Itinerary of Elected Grand Lodge Officers for Next Three Months

The schedule for the Grand Lodge Officers includes:

August 14, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 100th anniversary of Marion Lodge No. 582, Scottdale.

August 21, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend a special communication of Grand Lodge for the cornerstone placing and dedication of the lodge room of Comwell Lodge No. 572, Orbisonia.

August 27, 1982 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

September 1, 1982 — Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.


September 9, 1982 — Grand Master will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Zarathustra Lodge No. 448, Millvale.

September 11, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th Anniversary of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville.

September 15, 1982 — Grand Master to visit La La Temple, Philadelphia.

September 17, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th anniversary of Portland Lodge No. 311, Portland.

September 18, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th anniversary of Fort Washington Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.

September 20, 1982 — Grand Master will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Oakdale Lodge No. 669, Oakdale.

September 21, 1982 — Grand Master will attend a stated meeting of Jordan Lodge No. 673, Allentown.

September 23-24, 1982 — Grand Master to hold seminar for junior District Deputy Grand Masters at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

September 24, 1982 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

September 25, 1982 — Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, to attend a special communication of Grand Lodge for the cornerstone placing, dedication of the lodge room and 125th anniversary of Summit Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg.

October 2, 1982 — Grand Master to attend a special Rainbow Honors Day in Monroeville.

October 7, 1982 — Grand Master to attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Susquehanna Lodge No. 304, Millersburg.

October 8, 1982 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, to attend the stated meeting of Williamson Lodge No. 389, to observe the 125th anniversary.

October 9, 1982 — Grand Master to attend a special assembly of the U.S. Premier Conclave, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine.

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Attandance Record Set at June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication set a record for attendance when more than 2,100 masons attended the meeting held in the auditorium of the Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg.

Another attendance record was set when almost 2,000 Masons were present for a dinner prior to the communication that was served in the dining areas of the neighboring Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The Grand Master accepted the invitation to meet in Harrisburg so that Master Masons in the central area of the state might witness a meeting of their Grand Lodge without the burden of travel to Philadelphia.

They expanded in record numbers to the credit of the officers of the Grand Lodge, Zembo Temple and the Valley of Harrisburg who worked long and hard to make the communication a success.

A highlight of the communication was the presentation by the Grand Master of awards to those individuals, lodges and other masonically-related organizations who have contributed $1,000 or more to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation during the current fund drive.

Reflecting the support the foundation is receiving from virtually every masonic organization in the state, the walnut plaques imbedded with a specially struck bronze medallion were presented to:

Tyrann Lodge No. 612; Tyrann Lodge No. 644; East McKeesport Lodge No. 765;

Bethel Lodge No. 789; Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; Mozart Lodge No. 436; Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, and Corinthian-Philadelphia Lodge No. 368.

Also, Lovetzer Manor Lodge No. 781; Franklin Lodge No. 221; Donmont Lodge No. 684; the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; the Valley of Pittsburgh, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Delhi Gratto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophet of the Enchanted Realm.

Bro. Luther F. Pfeister, a member of Lansdowne Lodge No. 711 was also honored.

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PATRIOTIC PILGRIMAGE Great Day for Freemasonry

It was an event so distinctive that all description seems pale in light of what actually occurred. Six pages of Patriotic Pilgrimage photographs are contained on pages four through nine of this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason in an attempt to create an accurate record of a great day for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Bro. A. T. Moore Awarded Franklin Medal

Bro. Arthur T. Moore, former Assistant to the Grand Master, now R.W. Grand Master, has been awarded the Franklin Medal in recognition of his distinguished service to the Grand Lodge and Freemasonry. It was announced Tuesday, June 28, that the Franklin Medal will be presented to Bro. Moore, who retired in 1976 after more than 17 years as Assistant to the Grand Master, became the eleventh recipient of the medal since its introduction in 1979.

The presentation was made by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Grand Master, during the March Monthly Communication held in Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal was introduced in September of 1979 when Grand Master William P. Wells, announced the first presentations were to be made to the living R.W. Past Grand Masters.


The last time a recipient for the medal was chosen was in December of 1979 when it was presented, again by Bro. Wells, to Bro. Stanley F. Maxwell, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction.

The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal is struck in solid, 18 karat gold in the likeness of Bro. Benjamin Franklin who twice served as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1734 and 1749. The likeness was prepared by renowned sculptor, Donald Green.

Those who receive it, if not already members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, automatically become honorary members.

Bro. Moore, who worked as an editor for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph (a Hearst newspaper no longer publishing) before he came to the Grand Lodge, was made a master in Tyrian Lodge No. 612 and later became a warrant member of Forbes Trail Lodge No. 173.

He is a member of Exscllor Mark Lodge No. 216, Meda Chapter No. 284 and Philadelphia--St. John’s Corinthian Commandary No. 4, Knights Templar.

A member of Syria Temple, AAO/NOMS, Pittsburgh and the Scottish Rite Valley of Pennsylvania, he was courted an honorary thirty-third degree mason in 1977.

He currently serves as Aide to the Grand Master.

Bro. Moore lives with his wife, Peggie, at 4339 50th Terrace South, Maximo Moorsing, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33711.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has been recognized as a charitable institution by the Internal Revenue Service. A special computer program has been devised to keep track of all contributions so that each is properly recorded and receipt is acknowledged. The program reveals some interesting trends in the pattern of giving.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, to date, could be considered a tremendous success as lodges whose contributions make up more than $42,000 of the total; by the lodges, adding almost $40,000, and by other masons, $18,000. In all, the foundation has contributed more than $21,000. A total of $8,120 has already been received from the 1982 travel program and another $11,000 has been earned but not yet received.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, retains his confidence that the fund drive will meet its goal. “The fact the entire masonic family is taking part is heartening,” he said, adding, “participation when you realize that less than two per cent of the goal has been obtained with contributions by less than two per cent of the membership.”

The Grand Master’s statement reflects those statistics pointing to contributions to date from 3,115 of more than 21,100 masons in the state and participation by just 52 of the 581 lodges in the jurisdiction.

When the other 98 per cent of the membership and the other 98 per cent of the lodges find the opportunity to participate, I am sure we will more then meet our goal,” said Bro. Williamson.

If you or an organization has contributed to the fledgling foundation is beginning to show a track record of achievement.

For example, DeMolay, in comparing the number of initiates gained in the first five months of 1982 as compared to the same period in 1981, has documented an 18 per cent increase.

New members have joined chapters in Crafton (Monidell) and Charleroi (Monongahela Valley) where little activity was recorded in the past. New chapters are being explored for the Hershey area and in Lebanon.

Masonic organizations in Springfield and NORRISTOWN are hoping to become involved with existing DeMolay chapters in order to reverse a trend of declining membership.

The staff of the foundation had assisted the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities in preparing the Patton campus for four Rainbow groups who conducted three-day “rewards sessions” during the month of June.

The foundation also took an active part in granting two groups of Job’s Daughters who used the facilities at the Patton complex from July 18 through July 21.

Generally, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has dramatically increased the visibility of our masonic youth groups and has fired interest in our lodges and in all the apprentice bodies in their activities.

The Grand Master has authorized the use of lodge charity funds in support of the foundation. Individual contributions, large or small, are greatly appreciated.

You may use the specially printed form mailed to each lodge or send your contribution directly to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions are tax deductible.
Grand Master Issues Four New Decisions, Revises Another

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, has issued four additional changes to the Digest of Decisions, bringing the number of decisions to 12. If the latest edition is not in our possession, we must refer the reader to the Digest of Decisions, 1982.

At the same time, a decision issued last February allowing the lodges to put their names and places of meeting on community signs has been revised to include an approved Masonic symbol.

Bro. Williamson, noting that much of the instruction normally given the lodges is negative in character, that it is, states what cannot be done rather than what can be done, has made a concerted effort to issue decisions that give the lodges greater freedom to engage in activities that will increase the visibility of the fraternity as a whole.

The latest decisions reflect that attitude.

The first of these, issued officially on April 22, changes Article LXXIII, Section 3, page 126 of the Digest of Decisions as follows:

LXXIII Printing and Publishing Press Releases
3. Advertisements and notices in newspapers, publications, radio and television stations of the time and place of meetings of the lodges is permitted so long as the advertisements and notices have the prior approval of the District Deputy Grand Master.

The second decision, also issued on April 22, came as the result of several requests from Past Masters who sought permission to wear Past Master’s jewels when visiting other lodges.

The Ahiman Rezon and Digest of Decisions have, to this point, been concerned with the description of the Past Master’s jewel and the manner in which it is to be worn on the left lapel or left brisket pocket of the coat.

A fourth section has been added to Article XLVIII, page 63 as follows:

XLVIII Jewels
4. The Past Master’s jewel may be worn in visiting any lodge in this jurisdiction.

The third decision of the new group was issued on May 23, again in response to a number of suggestions that officers of the lodge conduct funeral services be allowed to wear regalia, as well as others who asked that the dress for the funeral be clarified.

The revision relates to a decision issued on February 19 and concerns Article LXI on page 87.

LXI Masonic Emblems, Names and Signs
8. With the approval of the Grand Master, the names of the lodges and their places of meeting may be made a part of those signs posted along highways and streets at the entrance to communities to denote the existence of service clubs or organizations.

The only Masonic symbol that may appear on the signs is the square and compass in a form approved by the Grand Master. A copy of the design to be used can be obtained from the office of the Grand Master.

All 12 decisions issued by the Grand Master to date are now being reproduced in page form to be permanently added to the Digest of Decisions.

Special Youth Program to Precede September Quarterly

A special youth program will precede the September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 1.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, has invited the elected heads of all three Masonic youth organizations—DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job’s Daughters—to address the Grand Lodge during the special program scheduled for Corinthian Hall at 6:30 p.m.

A Past Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay has also accepted an invitation to attend the quarterly program.

Bro. C. C. Faulkner, Jr., now serving as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, will speak to the Grand Lodge during the actual communication which will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The program is designed to permit the Grand Lodge to offer the same recognition to the youth organizations that is recommended to the lodges by Article 58 of the Digest of Decisions, issued by the Grand Master during his inaugural address:

"Lodges are encouraged to invite the Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job’s Daughters to provide programs at the conclusion of any meetings of the lodge.

The youth organization officers are being invited to be present before the Grand Lodge meeting in order to accommodate other scheduling requirements.

The Grand Master expects a large number of Master Masons will attend the meeting to demonstrate support of the youth organizations.

A special dinner will be made available at 4:45 p.m. to those who make reservations by sending to the office of the Grand Master the coupon that accompanies this article.

There is no charge for the dinner, but space restrictions require that reservations be made on a first request basis and cut off when they reach 1,000 persons, the limit imposed by the amount of dining space in the Masonic Temple.

Upon receipt of your coupon, a ticket will be sent to you. Because an overflow crowd is expected, only those persons who produce the ticket will be admitted to the dining rooms.

DeMolay will be represented at the special youth program by Eric Ullam, State Master Councillor, Associated Chapters, Order of DeMolay of Pennsylvania.

He will be accompanied by Bro. Thomas R. Labagh in his capacity as Executive Secretary of the state organization and Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Past Grand Master, in his capacity as Deputy of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer for the State of Pennsylvania.

The International Order of Job’s Daughters of Pennsylvania will be represented by Miss Yafiti Morris, Miss Job’s Daughter of Pennsylvania.

Miss Morris will be accompanied by Mrs. Betty Deter, Grand Guardian of the International Order of Job’s Daughters of Pennsylvania.

Rainbow will be represented by the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. (The young lady who will hold the post in September had not yet been elected when this report went to press.)

She will be accompanied by Mrs. Beryl L. Hogge, Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

The times for certain routine activities scheduled for the September Quarterly have had to be changed to accommodate the special youth program.

The meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters, normally set at 2:00 p.m., will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Gothic Hall.

Candidates for lodge officers will rehearse at 3:45 p.m. rather than at 4:00 p.m., and the dinner hour has been advanced 15 minutes after 6:45 p.m.

Grand Lodge officers are also reminded they will enter Corinthian Hall for the special youth program by processional and be prepared to form shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Officers’ Three Month Itinerary

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October 11, 1982—Grand Master will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Old Fort Lodge No. 537, Centre Hall.

October 19, 1982—Grand Master will attend the reunion of the Valley of Coudersport.

October 22, 1982—Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

October 23, 1982—Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, to attend the 100th anniversary of Garfield Lodge No. 550, DuBois.

October 30—Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, to attend the 100th anniversary of Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown.

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NOTE: Only one ticket will be sent per request.