Seven Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

Seven Brethren have been created Past District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with Masonic law as expressed in the Ahiman Rezon, Article XII, Section 13.

The law provides that a Deputy Grand Master "...having served as such for a period of five years or more, may retire from that office as a deputy master of a District Deputy Grand Masters set for 2 p.m.

The communication will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. Refreshments will be served in the Grand Banquet Hall following the meeting.

The Grand Lodge has accepted an invitation from the Valley of Condoorsport to use its facilities in the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the June Quarterly Communication. While plans for the June Quarterly are not yet complete, it has already been determined that the sons and their ladies will be able to attend a dinner and some form of entertainment on the evening of Wednesday, June 6.

The lodges will receive complete information concerning the program in early May.

The quarterly communications for September and December and the Annual Grand Communication will be held in Philadelphia.

All Masons are invited to attend Grand Lodge communications.

Corrected Ritualistic Schedule

It had been previously reported for the November issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason that the sectional meeting of the School of Instruction in McKeesport would take place on Saturday, September 22nd. The date has now been changed to May 26th.

The revision, a new date has been set for a sectional meeting of the School of Instruction in Lock Haven for Saturday, May 26th.

To assist those involved, the complete schedule, as changed, is listed as follows:

March 17—Charleroi
March 24—Pittsburgh
March 31—Harrisburg
April 7—Allentown
April 14—Huntingdon
April 21—Johnstown
May 12—Meadville
May 19—Washington
May 26—Lock Haven
October 6—Philadelphia

All rehearsals of the ritualistic work at the sectional meetings are conducted by the regional instructors and are under the supervision of the instructor of the ritualistic work. All Master Masons are welcome.

Homes’ Committee Awards Contracts for Renovation Project

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes has awarded a $965,300 contract to W. M. White Construction Co. of Lancaster for the complete renovation of two residential guest buildings at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Work has already begun on the renovation of the John Henry Daman and Dauphin County memorial buildings. The work, designed to replace the interior of the buildings without disturbing the stone facades or rooflines, is expected to be completed by late October.

The committee, based on the experience gained in this operation, expects to extend the project to all residential units in the Allegheny County, Lancaster County, Berks County and Paul L. Levis memorial buildings, beginning with the Edward W. Kuhlemeyer and McKee cottage.

To assist in financing the project, the committee has initiated a memorial program through construction of the medical buildings in the Health Care Center complex. Bronze plaques will be placed at the entrance to rooms and in other suitable areas within the buildings to acknowledge gifts and memorials as follows:

Single Room $10,000
Single Room Furnishings $1,500

Double Room $15,000
Double Room Furnishings $2,500

A number of individuals, lodges and other organizations have already responded to the memorial program. All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

When completed, the buildings that were constructed in keeping with the life style of the early 1900s will provide individual living quarters with private baths for all guests.

The new construction will contain elevators, air conditioning, full carpeting and those innovations now available in keeping with modern life and safety standards.
Dedications, Anniversaries highlight officers' schedule

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers the next five months includes:

February 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
March 7 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
March 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
April 6 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Cornerstone Laying and Dedication, Harmon Lodge No. 890, Mecury.
April 7 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Millhoor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburg.

April 21 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Bethelheim Lodge No. 283, Bethelhein.
April 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 28 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Columbia Lodge No. 286, Columbia.
May 12 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, Meyersdale.

The 12 education conferences held by the Grand Master in 1978 were most successful in promoting the Grand Master's theme of Freemasonry to the public.

The participation in these conferences by Grand Lodge officers and the give-and-take atmosphere they created played a great part in their success and in the enthusiastic interest shown.

The Grand Master expressed his gratitude to those attending the conferences for their dedication to Freemasonry, especially in the face of such keen competition as fishing and hunting, holidays, and family concerns. He was also appreciative of the efforts put forth by the many brothers responsible for organizing and conducting the conferences.

These brothers who took advantage of the education conferences expressed their pleasure and satisfaction with the information they gained and with the manner in which it was presented.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is formulating a new and different conference program for 1979 which will continue this year's successful approach. The new program will take the form of Area Seminars directed toward "motivating" Mo.

The meetings will be educational in character with emphasis placed on promoting Masonic learning at the lodge level and on developing a better understanding of the objectives of the proficiency examination.

The education conferences will be conducted by Area Masonic Culture Chairman with the cooperation of the District Deputy Grand Masters, District Masonic Culture Chairman and Regional Instructors of B giftical Work.

Masonic culture seminars are being scheduled in four areas of this jurisdiction. As soon as details have been finalized, Brothertmen involved will be informed of the place, date and time of the meetings.

Area "A"—Bro. J. Keith Howe, chairman, Districts: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 19, 36, 40, 42, and 60

Area "B"—Bro. Arthur T. Yaggl, P.D.G.M., chairman, Districts: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 45, 50, 58, and 59


Committee Reports on Retirement Community Survey

The establishment of a retirement facility for Masons in the vicinity of the present Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is feasible, according to the initial report of a special committee appointed by the Grand Master to study the issue.

Basing its recommendations on the results of a survey conducted through use of the August 1978 edition of The Pennsylvania Freemason, the committee reported at the December Quarterly Communication that the basic question has been answered in that a number of Pennsylvania Masons have expressed strong interest.

The committee received more than 2,700 voluntary responses to the survey questionnaire with more than 2,600 persons reporting positively to the question, "Would you be interested in purchasing a unit and paying a monthly charge to cover costs in a retirement community to be established near the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania?"

While the committee has recommended the project proceed, it must be noted that realization of construction would be several years away assuming all problems were solved with reasonable ease.

There are any number of questions yet to be answered concerning size, location, structure, staffing, management, operation, etc.

The information already gained from the respondents to the survey has been a great help to the committee in defining the overall problem and will be of value should the Grand Lodge eventually decide to proceed.

Submitting its report, the committee extended its appreciation to the respondents for their cooperation and the many worthwhile ideas and suggestions advanced.

13 Elected to Committee on Masonic Homes

Thirteen members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, charged with the responsibility . . . for the establishment of, admission to, and management of Masonic Homes in this jurisdiction . . . were elected during the December Quarterly Communication.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge provides that the committee consist of the six elected Grand Lodge officers and seven members of the Grand Lodge.

Those Grand Lodge members elected are:

Bro. Robert E. Woodside, past master of Susquehanna Lodge No. 364, who has been a member of the committee since 1934.
Bro. Ellis E. Stern, past master of Columbia Lodge No. 564, a committee member since 1954.
Bro. Milton Fritsche, past master of Olive Lodge No. 497, a committee member since 1967.
Bro. Walter R. Wilson, past master of Eureka Lodge No. 302, a committee member since 1973.
Bro. Ph. Thomas Feurer, past master of Olive Lodge No. 497, a committee member since 1967.

New Appointments

The following new appointments were announced by the Grand Master at the December Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia on December 27, 1978:

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Your Blue lodge membership card should constantly remind you of your Masonic obligations.

Standing in all your other Masonic lodges are not only out of good Masonic standing but also a Masonic privilege.

Adding Another Centenarian

Another addition to our list of centenarians is Bro. Joseph Malhorn, a 60-year-member of Kissimmee Lodge No. 817, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1978.

Another 50-Year Past Master

Bro. Lester F. W. Goodrich, Worshipful Master of Crescent Lodge No. 443, Philadelphia, last year had the pleasure of traveling to Hendersonville, N. C., and visiting Bro. Raymond A. Weikel. The purpose of the visit was to present Bro. Weikel with a special certificate, suitably engraved, in recognition of his 50th anniversary as a Past Master of Crescent Lodge.

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Matter of Distinction

Bro. Sol A. Marks Past Master and Secretary of Brotherhood Lodge No. 763, Pittsburgh, has a rather interesting record in the making.

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Members of Pennsylvania Lodges

92 and Going Strong

Bro. Clarence F. Wine, Past Master of Conemaugh Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh, is 92 years old. He entered in 1908 and served as Worshipful Master in 1911.

Bro. Wine seldom misses a meeting of his Lodge and negotiates the stairs to the third floor without too much trouble.

One of his long-time hobbies has been dancing and he still loves to choose a lovely lady for a few trips around the dance floor; but says disco is not for him.

Many who borrow books from the Circulating Library may be interested in looking into one of the many available and highly recommended books for Freemasons to read:

The Holy Bible

Hajm Masonic Edition

Introduction to Freemasonry

Clarity

The Story of the Craft

Witley

The Newly-Made Mason

Haywood

Brother and Builders

Newton

The Speculative Mason

Mackay

Symbols of Freemasonry

MacKay

Masonic Harvest

Clancy

The Story of Manufacture

Tales

Washingon, the Man and Mason

Callahan

The Builders

Newton

The Masonic Library

Woodward

Facets for Freemasons

Edwardson

Our Ancient Scripture

Kestner

The Men’s House

F. C. English

Short Talks on Masonry

F. Nevada

What Masonry Means

Hammond

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MacKay

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Kiefer

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The choice exists among three destinations: Hawaii, Vienna, and the magnificent blue Pacific

...of the guests at the Holiday Hill Nursing Home, Mansfield, Pa.

Both are professional musicians but will also join the Masonic Committee.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W.G.M., and chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, is coordinating the program.

**Education—Part 2**

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