A Masonic Milestone

By Bro. Thomas W. Hiller

From left to right: Bros. Thomas W. Hiller, Worshipful Master of Sylvania Lodge; Bro. Oliver's son, Howard E. Oliver; Bro. Oliver and John W. Haines, Jr., D.D.G.M.


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Volume III of The Master Builders, continued

Whereas the two previous volumes offer a comprehensive narrative history of the Grand Lodge from its founding in 1986, Volume III presents for the first time the biographies of all 107 men who have served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, from Bro. Daniel Carse (1730-1782) to Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz (1988-1989). Volume III, the result of two years of extensive research into Masonic and non-Masonic sources, discusses information on the public and private lives of the Grand Masters, including their family backgrounds, education, occupations, religion, financial status, non-Masonic memberships and, of course, their Masonic careers and their contributions to Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Each biography is accompanied by a photograph of that individual’s official portrait, if extant; and a source list and two comparative charts for easy reference make up the appendices.

First New School of Instruction in Philadelphia Area in Four Decades is Chartered

By Bro. John J. Hunt, D.D.G.M.

On January 23, 1989, Masonic history was again made in Philadelphia. It was on this date that a fourth Masonic District School of Instruction was opened. The School to be known as District “D” School of Instruction, had a ribbon cutting ceremony, and the new School officers received their Charter. After the exemplification of the Opening and Closing of the Lodge, supervised by Bro. Howard E. Vaughan, Regional Instructor and William M. Norris, P.M., Principal, all those in attendance retired to the banquet hall for refreshments and the cutting of the cake.

Order your copy today by using the order form included in this issue; only a limited supply has been printed.

Four New Appointments Made by the R. W. Grand Master

Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Grand Master, has made the following appointments effective immediately:

Bro. Thomas F. Toscani, P.M. Administrator of the Grand Lodge Pension Plan Melia Lodge No. 253, Philadelphia

Bro. Gary P. Wendi, P.M. A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Higher Education Gifts and Loans Robert Bura Lodge No. 561, Harnsberg

Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Grand Chaplain, P.M. A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Higher Education Gifts and Loans Eureka Lodge No. 36, Mechanicsburg

Bro. Robert Luther Haar, P.M. A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on Audits Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill

My Brethren,

The ever forward-moving passage of time, now brings your Grand Master to the eleventh month of his second year. This is, indeed, a time for deep reflection as I prepare this column for the November edition of The Pennsylvania Freemason. In fact, in just a few more short days, St. John’s Day, December 27th, to be exact, a new corps of Grand Lodge officers will take on the mantle of leadership in your Grand Lodge. This event will also mark the closing of the 98th Grand Master’s term.

When that day arrives, I would hope to be judged by my brethren, as a worthy Past Grand Master, who, in his administration, made a reasonable and sincere contribution to his beloved freemasonry. It has been an unique and inspiring experience. Thus far, in retrospect, it has been twenty-three months of enthusiasm, cooperation and mutual fulfillment from all brethren and appendant bodies in Pennsylvania’s Family of Freemasonry. As Teyva, the village diarist in “Fiddler on the Roof” said: “Tradition! Tradition! I’ll tell you about tradition. Tradition tells you who you are and what is expected of you.” Thus, it is with the Family of Freemasonry. We are, indeed, brothers all, and we stand firm on the principles and obligations at the altar of Freemasonry.

Some of my goals, also, have been met, or, at least, are in the process of being completed. The Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes is coming along extremely well and over one-third of the 256 units have been sold. Over the summer months, two new electronic elevators, replacing the fifty-year old ones at Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, have been installed. They have been operating admirably since the end of September.

Volume III, the biographies of all Pennsylvania’s Grand Masters, and an extensive research into Masonic and non-Masonic sources, discusses information on the public and private lives of the Grand Masters, including their family backgrounds, education, occupations, religion, financial status, non-Masonic memberships and, of course, their Masonic careers and their contributions to Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Each biography is accompanied by a photograph of that individual’s official portrait, if extant; and a source list and two comparative charts for easy reference make up the appendices.

Who have been the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania? They have come from a variety of backgrounds, professions and religious denominations. Some attended college but most did not; some have been wealthy but a few died in near-poverty; some have been well known outside Masonic circles but most are not; some have been innovators in Masonic practice but most have been traditionalists.

Volume III reveals many fascinating details about these 107 men. For example, one Grand Master danced with Queen Victoria; one claimed to have shaken hands with the first fourteen presidents of the United States; one had a city in Texas named after him; one had his writings translated into seven foreign languages; and one spoke in the first national radio broadcast.

How many Grand Masters were bachelors? Which one had eighteen children? Which one had to flee his native country because of a police record? Which Grand Master was wounded four times during the Civil War? Who was the youngest Grand Master? Who was the oldest? Which one held the shortest term of office and which one the longest? How many Grand Masters have had Blue Lodges named after them? Who is the only Grand Master buried in the Masonic Homes cemetery in Elizabethtown?

Volume III of The Master Builders answers these and many other interesting questions about Pennsylvania’s Masonic leaders. Although intended as a fitting supplement to the first two volumes, it can be appreciated on its own.

Grand Master’s Itinerary

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Portrait of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz
R. W. Grand Master
by Bro. Henry Cooper
Items from Our Library and Museum

Some New Additions to Our Circulating Library

There have been some interesting additions to our Circulating Library since the new Circulating Library Catalogue of Books was published in 1988, mostly in the areas of biography and Masonic history. Many are tape recordings (indicated by “AT” before the number) and video tapes (VHS format only, whose numbers are prefixed by “AVT”):

- Judge David Sennett: AVT 1
  - (Bro. Sennett’s admirable account of himself and Freemasonry, given during discussions of his final confirmation as a Federal Judge.)
- Welcome to the Craft: AVT 2
  - (An introduction to Freemasonry.)
- The Freemasons: AVT 3
  - (A general explanation of the Craft with emphasis on its role in society — by the Grand Lodge of England.)
- Cathedral Freemasonry: AVT 4
  - (A narration by David Macaulay of the building of the great cathedrals of Europe.)
- Masons Care: AVT 5
  - (An explanation of Freemasonry for the general public — by Project Solomon II.)
- A Series of Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle Recorded Talks: 100 Years of Quatuor Coronati Lodge: AT 21

A Masonic Family in Mifflinburg

By Bro. Gary W. Walter, P.M.

Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370 has within its membership a true family of Masons. The Weller brothers, all six of them as pictured, are Freemasons. Two of their brothers-in-law are also members of Mifflinburg Lodge, but are not pictured: Rev. Glenn T. Zimmerman, P.M. and Warren Diehrich (deceased). Bro. Karl Weller’s son, Mark, is also a member.

New Rainbow Brochure in Production

A new full-color brochure promoting the Order of the Rainbow for Girls is being produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The brochure will highlight the activities of a typical Rainbow Assembly, and is designed to interest all girls in becoming a member of the Order. Copies of the brochure will be available for distribution by the end of this year.

Shrine Sponsors Youth Publication

The Youth Committee of Lu-Lu Temple, A.O.O.N.M.S., sponsors the Lu-Lu Temple Masonic Youth Newsletter, a quarterly publication which highlights the activities of the Rainbow, DeMoy and Job’s Daughters groups in southeastern Pennsylvania. The newsletter, which is a good example of computer-generated desktop publishing, includes information about each of the groups, their activities, and a schedule of events which they can attend. This is an invaluable tool in coordinating the activities of so many groups, and encouraging mutual support of their programs. The newsletter editor is Bro. David Mosher and the Lu-Lu Temple Youth Committee Chairman is Bro. James T. Clancy.

Drug and Alcohol Foundation

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children

In 1988 Brighton Woods Treatment Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a grant from the Pennsylvania Masons, trained 24 Allegheny County School Districts in "Here's Looking At You, 2000." This self-contained curriculum includes drug and alcohol information and skill development activities. Each curriculum set is age appropriate for all grade levels, kindergarten through grade 12. All levels emphasize the information necessary to make decisions. The skills to make these decisions, including refusal skills, are emphasized. As they acquire decision-making skills and integrate information, youth are less likely to make high risk choices.

Brighton Woods believes that primary preventive activities such as "HI-AY 2000" are effective in reducing the incidence of drug and alcohol use among our children and youth.

Bro. W. Harold Worth, P.M. is Awarded Sixty-Five Year Certificate

By Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M.

From left to right: Chuck Goetz, Jackie Hogan, Marilyn Morris and Beverly Banayan, Director of Outpatient and Prevention Services.

Bro. W. Harold Worth, P.M. received his Masonic Degrees in 1924. He served as Master of Lodge No. 410 ten years later in 1934. Bro. Worth has been a great credit to his Lodge and still continues to be an asset to Freemasonry in general, and to W. K. Bray Lodge No. 410 in particular. Several weeks ago, Bro. Worth raised his son, Bro. William R. Worth, to the Degree of Master Mason. This was the first Degree he had conferred in more than fifty years and he did a super job. I asked his son, whom he recently raised, to assist in the presentation. A large portrait of Bro. Worth and his son, made the night he raised his son was also presented to him.

Bro. Worth was very much impressed with the Award of the Sixty-Five Year Grand Lodge Certificate, and I was indeed honored to make the presentation to Bro. Worth. He is a friend of many years, and a truly dedicated Mason.
Notes and Queries

There does not seem to be a day that goes by in which I do not receive a piece of anti-Masonic literature of some sort, or have someone tell me about his having received the same.

Freemasonry and Religion. While there is nothing in print that will absolutely appease our critics, I think that the following publication does present a very straightforward approach to the question:


One of our Brethren recently raised the question concerning the absence of activity on the North Side of our Lodge Rooms, and the significance of this side of the Lodge Room in our Fraternity.

The following is taken from Coit's *Masonic Encyclopedia* and is Coit's interpretation of "North." For a fuller description one should also consult Mackey, Clandy, etc.:

"North in the Lodge is said Masonically to be a place of darkness, and this is explained by saying that the rays of the Sun at meridian height will not enter a north window . . . but, this is not true, south of the Tropic Cancer . . . where the opposite holds true and the Sun never enters the south window."

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Grand Master, continued

outstanding addition to *The Master Builders*, is completed and is available for sale at Grand Lodge.

Autumn Days at the Masonic Homes last month was a superb day. Our attendance record last year of 9,000 brethren and their families, was exceeded by a goodly number. My thanks to all who participated and contributed to make such a glorious event.

Brethren, I look forward to greeting each of you at our December Quarterly in Philadelphia on the date of December 6th.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Arthur J. Kurtz
R. W. Grand Master

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Youth Foundation Scholarship Awarded

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship Award is presented to Lisa H. Buhler at the Carbensville Area High School Auditorium. Lisa is a member of Clearfield Assembly No. 81, International Rainbow for Girls, Bro. Jay W. Buhler, Lisa's father, is Junior Warden of Noble Lodge No. 480, Carbensville, Pennsylvania.

Scholarships Listed

The second edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. It includes a summary of more than forty scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic bodies for Masons, their families, and members of the Masonic-related youth groups. Over four thousand copies of the guidebook have been distributed, free of charge, to all of the Masonic-related youth group leaders, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, York and Scottish Rite bodies, and over five hundred guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania. Additional copies are available upon request from the PYF office, at 1314 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022. 717-507-1568.

DeMolay Class to Honor Grand Master

The Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania will be conducting an initiation class in honor of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, on Saturday, December 2, 1989 at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus. The conferral is open to all Master Masons and DeMolay members.

The Initiatory Degree will be conferred at 10:30 a.m., followed by a presentation of the Flower Talk. After lunch, the DeMolay Degree will be conferred. The DeMolay State Officer Corps held try-outs to determine which officers would confer the degrees. They have been rehearsing since August, and the work promises to be some of the best ever performed.

By naming the class in honor of the Grand Master, the DeMolays are expressing their appreciation to all Pennsylvania Freemasons for their support and sponsorship.

National DeMolay Meeting in Philadelphia

The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay will meet in Philadelphia for its annual session on April 25-29, 1990. The only other time the DeMolay Grand Council (as it was known at the time) met in Pennsylvania was in Pittsburg in 1929. The Grand Master of DeMolay, Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr., chose Philadelphia specifically to make use of the Masonic Temple for the meetings. The Supreme Council has met in hotel facilities for many years, and it was time to return to a Masonic facility, as a reminder of the rich Masonic heritage which the Order of DeMolay enjoys. The Philadelphia Hershey Hotel will be used as the convention headquarters. The Supreme Council meetings are open to the public, and Masons are especially encouraged to attend. Further details will be included in the next issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason.
Social Events Spark a Community Spirit for the Independent Living Community

The Independent Living Community being erected at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is well underway. Several special get-togethers held at the Masonic Homes for members of the new community have truly exemplified the fellowship and comradeship which can always be found when Brethren and their families come together.

As can be seen in the pictures shown here, those Brethren and Ladies who are securing their future at the Independent Living Community are active, independent people who wish to enjoy the security and fellowship which can be found in a Masonic Community. The setting for these photographs was at the picnic held for members of the Community at the Patton Campus on July 28, 1989. Besides enjoying the use of the swimming facilities at the Patton Campus and meeting with future neighbors, this day provided an opportunity for the Brethren and Ladies to view slides of the construction site and keep apprised of our progress.

The day's activities included a presentation by representatives of Hamilton Bank on the services which will be available through the installation of a full service bank in the Independent Living Community. Also, we were pleased to share the Committee on Masonic Homes' decision to approve Phase III and modify the fee for optional covered parking located beneath the Phase I apartments for a one-time fee, or a monthly fee of $10 per month for Phase II.

Our most recent gathering for the community members took place on September 22, 1989, at which time Bro. Arthur J. Kurz, R. W. Grand Master, held a Dunsmuir Ceremony at the site of the Independent Living Community. The ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by the Grand Master.

Construction for the Independent Living Community remains on schedule with plans for occupancy of Phase I

Is It Your Will or That of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Bro. Charles V. Watt

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has prepared a will for you which will automatically and immediately go into effect if you have not written your own . . . regardless of your known personal desires. You are determined to have died "inestate" and the laws and statutes of "Descent and Distribution" will govern who will be given your personal estate and in what proportion.

Let's consider for a moment that you did die prior to the preparation of a will or any other instrument which would pass outside your estate:

The intestate share to your spouse is as follows:

First, if there are no children or parent your spouse would receive your entire estate;

Second, if there are no children and you are survived by a parent or parents, your spouse would receive the first $50,000 plus one-half of the balance of your estate. The other half would go to the parent or parents.

Third, if there are children, all of whom are of the surviving spouse also, the first $50,000 plus one-half of the balance of your estate would go to your spouse and, the other half would go directly to the child or children.

Fourth, if there are surviving children, one or more of whom are not issue of the surviving spouse, your spouse would only receive one-half of your estate.

The laws of "Descent and Distribution" go on to also describe what would happen to the distribution of your estate if your spouse has died prior to your death. Just to consider for a moment the uncomplicated portion:

If your spouse has died prior to your death, and there are surviving children — the child or children would share equally in the entire estate.

If there are no children, and there are surviving parents or parents on your side of the family, the parent or parents would receive the entire estate. It would not be shared with parents on your spouse's side of the family.
LaFayette Lodge's Fifty-Year Members

From left to right: Bros. Ernest J. Cross, a member since 1956; Charles H. Hold and Morris F. Karmen, who both joined in 1955; A. Nelson Emen, who joined in 1956; Roy H. Hefling, a member since 1930, and Dr. David C. Utter, a member since 1931.

LaFayette Lodge No. 199 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, recently recognized those who have been members for at least fifty years. The Lodge has twenty-two such members. Shown with Robert Roach, Master, at the far right, are six fifty-year members who were able to attend the meeting.

Sixty-Five Year Certificate Awarded
By Clarence Heflinreger, Jr., D.D.G.M.


Social Events, continued
scheduled for Fall of 1990. Phase II is scheduled for occupancy by early Spring of 1991 with Phase III following by early Summer of 1992. Applications are being accepted for both Phase I and II of the Community with a variety of attractive options remaining.

Once again, we invite all members of the Fraternity and their families to visit the Masonic Homes and receive a personally guided tour through the model units by one of our staff. The model units are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tours of the model units will also be available from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 1989, which is Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes.

Three Generations of Freemasonry
By Bro. William S. Arnold, Sr., D.D.G.M.

Monday evening, June 19, 1989 was a delightful occasion for Mount Olive Lodge No. 704 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and for the Trautman Family as well. On that evening, two grandsons of Bro. Hardie Trautman, newly Raised Master Mason, were initiated. The Lodge was founded by Bro. Hardie Trautman, Worshipful Master of Lebanon in 1837.

Front row, left to right: Bros. Gary L. Trautman and Larry A. Trautman, newly Raised Master Mason. Second row: Bros. James H. Trautman (their uncle, 45 years a Freemason), Ralph W. Trautman (their father, 41 years a Freemason) and Hardie E. Trautman (their grandfather, 45 years a Freemason).
Mozart Lodge Honors Some Builders

By Bro. G. Kent Hackney, D.D.G.M.

At a Stated Meeting of Mozart Lodge No. 436, some twenty-six members were honored as Solomon II builders and presented with their ties. Included in this group were Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craft and Master Builders. Also recognized were four members who are to receive the Throat Medalion for twelve or more new members during the SOLOMON II period.

Those in Mozart Lodge feel this was a most successful program and has improved both our Fraternity as well as their Lodge by its increase in membership. Many of the new members are active in Lodge work with five presently holding officer positions.

Some SOLOMON II Builders.

Grand Lodge Jewel — The Cross Keys, tied by a ribbon, in the center of a wreath.

Past Grand Treasurer — The Cross Keys, tied by a ribbon, the points resting on an open book in scroll form, surrounded by a wreath.

District Deputy Grand Masters — The blazon Sun in the center of a wreath composed of two branches of laurel, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Chaplains — The open Bible within a Triangle, surmounting a Glory.

Past Grand Secretary — The Cross Pen, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Secretary — The Cross Pen, tied by a ribbon, the points resting on an open book in scroll form.

Past Grand Treasurer — The Cross Pen, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Master — The Compasses, extended to 4 ½, with the segment of a Circle at the points and an Eye within a Triangle, surmounting a Glory, in the center.

Grand Lodge — The Compasses and Square united, with the blazon Sun in the center.

Senior Grand Warden — The Level

Junior Grand Warden — The Plumb

Grand Treasurer — The Cross Keys, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Secretary — The Cross Pen, tied by a ribbon, the points resting on an open book in scroll form.

Past Grand Master — The Compasses and Square united, with the blazed Sun, in the center, United with branches of laurel, and with the Gavel pendant between the legs of the Cross.

Past Deputy Grand Master — The Compasses and Square only.

Your Will, continued

• Next, if there are no children, and no surviving parent or parents, the distribution would begin with your brothers, sisters, and nieces and nephews.

• Finally, if there are no living relatives on your side of the family, and you die without a will... the entire estate goes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Is this your desire? Now is the time to consider all the options available to you and make the proper preparations for the distribution of your estate.
Annual Grand Communication to be Held at Zembo Temple, Harrisburg

Annual Communication Dinner-Dance at Hershey, December 27, 1989

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 1989 in the Zembo Temple Mosque, 2801 North Third Street, Harrisburg.

The communication will mark the end of the administration of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz as R. W. Grand Master, and the beginning of the expected term of Bro. W. Scott Spooner as R. W. Grand Master. The communication of the Grand Lodge will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. to allow for the installation of the Grand Master at noon. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

Tickets for the Grand Master’s dinner dance in the Chocolate Ballroom of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center are available to the Brethren and their ladies at a cost of $20.00 per person and will be sold on a first request basis.

Tables will accommodate ten people, should you wish to attend as a group. Please use the coupon included and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your reservation and your tickets will be mailed to you.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by entertainment and dancing scheduled to end at midnight.

The Tree of Life — original sculpture being carved by Sanford Werfel.