Masonic Temple Plates Become Collector's Items

A pewter plate of limited edition that bears the image of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is now available for sale. Just 250 nine-inch plates were created from dies manufactured by Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania, and each requires more than one hour to develop than any other project in the firm's history.

The plates, to be sold at $100 each, are marked with sequential numbers and bear the seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. A great deal of skill and obvious craftsmanship was put into the design of the plate so that it might accurately reflect the Masonic Temple's status as one of the most significant Masonic buildings in the world.

Orders can be placed by use of the coupon accompanying this article. The plate is on display in the museum of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia along with a special bronze rendition created by Wendell August Forge as a gift to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in recognizing the design as the most difficult and detailed the firm has ever produced.

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Grand Master's Days (Continued from Page 6)

Guest rooms open for inspection including the names of the guest hosts...

A map of the Homes' grounds will also identify first aid stations as well as indoor and outdoor toilet facilities. The information will enable participants to move freely throughout the Masonic Homes' complex with a minimum of effort.

Any number of service people, members of the various committees formed to provide for specific needs, will also be able to provide information and assistance. The afternoon phase of the program will end at about 3:30 p.m., when the buses having to travel the greatest distances will want to begin the trip home.

Lodges are reminded the Grand Master has authorized the use of lodge funds to defray transportation costs. No rain dates have been established since all events can be handled indoors, if necessary.

Grand Master Declares Moratorium on Physical Requirements

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, chose the Masonic Congress at Elizabethtown as the forum in which to announce on April 16 an immediate moratorium on physical requirements for membership in the fraternity.

Speaking at the Masonic Homes to more than 100 leaders of the appendant bodies in the state, the Grand Master said he would present an amendment to the Ahiman Razas at the June Quarterly Communication to omit the words "sound in all his members" from Article 21.01.

Masonic law requires the amendment to lay over until the December Quarterly Communication when the members of the Grand Lodge will be asked to ratify the Grand Master's action.

The moratorium is the means to immediately implement the Grand Master's wish since masonic law also provides that the Grand Master is the final authority in deciding physical questions.

To that end, the amendment will result in the elimination of certain decisions in the Digest of Decisions by insertion of the following:

"By amendment to the Ahiman Razas, a man who is not sound in all his members may be, by affirmative vote of the lodge, approved for initiation and membership provided his infirmity is made known to the members of the lodge prior to their voting on his petition.

Present decisions appearing on pages 122 to 125 of the Digest of Decisions under Article 81, sections one through 18 are hereby annulled.

Further, Article 43, section two on page 64 of the Digest of Decisions shall be amended to read: "A distinguished group of national leaders addressed the congress in the morning session. The keynote address was delivered by Bro. Roger A. Zinzer, a New York Mason expert in communicative skills who has developed many valuable training programs for youth groups, particularly DeMolay.


Remarks were delivered at the morning session by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, who called the congress to order and introduced the (Continued on Page 11)
Concerning the centennial

The montage of photographs on pages six and seven of this issue concern the renovations being accomplished at the former Paton School, now the Masonic Conference Center, Paton Campus, Erie. The renovation program is ahead of schedule and will be ready to receive the first youth group, a membership program for Rainbow Girls, scheduled for four sessions from June 9 through June 25. More than 14-hundred young people are already scheduled to participate in summer activities at the center. They include representatives of Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, Knights of Pythias and an International DeMolay leadership training conference.

The summer programs are of great educational as well as recreational value. They focus on leadership training and the development of personal skills such as planning, budgeting, public speaking, self defense and team management.

The programs are to be planned and managed by the Pennsylvania Youth and Founders are provided without cost to the various youth organizations. The budget for the program is provided in part through the Grand Lodge during the Grand Master’s Days scheduled on consecutive Saturdays from July 16 through August 20.

Plans for an open house and the dedication of the new facilities of the Masonic Conference Center is being planned for Saturday, September 10.

A detailed report of those activities will be carried in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Itinerary of Elected Grand Lodge Officers through July 1983

May 3, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation for Past Master’s Night of Shiloh Lodge No. 601, Irwin.

May 6, 1983 - Grand Master to attend Zembo Temple Masonic Night, Harrisburg.

May 7, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th Anniversary of Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflinville.

May 7, 1983 - Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Erie.

May 10, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Tyrann Lodge No. 644, New Kensington.

May 13, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 75th Anniversary of Swiftvale Lodge No. 656.

May 14, 1983 - Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Philadelphia.

May 21, 1983 - Grand Master will visit the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Reading.


May 23, 1983 - Grand Master to speak to members of the Law Enforcement Square Club, Philadelphia.

May 27, 1983 - Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

May 28, 1983 - Grand Master accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will visit the Spring Reunion, Valley of Scranton.

June 1, 1983 - Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

May 11, 1983 - Sectional Meeting, School of Instruction, Philadelphia.


June 24, 1983 - Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

June 25, 1983 - Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th Anniversary of Hazel Lodge No. 327, Hazleton.

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Deputy Grand Master for District J on December 27, 1982 and served until the end of the Masonic year in 1970. Bro. Warner was a member of the 1976 Biennial Committee which he chaired from mid-1968 through 1970. He was an administrator of the Grand Lodge Pension Plan from 1971 to 1974 and accepted various ad hoc assignments, including the chairmanship of the Committee on Audit for 1977-78. The Grand Master appointed him to the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance for 1982 and 1983.

Bro. Warner’s tenure as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes began on July 1, 1970 and his election to the committee has been continuous. He became the first person other than a Grand Master to chair the Committee on Masonic Homes when he accepted that responsibility during 1976 and 1977. He was again elected chairman for 1982 and is currently serving a fourth term in that office.

His other masonic memberships include Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, Philadelphia; Exemplar Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia; and was appointed Worshipful Master in 1980 and is currently Treasurer and the Valley of Philadelphia, A.A.S.R. He served an honorary 33° Mason in 1971.

Bro. Warner is married to the former Dorothy Wark Hoyt. They are the parents of two children: Betty Ann (Mrs. Peter C. Jenkins) and Peter Joyce. The Warners reside at 39 Old Covered Bridge Road in Newtown Square, PA. 19073.

Grand Lodge Sponsors Youth Essay Contest

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is sponsoring an essay-contest contest for Girls, DeMolay and Job’s Daughters.

One winner in each of the three youth organizations will receive a $500 cash award and a trip to Philadelphia for a special program at a special program immediately after the breakfast communications of the Grand Lodge in June, September and December of 1983.

The contest is already in full swing with the winner of the competition involving the Rainbow for Girls organization scheduled to appear before the June Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

Preparing to accept the June Quarterly to be held in Soldiers and Sailors Hall (see special report on page 10 of this issue) should make plans to be present as close as 6:30 p.m., as possible.

The officers of the Grand Lodge will begin to assemble for the procession at that time. The young lady who is judged the winner of the competition among the Rainbow Girls will be a part of the procession with her escort.

Her essay will be delivered prior to the opening of Grand Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

Submissions from the various Rainbow assemblies around the state were received within a deadline of June 30 at the time this report was being written;
Grand Master’s Days - Summer Fun at Masonic Homes

The schedule for the Grand Master’s Days to be held on the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on six consecutive Saturdays beginning on July 10 and continuing through August 20 has been refined and a more accurate log of the activities can now be presented.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE . . .

**JULY 16** Districts 28, 29, 32, 38, 43, 47, 48, 51, 54, 55 and 57

**AUGUST 6** Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37, 39, 52, 53, and 56

**AUGUST 13** Districts 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 40 and 50

**AUGUST 20** Districts 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 33, 35, 44, 46, 49 and 59

The invitation list includes the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Warders, and the Treasurer and Secretary of every lodge in the state, according to the district breakdown indicated above.

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, in keeping with what has been a recurring theme in his administration, has extended the invitation to include the families of the lodge officers, their lodges, children and even the grandchildren.

It is expected that approximately 1,200 persons will be present on each of the Saturdays. A great many plans have been made to guarantee their comfort and to see that they have the opportunity to experience as much of the Masonic Homes as is possible.

Those plans include a meeting with the Grand Lodge officers; open house examination of the residential guest living quarters; tours of the Masonic Health Care Center; scenic tours by bus or car; and the opportunity to experience as much of the grounds; visits to the barns to see the farm animals; a tour of the fruit storage facility, entertainment galore, and much more.

One attraction which is always of great importance to Masons will be the 80 by 150-foot tent that is erected near the formal gardens. The tent is important because it is there that a hot luncheon will be served at noon. The circle-like tent will accommodate the entire group at one sitting.

The only morning phase of the program demands strict adherence to a schedule. The afternoon will provide the opportunity for visitors to cover the Homes by taking any or all of three distinct bus tours of the grounds; to walk through the formal garden or visit the health care or farm areas.

You should schedule your arrival at the Homes by 9:00 a.m. The map accompanying this report indicates the route your bus or car will use upon entering the homes; the discharge point upon arrival and the pickup point for departure, and where the vehicles will be parked.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Culture has accepted the responsibility for traffic control. The Grand Lodge computer is being used to develop a program for the pre-registration of all visitors. The program will be tied to an invitation and response system that will be implemented by the Grand Master’s office staff in early May.

The first step upon arrival at the Homes will be the registration of the entire group and the splitting of that group into two equal parts for the morning session.

The registration will be accomplished outdoors, weather permitting, on the covered sidewalk area of the Recreation Building (See photograph accompanying this report.) In the event of rain, registration will be accomplished inside on the same level.

It will be necessary to split the group because of the seating capacity of the Deke Auditorium (on the next level of the same building) where the meeting with the Grand Lodge officers will be held.

Group 1 will meet with the Grand Lodge officers at 10:00 a.m. while Group 2 tours the residential guest areas around Grand Lodge Hall.

The Grand Master and his officers will meet with Group 2 in the Deke Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. while the members of Group 1 tour the residential guest areas.

The three groups will be united at noon for luncheon under the circus tent.

Each person will receive at registration a booklet, much like one designed for the Pennsylvania State Police in Gettysburg last June, which will provide detailed information, including maps of the three bus tour routes with schedules and maps.

A booklet will identify the residential areas.

REGISTRATION AREA FOR GRAND MASTER’S DAYS – Participants have only a short walk from the discharge point to this building to register and receive information, including maps, that will help guide them through the scheduled activities. The Deke Auditorium, which was the site of an orientation session with the Grand Lodge officers, is located in this building on the upper floor. The Masonic Temple, to the left, is one Homes’ feature every member of the fraternity should visit.

Homes’ Committee Office Moved

The office of the Secretary to the Committee on Masonic Homes has been moved from the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Donald C. Reintert, Secretary to the committee, completed the transfer of records and equipment to an office on the second floor of the Berks County Memorial Building in early April.

The Berks County Memorial Building has become the administrative center for the Masonic Homes. It houses the offices of the Executive Director and most department heads as well as the Admissions Office and computer departments.

One advantage to the consolidation of offices will be the return of space to the homes for use by residents of the Homes.

The accounting department, for example, had taken up space in Grand Lodge Hall that was used originally as a solarium. It is expected the space will again be used by Homes’ guests as an area in which to enjoy sun and plants.

All correspondence relating to admission to the Masonic Homes including requests for application for admission or home assistance, information concerning eligibility requirements or admission procedures or assistance in placing a minor child in the Children’s Homes should be addressed to Bro. Reintert as Secretary to the Committee, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The telephone number is (717) 367-1121, ext. 294.

The primary responsibility of the Secretary to the Committee on Masonic Homes is the coordination of all information required by the committee in reaching decisions on applicants for admission to the Homes or for home assistance.

His office is the first stop for the lodge Secretary in requesting an application for admission and he provides assistance to the lodge committee appointed by the Worshipful Master to investigate applications.

The Secretary to the Committee sees to the completion of the applications including the necessary medical reports and the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master in each instance.

The processing of an application for admission or home assistance can be a lengthy and sometimes complex procedure. It is suggested that lodge members, particularly those assigned to the investigation of an applicant, make personal contact with the Secretary to the Committee any time a question is raised.

Attention to detail and procedure will help reduce the great deal of anxiety our elderly applicants experience in seeking admission to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
Chapter Born in State College

DeMolay in Pennsylvania Looks Forward to Era of Growth

The institution on Saturday, March 12 of State College Chapter, Order of DeMolay may prove to be the beginning of a new growth for DeMolay in Pennsylvania.

Showing obvious pleasure at a turnout of more than 200 persons at State College Area Intermediate High School who witnessed the ceremonies required in the birth of a chapter, Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson predicted the future of DeMolay in Pennsylvania has been turned around.

"I see the institution of this chapter as the first step in restoring growth to this vital youth organization," he said, adding, "It also speaks loudly as an accomplishment of record for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation." The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation provided the necessary guidance and support during the eight-month period that had to go back to September 1984.

Pointing out the importance of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation as part of the activities of the International Order of DeMolay, Grand Master addressed the 10,000 members at the general assembly, the Youth Foundation is the guidance of the youth foundation is the unique problems. We have different abilities and we most certainly have the same things in your own jurisdictions. We all have our unique problems, but we also have different abilities and we most certainly have different levels of resources. Pennsylvania is in a very fortunate position. We have the funds to commit to a youth program, we have the physical plant to commit to a youth program, we have people to commit to a youth program, and, most importantly, we have the will to commit all these to a youth program.

The most dramatic part of our program has been the formation in 1982 of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The foundation was established as a non-profit corporation to carry out Pennsylvania's commitment to youth. Every masonic body in the state is represented on its Board of Directors and its advisory board so that all segments of the masonic family can participate.

A full-time executive director and staff have been hired to coordinate its activities. A significant, ongoing fund raising effort has raised nearly 400,000 dollars to date to endow the foundation.

As a companion measure, the Grand Lodge has committed 4.5 million dollars to the complete renovation of the former Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institute for Boys, adjacent to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethton, to turn that facility into a first rate masonic service center complete with year-round recreational facilities; with a fully enclosed and heated swimming pool large enough for six families of N.C.A.A. competitors.

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Plans for activities surrounding the quarterly communication to be held in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, June 1 are nearing completion.

One late change has been made in the schedule of activities as announced in the February issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason. A special youth program will precede the Grand Lodge meeting when the winner of the Rainbow for Girls' essay contest will deliver her address (see page on third of this issue).

Because of the special Rainbow program, it is suggested members attending Grand Lodge arrive at Soldiers and Sailors Hall before 6:30 p.m., if possible.

The procession of grand officers will take place at that time in order to complete the youth program and open the Grand Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

The schedule will require attention to detail, particularly in view of the fact that many of those attending will share dinner with their ladies at 5:00 p.m. in either Syria Mosque or the Masonic Temple.

The ladies' schedule is not quite as hectic since their entertainment in the Scottish Rite Auditorium of the Masonic Temple is not scheduled to begin until 7:15 p.m.

There is no charge for the ladies' entertainment or for the seats in the dining areas of the Masonic Temple.

Larry Ferrari, popular organist with Channel 6 in Philadelphia, will entertain the ladies while the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge is in session. The ladies' entertainment will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, Oakland.

His television programs, on WPVI, Channel 6, Philadelphia, make him an on-air regular seven days a week. The Larry Ferrari Show won an award from the Philadelphia Gunsmoke and before CBS News with Walter Cronkite. He has been the Keeper of the Ivory Keys for Channel 6 for more than three decades.

The entertainment following the Grand Lodge communication is a full-packed production show featuring the Spurrows.

An exciting group of young musicians and vocalists, the Spurrows Show contains a wide range of different material presented in a manner to please even the most selective audience.

Costumes and choreography create the nostalgia of the 40's and the ballroom dances to "In the Mood" and "Begin the Beguine" to the hits of the fifties, Barbara Streisand, Diana Ross and Dionne Warwick.

The impact of country music hadn't been neglected. You can expect to hear songs made popular by Kenny Rogers, Crystal Gayle and others.

Those unable to attend dinner earlier in the evening are welcome to attend Grand Lodge and the entertainment following the communication.

The day's activities will be topped off by dancing to the music of the Jack Purcell Orchestra in the lower level of Syria Mosque beginning at 10:30 p.m.

If you have not yet purchased your dinner tickets, you are urged to do so at your earliest convenience. Seating is limited and those who act early will avoid disappointment.

The Spurrows are the featured entertainers for the program in the auditorium of Syria Mosque following the June Quarterly Communication. The Spurrows, considered the cream of the crop of the young production groups, will begin at approximately 8:45 p.m. and will be followed by dancing.

Grand Master Declares Moratorium

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The afternoon session featured an open forum panel discussion moderated by the Grand Master. The national leaders and the Grand Lodge line officers served as panel members.

Many of the concerns of the leaders of York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Tall Cedars and Grotto organizations were shared in the frank, open manner hoped for by the plenary of the congress.

A number of those concerns will be addressed in future editions of The Pennsylvania Freemason, as will excerpts of the presentations of the principal speakers.

The closing address was delivered by Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Information who, like Bro. Zinser, has developed a respected reputation as a motivational speaker.

In his remarks in closing the congress, Grand Master Williamson challenged the assembled leaders to continue its work.

"We cannot open these vital doors to communication and understanding and then just walk away," he said.

The Grand Master called for two meetings of selected congress participants, in September and again in December, when the smaller group would report on actions taken and suggest new avenues of expression.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION PRESENTS GIFT — Clarence Farmer, right, chairman of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, presents to the Grand Lodge a 14-inch figure of William Penn identical in design to the statue on top of Philadelphia City Hall. The presentation was made as part of the city's celebration of its 300th anniversary. The base of the figure contains the words "Brotherhood" and "Tolerance," two Masonic ideals: Although records do not indicate Penn was a Mason, the liberal humanitarianism expressed in his writings closely reflects traditional Masonic principles. A grandson, John, Proprietary Governor of Pennsylvania, was a member of one St. John's Lodge which met at Tom Taylor's in Philadelphia. Representing the Grand Master are, left to right, Bro. William A. Carpenter, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator, and Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, Grand Treasurer. Br. Farmer is a member of Benjamin Lodge No. 130 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

LATE BULLETIN

A decision was made as this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason was going to press that will change the schedule of activities surrounding the June Quarterly Communication.

The special youth program, in which the winner of the essay-portfolio contest for Rainbows for Girls will deliver her address, will now be held in the auditorium of Syria Mosque after the Grand Lodge meeting, rather than before as previously scheduled.

The change will give the Masons who will attend the dinner at 5:00 p.m. a bit more time in scheduling their arrival at Soldiers and Sailors Hall for the 7:00 p.m. start of the communication.

It will also give the Masons and their ladies the opportunity to hear the winning essay since it will be delivered prior to the performance of the Spurrows, the entertainment for the evening.

Please see the reports in this issue concerning the essay contest (page three) and the June Quarterly Communication (page 10).

Grand Master Calls Extra Communication

The R.W. Grand Master, Br. Samuel C. Williamson, has called an extra communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of making a mason at sight.

The extra communication will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, in the Masonic Temple, Oakland, Pittsburgh.

The first and second degrees will be conferred on the candidate prior to break for dinner at 5:00 p.m. All those attending are welcome at the dinner.

Grand Lodge will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to confer the third degree.

The making of a mason at sight is a right that can be exercised only by a Grand Master.

Grand Master Williamson made Br. John E. Rakak a mason at sight last August.

Correction

The report in the February issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason concerning the reelection of the members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes inadvertently omitted the name of Br. Richard M. Wilson, a Past Master of Ulysses Lodge No. 556 in Lewistown.