The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Edward H. Fowler, Jr., has presented his Medallion for 1992 commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of The White House on October 13, 1792, the Medallion is three inches in diameter and is of bronze. On the obverse is a depiction of the South Portico of The White House (then called the President's House) with the caption, "White House Washington, D.C.; the dates 1792-1992 and the words "200th Anniversary — Laying of Cornerstone." On the reverse is the Seal of the Grand Master with "Edward Henry Fowler, Jr. — 1992" encircling it.

The cornerstone was laid in 1792 by the Freemasons of Georgetown and vicinity, Bro. Peter Casasnov, Worshipful Master, joined by Thomas Johnson, Bros. Dr. David Stuart and Daniel Carroll, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, Bro. James Hoban, Architect and Worshipful Master of Federal Lodge No. 15 of Maryland, Bro. Colin Williamson, master stonemason and Member of the same Federal Lodge No. 15 and Bro. and President George Washington, Member of Alexandria Lodge No. 25, Alexandria, Virginia.

Freemasonry Re-established

Grand Master, ASERB Masons Host Yugoslavian Masonic Leaders in Pittsburgh

With R. W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. in photo above is Deputy Grand Master of Yugoslavia, Bro. Jovan Vasivljevic (second from right), District Deputy Kenneth E. Behrend (right) and Bro. Michael London (left), Worshipful Master of Dallas Lodge No. 508. In the photo on right, R. W. Grand Master Fowler is with Deputy Grand Master Vasivljevic.

It was a historic and dramatic event when R. W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., and Serbian Freemasons in the Pittsburgh area greeted Officers of the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia in Dallas Lodge No. 508 at the Oakland Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh on February 20. Nearly 250 Freemasons, including about seventy American Serbians from Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Northern West Virginia, attended the Lodge Meeting for the Informal Visitation of the leaders of the two Grand Lodges.
place proven Lodge leadership and management techniques and tools throughout the Fraternity.

The first “class” was a pilot program consisting of Grand Lodge Officers, a cross-section of District Deputy Grand Masters and the three Elected Officers of representative Blue Lodges. Modifications in the teaching program were made as a result of input from the pilot. Then the systematic scheduling began that will ultimately reach the Masonic leaders in Districts and Blue Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

By the time you read this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, several more groups, each made up of the three elected Blue Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and leaders of various facets of Grand Lodge, will have completed the course.

Hiram I is a grassroots leadership program geared toward Blue Lodges. Through the Masonic Education and District Deputys’ networks, those Masons who have experience, or interest, in serving as teaching facilitators for Blue Lodge training will be identified. “Train the Facilitator” programs will put sixty-six trainers in place.

Five-Year Plan has been introduced in Grand Lodge to improve the organizational and operating efficiencies. The various organizations and departments of Grand Lodge, such as Masonic Education, Ritual, Library and Museum, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and others, have submitted their plans defining their direction in building for the future.

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“I have been a member of the Masonic Fraternity from my early manhood, and, by the course of its principles, the more I have mingled with members of this Order, the darker the shadow that around me, the dearer the Order becomes.”

That message is not from Adlai E. Stevenson whom I impact our today refer to as a two-time candidate for the Presidency; rather, it was by his grandfather with the same name, the twenty-third Vice President of the United States (1833 to 1837). The fact that there have been two Adlai E. Stevenses and that the ninetieth-century Vice President was a Freemason comes to light in tracking down another Stevenson quotation:

“Build upon resolve and not regret the structure of the future.”

That charge is meaningful for Pennsylvania Masons today and the resolve with which our leadership programs are Building for the Future...

Today! Important activities are already underway for rebuilding the Fraternity in the Nineties. Collectively, they will involve and benefit Freemasonry throughout Pennsylvania, from Grand Lodge to the local Lodges.

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Dr. Ivan Vasić, the R.W. Deputy of the Grand Master of Yugoslavia, led this first visit by the Grand Lodge to the United States. He represented the 190th Century - In Building for the Future... Today! Included in the Five-Year Plan is restructuring of support functions of Grand Lodge designed to make Grand Lodge operations more efficient and economical (i.e., the Accounting and Computer Departments).

Public Awareness is something we need to continue emphasizing. Capable Masonic leadership is targeted at having a positive image of the Lodge in the Community. It is the best-best, best-managed, most interesting and highly respected organization in their communities. That also involves being the leaders in the community, joining in local activities and demonstrating concern for others.

In the past several years, the Fraternity has been increasingly visible, telling its message through various media. At the grassroots, Freemasonry is gaining recognition and will continue to foster public awareness.

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Bro. Stenberg Stands Tall Again!

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master (1986-1987), was recognized by the National Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children on February 16, 1992. Bro. C. David Hascke presented Bro. Stenberg the 1992 Medalion of Excellence, saying as he did so, that if only one person could have been chosen for credit for all the wonderful things that Freemasonry is now doing to help our threatened children, it would have to be Bro. Stenberg. He, during his term as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, founded the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, which became the pilot for the National Foundation's flagship program, "Masonic Model" Student Assistance Training, developed in Pennsylvania and supported with great contributions which help make our program work.

It is really a thrill to see some people we know are finally making the final step to defeating this terrible plague. At the end of his remarks, Bro. Stenberg introduced his successor on the Executive Committee, Right Worshipful Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr.

Grand Lodge Officers


R.W.G.M. Fowler Announces Special Communication To Make Mason at Sight

R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., announced that a Special Communication will be held the afternoon of June 3, following the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in the Oakland Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh for the purpose of Making a Mason at Sight. R.W.G.M. Fowler invites all Freemasons who are in western Pennsylvania for the Quarterly Communication to be present for the Ceremonial of the Degrees on a "proud Masonic Pittsburgh citizen."

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by complimentary luncheon. The Special Communication will open at 2 p.m., followed by the Ceremonial of the Entered Apprentice and Fellowship Mason's Degrees. The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred after dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the dining hall at the Oakland Masonic Temple for a charge of $10. For dinner, please complete and return the coupon on page 16 or contact your District Deputy Grand Master for tickets.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

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

I am using my column in this issue to tell two stories which need to be told.

For over twelve years I have been listening to the difficulties in presenting Fifty-Year Masonic Service Emblems to Brothers who did not wish to make the effort to travel a few miles or even a few blocks to receive the award.

Several years ago I received a request from a good friend and Brother to present him with his Fifty-Year Masonic Service Emblem when he was eligible for one. With permission of the District Deputy Grand Master for his District, I readily accepted what I regarded as a rare privilege and an honor.

Last year I had the opportunity to make that presentation. My friend and Brother boarded a bus in Sedalia, Missouri (where he now lives) and travelled to Lebanon, Pennsylvania (the location of his Lodge) for a Meeting in which he was recognized for his fifty years of service to our Masonic Fraternity.

This next day he boarded a bus and returned to Missouri.

It is in itself an extremely remarkable act, far beyond what I have experienced before, by a Brother to receive this award. What is even more remarkable about the effort, however, is that this Brother travelled the distance with his seeing-eye dog as his only companion, for this Brother is legally blind.

It must have been through efforts and interests of men like these that we have the privilege of paying Premations today. Bro. Edwin Schickley is a remarkable man. He is also a remarkable Freemason.

I cannot help but wonder how much greater we might be if we had more Brothers as dedicated to the Craft as is this Brother. He certainly has my admiration and respect and deserves the same from all Freemasons.

On January 13th of this year, I received a report from Ed Walter, C. Heck of the Visitation Committee of one of our Lodges. Along with the report was a letter in which this Brother wrote: "Enclosed is the report of visits for the year 1991.

The next day he boarded a bus and returned to Missouri.

This is the 13th and final year of my visitations to the ill and shut-ins."

He went on to discuss the locations in three states, and in five counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to which he had journeyed in order to visit our Brethren who were in the hospital. He closed his communication with "I enjoyed doing visits—Why?—When I was ill with double pneumonia in January 1947 at the Norfolk Naval Hospital, the first person to visit me was the Most Worshipful W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, who boarded a bus in Sedalia, Missouri (where he now lives) and travelled to Lebanon, Pennsylvania (the location of his Lodge) for a Meeting in which he was recognized for his fifty years of service to our Masonic Fraternity."

Brotherhood or we can, like Bro. Heck, live Masonic Brotherhood. There is nothing I could add that would improve upon what he has done to maintain the image of our Craft.

3rd Grader Names Anti-Drug Caricature

"Kid Pyramid" is the winning name that Matthew T. Echols of the 13th and Green elementary school in Reading gave the Masonic caricature pictured on District 7's anti-drug book covers distributed to the grades again this year.

The name he submitted was selected from more than 600 entries in the contest that the District's Board of Managers announced when 8,000 book covers were distributed the beginning of this school term.

"Kid Pyramid" is the focal point of the modern art of the book cover. He has the shape of a Masonic emblem, but is a youngster wearing a baseball cap and sneakers. Matthew said he suggested "Kid Pyramid" because, "You can't get to the top if you use drugs or alcohol. You must use your brain. Drugs hurt your brain and your body."

The third-grade winner received a $200 savings bond presented by Bro. Frank C. Daniels, D.D.G.M. (second from right), and (at left) Bros. Brian R. Doerrman, P.M., W.M., St. John's Lodge No. 435, and Curtis W. Hoyt, P.M., Reading Lodge No. 549, both Members of the Board of Managers.

Matthew's school principal, Garrett E. Hyneman (right), a Member of Reading Lodge No. 549, was present for the award.
Items from Our Library and Museum

The Masonic Library and Museum and YOU!

Never a day passes without someone or some organization asking for your help in one form or another. Our own Masonic charities are seeking further funds in order to maintain the outstanding facilities they have provided for many, many years. We too, here at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania are turning to you for much needed help. Not in the form of a monetary donation, this time, but we literally need YOU! We need YOU to donate one of your most valuable possessions, YOUR time. While we have had several very dedicated Volunteers these last two years, unfortunately, illness and family problems have stopped several of our Volunteers from meeting their commitment to us. We are aware that YOUR time is a most valuable commodity and becomes more precious to each of us the longer we live, but would you consider contributing a portion of this valuable asset to this most important part of Masonic life, YOUR Masonic Library and Museum? If we are “To Build Bridges of Awareness from the Historic Past to the Future, for The Freemason and The Non-Freemason,” YOU are the tool by which construction can and will begin.

Please contact the Executive Director by writing to us here at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania
The Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2520

or telephone us at area code (215) 988-1934. Please, please consider our request with serious thought! The future of this portion of Freemasonry could very well be in YOUR hands.

Continental Chapter Order of DeMolay, York, Pennsylvania,
To The Rescue

One of the most prized possessions of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which is on deposit with The Masonic Library and Museum at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, is The Brother George Washington Apron. Hand embroidered by Madame Lafayette, it was presented to Bro. Washington by Bro. The Marquis de Lafayette in August of 1783. This unique item was recently found to be in need of conservation and preservation by a textile conservator brought to the Library and Museum for this purpose. Thanks to Bro. Terry D. Bontzel, District Deputy of the 42nd Masonic District, this need was brought to the attention of Continental Chapter, Order of DeMolay in York, Pennsylvania.

The Members of Continental Chapter decided that this was just the project they were looking for and thus began the search for a fund-raising project. It was decided to sell plastic trash bags to raise the needed money. Thanks to efforts of the many fine Members of Continental Chapter, after selling these trash bags at meetings of every type of Masonic Organization, their contribution was presented to the Grand Master.

At the December Quarterly held in Philadelphia on December 4, 1991, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, W. Scott Stoner, called the Grand Lodge off from Labor for a short time and directed that Matthew Campbell, Senior Councillor of Continental Chapter, Order of DeMolay, be ushered into the Grand Lodge. Accompanied by Bro. Clarence Laufer, Advisor, Mr. Campbell presented the Grand Master with a check in the amount of $2,500 for use in the preservation and conservation of the Apron. The Grand Master received the check and expressed his sincere appreciation on behalf of the Grand Lodge for this considerable contribution. The Staff of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania also express their deep appreciation for the support given to this project by the Continental Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Thanks for a job well done to all of the dedicated Members of Continental Chapter!

“Grand Master’s Day”
AT THE MASONIC HOMES
Saturday, September 19, 1992

Mark your calendar now to attend “Grand Master’s Day” at the Masonic Homes, which is schedule for September 19, 1992. This is your day to spend touring the grounds and taking in all the numerous activities offered. The featured event this year will be the laying of the Cornerstone for the construction of the newest wing of the Masonic Health Care Center.

The fun and festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day until 4:00 p.m. A coupon will be in the next issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason for you to complete and return to the Masonic Homes to advise us of your intention to be present. Also the next issue will contain the program of events.

Shine hand, face painters for the children, tours of the Village Green, Masonic Health Care Center, and the Independence Living Community, plus all the present food, food, and more food will be available for your enjoyment.

This is the time for each of you (and most especially those who have never before visited the Masonic Homes) to come and see how we are preparing for the next century and where your contribution dollars are being used. It is also a time to visit with our residents, get to know them, and determine for yourself why so many say they wish they had made the decision to come to the Masonic Homes years before they did.

The time of your year should promise to afford great weather, so mark the date now while it is on your mind, and plan to attend this year.

Grand Master Prepares For Cornerstone-Laying

Right Worshipful Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. is making sure that all is ready and on schedule for the Cornerstone-Laying as part of Grand Master’s Day, September 19, 1992, at the Masonic Health Care Center.

Construction is several weeks ahead of schedule due to the favorable weather since Phase II began. The roof is complete and wall studs are in place on each of the four floors; therefore, weather will not be a factor for the continuation of construction. The anticipation is that this phase will be completed by the end of 1992 or early in 1993.

The laying of the Cornerstone will be the highlight of this year’s Grand Master’s Day, with the ceremony taking place at 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Health Care Center. All Pennsylvania Masons are cordially invited and urged to attend this year’s Grand Master’s Day. There is no larger gathering of Members of the Craft throughout the Commonwealth than at Elizabethtown for this function. If you have not visited your Masonic Homes in the past, this year is a perfect time to plan to do so. Bring your family and enjoy the day by being present for this memorial Cornerstone-Laying, touring the grounds and resident facilities, spending time with other Masonic Brothers, and, of course, enjoying the abundance of food.

As the sun rises in the East, so the Masonic Health Care Center is rising from the ground (photo to left) to meet the continuum of care needed by our residents in the new century. This is your Masonic Homes, one of the greatest in the nation, and one which we can all be proud of calling the Masonic Homes of the R. W. Grand Lodge F.A.M. of Pennsylvania. You are a part of this facility through your annual contributions; therefore, we encourage you to be a part of this celebration.
Masonic Health Care Center

— Furnishings Needed —

Phase II of the Masonic Health Care Center project continues, with the construction of the new four-story East Wing, now ahead of schedule due to favorable weather conditions. In March 1991, the East Wing was demolished and new site excavation began. The footings and foundation were poured, concrete columns and concrete floors were poured up to the third floor prior to the end of the year. Progress has continued at a steady pace.

Phase II is scheduled for completion by early 1993. The winds of change are blowing strong as the Masonic Health Care Center prepares to enter the twenty-first century. Upon completion of this massive renovation and construction project, your Masonic Health Care Center will afford nursing home care for approximately 450 residents and personal care for another 100 residents.

This total project will provide a state-of-the-art health care center in Elizabethtown. You may desire to be a part of this new construction through a purchase of one or more of the items shown below. These are representative of the items needed. All items will be bid in order to obtain the best purchase price and utilize your contribution to the fullest extent. In the event your contribution dollars are more than the actual cost of the item when purchased, or we have received more than enough contributions for a given item, your contribution will be used for other furnishings or construction costs.

Cork Bulletin Board
X565 ........ $24.00

Pillow, Pillow Case, Sheets, and Bed Pan
X550 ......... $40.00

Over-the-Bed Tray
X540 ........ $165.00

Dresser
X560 ......... $429.00

Wardrobe
X335 ........ $319.00

Window Treatment
X530 ......... $125.00

Water Pitcher and Glass
X545 ........ $122.00

Please mail your order contribution with check made payable to:
Masonic Homes • Development Department
One Masonic Drive • Elizabethtown, PA 17023-2199

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to pay for the following items for the Masonic Health Care Center; however, I wish to pledge my payment over the next ______ months. Enclosed is my first payment in the amount of $ ______ .

[Box for credit card information]

Name: __________________________ Address: __________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______
Lodge: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Total Contributions $ ______
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Bro. and Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., a consulting materials engineer, was elected Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in August of 1951.

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A widower, Sir Knight Thornley has three children, and was born to them the rank of Members of the Craft. He is also a member of Christ Church, Episcopal, Denver, and is active in civic affairs and professional societies along with his engineering interests. We congratulate our Pennsylvania Brother and wish him well in the challenge of his new Office.

Pennsylvanian To Be New President Of High Twelve


Bro. Clemmer is a Member, and often an Officer, either present or past, of probably every possible Masonic organization from Royersford to Reading, Pottstown to Elizabethtown and beyond, including The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Born at the end of 1940, this busy insurance executive and avid racquetball player is the husband of Linda and father of Jodi, and is active in many professional and other organizations.

Masonic Education

Membership Building Program

The Committee on Masonic Education launched a new Membership Building Program in March, 1992. Information about the program was sent to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge inviting his participation. Each Lodge will decide if it wishes to take part in the Membership Building Program.

Through the generous support of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Edward H. Fowler, Jr., important publications of Grand Lodge will be provided for specified Lodge Members. Any Master Mason who is Raised during the two-year term of R. W. Grand Master Fowler will receive Volume I of The Master Builders by Dr. Wayne A. Huss.

Master Masons who are first-line signers on petitions for men seeking Membership in Freemasonry, during the term of Grand Master Fowler, will receive Volume II of The Master Builders. When a Master Mason is the first-line signer on petitions for Membership, he will receive Volume III of The Master Builders.

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Office Manager for Masonic Education

Mrs. Joanne Ford has accepted the position of Office Manager for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Masonic Education. Pursuing an accepted role as Office Manager, Mrs. Ford worked for two years in the Grand Master's Office in the Masonic Temple. We welcome Mrs. Ford, and know you will find her most helpful.
The Rainbow Grand Officers recently conducted their annual promotional tour by presenting seven programs on consecutive evenings in March, using the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown as their headquarters. The Grand Officers traveled by bus to Somerset, Tamaqua to present an informative program about the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. These programs, sponsored by various Masonic Districts, were well attended, showing the Masonic interest in the Rainbow program.

The Grand Officers took time off from jobs, college and high school to make the tour a success. They brought their school assignments with them, studying in the mornings at the Patton Campus, and on the bus in the afternoons. They logged many miles, and ate more than a few boxed lunches. Despite the sacrifices, they all agreed that they would do it again to promote Masonic youth, and to share the Masonic work of the Masonic Founders.

Rainbow Girls on Tour

The Rainbow Grand Officers recently conducted their annual promotional tour by presenting seven programs on consecutive evenings in March, using the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown as their headquarters. The Grand Officers traveled by bus to Somerset, Tamaqua, Allentown, Oil City, Paoli and Tamaqua to present an informative program about the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. These programs, sponsored by various Masonic Districts, were well attended, showing the Masonic interest in the Rainbow program.

The Grand Officers took time off from jobs, college and high school to make the tour a success. They brought their school assignments with them, studying in the mornings at the Patton Campus, and on the bus in the afternoons. They logged many miles, and ate more than a few boxed lunches. Despite the sacrifices, they all agreed that they would do it again to promote Masonic youth, and to share the Masonic work of the Masonic Founders.
Central Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1992
Knoebels Hometown Park • O. R. Route 467 • Elysburg & Catawissa
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Admission to Knoebels Hometown Park, including all rides except "Phoenix," all-day parking, 2 meals (half bar-b-que chicken, home-style baked beans, cold soda, potato chips, rolls, butter, ice cream, coffee, ice tea) and hamburgers and hot dogs $18.00. Children under 4 years free. Height restrictions on some rides. These restrictions are for your safety.

Grand Master Seeks Facilitators For Leadership Program

At the time of printing, the entire Grand Lodge Line and virtually all of the District Deputy Grand Masters have completed the twenty-hour Leadership and Management Development Program. It is now going into the second phase: Training FACILITATORS.

The Facilitators will be the Keystone of the Program. Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Grand Master, is now seeking your assistance. The first class for training Facilitators is scheduled for May 1 and 2 and a half day on May 3. Other sessions will be scheduled.

The Grand Master needs recommendations for Facilitators. Many of the skills we are seeking have been developed on the job. In addition to corporate professionals and educators, many individuals have developed special facilitation skills in relation to work which will be helpful in this process.

If you are interested in assisting the Symbolic Lodge Officers in Building for the Future . . . Today, please contact:

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Masonic Charities Receive $32,473
R.W.P.G.M. Storer Accepted Donations Realized through Sale of Historic Masonic Watch Recreated Exclusively for PA Masons


LANCASTER, PA. - W. Scott Storer, 1990 - 91 R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, was presented with a check for $32,473 for Masonic Charities raised through the sale of The Official Masonic Watch originally created by Hamilton in 1952 and now being re-issued in a limited edition. The check was presented by Ian C. Modestovsky, president of Affinity Marketing Associates, the fund raising marketing company, in ceremonies at Hamilton in Lancaster, PA. on January 10, 1992. "We are pleased to have been able to participate in making this unique watch available to our brethren and proud to have earned a substantial donation to continue our important charitable work", Bro. Storer said.

Hamilton is reissuing, exclusively to Masons, its original 1952 Masonic Watch as part of its official 100th Anniversary celebrations. The first prototype of this historic watch was premiered by R.W. Grand Master W. Scott Storer and R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson at the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia on July 24, 1991. A introductory mailing to 170,000 Pennsylvania Brothers was completed in October, 1991 by The Grand Lodge with outstanding response. A further mailing is planned in 1992 in cooperation with newly installed R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr.

In describing the importance of the watch, James W. Marsh, president of Hamilton, noted that "This Masonic Watch is inspired by the Masonic Watch we created in 1992. Its elegant, contoured design, originally fashioned in 1955, is timeless in its popularity. The brilliant gold-flashed raised Masonic symbols on its face are especially striking in their beauty. And, the state-of-the-art Swiss Movement assures years of accuracy, trouble-free service. We consider this watch one of the finest and most important ever developed in our 100 years, and it is an extraordinary collector's treasure."

Hamilton Watch Company has a rich American Heritage. Located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania throughout its 100 year history Hamilton has been at the forefront of the industry pioneering with Railroad watches in 1895, relied upon by scientist and explorers, including Admiral Byrd's North and South Pole Expeditions. "As a numbered limited edition", Marsh said, "these special Masonic watches are certain to be sought after by knowledgeable collectors. Their rarity is assured by the strict limits of production and the fact that they will never be sold in any retail stores. Hamilton plans to reserve no more than 100 watches for each individual Masonic Lodge. Each Brother fortunate enough to acquire one will have his personal initials, Lodge number and limited edition serial number engraved on the watch back."