Itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers for Next Five Months

The schedule for the Grand Lodge Officers includes:
- April 3, 1982 – Grand Master will attend the 125th Anniversary of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf.
- April 3, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, New Castle.
- April 12, 1982 – Grand Master will make an informal visitation to a Stated Meeting of Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown.
- April 12, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Philippi.
- April 19, 1982 – Grand Master will make an informal visitation to a Stated Meeting of Homeland-Fort Pitt Lodge No. 635, Pittsburgh.
- April 23, 1982 – Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- April 24, 1982 – Grand Master will attend the Spring Reunion of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster.
- April 24, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Kane.
- May 1, 1982 – Grand Master to attend the 175th Anniversary of Union Lodge No. 106, Tonawanda.
- May 1, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Oil City.
- May 7, 1982 – Grand Master, representing the Grand Master will make an informal visitation to a Stated Meeting of Bethel Lodge No. 781, Bethel Park.
- May 8, 1982 – Grand Master will attend the 75th Anniversary of Crafton Lodge No. 653, Crafton.
- May 8, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Williamsport.
- May 13, 1982 – Grand Master will make an informal visitation to Leechburg Lodge No. 577, Leechburg.
- May 15, 1982 – Grand Master will visit Valley of New Castle.
- May 15, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Somerset.
- May 22, 1982 – Cornerstone Placing and Dedication of Lodge Room, Elk Lodge No. 375, Ridgway, Special Communication of Grand Lodge.
- May 22, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Mt. Union.
- May 28, 1982 – Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 2, 1982 – Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Harrisburg.
- June 12, 1982 – Grand Master will attend the 100th Anniversary, Eldred Lodge No. 560, Eldred.
- June 12, 1982 – Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Philadelphia.
- June 14, 1982 – Grand Master will attend the annual session, Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, in Pittsburgh.
- June 17, 1982 – Grand Master will make an informal visitation to a Special Meeting of Penn-Justice Lodge No. 796, Penn Hills Township.
- June 25, 1982 – Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Pilgrimage’ Gift to Assist Handicapped

Grand Lodge has entered into a contract with the Baltimore Elevator Dumbwaiter Co., Inc. to purchase and install a wheelchair lift in the Cyclorama Building at Gettysburg National Military Park.

The wheelchair lift will be presented to a representative of the United States Department of the Interior as a gift from the masons of Pennsylvania during the Patriotic Pilgrimage celebration in Gettysburg on Saturday, June 26.

A special ceremony will be held in the stadium area on the campus of Gettysburg College at 4:30 p.m.

The electric wheelchair lift will travel along eight risers of a stairway to an overlook area.

It will serve many thousands of handicapped visitors to the center in the future.

The contribution will be recognized by a bronze plaque.

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Parade to Highlight June 26 Activity

Masons and Families Urged to Attend Patriotic Pilgrimage

Excitement is building toward Saturday, June 26 when it is expected thousands of masons and their families will travel to Gettysburg to take part in a PATRIOTIC PILGRIMAGE sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The unabashed exhibition of love for country will mark two important anniversaries: the 100th anniversary of the birth of George Washington and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth.

A number of events are being planned with the idea the entire masonic family will participate. The Grand Master has urged every masonic body and masonic organization to get involved.

The one activity that promises to attract the greatest deal of attention is a masonic parade through the streets of the Borough of Gettysburg. It is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason (February 1982) contained a color-coded map of the 1.5-mile parade route including staging areas for the four parade divisions. A report of the division setup is published on page seven.

Another important event has been added to the schedule for those who will arrive a day early on Friday, June 25.

It has become a custom to begin important Grand Lodge celebrations with a Vesper service as the means of asking God’s blessing on the undertaking. To that end, a Vesper service has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25.

LATE BULLETIN


The conference, designed as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas, is comprised of the Grand Lodges of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Grand Lodges in Europe and the East are informally represented.

Bro. Williamson was elected chairman during the conference held on February 22-24 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. He will preside over the business of the conference until it next meets in 1983 at Dallas, Texas.

The last time the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was so honored was in 1958 when then Grand Master John K. Young was elected chairman.

An Investment in Tomorrow’ Youth Foundation Fund Drive Begins

“The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation can provide to us as masons two important services.

It can provide the means through which we will support our young people in recognition they are our future . . . and it can provide the means for all of us to unite as a family, pulling together as one for an idea that requires the support of all masonic bodies and organizations.

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, Chairman, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The opening lines of the fund raiser for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, that was mailed two weeks ago to all Pennsylvania masonic parishes sets the standard by which the Grand Master hopes to raise $500,000 this year so that the organization might become self-sufficient as soon as possible.

This first year of operation is being subsidized by a $60,000 grant approved by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the 1982 Grand Lodge budget.

The purpose of the nonprofit, charitable corporation is to provide guidance to the youth of Pennsylvania in their mental, physical and religious or spiritual development through programs in the fields of physical education, sportsmanship, citizenship, morality, public speaking and the arts.

Headquartered at the Patton School campus adjacent to the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the foundation will support the varied programs already being conducted each summer by the Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters and the Order of DeMolay.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is governed by a seven-member board of directors that is assisted by a 21-member advisory board. Virtually every masonic body and organization is represented.

A number of innovative programs have been developed for the 1982 fund raising campaign. Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 118 East Main Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

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The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, located at Broad and Cherry Streets, two blocks from the Masonic Temple, will exhibit more than 50 works by America's first native-born sculptor, William Rush, including seven on loan from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will loan its seven works by William Rush to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts for an exhibition that will open on June 22 in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Philadelphia. William Rush (1756-1833), an apprentice to a carver, is regarded as America's first native-born sculptor. A native of Philadelphia, Rush was the son of a ship's carpenter and later became an apprentice to a carver. He first made the finest sculptural work of the time. The works to be loaned by the Grand Lodge for the exhibition are "Ahiman Rezon," "Faith," "Hope," "Catholic," and "Charity." Curator for the exhibition is Linda Danter who did a great deal of research in the records of the Grand Lodge, uncovering new information and new documentation. Her work has created a definitive perspective of the life and works of William Rush. The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts will publish a catalogue to accompany the exhibition. The Academy is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

DeMolay Project Benefits Masonic Homes

Debuts from 1972's Hurricane Agost Cropped Corey Creek on Masonic Home grounds, threatening Stephen Street.
Annual Grand Communication
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, December 28, 1981
Gettysburg College welcomes Masons to its Sesquicentennial

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is the oldest Lutheran affiliated liberal arts college in America. This year it is celebrating 150 years of active existence and service to the community, state, nation, and church.

The College enrolls about 1750 students with a full-time faculty of 137. The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in 21 majors and the Bachelor of Science in 14 major programs. In addition there are five interdisciplinary studies programs, and students can complete requirements for admission to professional schools including dentistry, law, medicine, and the ministry.

The present 4 1/4 course calendar enables students to take four courses in each of the Fall and Spring Terms and one course during the January Term. This "mini" term offers opportunity to experiment with courses outside of the field of concentration, to have an intern experience in industry or government, to study another college campus, and to enroll in off-campus seminars including study abroad.

Gettysburg's 700-acre campus includes 44 buildings, 23 chapels, and numerous playing fields. Pennsylvania Hall, built in 1837, served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate armies at the Battle of Gettysburg and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Classroom buildings range from stately Glatfelter Hall, built in 1885, to McDerry Hall, built in 1899, which houses the life sciences. At the center of the campus is the newest building, the Musselman Library, completed in 1981, and providing room for over 400,000 volumes and 800 individual study areas. The College has just renovated Schmucker Hall, named after the founder of the institution, to serve the music and art departments, and has plans to remodel nearby Blue Hall as a theater arts center.

Attractive facilities are also available for extracurricular activities and for sports including the College Union, Christ Chapel, the Bream Athletic Building, Hauser Fieldhouse, Eddie Flinte Gym, and Musselman Stadium. Students are encouraged to participate in both intercollegiate and intramural sports programs. There are twenty different intercollegiate teams fielded each year, nine for men, eight for women and three for both men and women. In 1980, the women's hockey team won the national championship for small colleges.

More than 150 special programs are offered in the course of any academic year as extracurricular opportunities including lectures, performing groups, art-in-residence, film series, as well as recitals by talented students and faculty. Numerous student organizations, including eleven social fraternities and seven sororities, also sponsor special events. Gettysburg was one of the early institutions in Pennsylvania to secure a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and has over 1000 living graduates who have attained this distinguished election.

Gettysburg College views its educational process as an integrated whole in which the individual has an opportunity to develop as a character as well as an intellectual. The "Gettysburg Experience" is viewed as a time for examining and establishing values, learning to reason, confronting new ideas, gaining certain basic skills and learning to think critically.

You are invited to take advantage of programs offered by the Admissions Office on June 26 or to receive more information about Gettysburg College by sending in the coupon on this page.

A Planning for College Program

Young people and their parents who attend the Petrotigue Pigmenl can take advantage of a special workshop on "Choosing a Career Counseling College." Admission officers of Gettysburg College will conduct the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. for those anticipating going to college anywhere. Career, financial aid opportunities, application procedures, requirements for admission and similar matters will be reviewed with ample opportunity for questions.

The session will be conducted at Eisenhower House (the Admissions Office) on campus. The building on Carlisle Street served for almost a decade as an office for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The building was not selected for that purpose by the illustrious American. It is in easy walking distance to the areas where the parade will form.

It is important to know how many people and parents will plan to attend the program. If you are interested in attending, mail in the coupon, being sure to fill in all requested information.

Campus Tours Available

A walking tour for those interested in viewing the Gettysburg College campus and reviewing a bit of its 150 year history will be available during the morning of June 26. Planned to last about an hour, the tour is scheduled to begin from the Eisenhower statue at 9:45 a.m. and to be repeated at 10:00 a.m. Included will be Pennsylvania Hall, built in 1837 and now used as an operating and observation tower during the Battle, Glatfelter Hall, a stately gothic structure completed in 1889, Musselman Library, finished last year, and the new functional concept of a learning center, and classic Schmucker Hall, named for the founder of the college. Those interested in the tour, mail in the coupon being sure to indicate the hour desired.

Reservation or Information Request

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Attention: Admissions Office

I would like to participate in the following program:
The College Planning Program 10:00 a.m. Eisenhower House (No. of persons)
Campus Tour beginning at Eisenhower Statue (No. of persons)

Please send me the following literature:
1. The Pictorial View Book of the College
2. Application and related materials

[Name] [please print clearly]
[Address]
[City] [State] [Zip Code]

General Orders Issued

Marshall Establishes Parade Divisions

Bro. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal and Parade Marshal for the June 26 Petrotigue Pigmenl Parade, has released a tentative draft of the divisions of the parade along with the following list of general orders:

- Parade units will form promptly at 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot located just east of the Gettysburg Pennsylvania.
- Staging areas will be marked by signs using the designated color codes.
- The parade will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.
- With the exception of the bands, officers of various units, vehicles, horses, Shrine units and masses, all units will march either three or six abreast.
- Masonic dress is black, white shirt, bow tie, apron and white gloves. Tuxedos can be used in place of tuxedos, if necessary.
- A dark suit may be used in place of tuxedo, if necessary.
- Officers of the lodges will wear the regalia of their offices. Worshipful Masters wear top hats.
- Lodge members who are not officers of the lodge will be provided a white paper armband.

Division II of the parade (color-code: red)
1. Division II Commander
2. Division II Marshals
3. Brass Band
4. Most Excellent Grand High Priest
5. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
6. Grand Chapter Officers
7. Subordinate Chapter Officers and Past Officers
8. Most Puissant Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
9. Grand Council Officers
10. Subordinate Council Officers and Past Officers
11. Friars or Massed Colors
12. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knight Templar
13. Grand Commandery Officers
14. Subordinate Commandery Officers and Past Officers
15. Friars or Massed Colors
16. Brass Band
17. Active, Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.
18. Officers, A.A.S.R. Valleys
19. A.A.S.R. Friars
20. Brass Band
21. Grotto Officers and Members
22. Friars
23. T.-A. Officers and Members
24. Bands and Floats

Division III (color-code: yellow and green)
1. Parade Marshal
2. Marshal
3. Syria Temple Brass Band
4. Division III Commander
5. Grand Sword Bearer
6. Open car section for:
   a. Grand Master
   b. Deputy Grand Master
   c. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens
   d. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary
   e. Past Grand Masters
   f. Distinguished Guests
7. Appointed Grand Lodge Floor Officers, Grand Chaplains and appointed Grand Lodge Officers
8. District Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters
9. Brass Band
10. Worshipful Masters
11. Senior Wardens
12. Junior Wardens

Division IV (color-code: green and blue)
1. Parade Marshal
2. Marshal
3. Syria Temple Brass Band
4. Division III Commander
5. Grand Sword Bearer
6. Open car section for:
   a. Grand Master
   b. Deputy Grand Master
   c. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens
   d. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary
   e. Past Grand Masters
   f. Distinguished Guests
7. Appointed Grand Lodge Floor Officers, Grand Chaplains and appointed Grand Lodge Officers
8. District Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters
9. Brass Band
10. Worshipful Masters
11. Senior Wardens
12. Junior Wardens

All groups and organizations will receive direct information as to place, time and activities as we move closer to the date.
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Grand Master Issues Four Changes to Digest of Decisions

The Grand Master, in carrying out an inaugural pledge, has issued two additions to the Digest of Decisions that will, if properly implemented, aid and support Pennsylvania’s youth organizations.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson has also issued two other decisions; one that serves to improve the financial potential of certain temples and hall associations, and another that allows lodges to add their names and places of meeting to community signs.

The first of the decisions, all under the date of February 19, 1982, notes that the lodges have been authorized since 1959 to sponsor chapters of the Order of DeMolay. The Grand Master believes the lodges ought to support all masonic youth organizations and has, accordingly, rescinded Decision LlI, Section 13 of the Digest on page 73 and inserted the following in its stead:

LII Lodge Funds

13. “The masonic youth organizations require our financial support as well as guidance and encouragement. I have decided that any subordinate lodge or group of lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may sponsor a chapter of the International Order of DeMolay, a hostel of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, or an assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Such lodge or group of lodges sponsoring a chapter, bethel or assembly is authorized to expend, with the approval of the lodge membership, such sums as are reasonably necessary for proper support by use of current lodge funds. The lodge or group of lodges is authorized to receive contributions from individual members who wish to create a fund to be used for the above purpose.”

The second decision to benefit the youth organizations will assist them in gaining attendance at their meetings.

LVII Lodge Notices, Section 13-10, page 82

13-10. “Matters relating to a chapter of the International Order of DeMolay, a hostel of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, or an assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, particularly time and place of meetings.”

The fact that many lodge notices are filled to capacity is recognized. The decision is not meant to be mandatory, but all lodges are encouraged to consider the use of an insert to the lodge notice for the above purpose or the expansion of the lodge notice to six pages, where possible.

The first of the lodge decisions concerns those temples and hall associations who argue that current restrictions on the use of alcoholic beverages cause them financial hardship in that they are unable to rent their facilities for wedding receptions, etc., where alcoholic beverages are likely to be introduced.

Affirming his belief that we ought to do everything possible to assist the temples and hall associations in meeting their financial needs, the Grand Master added the following to the Digest of Decisions on page 63:

XLVII Intoxicating Liquors

2. “Should a lodge or hall association wish to rent its facilities, other than the lodge room, to the public where alcoholic beverages are to be served, i.e., a wedding reception, etc., the following conditions must be met:

a. That the activity is not controlled by the lodge or the hall association, but by a responsible outside caterer.

b. That alcoholic beverages are not purchased by the lodge or the hall association or stored on the premises.”

A number of lodges have asked for permission to include their names and addresses on community signs, prompting the Grand Master to issue the following addition to the Digest 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 and other organizations. Masonic emblems and symbols may not be used on the signs.”

All four decisions have been forwarded to the lodges under the head and seal of the Grand Master to be read at the next stated meeting of each lodge. The changes will eventually be reproduced in page form to be permanently added to the Digest of Decisions.

Patriotic Pilgrimage Includes Vesper Service

(Continued from Page 1)

Christ Chapel on the Gettysburg College campus.

The service will be conducted by Grand Chaplain David R. Moorer. The message will be delivered by Dr. Harold A. Dunkelberg, professor of religion and director of church relations for Gettysburg College.

Bro. Dunkelberg, who was made a Grand Chaplain at the March Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia, is chairman of the 1982 Committee on Religion charged with overall responsibility for the celebration.

The chapel will seat up to 1,200 persons and will provide adequate space for Gettysburg area masons and their families to share a unique Grand Lodge experience. Following the parade which is expected to end at about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, all activity will switch to the stadium area of the Gettysburg College campus.

Colorful booths for food, displays, crafts, souvenirs, etc., many of them manned by DeMolay Boys, Rainbow Girls and Job’s Daughters, will help to create a festive, fairground atmosphere.

A schedule of continuous entertainment is being planned before and after a special ceremony scheduled for 4:30 p.m., in which the Grand Master, on behalf of all the masons of Pennsylvania, will present a gift to the National Park Service. (See report on page twelve.)

The Worshipful Masters of the lodges will be asked to gather outside the stadium at 4:00 p.m. to process in the procession in preparing for the presentation ceremony.

The day’s activities will conclude with a free concert by Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Because the stadium area is not lighted, it will be necessary to conclude all activities during daylight hours. Those families expecting to drive home on Saturday evening can expect to depart as early as 8:30 p.m.

It would not be possible to engage in a project of this magnitude without the help of literally hundreds of masonic leaders in all branches of Freemasonry.

The amount of effort that has been and is being expended has not escaped the attention of the Grand Master. “Your zeal in carrying out your various assignments is greatly appreciated,” said Bro. Williamson, adding, “The opportunities for all of us to work together are rare. Let us hope we are establishing habits that will strengthen our masonic family.”

Grand Master Honored by Pittcairn Council

Editor’s note - The Right Worshipful Grand Master was elected to Pittcairn Borough Council in 1969-72. After he was elected and installed Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 26, 1981, the members of the Borough Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on January 4, 1982.

WHEREAS, Samuel C. Williamson, is a life long resident of Pittcairn Borough, and WHEREAS, Samuel C. Williamson is a former member of Pittcairn Borough Council, and WHEREAS, Samuel C. Williamson has served the citizens of Pittcairn as a Director of Sentinel Savings and Loan, and as a life member of Pittcairn Hose Co. #1, and WHEREAS, Samuel C. Williamson, having been duly elected was installed as GRAND MASTER OF MASON'S IN PENNSYLVANIA, in Pittsburgh on December 28, 1981, AND WHEREAS, by serving in this capacity, Mr. Williamson will bring honor and recognition to Pittcairn Borough,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Pittcairn, that in recognition of this high honor attained by Mr. Williamson, We the Officials of Pittcairn Borough, as representatives of all of our citizens, do hereby extend our official congratulations to Mr. Samuel C. Williamson.

ADOPTED, this the 4th Day of January, 1982 A.D.

Signed by Oralio S. Vecchia President of Borough Council
Attested by George H. Myers
Borough Secretary
Signed by Fred F. Mandicino Mayor