Lodge Honors
Bro. Floyd Elliott
At Age 100

Bro. Floyd Hugh Elliott, a Mason and member of Butler Lodge No. 272 for 79 years, was honored on his 100th birthday recently by a visit of a delegation from the Lodge. Worshipful Master Gary L. Dunkle presented him with a letter and a Grand Lodge Certificate from Right Worshipful Grand Master W. Scott Stoner.

The delegation pictured with Bro. Elliott (center) included (left to right) Bro. Edward P. Fair, P.M.; Bro. Jack E. Smith, son-in-law of Bro. Elliott and member of Adair Lodge No. 366, Kirksville, MO; Bro. Philip J. Kelley, member of Butler Lodge; Bro. Robert E. Gladd, P.M., and Bro. Dunkle, W.M.

Hiram Ball Receives 50 Year Service Emblem


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Enclosed is my check for $________ for reservations at $20.00 per ticket for the Grand Master's Dinner Dance to be held at 6:45 p.m., December 27, 1991 in the Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Make check payable to the Grand Secretary.

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"... as america celebrated the safe return of american soldiers from operation desert storm, pennsylvania masons saluted all those who fought for the freedom of others"
The Grand Master Speaks...

Brothers, it is only weeks until I pass the leadership of our great Fraternity in Pennsylvania on to the 101st Grand Master. I look forward to December 27 with a desire and hope to see renewed hope that has permeated what we as Masons are doing in the Lodge and in their communities.

Ben Sweetland said, "Success is a journey, not a destination." I don't know Ben Sweetland, nor do I know whether he is, or was, a Mason, but I have taken the liberty to borrow his quotation. It effectively captures the events of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania during the past twenty-two months. Together we have achieved much; but the challenge for leadership goes on in our changing times.

Decreasing membership through the years has been a reality—a serious concern for all of us. While conclusive figures are not yet in, there are indications that the slide in membership has been slowed, or possibly leveled. Key to reversing this trend is fulfilling our promise to renew our purpose in the Fraternity and so let people know who we are, what we stand for and what we do.

Nearly two years ago in my inaugural address, I said that the Masons of Pennsylvania are at the "brink of both challenge and opportunity, of change and continuity." Then I said, "As Masons we are men of great promise; we are keepers of that promise...we will work to keep that promise in our Lodges...with our youth...with the public."

...In Our Lodges:

The first promise of Masonry is found and fulfilled there, so the improvements that have been evident in both Lodge activities and Lodge operations are progressive and encouraging.

Most Lodges have taken serious efforts to make Stated Meetings stimulating. Masonic Education programs have been helpful and have proven effective. More and more, Lodges are increasing social activities to involve their ladies and their families, such as picnics, bus trips, ladies' nights and father-and-children's events.

Many of us have felt for a long time that there should be recognitions for the many hours of work performed by the dedicated Secretary. For that reason, a Secretary's Service Jewel was established for those who complete six (6) years of service as a Lodge Secretary.

Lodges now have available to them a computerized Subordinate Lodge Accounting System that enables them to maintain records on their own computers.

Incorporation of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and the formation of the Friends of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania will improve an already fine service for the Brethren. A Mason from Coatesville is reading important Masonic books once tape those with vision problems may benefit. The same thing is happening at the Masonic Homes where volunteers are taping books for the enjoyment of the sight-impaired there.

...With Our Youth:

The Masonic Fraternity remains dedicated to "Keeping the Promise" with our youth. You all know of our support for youth and the work of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation with DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. As Grand Master, the associations I have had with all of the youth organizations on behalf of the Fraternity have been among my most fulfilling activities.

In the Inaugural Address as the 100th Grand Master, I announced the establishment of a Grand Master's Scholarship Fund to honor all those, past and future, who serve as Grand Masters, by making educational opportunities available to students for generations to come. Through contributions from the Brethren and Lodges during the past two years, the Scholarship Fund now exceeds $52,000. The first scholarship of $25,000 was awarded this year. This is in addition to the Grand Lodge Education Endowment Funds regularly providing grants and scholarships and the Masonic Education Committee's essay scholarship contest.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children in a big national program that is doing a big job fighting addiction and abuse among youth. It's fifty-seven grants totaling more than one million dollars are well placed. One important program is working with the Department of Education in establishing drug and alcohol education recognition and intervention in Pennsylvania's schools through the Student Assistance Program. The Foundation made it possible for nearly 6,000

school teachers, nurses and administrators to be trained at the Masonic Conference Center on the Paston Campus at Elizabethtown. Through another grant, work is being done to break the generation chain of addiction by providing "walk-in" counseling and treatment in major population areas for addicted young pregnant women and addicted new mothers and their babies.

...With The Public:

Pennsylvania Masons have been quite active in "Keeping the Promise" to the public. The "Keeping the Promise of America" Awareness Program has been evidenced worldwide, and feedback says that the public is learning who Masons are, what we stand for and what we do. Grand Lodge curried forward the communication programs with advertising, and in our communities, Lodges and Masons across the State have supported the Program.

As Grand Master, I've told our Masonic story on television, radio talk shows and as the guest speaker at banquets. You can read in this issue of the Elizabethtown Times, "The Masonic Freemen, Grand Lodge, Masons of District No. 1 and contingents from practically all organizations of the Family of Masonry filled an entire section of Lancaster's Loyalty Day Parade honoring America's servicemen and the late President and Mr. Buchanan. This was just weeks after the Special Communication we held on President Buchanan's Birthday in April. Districts and Lodges in all parts of the State have been active in other communities—in parades, fairs and exhibits such as the outstanding participation by Blue Lodge Masons of District 21, the Grotos, Shriners and Rainbow Girls in the Sesquicentennial Parade in Loganton, and the Eastern Masonic Picnic at Dorney Park in Allentown. Lodges and Masons are more and more involved in their communities' projects. For instance, Prospect Lodge No. 578 in Prospect made it possible financially for a young hometown boy to travel to an important soccer competition, Abraham C. Titchenier Lodge in Elizabethtown raised more than $10,000 at a pancake breakfast to help a paralyzed 13-year-old girl. In Reading, five Brethren, each representing his Masonic Lodge, joined the community volunteers in restoring overturned and damaged tombstones after a cemetery was vandalized.

The Grand Master's Itinerary

NOVEMBER 1991
1-2 Eastern Regional Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Consolation, Whitehaven
2 Lodge No. 697, 75th Anniversary, Harrisburg
3-4 Alumni Association of Homes for the Aging, 31st Annual Meeting, San Francisco
7 Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, St. Louis, MO
9 Valley of Altoona, A.A.S.R. Reunion
16 Lodge No. 377, 125th Anniversary, Kutztown
17-18 250th Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Maryland
23 Williamport Consistory, A.A.S.R., Fall Reunion

DECEMBER 1991
1 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Corinthian Lodge, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
4 Grand Chapter, Grand Communication, Philadelphia
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We Are Men of Promise

On December 27, 1989, I said, "Our Awareness Program will require the support of all our Officers, the help of our Members, and the leadership of all of us."

There was no doubt then—and time has proved it true—that with the unanimity of Masonry we would face the challenges of the times and...move forward because we are men of promise.

"Success is a journey..." and I am pleased and thankful for the opportunity to have served as Grand Master and to have journeyed together with the encouragement and support of dedicated Brethren.

Fraternally,

W. Scott Stoner

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master
Masonic Family Outstanding in Lancaster's Loyalty Day Parade; Fraternity and Amaranth Win Top Trophy Awards

The Right Worshipful Master was the Honorary Parade Marshal at Lancaster's impressive Loyalty Day Parade on May 4 as America celebrated the safe return of American soldiers from Operation Desert Storm. Pennsylvania Masons saluted all those who fought for freedom of others.

More than thirty Masonically-related organizations made up one entire division of the parade. At the same time our troops were honored, Masons commemorated the 150th birthday of James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States, who resided in Lancaster and was not only an active Mason, but also a District Deputy Grand Master.

Two weeks earlier, on April 23, Pennsylvania Masons had celebrated James Buchanan's birthday during a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in the Lancaster Masonic Center, ceremonies at the President's grave and a recognition ceremony program.

Parade officials announced that, "It is only fitting that the parade be led by the top official of the Pennsylvania Masonic, W. Scott Smith, standing in the footsteps of James Grand Master, who also is a resident of Lancaster County." When the parade and the day's events were over, the Masonic Fraternity won the right Eminent Grand Commander Charles A. Garneys, Lancaster Commander No. 1; Goodwill Council No. 19 (Lancaster) and Corinthian Council No. 254 (Columbia), Royal and Select Masters; Royal Arch Council No. 43 of Lancaster; the float with the Masonic Awareness theme, "Keeping the Promise of America," (which won the top award); the Lancaster Lodge of Perfection with Thrice Potent Master Robert C. Hosler; Rajah Temple antique and Classic Car Club Lancaster Forest No. 27 of Tall Cedars and the Cedarcrest of Lancaster; Order of Eastern Star with Worthy Matron June E. Grayhill; Lancaster Order of Amaranth with Royal Matron Dorothy Rech (with winning boat); Alia Shrine No. 38, White Shrine of Jerusalem; the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; the Order of DeMolay, and the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Not only was the day an outstanding display of unity within the Fraternal Family, demonstrating to the public the values of Freemasonry and the cohesiveness of the Masonic Family, but also it was an additional tribute to James Buchanan, President of our country, a Brother Mason, and a District Deputy Grand Master.

Masonic Motorcycle Club Visits Masonic Homes

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by Bro. Robert Schumacher of the Masonic Motorcycle Club, Chapter 6, Pittsburgh.

On July 20 the Masonic Motorcycle Club, Chapter 6, Pittsburgh, visited the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. We were greeted by our residents and representatives of Independent Living Community. Our personal tour not only took us through the model apartments, but also overlooked the courtyard where preparations were being made for a tea market and other social events. Everything was decorated with beautiful hanging baskets and statuary, making it into a lovely garden setting.

We also toured the Assisted Care and Personal Care buildings. We were impressed with the entire area situated in the outskirts of Elizabethtown allowing for expansion and the rural country setting conducive to rest and relaxation. The residents received us graciously and as we stopped to chat, they often reminisced about their lives in and around the Pittsburgh area. We often are reminded of how small the world has become.

It certainly was our pleasure to visit the Masonic Homes and our future plans for an overnight ride likely will lead us back to Elizabethtown. Our group may be a little out of the ordinary, but we have very deep ties to the Masonic Fraternity. Many of us are Past Masters, long-time Masons and most of our ladies are Members and Officers of the Order of Eastern Star. Motorcycling happen to be one mode of transportation and just another means of spreading the word. Over the past seven years our club has been in existence, we have brought many new Masons into our Fraternity and continue to stress "Masonic Awareness".

Thank you for the opportunity to express our impression of what we saw while visiting the Masonic Homes.


From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

by Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary

My Brothers:

 Freemasonry, a Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God, is perhaps our greatest and simplest definition, yet one whose precept we frequently fail to practice, and I would suspect one that many of our Brothers fail to appreciate or even comprehend. I use this column to release an experience I had which I think describes what might be the essence of Freemasonry, at least, to the individual Mason.

One Saturday afternoon, after working in my garden, I went indoors to listen on the bed and listen to a Penn State football game. The telephone rang, and the caller was a representative of the Women's Aid Society, calling from Texas. She told me that a young lady was on an airplane scheduled to land at the Philadelphia airport in one hour. Her sister, who lived in New Jersey, had been injured in an automobile accident, and she was arriving to take her home to Texas. She knew no one to contact and had no way to get to New Jersey. The only thing she could tell the Women's Aid Society was that "her daddy was a Mason."

This lady called the Grand Lodge of Texas who referred her to my office. One of the employees who happened to be in the office on Saturday gave her my home telephone number.

I went to the airport and after a two-hour search was able to locate the girl. I learned from a young boy who was a security officer how to get to the small town in New Jersey. On the way there, the girl told me that she needed to rent a truck to carry her sister's furniture and clothing to Texas. They wanted to leave the next day.

Upon arriving at the location in New Jersey, I was unable to contact the local Lodge or the Grand Secretary of New Jersey. I was also unable to rent a truck that late at night. Being close to the Delaware border I called the Grand Secretary of Delaware at his home. He in turn made arrangements for four Members of one of Delaware's Lodges to come over Sunday morning, rent a truck, load it and get the girl started for Texas. I stayed until 3 a.m. helping them pack their belongings in boxes which I was able to obtain from a local store.

It is not significant that I was involved or, for that matter, that any single person was involved in this episode. The individual is not important.

What is important is our feeling of the need to respond to a Masonic obligation. What is important is that five words, "My daddy was a Mason," given to a non-Masonic organization in Texas precipitated a response that involved four states across a continent. What is important is that it reveals the continuing essence of Freemasonry, "The Brotherhood of Man."

As long as we, as individual Members, feel the need to respond to this assumed obligation, we carry on the proud tradition credited to the Craft. We justify our existence. We give reason for an interest by others. We really maintain a reason for being. If each Brother would express and respond to this motivation to practice this "essence" — what a giant step for our survival!

York Rite's Highest Honor

At the General Assembly for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America held at Anaheim, California, left to right: Brothers Joseph E. Teas, R. W. Past Grand Master; Walter Price, Past District Deputy Grand Master; and Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, received the York Rite's highest honor, the York Rite Purple Cross, and were made Associate Regents of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. This honor is conferred for service to Freemasonry far beyond the borders of the United States and represents a service rendered on behalf of the nation or humanity.

Committee On Masonic Homes Appoints Bro. Flohr

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed Bro. Carl R. Flohr as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes effective August 9, 1991. The Grand Master, in making the appointment, acknowledged that Bro. Flohr's expertise in the construction field has proved valuable as an open member of the Committee on Masonic Homes. The Committee on Masonic Homes is a continuing committee.

His past experience as a board member for the Quiney United Methodist Home is additionally valuable to this Committee.
Freemasonry Lovingly Celebrated in Scherenschnitt

Remember strings of paper dolls? The Scherenschnitt pictured here, from the collections of our Grand Lodge, in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, is also cut paper, not lace made of cloth thread! The more you look, the more you will see. It will be difficult to identify a missing Masonic Symbol! How many can you find — or not find? Write and tell us!

Almost every group has its version of the Scherenschnitt ("scissors-cut"): lacy artwork consisting of cutting wonderfully imaginative, symmetrical designs from single sheets of folded paper. Of all sizes, they were used in past of birth, baptismal, and marriage certificates; alone as bookmarks, stationery, Christmas ornaments, and dollars; or as trimming for shelf-paper and handwriting samples; on love letters, they became the valentine! The Pittsburgh Germans, for instance, who still have many enthusiastic practitioners, derive their traditions from the Swiss-German techniques which use other tools such as compasses, rules, punches, and awls in addition to scissors. The earliest of these Scherenschnitte, usually religious pieces, date from the mid-1600's, and came to America with the Swiss and Germans, most of whom were fleeing religious persecution. The favorite themes are flowers, birds, cherubs, as well as heraldic and mythological figures.

Huge compared to the usual ones, our Scherenschnitt is twenty-seven inches square or 729 square inches. It was made in several parts; the inner circle seems to be one piece, but the border is made of four curved triangles, all cut out at once, separately from the circle, then beautifully pieced together around it. The whole was then placed onto a black background and framed.
Masonic Homes Offers a Pooled Income Fund

The Masonic Homes pooled fund is an investment pool that combines the deferred gifts of many donors and pays the individual beneficiaries their proportionate share of all the income earned.

Let's assume you want to make a contribution to us and still preserve an income from the principal. Your gift is added to the fund for investment and managed along with the other gifts. Each year you receive a pro rata share of the fund's net earnings for that year.

When you allocate the gift on your federal income tax return, you also benefit from a stable charitable contribution deduction for the year of your gift. The value of your deduction depends on your age and the age of any other beneficiary, as well as the rate of return earned by the fund in recent years.

After your lifetime (or the lifetime of another beneficiary you've named), the value of your units in the fund at that time becomes available to support the Masonic Homes. In this way your gift helps us to achieve our future goals.

How the Plan Works
You can give cash or securities to our pooled income fund. Your gift is irrevocable, but we agree to pay you an income for the rest of your life. If you wish, you can name a survivor to receive a life income, too — perhaps your spouse, or some other member of your family.

You can benefit even more when you continue on page 8

Masonic Health Care Center Construction Ongoing

The Committee on Masonic Homes has set plans on the 20th Century to meet the needs of the Fraternity in the future. During 1991, construction has started on a new wing complete with the most up-to-date design, convenience, and efficiency of a new nursing home. Each nursing floor is laid out to provide four clusters with 12 residents living in each cluster. All nursing and ancillary services will have equipment and staff to treat each cluster as an independent unit. This will provide a more homelike atmosphere, having smaller autonomous units. This wing is scheduled for completion in 1993.

As we look forward to the new century, we do so with the vision of facilities capable of supplying the continuum of care which will be required for our residents. Our Fraternity has long provided for these needs through very generous contributions. During a recent meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes the following prices were established for our new rooms in the Masonic Health Care Center:

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We are currently receiving contributions for furnishing these units. Upon completion of the construction these places will be placed on the individual rooms.

If specific information is needed, please call (717) 367-1121, extension 311.

Charles V. Watt, CFRE
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POOLED INCOME FUND, continued from page 8

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Masonic Homes pooled income fund will allow you to make a significant gift to us while preserving your own need for income. You'll diversify your investment through participation in a large and professionally managed fund, eliminating the responsibilities, worries, and costs of personal involvement.

We'll be glad to explain the specific financial benefits you can enjoy. Just call and ask to meet with us today:

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QUESTIONs ANSWERED, continued from page 7

Q. Will I be able to keep my automobile?
A. Yes, residents are encouraged to maintain their automobile in order to assure them their independence. Residents may also utilize our bus service to participate in regularly scheduled trips to area food stores, shopping malls, Lodge, meetings, etc.

Q. Will there be parking for recreational vehicles?
A. Yes, there is a designated parking area available on the grounds.

Q. Will I be able to entertain overnight visitors in my living quarters and have use of the dining room facility?
A. Yes, we encourage our residents to have family and friends visit with them. Visitors to the dining room will be charged to the resident's Monthly Service Fee.

Q. Do you have planned seating in the dining room?
A. No, you are greeted by a hostess and seated at the table of your choice.

Q. Do I have to go outside for meals and activities?
A. For your convenience, especially during inclement weather, there are two enclosed walkways and a corridor connecting the Clubhouse to the apartments and cottages.

Q. I still enjoy being able to go on trips for extended periods of time. Will this be possible?
A. It is easier now, more than ever. You won't have to worry about someone taking care of your home while you are away. All you have to do is lock the door and leave.

Q. Are meal credits made while I am vacationing, temporarily in the health care center, or at an outside hospital?
A. Residents who are away from the community will receive meal credits during their absence as specified in the Resident Agreement.

Q. Am I too young to apply to the community?
A. Our community is the ideal place for people who feel young at heart and want to maintain an active lifestyle. Our minimum age requirement is 62 years.

Q. I have recently lost my spouse. Is it too soon to think about moving into the community?
A. Individuals facing this situation usually need the security and understanding that can be found in a Masonic community. It is a time to be with people who understand and care . . . not a time to be alone. As a member of our community, you will be able to join others for companionship at meal times. An array of activities will also provide you with the opportunity to make new friends.

Q. May I bring my pet?
A. Yes, pets are permitted in accordance with our pet policy.

Q. What health care services are available to me?
A. All ancillary and nursing services at the Masonic Health Care Center will be available to you on a fee-for-service basis. The ancillary services include: Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, X-ray, and Dental.

Q. What emergency services will be available to me?
A. Each unit is equipped with an emergency call system providing residents with 24-hour emergency response.

Q. What happens when I am no longer able to function independently?
A. If residents are no longer able to function independently, they will be encouraged to move to a level of care appropriate to their needs within the Masonic Homes.

Q. Am I guaranteed access to the Masonic Health Care Center, both on a short-term and long-term basis?
A. Yes, all residents will be guaranteed access to the Masonic Health Care Center.

Happenings at Masonic Homes
Bro. P. Thomas Feerer Recognized for Service To Masonic Homes

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, and the Committee on Masonic Homes, accepted with regret the resignation of Bro. P. Thomas Feerer from the Committee on Masonic Homes at their meeting held on July 26, 1991.

The Grand Master expressed his appreciation and that of the Committee on Masonic Homes for the 16 years of dedicated service by P. Feerer, as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes. Grand Master Stoner appointed Bro. Feerer to continue on the Building and Grounds Sub-committee and the Human Resources Subcommittee for the Masonic Homes effective immediately.

Admission Changes

The Committee on Masonic Homes at their June meeting changed the eligibility requirements for admission to the Masonic Homes to the following:

Those eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes are a Master Mason in good standing in Pennsylvania or in the Principal Jurisdiction for five or more years, his wife, widow, mother, sister, and never married daughter. Those so related are also eligible if the member is deceased, without regard to the length of membership.

The first step of the admission process begins with a Request for Application from the Lodge Secretary of the member's Blue Lodge. This form is vital as it provides information confirming the applicant's eligibility by virtue of membership or relationship to the member. The form is available from the Lodge Secretary by contacting the Admissions Office at the Masonic Homes. The completed Request for Application form is forwarded to the Admissions Office of the Masonic Homes. The applicant will then be contacted by telephone to confirm that he or she is interested in admission to the Masonic Homes and to explain the application procedure.

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania offered its Warmest Congratulations to the members of the Masonic Homes for their accomplishments and continued dedication to fulfilling the needs of our Fraternity.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge dues were fixed at Eight Dollars ($8.00) by vote of the Grand Lodge December 2, 1967 and still remains in that amount today; and

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge fees were fixed at Sixty Dollars ($60.00) by vote of the Grand Lodge December 7, 1955 and still remain in that amount today; and

WHEREAS, a careful study and analysis of all Grand Lodge annual receipts and expenditures has been made and which shows the general expenses of Grand Lodge running in excess of anticipated receipts; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the annual income of Grand Lodge must be increased to avoid the deficit at the Grand Lodge at a deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, it has been deemed advisable to amend the Altham Resolution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Article 10.01, Item 7, of the Altham Resolution be amended as follows:

By striking out the amount of $8.00 and substituting in lieu thereof the amount of $10.00; and

By striking out the amount of $60.00 and substituting in lieu thereof the amount of $100.00, so that Item 7 of Article 10.01 shall read as follows:

7. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodges, viz:
   Grand Lodge dues annually for each member who was a life member...$2.00
   Grand Lodge dues annually for all other members...$10.00
   The Subordinate Lodge shall be relieved from payment of any Lodge dues for any member whose Lodge dues are remitted because of the inability of such member to pay his Lodge dues, or where the Lodge dues are remitted because he has been a Mason in good standing for fifty or more years; provided such Lodge action is made in good case by the Grand Secretary.

Admission to the Masonic Homes is a privilege which should be extended to those who are worthy of membership. The Committee on Masonic Homes believes that each Lodge should get information about the Fraternity to the man and his family.

Masonic Senior Essay Contest

Materials for the 1992 Senior Essay Contest, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, have been distributed to the public, private, and parochial high schools of the Commonwealth. Any senior in high school is eligible to enter the Essay Contest.

Students are asked to complete a 1,500-word essay honoring the historic voyage of Christopher Columbus to the New World. A student may focus on the political, cultural, or religious influence of Columbus’ discovery of North and South America. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1992.

All essays must be accompanied by a typed, official student selection form and a student activity form. The high school principal must sign each entry form to certify that the student is currently a senior.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will award one $2,500 scholarship to the winner of the essay contest. Five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners in each of the remaining Masonic Education areas. Awards will be presented to each student at the annual banquet for the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education has distributed the information about the Senior Essay Contest to English and Social Studies Department Heads in the public, parochial, and private schools in the state. We encourage Masons to ask students in high school if they are entering the Essay Contest.
Dramatic DeMolay Changes

At the annual meeting of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, two major policy changes were approved to benefit the Order of DeMolay. These historic-making changes were prompted by a desire to assure parents who are not Masonically affiliated that DeMolay is a good organization for their sons to join.

An adult male may now serve as an Advisor, in any position except Chapter Advisor or Advisory Council Chairman. He may attend open and closed meetings, view the ritual, and provide proper supervision at any activity. This will allow a father who is not yet a Mason the chance to experience DeMolay with his son. It also allows for the recruitment of other community leaders to support DeMolay in a formal manner.

The second change will permit parents or guardians to witness the degrees of DeMolay on a one-time-only basis, while their son proceeds through the ceremonies. This is not meant for entertainment — it is to assure parents that the degrees and teachings of DeMolay are worthwhile and safe for their children. Parents viewing the Degrees are asked to take an Oath of Secrecy. Every Chapter in Pennsylvania is required to make this option available to the parents of their candidates. Also in Pennsylvania, the parents of active members previously initiated may also view the degrees on a one-time-only basis.

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee Scholarships Awarded


Grand Master Speaks at Pottstown's Salvation Army's 100th Year; Stichter Lodge No. 254 Specially Honored

Right Worshipful Grand Master W. Scott Stoner was the honored guest speaker at the dinner of the Pottstown Salvation Army on September 18, honoring its 100th anniversary. In a surprise at the conclusion of the event, he accepted the prestigious Service to Others award presented to Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown.

R. W. Grand Master Stoner, in turn, presented an award to Worshipful Masters Roland Morris of Stichter Lodge.

This is the first time that the Divisional award of the Salvation Army has been presented locally and the first time it has ever been presented anywhere to an organization instead of an individual. In his address to the nearly 300 Salvation Army officers, soldiers, volunteers and friends, Grand Master Stoner recognized and applauded the Army's outstanding achievements in living up to its theme, "Putting Lives Together." Drawing on his fraternal leadership experiences relating to the Masonic Homes, the Youth Foundation, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention and all-around service to others, he told the audience of the high level of appreciation all of us have for the Army's dedication, work, and community support.

He concluded by saying that he knew the Salvation Army will succeed, as will the Fraternity, in "Keeping the Promise" of serving others for hundreds of years to come because of the selfless qualities and dedication demonstrated by the organization and its members.


Bro. Stoner Receives Award

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. Carl W. Stoner, Jr., was recently extremely honored to be the first recipient of the Bill Paul Horn Memorial Masonic Medal. The ceremony took place on Saturday, June 29, 1991 at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Created by the Grand Lodge of Washington in memory of Most Worshipful Bro. Bill Paul Horn (1915-1972), who was Grand Master of Masons in Washington and Alaska in 1972-1973, the medal is "to be awarded annually to a Freemason who has made a quiet, consistent and significant contribution to the promotion and success of our Fraternity." Bro. Horn was known for his quiet leadership, and the Trustees of the Bill Paul Horn Memorial Masonic Medal Foundation felt that Bro. Stoner was the same kind of quietly effective Mason. They cited especially his role in the establishment of both the Pennsylvania and National Masonic Foundations for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. It is with pride that we congratulate Bro. Stoner, our Grand Master in 1986-1987, on this his newest distinction.

Louise and Irlene Mandrell To Entertain At Grand Master’s Inaugural Celebration

Pennsylvania Masons, their ladies and friends will be entertained by the talented, personable and energetic Mandrell Sisters, Louise and Irlene, in a fast-moving, dazzling, exclusive performance at the Grand Master’s Inaugural Dinner Dance on December 27, 1991, 6:45 p.m., at the Pittsburgh Hilton in the heart of the Golden Triangle.

Louise Mandrell has legions of fans throughout the world, receives rave reviews, has a string of hit records, a best-selling book, and her own nationally syndicated TV special. Tickets to her shows have become one of the hottest items around.

Irlene Mandrell, joining her sister Louise for this exclusive show, brings her own vibrant, light-hearted humor and enthusiasm that has endeared her to audiences everywhere.

Masons and their guests will be received by Edward H. Fowler, Jr., the expected R. W. Grand Master, as he starts his term of office as the leader of Pennsylvania’s 175,000-plus Masons. Bro. Fowler resides in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, and is a Member and Past Master of Avalon Lodge No. 657, F.&A.M., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The reception and dinner will start at 6:45 p.m. on December 27, 1991, followed by the Mandrell Sisters Special Show and dancing to the music of the “Finesse” group.

Tickets for the Inaugural Dinner Dance are available for $20.00 per person from the area District Deputies in Western Pennsylvania or from the Grand Master’s Office on a first-come basis. Tables will accommodate ten persons should you desire to attend as a group. DON’T DELAY, ORDER NOW.

(See coupon on page 15.)

Annual Grand Communication and Grand Master’s Dinner-Dance
Set for Pittsburgh, December 27, 1991

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is scheduled to be held in the Masonic Temple in the Oakland Section of Pittsburgh beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27.


All Master Masons are encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held in Gothic Hall on the second floor of the Masonic Temple located at Fifth, Lytton and Tennyson Avenues, Oakland, Pittsburgh. The meeting will be programmed to allow for the Installation of the new Grand Master at noon, after which luncheon for those attending the Communication will be served. (See coupon on page 15.)

At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, Avalon Lodge No. 657 has scheduled a Special Meeting to receive its Member as the R. W. Grand Master for the first time. Masons and their ladies are also invited to attend the Grand Master’s Dinner-Dance to be held in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. This is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. with entertainment consisting of the Mandrell Show to follow at 9:00 p.m.

Charleroi Lodge No. 615


In Eastern Pennsylvania they have a PICNIC!

On June 15, 1991, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, twenty-one hundred Masons, children from the Masonic Children’s Home at Elizabethtown, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, Rainbow, York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, and friends attended the First Annual Masonic Picnic at Doneen Park and Wildwater Kingdom. Of the twenty-one hundred, 503 of our Masonic youth groups attended, of which 283 were sponsored by Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, Consistories, and Grand Bodies.

They came from York to Scranton, from Philadelphia to Penn State, ages 2 to 62. Early arrivals were treated to 100 free pounds of peanuts and 2,000 Philadelphia soft pretzels.

Information booths for the Masonic Blood Bank, DeMolay, Rainbow, Job’s Daughters, and the Grand Lodge Library handed out information packets. There was non-stop excitement from ten in the morning to ten at night, thanks to over 100 thrilling rides, rousing shows and attractions.

What Do Masons Do?

North Hills Lodge No. 716


December Quarterly Notice

The December Quarterly Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, December 4, 1991. Grand Lodge will meet in Corinthian Hall at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. which will be served at no cost to the Brethren. At 1:30 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume labor. Please remember that you need not be a member of Grand Lodge to attend: All Master Masons are welcome.