Bro. John E. Rakar Made a Mason at Sight

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson congratulates Bro. John E. Rakar on being made a mason at sight. The degrees were conferred at a special meeting of the Grand Master's Lodge, Tyrian Lodge No. 612.

John E. Rakar, a professional pilot and personal friend of the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, was made a mason at sight on Saturday, August 28. The authority to make a mason at sight rests exclusively with the Grand Master.

The last time the honor was granted was in 1976 when then Grand Master, Bro. John L. McCain, caused Bro. F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. to receive all three degrees on the same day.


A study of Grand Lodge records, conducted in 1978, revealed that 62 men had been made masons at sight; the practice dating back to 1885.

In the current case, Grand Master Williamson asked the members of his own lodge, Tyrian Lodge No. 612 held at Level Green in Penn Township, to call a special meeting so that he could confer the several degrees to be conferred on Bro. Rakar.

More than 200 persons, officers and members of Tyrian Lodge, officers and members of the lodges in the 54th Masonic District, and officers of the Grand Lodge, were present.

The Grand Master had arranged the special meeting without revealing the name of the person being honored. Those who were to confer the degrees did not know who was to be the candidate, adding an effective element of drama to the occasion.

At the appropriate time, Bro. Williamson explained that Bro. Rakar was the man who had taught him to fly.

"I have spent more than a thousand hours with this young man in the confined space of the cockpit of an airplane," he said, adding, "While he was teaching me to fly, I believe he was learning a little about Freemasonry."

"He asked about membership, and because I know him to be a fine young man who will be a credit to the fraternity, I chose this way to make him a Mason," the Grand Master said.

Bro. James L. Ernst, Senior Grand Deacon, conferred the first degree; Bro. Vern A. Henery, District Deputy Grand Master, the second, and Bro. Roy A. McCollough, Aide to the Grand Master, the third.

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, delivered the charge at the conclusion of the first degree; Bro. Carl W. Stanberg, Jr., the R.W. Senior Grand Warden, delivered the charge following the second degree, and the R.W. Grand Master gave the charge at the third degree.

Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, served as the Guide for the candidate for all three degrees.

One who is made a mason at sight becomes a mason at large until he successfully petitions a lodge for membership.

Bro. Rakar has petitioned for membership in Tyrian Lodge No. 612.

He is married to the former Darlene Thompson. They reside in Ligonier.
Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger Made a Grand Chaplain


A member of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Bro. Dunkelberger's latest service to the Grand Lodge was in the capacity of chairman of the highly successful Patriotic Pilgrimage celebration held last June in Gettysburg. Born in Bangalore, India of missionary parents, he is the son of the late Dr. Ray M. Dunkelberger and the grandson of Dr. John Abery, who had also served as a missionary to India and as president of the Gettysburg Seminary from 1929 to 1940.

Bro. Dunkelberger graduated from Gettysburg College in 1936, received a bachelor of divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1938, and earned his doctorate (Ph.D.) at Columbia University in 1950. Susquehanna University, in 1979, awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Dr. Dunkelberger, by the Central Pennsylvania Synod, Bro. Dunkelberger entered parish ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg in 1941. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Dr. Dunkelberger joined the Gettysburg College faculty in 1946 as an assistant professor of biblical literature and religion in 1950. He served as director of development and alumni relations from 1950 to 1960 when he was promoted to full professor. He is the Amanda Rupert Strong Professor of English Bible and served as chairman of the Department of Religion from 1969 to 1986. In 1978, he was appointed director of church relations for the college.

A member of the American Academy of Religion, Bro. Dunkelberger is a past district governor of District No. 738 of Rotary International and a past president of the Adams County United Way.

An author of articles and book reviews for professional and denominational journals, especially The Lutheran and The Lutheran Church Quarterly, he wrote a monograph for the Gettysburg College History Series in 1975.

In 1978, Dr. Dunkelberger published One Body We, a history of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, Lutheran Church in America, beginning with its formation in 1938. Bro. Dunkelberger holds membership in Samuel Perkins Chapter No. 203, Penn Council No. 87 and Gettysburg Commandery No. 79, and the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Harrisburg.

He is also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Rosicrucian Society of the United States. He was crowned an Honorary Member of Supreme Council No. 33 at St. Louis, Mo. in September. It is expected Bro. Dunkelberger will be elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania in December.

Bro. Dunkelberger is married to the former Elizabeth Robert of Newport. They are the parents of a son and daughter and reside at 78 East Broadway, Gettysburg, 17325.

Grand Lodge Makes Formal Visitation

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for each day will be made available as soon as possible. It is suggested the District Deputy Grand Master calls meeting of their lodges and then consider interdistrict meetings to coordinate their efforts.

It will be necessary to advise the Office of the Grand Master of the number of lodge officers and family members who will take part so that adequate plans can be made for meals, the parking of buses, arrangements of tours, etc.

The lodges are reminded that alternates can be assigned to take the place of a lodge officer who is unable to attend. The means of gathering the necessary information will be devised and distributed by the office of the Grand Master.
Grand Master Schedules Masonic Congress in 1983

The Grand Master, in establishing an important part of his overall program for 1983, has called for a Masonic Congress to be held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Saturday, April 16. "The Congress," said Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, "will bring together the leaders of all the various parts of the masonic family.

"We learned the value of cooperation during the historic Pilgrimage celebration held in Gettysburg last June," the Grand Master said, "I hope to build on that experience through this Masonic Congress."

Invitations will be extended to the leadership of the York and Scottish Rite, Shriners, Tall Cedar and Grotto organizations.

Grand Master Williamson has also extended invitations where possible to the national leadership of those organizations. For example, the Imperial Potentate for Shrine in North America, Bro. Daniel E. Bowers, has already accepted the opportunity to go to the leaders of the Shriners Temples in Pennsylvania at one time.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was chosen as the site for the Masonic Congress because of its central location and because it has the necessary auditorium and meeting room facilities.

DeMolay Program Scheduled Prior to December Quarterly

The Grand Master, encouraged by the tremendous response of the membership to the special youth program preceding the September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge (See report on page 8), has planned a similar experience for the December Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson has scheduled a special program in Cornish Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia for 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1

when the young man who is considered to be the top DeMolay Ritualist in Pennsylvania will present the famous Flower Talk. It is expected the special program will require no more than 15 minutes and that the Grand Lodge communication will convene approximately at 9:00 a.m.

The top DeMolay Ritualist is to be chosen through a competition that will involve each of the associated chapters (Continued on Page 5)

DeMolay Program Scheduled Prior to December Quarterly

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November 12, 1982 - Grand Master to visit Valley Royal Chapter No. 289, Masonic Temple, Level Green.

November 13, 1982 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend the 75th Anniversary of Lafayette Lodge No. 552, Oakdale.

November 19, 1982 - Grand Master to attend the reunion of the Valley of Harrisburg.

November 20, 1982 - Grand Master to attend the reunion of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

December 1, 1982 - Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

December 2, 1982 - Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter Communication, Philadelphia.

December 3, 1982 - Grand Lodge Communication, Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 4, 1982 - Grand Master to attend the installation of the Jurisdictional Master Council, Order of DeMolay, District of Columbia.

December 11, 1982 - Grand Master to attend Fall Ceremonial, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg.

December 11, 1982 - Grand Master to attend Syria Temple, Pittsburgh.

December 26, 1982 - Vesper Service, Old Swedes Church Gloria Dei, Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Philadelphia.

December 27, 1982 - Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Philadelphia.


January 26, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend an informal visitation to Melita Lodge, No. 3, Lower Merion.

January 28, 1983 - Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

February 3, 1983 - Grand Master to visit Alexandria-Westmoreland Lodge No. 22 to celebrate its 200th Anniversary under the warrant issued by the then Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

February 4, 1983 - Grand Master to attend the Past Masters Banquet in the 54th Masonic District. (Continued on Page 12)
Patton School to Become Masonic Service Center

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by resolution adopted at the September Quarterly Communication, will expend up to $4.5 million to completely renovate the buildings that formerly housed the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Patton School was closed and its grounds and buildings sold to the Trustees of Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of Grand Lodge in 1970 by decree of the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

The complex has been used heavily in recent years for summer youth programs and for training and leadership seminars for the youth and their leaders. More than 2,000 persons use the facilities annually.

Most recently, the campus became the office and headquarters for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The wear and tear on the facilities made it imperative that improvements be made, particularly those features that will update the life and safety standards of the buildings.

It was decided to convert the school campus into a first class conference center, combining well equipped meeting rooms and comfortable dormitories with top notch athletic and recreational facilities.

The dormitory buildings, Patton Hall and Ranken Hall, and the classroom building, Memorial Hall, will be brought up to required standards of health and safety with the installation of heat and smoke detection equipment.

All dormitory rooms are to be refurnished and redecorated and the bath rooms redesigned to provide maximum privacy.

The Patton Institution, when established in 1925, was designed to house 60 students. When renovations are completed, the center will comfortably house up to 150 persons.

The Memorial Hall dining room will provide optional cafeteria or family style service.

The meeting rooms will be equipped with all the modern audio visual and educational equipment necessary to conduct workshops, classes, ritual instruction schools, and seminars of all kinds.

One dormitory room will be specially designed to provide maximum comfort and service to the handicapped.

A covered, heated swimming pool that will provide year-round recreation is to be constructed next to Memorial Hall.

The pool was included in the project with the youth groups in mind, but it will also be available to the guests at the Masonic Homes and the Children's Home.

The Masonic service center will be used primarily by the youth groups: DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters.

Their weekend programs conducted during the school and weekday programs maintained in the summer will be greatly enhanced by the new construction and renovation.

The facility will also be made available to the Masonic Districts for seminars and area Culture committees at times when youth activities are not scheduled.

It is expected the entire project will be completed by June 1, 1982. The Grand Master will, in all probability, schedule an open house sometime in September or October.

The memorial program established for the renovation of the residential buildings at the Masonic Homes has been extended to this project since the Grand and Building Fund is one of the funds made available by the Grand Lodge resolution to furnish and equip the buildings as may be necessary.

Suggested gifts and memorial allocations for individuals, lodges and other organizations include:

- Single Room $10,000
- Single Room Furnishings $1,500
- Double Room $15,000
- Double Room Furnishings $2,500

All memorials as indicated above will be recognized with a bronze plaque denoting the circumstances of the contribution.

Contributions may be made to the Guest and Building Fund with a specification they are to be used for the renovation of the Patton complex.

All contributions are tax deductible.
Special Youth Program First in History of Grand Lodge

The special youth program that preceded the September Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia provided an historic as well as dramatic first for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A check of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge reveals no other time in our history when non-masons were invited into Council Hall prior to a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

And because the meeting was not tyled, those attending had the rare opportunity of engaging in applause when each of the youth representatives presented a brief history of their organizations.

The highlight of the program was the introduction by the Grand Master of Bro. Gregory P. Macrides, a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

Bro. Macrides had been recognized by the City Council of Philadelphia by a resolution commending his heroism.

He had sheltered two youths in his place of business from two men intent on beating them. Bro. Macrides was cited for courage and valor when he confronted the two men and was beaten and severely injured.

Eric M. Ullom, State Master Councillor, Associated Chapters, Order of DeMolay of Pennsylvania, represented the young men's organization.

He was accompanied by Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, in his capacity as Executive Secretary for DeMolay in Pennsylvania.

Also representing DeMolay was Bro. John L. McCann, Past Grand Master, who serves as Deputy of the International Supreme Council and as Executive Officer in Pennsylvania.

Job's Daughters was represented by Miss Kelly Morris, Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania, International Order of Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania.

She was accompanied by Mrs. Betty Deiter, Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania.

Rainbow for Girls was represented by Miss Angela L. Devlin, newly elected Grand Worthy Advisor, Pennsylvania Grand Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

She was accompanied by Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania for Girls.

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Three Rivers Regatta - Pennsylvania Freemasonry on Display

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Rainbow for Girls and the young men of DeMolay.

Literature concerning many aspects of Freemasonry, including issues of The Pennsylvania Freemason, were made available to all interested parties.

A group of members was present at all times throughout the day to welcome visitors and respond to questions.

Bro. Stenberg described the display as "an great opportunity for Freemasonry to tell its story to those who were not familiar with our purpose and contributions to mankind."

The visit of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers to Tyrion Lodge No. 612 in Level Green on August 28 to take part in the making of Bro. John E. Rakar a mason at sight (see report on page 12) created an historic first for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

When Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson and his party were received by the lodge shortly after the special meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m., the form of ceremony was an informal visitation.

During an informal visitation the Worshipful Master surrenders his stafon to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers who accompany him are seated in the southeast area of the lodge room.

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Sponsored by Pennsylvania Masons

National Center for Juvenile Justices Publishes Report

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contributes $25,000 each year to the National Center for Juvenile Justice to be used to edit, print and distribute nationally a report of all research being conducted concerning juvenile delinquency.

The result of that contribution is the first edition of what is to be an annual publication of the center, Today's Delinquent.

The publication will allow the masons of Pennsylvania to extend their concerns for the youth of this country beyond DeMoulay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters to the benefit of all children without regard to race, creed or origin.

The fraternity's history of support for the juvenile court system dates to 1955 when the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution establishing the Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute. The institute was the creation of Bro. Gustav L. Schramm, a member of Bellefield Lodge No. 680, District Deputy Grand Master of the 51st Masonic District at the time, and judge of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County. It provided training to those judges involved in a growing and increasingly demanding juvenile court system.

The impetus for today's involvement comes from Bro. Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., a member of Beta-Duquesne Lodge No. 546 and United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Cohill serves as chairman of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. The center does consultation work for juvenile court judges representing courts with jurisdiction over violent juvenile crime, delinquency research and problems for resolution in the 1980s.

"The truth," the judge says, "lies somewhere in between and Today's Delinquent will help us put the truth in perspective and demolish some of the myths about delinquency." This first issue was written entirely by members of the staff of the center. It features articles on the history of family courts, violent juvenile crime, delinquency research and problems for resolution in the 1980s.

Future issues will contain articles and reports of important delinquency and research projects from all over the United States for use by lawyers, in schools of law and social work, and in programs for social agencies and the like. It is expected the alliance between the Grand Lodge and the National Center for Juvenile Justice in this matter will have a nationwide impact, far beyond the boundaries of Pennsylvania, in combating delinquency and disseminating valuable information about the problem.

Copies of the first edition of Today's Delinquent have been sent by the center to every juvenile court judge in the country, as well as to law schools, social work agencies and all over the United States. The Grand Lodge has distributed copies to the lodges and the District Deputy Grand Masters. It has been suggested the lodge copy be placed in the care of the Secretary to make it available to the members upon request.

Annual Communication to Begin with Vesper Service

The actual communication of the Grand Lodge will take place the following day, Monday, December 27. The meeting of a Cordwain Hall, the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, will be held promptly at 10:00 a.m. to allow for the expected installation at noon of Bro. Samuel C. Williamson to his second year as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. The other elected officers of the Grand Lodge will then be installed in turn. All Master Masons are welcome to attend meetings of the Grand Lodge. You are not required to be a member of the Grand Lodge in order to be present. Tom Netherton to Entertain at Dinner-Dance

Tom Netherton, matinee idol to millions through exposure on the Lawrence Welk show, will be the featured performer at the Grand Master's Dinner Dance to be held in the ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel (formerly the Philadelphia Sheraton) on the evening of Monday, December 27.

The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and will end with dancing to the music of the Joe Martin Orchestra following the Netherton performance. Tickets for the dinner-dance are now available at a cost of $12.50 per person on a first request basis. Reservations will be limited to approximately 1,000 persons in order to insure comfortable seating. A coupon is provided on this page to assist you in making reservations. Each table in the ballroom will seat 10 persons. If a number of persons expect to attend in a group, it is suggested that information be added to the reservation coupon with payment as a single response. Should the demand for tickets exceed the supply, a distinct possibility because of the popularity of Tom Netherton, the late ticket requests will be returned as soon as possible.

The staff in the office of the Grand Master is prepared to provide whatever assistance you may require. You may write to the Grand Master's Office, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 or call area code 215-988-1124.

Tom Netherton first appeared on the Lawrence Welk Christmas show in 1973 and quickly became a regular, seen by 35-40 million people every week. Known by the show's viewers as "the good looking six-foot-five blond singer with the beautiful baritone voice, he led the entire Welk family in fan mail."