With these words, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M. was awarded the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal at the March 1990 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. The elected Line Officers, charged with choosing the recipients of the Medal, agreed that his work in so many areas of the Fraternity during his term of office and throughout his life made Bro. Kurtz a prime candidate for this, the highest honor bestowed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Commissioned by Bro. Walter P. Wells, R.W.P.G.M. in 1979, a total of twenty-two Franklin Medals have been awarded to date. It is awarded to members of the Fraternity for their outstanding service and dedication to Freemasonry in general, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular. The Medal itself is a solid oval of 18 karat gold with a profile of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, suspended from a ribbon of purple velvet. Recipients who are not already members of Grand Lodge automatically become Honorary Members upon receipt of the Franklin Medal.

Freemasons Proud of their Work

The cornerstone in the work of renovating Aurora Lodge No. 523 in Jenkintown has taken the form of a new sign that has been crafted by one of the Brethren, Bro. William A. Buckingham, Jr., P.M., creator of the sign, presented and installed with the help of Bro. Raymond W. Reed, P.M. and Bro. Timothy R. Nobdy, Master.

In Memoriam:
Bro. William A. Carpenter
R. W. Grand Master 1984-1985

Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, has died at the age of 75. Born in Chester, Pennsylvania in 1915, and educated in the Chester public schools, he later earned a certificate in Liberal Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, and a certificate in Graphic Arts from Princeton.
Deputy Grand Master and the Lodge Brothers while before visited by the Carpenter, passed Grand as assigned to the Grand Master’s capacities. He was a member of the old Committee on Masonic Culture for twenty-five years, he founded and edited this magazine and was Librarian and Curator throughout the 1960s. He was assigned to the Grand Master’s staff in 1920 and 1971, he also served as Director of Masonic Education in 1972 and 1973. He was appointed and installed R.W. J. Grand Secretary, serving in that capacity from 1974 until 1979 when he was elected and installed R.W. J. W. Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Carpenter served our Grand Lodge as R.W. Grand Master in 1984 and 1985.

In York Rite Freemasonry, he was a member of Chester Royal Arch Chapter No. 258, Riblih Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 59 and Chester Commandery No. 66. In addition to this, Bro. Carpenter was a charter member of Delval Council No. 60, Allied Masonic Degrees and held memberships in both the Grand College of Rites and in Erin Council of Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Further, he was a member of the Pennsylvania College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foedaratis and The Philosophical Society. A corresponding member of the Missouri Lodge of Research, Bro. Carpenter’s connections with some of the more academic Masonic organizations were extensive. He was an Associate Member of the Ohio Lodge of Research and served for four years as the Executive Secretary of the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries, which Conference he was instrumental in starting.

In the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he was the Exemplar in a class of almost three hundred candidates who received the 32nd Degree in December of 1955 in the Valley of Philadelphia. Later, he served as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix through 1966 and 1967. He was also Contributing Editor of the Valley Bulletin for several years. In Boston, in 1968, Bro. Carpenter was coronated a 33rd Degree Mason in a class that included Red Skelton. A member of LuLu Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., he was made a Tall Cedar-at-Sight in Penn Forest No. 21, Chester.

His awards, honors and citations within the Fraternity were also numerous. He was the recipient of the Christopher Champlin Medal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor and the Legion of Honor Bronze Medal from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Shortly before Bro. Carpenter died, Bro. W. Scott Stone, R.W. Grand Master awarded him the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal. He was also named Mason-of-the-Year by both the Keystone Club of Chester and by Richmond Lodge No. 290.

Bro. Carpenter’s military service was also distinguished. After entering the Army Air Corps in 1941, he was assigned to the Pentagon as a Cryptographic Technician. His involvement in civic and religious organizations was equally distinguished, including work with the visually impaired. He was a lay preacher in the Baptist faith in various churches and served in local, state and national positions in the Christian Endeavor Society.

Never far removed from the publishing industry in anything he did, Bro. Carpenter started early in that field by establishing a newspaper route at the age of 14, the year the Stock Market crashed. Immediately following this, he began working in the composing room of The Chester Times. He left this in 1939 to work for the Journal-Evening Evening newspaper in Wilmington, Delaware, where he worked until he became Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge. Later, this background in letters stood him in good stead when, as Grand Master, he wrote The Exemplar: A Guide To A Mason’s Actions, and became known as one of the most prolific Masonic officers of this Grand Lodge in recent times.

He dedicated this book to Dorothy Roberts Carpenter, his “first wife and Masonic Widow par excellence.” Some time during almost fifty years of marriage, he nicknamed her “Wally.” He never explained why, but the dictionary defines “wally” as meaning excellent, fine, ample, robust or jolly. All of these appellations are appropriate.

Bro. Carpenter, survived by his wife, Dorothy, and by his brother, Bro. George T. Carpenter, and his sister, Mrs. Margaret E. Conwell, was buried in the Glenwood Memorial Gardens in Broomall, Pennsylvania. The Masonic Service was conducted by Bro. W. Scott Stone, R.W. Grand Master. May the Grand Architect of the universe have him in His Holy Keeping.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W.P.G.M.
Broad Street, May 3. 00

The Franklin Exhibit

January 17, 1990, the 284th birthday of Bro. Benjamin Franklin, marked the opening of the exhibition "Benjamin Franklin: A Freemason For All Reasons," which will be on view for an indefinite period of time in the Benjamin Franklin Reception Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Commemorating the bicentennial of his death, the exhibit celebrates Bro. Franklin's life as a true child of the Enlightenment, the eighteenth century philosophy of which optimistically believed in the possibility of man living in this, as Bro. Voltaire put it, "the best of all possible worlds." Freemasonry is a direct offspring of this philosophy. Bro. Franklin was a Citizen of the World and a Craftman in all senses of the word, but especially as a printer and Freemason. On exhibit are commemorative objects such as medals, ceramics and graphics, most of which bear Bro. Franklin's likeness, as well as documents such as a land patent and his calling card signed by him. One of the Library's prized possessions is also on display: A copy of the first Masonic book published in America, Franklin's printing of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, published in Philadelphia in 1734, is the year Bro. Franklin became Grand Master. In addition, the scale model of the statue by Joe Brown, "Benjamin Franklin, Craftsman" which stands across Broad Street from the Masonic Temple and at the Masonic Homes, is here for all to enjoy. Perhaps by the time you read this, the loan Exhibition furnished by the National Headquarters of the Order of DeMolay in Kansas City will have arrived and been set up in the Grand Banquet Hall for everyone's edification and enjoyment.

TIME TO CELEBRATE THE CELEBRATION: The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Fifty Year Pin

When one of our Past District Deputy Grand Masters brought to my attention the Anniversary of the Fifty Year Pin, I thought this might be of interest to all of the Brothers.

It was in early 1940 that the then W. W. Grand Master, Bro. William H. Brehtm, directed the W. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthew Gah, Jr., to obtain the names and addresses of all the members of the Craft within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who had been "In Good Standing" for fifty years or more. The results of the survey showed that, in 1940, nearly fourteen hundred Brothers had reached this goal. All of the Grand Lodge Officers agreed that these Brothers should receive Fifty Year emblems, and a resolution to this effect was approved on June 5th, 1940. This beautiful and significant emblem of gold was designed by the Grand Lodge Officers at the time. This lapel pin is a visible token of fraternal love and grateful appreciation for those Brothers achieving this high point in their Masonic Lives. At the end of 1989 there had been 55,297 of these meaningful pins awarded to our Brothers.

Past Grand Treasurer Receives Chapel of Four Chaplains Award

In 1990, one of the highest given by the Chapel is awarded in recognition of an individual's life of service to others in a role of high visibility and great responsibility. The Chapel found Bro. Diamond's service to have been exemplary. A spokesman for the Chapel, in summarizing the reasons Bro. Diamond had been invited to receive the award, stated that his leadership and service in both the business community and in the field of engineering has earned him high praise from community leaders. His devotion to the Masonic youth groups has also benefited many. Bro. Diamond received the award for his life of service, integrity and devotion which have inspired the teachings of our Fraternity.

More Light

Grandfather Installs Grandson as Worshipful Master

On February 15th, 1990, an Extra Meeting of Friendship Lodge No. 247 in Mansfield was held in which Bro. Allen Keener received his First Degree in Freemasonry. Not such an unusual occurrence, except when one takes into consideration the fact that Bro. Keener is blind, and that he received his Degree from Bro. Alexander Stewart, P.M. of Pulaski Lodge No. 216 in Potsville, Pennsylvania's only blind Past Master. The two Brothers had become acquainted with each other while Bro. Keener was working for the Department of Transportation in the Harrisburg area.

Grandson as Worshipful Master

Williamston-Coronahy Lodge No. 368, F.A.M., Bro. Rick S. Friedman, W.M. and Bro. Morris Sweed, P.M.

On December 21, 1989, Bro. Morris Sweed, P.M. of Williamston-Coronahy Lodge No. 368, performed a Masonic task he never dreamed could even happen. He had the great honor of installing his grandson, Bro. Rick S. Friedman, as Worshipful Master of their Lodge. Bro. Sweed entered, crafted, and raised Bro. Friedman in 1984, and since then has learned to confer all three Degrees, before serving as Junior Warden in 1988. While Bro. Sweed was all in his glory, as he conferred the Worshipful Master's Obligation, Egyptian Hall was filled with Past Masters, as they also wanted to be a part of this unique occasion. The evening was a very moving experience for grandfather and grandson, one that neither one will ever forget.
March Quarterly Review

The R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Saturday, May 25, 1990, at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Approximately five hundred Brethren attended.

Following the usual opening ceremonies, the proposed Full Codes of By-laws of nine Lodges, and the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of seventeen Lodges and the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of thirty-four Lodges were received. Three Lodge nominations were then announced.

Relax Letter

Trophies were awarded at the 29th District School of Instruction, McKeeport, Sectional Meeting on February 22, 1990. The presentations were in recognition of the perfection of the work and not intended to single out any Brethren exclusively, were awarded to:
- Bro. Jack Martin - Master
- Mrs. Randy Grimes - St. W.
- Mrs. Joseph E. Trae - R.W. P.G.M.
- Bro. Peter H. Kess - Grand Master

The Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at a few minutes before 9:00 p.m.

December Quarterly Review

The R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on Sunday, December 15, 1990, at 8:00 o'clock, A.M., at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. More than five hundred Brethren attended.

After the usual opening ceremonies, favorable action was had on eight Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Following this, the following Brethren were duly elected to serve our Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year:
- Bro. W. Scott Stoner - Grand Treasurer
- Bro. Edward W. Fowles, Jr. - Grand Master
- Bro. George H. Hohenbush - W. Deputy Grand Master
- Bro. Randy C. Cranes - W. Grand Master
- Bro. Edward O. Weimer - R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary
- W. Marion G. Speicher - W. Grand Treasurer

These Brethren won the assurance for the most successful work in the Fellowcraft Degree in the Western Region.

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Help-A-Brother Committee Inspires Feelings Of Brotherhood

By Bro. William C. Shadow

The Charge at Initiation teaches us that we have an obligation as Masons as well as to our Brethren in Masonry; that we should not sit down satisfied with the light we see with our own eyes in our own Lodge, or in the ‘Help-A-Brother Committee’ of West Shore Lodge No. 681, over twenty-five Masons are on their feet and meeting that obligation every day.

Bro. Kenneth G. Puller, P.M., who founded it, explains the purpose and operations of the Committee. "The 'Help-A-Brother Committee' has a simple and straightforward purpose. It is to help our older Brothers and widows of Brothers who are in ill health, to maintain their dignity and independence, and continue to live in the homes they have worked so hard to earn."

Bro. Puller continued, "I'll go out and try to do some of the work so the boys won't have so much to do. When they find I've done that, they give me heck! Tell them I go to work and my job is . . . . . . All the men agree that something important over and above the fun and fellowship happens as a result of the 'Help-A-Brother Committee.'"

Bro. Vigueur said, "You get great personal satisfaction in helping others . . . . . . He started that one meets other Brethren whom one would not otherwise meet. When the time is taken to talk to them, one hears a lot about the "old days." It gives you a sense of history and fellowship as a result of your work."

The Committee is made up of several Masons who provide free labor. We have plumbers, carpenters, mausons, electricians . . . . . . who will do a job as small as fixing a leak in a pipe at no charge. We also provide lawn care and snow removal . . . . . . Puller said, "We can also provide professional help if there is a need."

He said, "Regardless of the amount of work to be done . . . . . . all labor is provided free of charge. The Brethren request the help only for materials needed. If it is a job the Lodge Charity Fund, but this is not required, and all requests for help are kept strictly confidential."

Puller continued, "Any Lodge can take on a project like this, the key is to have a Resident Chairman who can estimate [the job] and then coordinate . . . . . . do some things . . . . . . in a minute before three o'clock this afternoon."
Renovation contracts were signed on February 5, 1990, by R.W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stone, with the architectural firm of SFCS of Roanoke, Virginia, and Warfel Construction Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for Phase I of the multi-phase project. Work on the initial phase will start on June 1, 1990, with anticipated completion in March of 1991. This phase will include the relocation of all utilities into the Masonic Health Care Center, the relocation of dining room space in the Masonic Care Building, and the transfer of the kitchen to the ground floor of the Masonic Care Building. This will allow Masonic Care residents to have dining on their floor without the necessity of taking an elevator to their dining room three times a day.

The Committee on Masonic Homes has been in the process of reviewing the renovation, remodeling, and expansion of the Masonic Health Care Center to meet the future needs of the Fraternity since 1987. In 1988, after additional review and refinement, a Master Plan was developed consisting of five phases. The entire project is estimated to take seven to eight years for completion. The overall purpose of this project is to bring all of the existing buildings up to or exceeding the code standards and to meet the Masonic commitment to provide the continuum of services to the elderly into the next century. The Masonic Health Care Center was constructed in various phases starting in 1913 with the laying of the cornerstone of the original forty-bed Philadelphia Free Masons Memorial Hospital. The East Wing, containing seventy beds, along with the West Wing with fifty-five beds, were both added in 1922. The largest addition, the North Wing, was completed in 1956. It contained 165 beds and cost in excess of $1,250,000. A new modern 116-bed intermediate care facility, Masons Care Building, was designed and constructed starting in the late summer of 1971 with completion and dedication in 1973. Ground was broken for the Benjamin Franklin Building on October 25, 1976, as a part of the Bi-Centennial Celebration and the dedication ceremonies took place on June 25, 1977.

The Master Plan calls for the modification of the current services provided within the 482-bed facility. Upon completion of all phases the Masonic Health Care Center will contain 150 skilled and intermediate care beds plus 102 beds in the new Personal Care Facility. A total of seventy new beds will be added in order to meet the increased needs of the Fraternity.

Family Volunteers At The Masonic Homes

Happenings at Masonic Homes

Masonic Health Care Center Renovation Contract Signed

Masonic Health Care Center

Due to the mild winter we experienced this year, the construction of the Independent Living Community is on schedule. As you can see by the pictures, the roof is being put on the clubhouse and the apartments in Phase I. The construction of the Phase II apartments is well underway. The favorable weather conditions have allowed us to proceed with the placement of footers and foundations for Phase III ahead of schedule.

There will be terrace units available in Phase II and Phase III which will allow you to sit on your terrace and enjoy the outside beauty of the grounds surrounding the community.

Now that Spring is around the corner, there has been much activity at the model units with individuals touring the models and the site. With the completion of the road around the community, the staff of the Independent Living Community is now able to take residents and their families who have expressed interest, along with other interested individuals, to the site to observe the progress of the buildings.

There are still a few units available in Phase I which will be completed in the Fall of this year. Many individuals are also starting to reserve units in Phase II and Phase III which will be completed in the early and late Spring of 1991, respectively.

Plan now to visit us and choose the unit in Phase II or Phase III that best fits your needs and lifestyle while you have a complete selection of attractive units from which to choose.

Enjoy the convenience and comfort of living in a community where you can:
• shop in our “Country Store” for groceries, sundries, cards, etc.
• do your banking without leaving the grounds.
• visit our beauty and barber shop.
• work out in our exercise room.
• enjoy a novel from our library.
• work on a project in our woodworking shop or one of our craft rooms.
• dine from a menu in our beautifully decorated dining room overlooking a meticulously landscaped courtyard.

Don’t wait any longer! Become one of the first to experience this new concept of living at the Masonic Homes. Join your Masonic friends and become a member of our truly beautiful Masonic community.
Drug and Alcohol Foundation

since 1946, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has generously supported the efforts of Gateway Rehabilitation Center to address the needs of children of addicted parents. Gateway's highly qualified, dedicated staff of treatment professionals has designed an educational and therapeutic program for children which focuses on addiction as a disease.

Techniques such as play therapy, art through role-playing, young children are able to learn that they are not responsible for a parent's addiction. Children are taught to acknowledge and understand their feelings and to identify safe ways to deal with these feelings. In addition, GRC staff attempt to start the children on a path of behavior which may help them from using drugs or alcohol later in life.

Our support has assisted Gateway to staff their childrens program and provide staff training on issues pertinent to treatment of children; purchase furniture, equipment, supplies, materials and videocassettes for educating and assisting parents; offer treatment for the younger child; initiate therapy groups for parents during their treatment which focus on parenting skills and provide needed children's and parenting skills and educational sessions.

Recently, our financial support and commitment to Gateway was formally commeriated with a bronze plaque to be displayed in the Children's Area of Gateway's Family House. Dr. Ken Ramsey, GRC President/CEO, presented the plaque to Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, R.W.G.M., and his wife, Mary R.W.P.G.M. and offered his gratitude, on behalf of the GRC Board of Directors, for our continuing interest.

The plaque's inscription holds special meaning for both Gateway and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children:

"This children's activity area was made possible through the generosity and continuing financial support of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. Gateway is grateful for the commitment of the Masonic Fraternity to better quality of life for children and is pleased to work with them to achieve our common goal."

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson Elected President of Grand Secretaries Conference

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary, has been elected and installed as the President of the Committee on Grand Secretaries of North America. This conference includes more than sixty Grand Secretaries in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Bro. Jackson is the first Pennsylvania Grand Secretary to assume this high position.

Bro. Jackson, whose election took place at the Conference held this year in Salt Lake City, has served as our Grand Secretary since 1959. In addition to this, he is a past presiding officer in twelve Masonic bodies. He is a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 515, and holds the York Rite Cross of Honor, as well as being a 33rd Degree Mason. The Grand Lodge congratulates Bro. Jackson on his election to this most honored office.

Traveling Display Has New Look

The popular Skyline Display that is available for Masonic and non-Masonic functions, fairs and the like, has been given new graphics in the form of titles and pictures. This high tech, completely portable display is good looking and very professionally done and can be, but does not have to be, used in the middle of an area so that both sides are utilized.

The new graphics include a hammer- type masthead that reads, "WE ARE FREEMASONS," with the Square and Compasses on either side of it. Smaller titles that can be placed on the display include, "MASONIC CHARITIES," with all of the various foundations that we support below it. The photographs include Freemasons performing their various day-to-day vocations. There are pictures of lawyers, craftsmen, the clergy and doctors. Other photographs include pictures of the Masonic Homes, the Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage, the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and a Masonic Lodge Room.

If you would like to use the display, simply request it in writing approximately one month prior to its use from:

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Masonic Education

Greetings from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Committee on Masonic Education.

We take great pleasure in announcing the opening of our new office in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. This is, to our knowledge, the first office in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dedicated solely to Masonic education and public relations. This office represents another step in the recent dedication of the Masonic Fraternity to Masonic education and public relations. Many steps yet to be taken.

"This official office is "The Office of Masonic Education and Fraternal and Public Relations," or "MEPRF" for short. The Office is located on the lower level, Room No. 1, which was a former School of Instruction Room and, more recently, a Library and Museum office. Two dedicated Freemasons, Bro. Jonathan D. Schau, Manager and Secretary to the Committee, and Bro. William Forrest, Assistant Manager, administer the daily activities of the Office. These two Brothers stand ready and able to serve you by telephone, by mail or in person when you visit the office. Please help keep them busy.

The goals of the Committee are many but three fundamental goals permeate all of our proposed undertakings:

1. To impart a knowledge of and an education in our Masonic history, traditions, charities, standards, precepts and examples.

2. To help a Brother, not just to recognize him, but genuinely appreciate our Brethren's talents, contributions and participation.

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The Committee believes, very firmly, that our Craft has existed and has prospered for more than 350 years because its heritage and its precepts are etched in stone, and it behooves each of us to preserve and enhance this brotherhood that was created for a Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God. Knowledge and education are not a guarantee of success, but the lack thereof is a guarantee of failure.

We have just completed, during the month of April, the first ever competition of Lodge programming in every Lodge in our Jurisdiction. At least it was intended for every Lodge. If your Lodge did indeed participate in our Program, we hereby express our most fraternal congratulations and very best wishes as to the outcome of the competition. If your Lodge did not participate, we can assure you that you will have another opportunity next year, and we challenge you to get the message, "Hand in Hand Together" and success will crown our Masonic efforts.

Our Area, District and local Masonic Committee Meetings are taking place with more and more frequency, and with more and more substance. Progress is slow but deliberate, and we are sure that soon it can be like a ball rolling down a hill.

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Artifacts Donated to Shiloh Lodge

Accepting on behalf of Shiloh Lodge are left to right: Bro. Max Barr, Master; Miss Helena Hout; Bro. Donald P. Burkart, P.M., Secretary; Bro. James F. Logan, Jr., Senior Warden.

Miss Helena C. Hout of North Wales, Pennsylvania has presented a portrait and two silk hats used by her father, Bro. David Henry Hout, P.M., who was Warrant Junior Warden of Shiloh Lodge No. 556 in Lansdale when it was constituted in 1882.

Bro. Hout is considered to be a pioneer in the early days of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Born in England, he sailed to America at the close of the Civil War with his wife of less than a year. Interestingly, Bro. Hout was an operative stonemason. After performing work for the local railroad, which can still be seen, he went on to assist in the building of churches and other edifices in Philadelphia. In Lansdale, he built and owned several homes and stores. Many older citizens of Lansdale still remember him as the proprietor of a cigar and candy store.

Made a Mason in Fort Washington Lodge No. 508, he resigned from that Lodge to help, and assist in the forming of Shiloh Lodge. In recognition of this fact, Shiloh Lodge honored Bro. Hout at its September 1897 Stated Meeting by constituting him late, as well as the other surviving Charter Members, as the first Honorary Members of Shiloh Lodge.

Bro. Hout died in 1917. His portrait now hangs in the Ante-Room of Shiloh Lodge. He left a legacy of being a prominent operative mason and a dedicated Speculative Gowan as well.

Brothers:

Recently, the Masonic Lodge in the town of Wills, Pennsylvania, was elevated to the rank of a Regular Grand Lodge, this being the 162nd Regular and 81st Provincial Lodge in Pennsylvania. This event has been recognized by the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania with a bronze plaque to be displayed in the Children's Area of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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In Memoriam:


A veteran of the First World War, Bro. Paul had attended the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Niagara. From there he was sent overseas with the 23rd Engineers. Following the Armistice, Bro. Paul returned to France to assist in the rebuilding of the war-torn roadways. His education having been interrupted by the Great War, Bro. Paul returned to his studies and following his graduation, was employed by the Bell Telephone Company for nearly forty years when he retired to become R.W. Grand Secretary. As a Registered Civil Engineer, he had belonged to many engineering organizations, as well as many civic groups in both Philadelphia and in Harrisburg.

Bro. 'Ash' as he affectionately known to many, was made a Mason in Presencevance Lodge No. 21 in the late 1920's. He served his Lodge as Master in 1940, and following that, as Trustee of the Lodge for many years. Bro. Paul was also a Past District Deputy Grand Master, having served the Second Masonic District for five years. As a former member of the old Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Bro. Paul contributed extensively to this magazine from its inception.

In the other Masonic bodies, he was a member of the York Rite, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Harrisburg, where he had served as Commander-in-Chief in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Bro. Paul was also instrumental in the erection of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple in Harrisburg. Bro. Paul received the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the Thirty-third Degree in 1946. He was also a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the Shrine where he was an Aide to several Potentates in Zembo Temple.

At his death on December 21, 1989, Bro. Paul was living in Binhelm, Pennsylvania with his wife of almost seventy years, Alice Squire Paul. He is also survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bro. 'Ash' was a dedicated Grand Lodge Officer on a day to day basis, an active and vital member of the Craft for almost sixty years and a dedicated Mason with a genuine forthrightness, strong personal discipline and unhesitating cordiality made him a well qualified Grand Lodge Officer, one whose influence will be long felt, and whose passing is cause for great sorrow within this Fraternity.

Pennsylvania Mason Made Supreme Tall Cedar

Bro. Harold A. Gross of York, Lodge No. 206 has been installed Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. Bro. Gross is a member of York Forest No. 48, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He joined in 1914, four years after he was made a Mason, and is also a member of the Valley of Harrisburg. He has served in numerous Forest offices, in addition to having been the manager of the Cedar Chips magazine. Bro. Gross has also been extensively involved in non-Masonic youth groups, including the organization of local groups of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Bro. Gross is also active in the P.T.A. and the American Legion.

The Sturgeon Family of Freemasonry

On January 25, 1990, Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Jr. received his Third Degree in Oakdale Lodge No. 669. His First Degree was conferred by his father, Bro. Wilson L. Sturgeon, Sr., P.M. His Second Degree was conferred by his uncle, Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Jr., P.M. His Third Degree was conferred by his other uncle, Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, D.D.G.M. of the 47th District. All of the Degree work was witnessed by the father of the three conferring officers, Bro. Wallace L. Sturgeon, Sr., grand-father of the newly raised Brother.

More than 130 Years of Freemasonry

From left to right: Bro. Harold A. Burkett, Secretary; Joseph N. Maddocks, recipient; Wilnis R. Edvane, Master; John G. Tate, Jr., recipient; Spencer W. Haukson, D.D.G.M.

Two Altoona Freemasons have received certificates from the Grand Lodge in recognition of their many years of membership in Logan Lodge No. 498, Bro. John G. Tate, Jr. received his certificate for fifty-five years of service, and Bro. Joseph N. Maddocks received his for sixty-seven years of work.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

Benjamin Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

My Brethren,

"I do not think you know my husband can't walk for six years. I am 81 years old and take care of him and also teach music for food money. He is very lame, couldn't you send someone to talk to him?"

"I am sorry but my husband is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's Disease since 1987. He never got as much as a card for Thirty Degree."

"My husband has been in a nursing home for nineteen months, he cannot walk. It is very hard for me to keep a smile. Please send him a card. It may make him feel good."

"My father has been in a nursing home since 1987. As a member of all branches of the Masons [listed], I am both sorry and sad to inform you that my father has been totally forgotten. Not one card has he received. He was in the clownd unit and donated generously. Now isn't it a shame a 25-cent postage stamp can't be used to make his day a hit success?"

My Brethren, these are excerpts from letters received by our R.W. Grand Master in response to our charitable appeal. Isn't it sad? Perhaps it spells out clearly why we have difficulty today in attracting new members. Perhaps it is a delineating factor which separates us from Freemasonry of the past. Were we to analyze our responsibility to our Brethren as exemplified in the past versus today, it might be all we would need to define our problems and obtain our answers.

"My former employer pays me a small pension. My spouse receives no pension. A small Social Security payment is her only income. Circumstances and future doesn't look promising. My wife requires expensive medications. Enclosed is $50 to help in operating the hospital and Homes. We know you need help."

This is also a response from the same appeal, and perhaps reveals much of that which is good in our Fraternity. In the worst of times, there are those amongst us who think of others. Two types of responses: One exposing a weakness, the other a strength. Which do you want to look upon yourself as being a part? My brother, never forget some day we might be lying in a nursing home and would want nothing more than a card or a visit from a Brother to brighten our day. In brightening the day of a Brother, we could very well be brightening our future.

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—Bro. Edwin Markham
**Youth Foundation**

Chapel Available for Private Use
Did you know that the William A. Carpenter Chapel at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus is available for private religious ceremonies?

The following are eligible to use the Chapel, any Master Mason of his immediate family or present or former member of a Masonic-related youth group, a Children's Home or Patton School Alumnus or immediate family member, or present employer of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Homes or Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Weddings, baptisms, confirmations or any similar ceremony may be held, as long as it is supervised by a Minister, Rabbi or other spiritual leader. For further information, contact the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

**Boundless Appreciation**

Our young people and their adult leaders are grateful for the opportunity to use the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. A recent sampling of letters received follows:

From a Young Adult:

"... The accommodations were incredible and the food delicious. The girls could not believe the Masons were being so kind to them. They were most impressed with the generosity of the Masons. Thanks again for a great weekend."

From an Adult:

"... I am extremely impressed every time I visit the facilities at Patton, but more than being impressed, I am proud to be a Pennsylvania Mason, where we do take time to help, aid and assist our youth. Thank you again."

**Residences Provide Jewels**

Throughout the hard work and generosity of R.C. Rightmeyer, a resident of the Masonic Homes, the State Master Mason of the Order of DeMolay has a new jewel of office. Brother Rightmeyer contributed a substantial amount of money which he earned and saved from his craft work at the Masonic Homes. The jewel is a series of three 10 K gold drops which depict the emblem of the Order of DeMolay, the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the gavel of authority. The jewel has been attached to a collar of key-shaped links previously given to the State Association by the 56th Masonic District in honor of Brother William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M. The jewel was needed when the position of Deputy State Master Councillor was created, adding the need for a sixth collar and jewel. In the photograph, Brother Rightmeyer presents the collar and jewel to DeMolay State Master Councillor David C. Santini, of California, Pennsylvania.

**Lodge No. 22 Learns About Job's Daughters**

Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, recently invited the Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania to exemplify some of their ceremonies following a Stated Meeting. The Daughters and Masons shared the fellowship of a roast beef dinner, and the Daughters performed their "Tribute to Master Mason" and "The Living Cross." The brethren asked questions about Job's Daughters, as this was a new program to them. The newest Job's Daughter Bethel is over 60 miles away. Attending were Miss Anna Wolgamuth, Miss Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania, and Miss Jennifer Gordon, Grand Bethel Horaceque Queen, along with girls from Bethel No. 14, Quarryville; Bethel No. 7, Columbus; Bethel No. 1, York; Bethel No. 19, Blaine; Bethel No. 3, Hershey; and Bethel No. 5, Greensburg. In the photograph, Worshipful Master Larry Conrad and his officers gather for a picture with the Daughters.

**Ceremonies**

Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, invited Job's Daughters to a meeting to exemplify. Left to right: Kathy Brown, Honored Queen Bethel No. 7, Columbus; George Pautsch, Secretary; Dale Duval, Senior Wardens; Larry Conrad, Worshipful Master; Robert Dorman, Junior Warden; Larran Schreiber, Treasurer; David Diel, Trustee; and Jennifer Clark, Honored Queen Bethel No. 17, Hershey, along with other Job's Daughters from across the state.

**Syria Shrine Family Picnic**

Syria Shrine Temple's Family Picnic to be held on August 3, 1990, will once again include all Masonic and Youth groups in western Pennsylvania. Held at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, the program will start at noon and end at 11:00 p.m. The day will be filled with fun, rides, food and entertainment. Masons and youth groups are encouraged to bring their friends, to show them what fraternal fellowship is all about! Display booths will be manned explaining the groups, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the Grand Lodge Masonic Awareness Program and the Shrine Hospitals. All-day ride tickets cost $10.00. General admission costs $1.50, if ordered in advance. For further information, contact Bill McCracken, at (412) 653-0900.

After months of preparation, the Grand Lodge's state-wide Masonic Awareness Program has moved into action. "This is a major undertaking for both the Grand Lodge and all our Subordinate Lodges," states R.W. Grand Master W. Scott Stoner, who first announced the program at his installation on December 27. "Our goal is to let the people of Pennsylvania know who we are and what Masonry stands for."

"Taking as its theme, "Masonic Keeping the Promise of America," the Pennsylvania Masonic Awareness Project involves both Grand Lodge-wide activities and grass roots involvement by the 527 Subordinate Lodges. "Our ability to increase the visibility of our Fraternity throughout the state depends on the active, enthusiastic support of the Lodges," comments the Grand Master.

The first segment of the Masonic Awareness Program took place this past March in newspapers across Pennsylvania. The campaign also included radio and television spots. "Covering the entire state with a limited budget is difficult," reports the Grand Master, who indicates that the results are now being evaluated in preparation for a second phase in October.

**Masonic Awareness Program Spreads Across Pennsylvania**

In order to involve the Subordinate Lodges, training sessions have been held for the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Subordinate Lodge officers and the Masonic Education chairman in Elizabethtown, Altoona, Allentown and Newastle. A total of 397 Lodges were represented with a total attendance of over 1900. "The enthusiastic participation by so many of our Lodges and their leadership indicates to me that Masonic awareness is a top priority with Masons in Pennsylvania," comments the Grand Master.

"Our goal is to provide all the help possible so that our Lodges can develop appropriate local plans and activities. If Masonic awareness adds the Grand Master. "I hope both individual and groups of Lodges will take it upon themselves to air the radio spots and sponsor ads in their area newspapers." By combining the state-wide and local Masonic awareness activities, the program will make a significant impact.

Both the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Lodge Officers play key roles in responding to inquiries from those who want to know more about Masonry. Every person asking for information receives a personal letter from the Grand Master and a copy of the "We Stand with You" Brochure. In addition, two stories are being developed, including radio and television interviews with the Grand Master.

A 12-minute audio-visual presentation, "Men of Promise," is available for use by the Subordinate Lodges through the District Deputy Grand Masters. The production, which is designed for non-Masons, as well as members, is in both slide/tape and video formats. "Our goal is to make our Masonic message to as many people as possible, including service clubs, civic groups, and church organizations," states the Grand Master.

"Helping the public better understand our Fraternity will take time," summarizes R.W. Grand Master Stoner. "Our goals are not going to be achieved quickly or easily. But we are moving forward. We are taking the right steps — and that's what's important."