The Reverend Richard A. Morledge Named Grand Chaplain

Bro. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakers-town, has been appointed a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, presented Bro. Morledge to the members of the Grand Lodge during the June Quarterly Communication held in Pittsburgh.

A member of Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, Bro. Morledge is a member of the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R., and Syria Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.

A past president of the Syria Temple Clergy Unit, he has served as a Chaplain for more than 10 years. He is also a member of NACO Caravan No. 19.

Bro. Morledge graduated from Grove City College in 1954 and from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1957.

He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Grove City College in 1973.

The Reverend Morledge began his ministry at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church in Hickory, Pennsylvania where he served from 1957 to 1960. His current charge, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bakers-town, dates to 1960.

He also served as visiting lecturer in religion at Washington and Jefferson College in 1958 and 1960 and currently serves as a speech critic in the Homiletics Department of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

A member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, Bro. Morledge was chairman of the presbytery council from 1971 to 1974 and was the presbytery moderator in 1976.

Widely known throughout western Pennsylvania as a speaker and lecturer, Bro. Morledge is the author of a number of religious monologues and is author and director of Biblical Portrayals for Worship.

His worship service is delay broadcast over WNUF 100.7 FM radio at noon each Sunday and he can be heard on the program "Foundation of Faith" on WPIT 101.5 FM every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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October 15, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, West Reading, to observe the 75th Anniversary.

October 25, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Cromwell Lodge No. 572, Orbisonia.

October 28, 1983 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Elizabethtown.

November 12, 1983 — Grand Master will attend the Fall Reunion of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Allentown.

November 18, 1983 — Grand Master will attend Fall Reunion of Caldwell Consistory, A.A.S.R., Bloomsburg.

A Special Note...

The September Quarterly Communication will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7 in Corinthian Hall, the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

A special youth program will precede the communication when the winner of the essay-oration competition for the International Order of Job's Daughters will deliver her address.

Please note the processional will form at 6:15 p.m. Those who will attend the communication are advised that a television film crew will be on hand to film a portion of the proceedings, particularly the processional.

The quarterly activity will become an important part of the television program concerning Freemasonry in Pennsylvania that is being produced through the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Information.

It is expected the program will be released near the end of this year.
Conceming the cover...

A great deal of the space in this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason is devoted to youth.

Renovation and modernization of the buildings of the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, formerly the Thomas Ranken Petton Masonic Institution for Boys, was completed in early June, just in time to welcome the first contingent of Rainbow Girls.

The photographs on the front and center pages reflect the increased level of physical space now available to the International Orders of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job’s Daughters.

Hundreds of young people had already passed through the complex at the time this issue was being prepared with hundreds more to follow.

A great deal of interest centers on the six-lane, covered swimming pool. The almost constant heat over the last eight weeks has made the pool complex a fast favorite.

The importance of the pool will grow as programs are devised to make it available to the elderly guests from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on a regular basis.

September 10 is the day when all Masons and their families are invited to visit the Masonic Conference Center to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the pool building and inspect the meeting rooms, dormitories, kitchens, dining rooms and gymnasium during an afternoon open house.

The laying of the cornerstone will be accompanied by the officers of the Grand Lodge at 2:00 p.m. A cornerstone ceremony is one of the few masonic organizations that is open to the general public.

The Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, home of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is now prepared to accept the responsibility of directing and managing the programs that are vital to the growth and development of our youth organizations.

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August 26, 1983 - Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

August 31, 1983 - Special Communication, Puritan Assembly, to lay the cornerstone of a new building. Open house to follow.

September 14, 1983 - Meeting, Masonic Congress Committee, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

September 12, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Wilson Lodge No. 714, Clairton.

September 17, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend Special Communication, Mason at Sight, Masonic Temple, Oakland, Pittsburgh.

September 18, 1983 - Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

September 24, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Adams Lodge No. 319, New Bloomfield, to observe the 125th Anniversary.


September 29, 1983 - Grand Master to attend the Annual Banquet of Mr. Pickering Lodge No. 446, Upper Uwchlan.

October 1, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, will attend Special Communication, Masonic Temple, Oakdale, Pittsburgh.

October 2, 1983 - Special Communication, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania with other Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Theretofore Belonging.

Grand Lodge Officers


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Corinthian-Philo Lodge No. 368 Underwrites Youth Film

The entire cost of a film concerning the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will be provided by the members of Corinthian-Philo Lodge No. 368, Masonic District F, Philadelphia.

Responding to a call for financial assistance from Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, the lodge committed more than $40,000 in income from its Permanent Charity Fund to the project.

Bro. Herman Winters, a Past Master of the lodge and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District F, presented the Grand Master’s plea to Bro. Joseph Szymanski and Bro. Harold Fox, Past Masters who serve with him as Trustees of the fund.

The recommendation of the Trustees was enthusiastically endorsed by the elected officers of the lodge, Bro. Frank V. Dyko, Worshipful Master; Bro. Stephen V. Ryan, Senior Warden; Bro. Joseph F. Breski, Junior Warden; Bro. Charles J. Appelgren, Treasurer, and Bro. Edward J. Appelgren, Secretary.

“I am extremely grateful for the generosity of the members of Corinthian-Philo Lodge,” said the Grand Master, adding, “This film is very important in that it will showcase the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus facilities and document its important activities in support of our young people.”

“I know there are other lodges in this jurisdiction who are capable of providing the same level of support as that received from Lodge No. 368,” the Grand Master continued.

“Corinthian-Philo Lodge, by example, has set a standard of youth organization support that will, hopefully, be followed by others,” he said.

The film title is “Transitions.” It will cover the transition of a trade school to a conference center; the transition of a philosophy of charity geared primarily to the elderly to a combined emphasis on old and young.

The reasoning can be extended to the transition of a young boy to young man, and young girl to young woman, accomplished in part through training programs presented by the youth organizations.

The film, 18 minutes in length, is being produced by Doug Bailey Films, Inc., of Rockville, Maryland. It is directed by Reuben Aaronson whose most recent work was a documentary on the Vietnam War Memorial for public television.

The film will be narrated by Willard Scott, weather announcer for the NBC Today program broadcast from New York. Bro. Scott is a senior DeMolay from Alexandria, Virginia and holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

The shooting schedule is to be completed by the fall so that the film can be premiered at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge on December 27.

The financial support of Corinthian-Philo Lodge No. 368 will be acknowledged through a film credit line.

Distribution of the film to the lodges and other interested groups will be made in January.

New Executive Director for Masonic Homes

Bro. Joseph E. Murphy has been named the Executive Director for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Nominated to the post by the Committee on Masonic Homes, Bro. Murphy replaces Bro. Walter L. Wentzel, Jr., who resigned.

While the campus native, Bro. Murphy joined the Homes’ staff as an accountant in 1974 and became the Assistant Executive Director in 1979.

He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and is licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator by the State of Pennsylvania.

A member of Abraham C. Treichel Lodge No. 629, Bro. Murphy is also a member of the Lancaster Lodge of Perfection and the Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R., and Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Harrisburg.

He is also a member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church and the Elizabethtown Lions Club.

Bro. Murphy is married to the former Barbara Murray of Elizabethtown. They are the parents of two children, Kelly, 4, and Brian, 3.

They reside at Eden View Road on the grounds of the Masonic Homes.

Grand Lodge to Lay Cornerstone of Masonic Conference Center

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audio visual tools for workshops, classes, schools for rituals and seminars.

Athletic and recreational facilities are highlighted by a covered, heated, six lane swimming pool that provides for year-round activity.

The pool has the added advantage of providing for the recreational, and perhaps therapeutic needs, of the guests at the adjacent Masonic Homes.

Memorial Hall, formerly a classroom and shop building, is now the heart of the complex.

The old masonry-electronic shop is now a modern dining room; the old machine shop has been converted to a meeting room capable of handling 200 persons; the old carpentry shop is now a dormitory, and the gymnasium has been refurnished.

The first floor of Patton Hall contains office space for the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and his staff, as well as one large and two small meeting rooms.

The remaining space in Patton Hall and Ranken Hall is devoted to dormitory rooms.

All three buildings have been updated to meet required standards of health and safety, including the installation of heat and smoke detection equipment.

While the campus will be used primarily by the youth groups: DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job’s Daughters, it will be available to families and groups when possible.

It will be used by the Masonic Homes for dormitory residents, and to accommodate the community for activities in the gymnasium.
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) co-sponsored in June a seminar in Hershey and at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for the state's juvenile court judges.

The seminar continued the spirit of cooperation renewed in 1982 when the Grand Lodge decided to contribute $25,000 each year to the center to be used to edit, print and distribute nationally Today's Delinquent, a review of important research regarding juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect.

Grand Lodge support for the juvenile court system dates to 1955 when Bro. Gustav L. Schramm, then judge of the Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, obtained funds from the Grand Lodge to conduct training institutes in Pittsburgh.

Bro. Schramm, who was District Deputy Grand Master for the 51st Masonic District at the time, conducted the seminars until his death in 1959.

Bro. Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, successfully appealed to the Grand Lodge to restore the program.

Judge Cohill, a member of Beta-Duquesne Lodge No. 546, also serves as chairman of the Board of Fellows of NCJJ.

Rhode Island Family Court Justice Edward V. Healy, Jr., addressed the opening session.

Judge Healy is a member of the National Advisory Committee to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Department of Justice, and past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, was also invited to speak at the opening session.

The Grand Master described the pleasure of the masons of Pennsylvania in being able, through association with the National Center for Juvenile Justice, to contribute to the welfare of children throughout the country.

The seminars were held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Conducted by NCJJ staff members, they dealt with various aspects of the serious juvenile offender: the nature and extent of the problem, recent research findings, and ways to deal with this type of youth.

The Honorable Thomas G. Peoples, Jr., president judge of the 24th Judicial District, Blair County, described the meetings as most informative.

"I also benefited most extensively from the opportunity to speak with other judges regarding common problems," he said, adding, "As one who is vitally interested in having the Juvenile Court serve the interests of both the youth of this community (Blair County) and the general citizenry of our country, I applaud the interest and efforts of the national center with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

The continued cooperation between the masons of Pennsylvania and the National Center for Juvenile Justice illustrates a mutual commitment to provide useful information to those who directly intervene in the lives of juveniles.

Grand Master Williamson emphasized his belief that we must increase our commitment, our investment, in the young. "Our goal is to help youth develop a philosophy of life that will sustain them in today's world," he said.

The Grand Master offered congratulations to Bro. Hiram P. Bell, R.W. Past Grand Master and chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities, for his excellent work in planning and organizing the facilities for the seminar.

A highlight for many of the judges from around the state was the opportunity to tour the grounds of the Masonic Homes and to view the recent renovations of the adjacent Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus.

The best description of the experience may have been stated by Bro. Maxwell E. Davison of Allegheny.

"As a judge, as chairman of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and as a mason, I was proud to participate in this conference and visitation to Elizabethtown," he said. "My batteries as a mason were recharged. That was a real bonus for the trip."
Kelly Jo Sizer Wins Rainbow for Girls' Essay Contest

Miss Kelly Jo Sizer, 16, a member of New Castle Assembly No. 1, has earned a $500 cash award as the winner of the essay contest for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Kelly Jo, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Charles R. Sizer of 3223 Meadow Lane, New Castle, delivered her winning essay before hundreds of masons and their ladies in the auditorium of Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, immediately following the June Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Lodge is sponsoring an identical contest for each of the three youth organizations.

The winner of the competition among the Job's Daughters is scheduled to deliver her address in Grand Lodge during a special youth program that will precede the September Quarterly Communication.

The International Order of DeMolay winner will be featured in a special program prior to the December Quarterly Communication.

The Job's Daughters were asked to address the subject, "I'm Proud of My Masonic Heritage," while the young men of DeMolay were challenged to write concerning "Why I Want to be a Mason." Kelly Jo Sizer won the competition among the Rainbow for Girls who addressed the subject, "What Freemasonry Means to Me." The entire text of her address follows:

My first and foremost thought on this subject is a simple one — these are the men who sponsor the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Rainbow has been a very important and influencing part of my life since I joined at age 12. The men on our advisory board are masons and these men gave me my first impression of what masons are and do.

I'm proud to say they set very good examples. From them, I learned Freemasonry is an honorable organization which is respected in the community, and does charitable deeds for others.

On a more personal basis I learned they were always there with a helping hand and a warm smile. They worked closely with me as I traveled through the chairs.

They were the quiet strength and guidance behind me as I served as Worthy Advisor — one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life.

But reflecting my thoughts back, I realize that as they helped me, we, together, were serving others. We laughed together as we tried not to throw too many gutter balls knowing deep down our participation in the bowl-athon was helping others.

And, of course, the days we helped the Shriners sell Shriners newspapers for the burned car always turned out to be windy and cold, but we could always count on them for a good, hot lunch.

When our assembly had a gain in membership, we were rewarded with a visit to the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth-town. What a fascinating place!

This is where I really began to understand Freemasonry and the work the masons do. It didn't take me long to realize that the depth and range of Freemasonry went far beyond my understanding of Freemasonry at our local level. I felt so proud to be connected with them in my own small way.

During my term as Worthy Advisor, we did our ritualistic opening for several lodges. Their acceptance of us was overwhelming and suddenly we felt an abundance of "Dads" around us — not to mention more laughter and more great food.

They decided to reciprocate and invited the masons to join us at one of our meetings and become our "SHADOWS." They did an excellent job and once again you could feel their warmth and strength behind our organization. And, this time, we got to feed them!

My most shining example of Freemasonry is my father. He is truly my shadow and my quiet strength. He is always there for me. And, I'm sure I am his favorite charity!

I have learned many valuable lessons through Rainbow. Most importantly, love to my home, church, school, nation, and, above all, service to humanity.

I believe these lessons are important to masons and have helped Freemasonry become what it is today.

To me, Freemasonry is brotherliness through work with one another.

They are the arms that could reach the top of the cars at our car washes. They are the drivers of the cars when we go visiting other assembles.

They are the cooks at our spaghetti dinners. They are the men teaching us kindness, honesty, fairness, and love for one another — not by their words, but through their actions.

They are our quiet strength.

If we could all live by their ideals, the world would be a more peaceful place.

The Conti Family will provide the entertainment for the Grand Master's Dinner-Dance to be held in the ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7. The Joe Martin Orchestra will play music for dancing following the Conti Family show.

Dick Conti says it is the feeling of togetherness, of family all around you, that drives the Conti family, Mom, Dad, Auntie, children, sometimes even Grandma, to board a rebuilt Greyhound bus and travel 60,000 miles during 10 months of the year.

Comedian Danny Thomas, who is credited as the group's founder, says, "The Conti Family is a joy to hear and behold. I firmly believe the one thing that has made them so successful and so warmly accepted by the American public is the mutual admiration and respect the kids and parents have for each other."

Tickets for the dinner-dance will be made available at a cost of $12.50 per person on a first request basis.

The ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel will comfortably seat about 1,000 persons. Dress is formal, but a dark suit is acceptable.

A coupon is provided on this page for your convenience in making reservations. Checks should be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Each table will seat 10 persons. It is suggested those who wish to attend as a group make that notation on the reservation coupon. Payment for group reservations should be made as a single response.

The staff in the office of the Grand Master is prepared to provide any assistance you may require.

You are invited to call (215) 588-1920 or write to the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.