord and set against wooded hills. This is a city of university students, artists' quarters, lovely parks, a variety of museums and bold works of art. Sophisticated and refined, yet with a sense of humor. Oslo is also a treasure trove of beautiful cultural achievements. From the national theater and opera to world-class museums, to the maritime museums of Bogstad. The medieval city of Oslo, the historic site of the Norwegian royal family, and the elegant city of Oslo are just a few of the things to see.

Where we're going...
4 Nights Copenhagen, Denmark—Sheraton Hotel or similar
3 Nights NORWAY'S FJORD COUNTRY AND FJORD CRUISE
1 Night Oslo—Grand Hotel or similar
3 Nights Stockholm, Sweden—Sheraton Hotel or similar
1 Night Copenhagen, Denmark—Grand Hotel or similar
2 Nights Helsinki, Finland—Intercontinental Hotel or similar

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Sweden
Stockholm: The Swedish blend bright, ultramodern architecture and urban planning with generous glimpses of the past. The medieval sections of the city called the "City Through the Bridge"— in its own little town square, is a picturesque centering of 12th century baroque grandeur and sprawling Stockholm's central part. A grand cityscape with a rich historical past, fine galleries and the terraced sculptures gardens of Carl Milles. You'll see the famous open-air folk museum and zoo of Skansen. The Vasa Museum, with its restored 363-year-old Swedish warship and Drottningholm Palace, so lavish and luxurious that it toured the Swedish hasels. The 18th-century Stockholm's beautiful waterfront promenades, courting bridges, lovely modern city halls, public squares with elaborately decorated waxing statues, restaurants to of all tastes and right little things to find.

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- Luxury hotel and cruise accommodations for 13 nights as listed on previous page
- Scandinavian-style smorgasbord breakfast every morning
- Dinners included 9 evenings on our Storyland Tour.
- Copenhagen: Welcome dinner at Nyhavn with wine
- One dinner on a dine-around
- Two dinners at your hotel in the Fjord Country
- Stockholm — Two dinners on a dine-around
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- Helsinki — Gothenburg farewell dinner with wine
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