Northern Masonic Grand Masters Hear About Pennsylvania Leadership Program

R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., was received enthusiastically and encouraged unanimously when he described Pennsylvania's Masonic Leadership Program to the Grand Masters of the fifteen states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite during a Renewal progress meeting held in conjunction with the Supreme Council, sessions in Chicago, September 25 to 30.

Bro. Fowler emphasized the importance and benefits of sound, dynamic leadership and explained how Pennsylvania's Hiram I Program has generated a high level of enthusiasm among the Masons who have experienced the customized training at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. Using overhead transparencies, he described both the methods and the benefits of the Lodge Officer and Facilitator Training and emphasized the cascading effect of the educational and operational impact they are having on Masonic Lodge leadership.

He took with him several sets of the training modules for the Grand Masters to review, which they did with a high level of interest. Grand Master Fowler said that the Pennsylvania program is developing into an educational institution at Elizabethtown. Indeed, he concluded with a vision -- really as a recommendation -- that someday there be three Masonic Leadership Training Centers strategically across the nation. He added enthusiastically that "...the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hopes that the Leadership program it has developed would benefit Freemasonry and would react favorably if other Jurisdictions and other organizations in the Family of Freemasonry would seek to buy into the program."

Grand Master's Dinner Dance To Be Held In Philadelphia

The Grand Master's Dinner Dance will be held in the Ballroom of the Wyndam Franklin Plaza Hotel, Two Franklin Plaza, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 2, 1992, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Pennsylvania Masons, their Ladies and friends, will be entertained by bandleader Lester Lanin, who seems to be the magic ingredient at parties of the rich and famous. The Philadelphia born septuagenarian has entertained European royalty; in fact, he entertained at the wedding receptions of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York.

Those interested in being swept off their feet and onto the dance floor to the delightful music of Lester Lanin may purchase tickets at $25.00 each.

Enclosed is my check for $ for reservations at $25.00 per ticket for the Grand Master's Dinner Dance.

Make check payable to the "R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

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Brethren:

Metaphorically, the "summer of life" is intended to convey the brightest, most active and vibrant time — a period of progress and achievement. That's my view of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in the Summer of 1992.

Across the Commonwealth, from Grand Lodge to grassroots, Freemasons are enjoying Masonic leadership. Freemasons show care, Freemasons are living Masonry. In cities and towns, in ball parks and parades, Freemasons take Masonry into their communities. Freemasons from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh are "going to school" to learn more about shaping the future of their Fraternity and building a new enthusiasm for leadership and prosperity.

There could have been nothing more inspiring than beginning Grand Master's Day at the Masonic Homes with the Cornerstone Laying for the new Health Care Wing with a large representation of Homes' residents and hundreds of Masons and friends at the Ceremony. Every Mason should take the opportunity to be with our residents at the Masonic Homes and learn what our caring means to them.

Then there is probably nothing more pleasant than a day at the Masonic Homes joining thousands of Brothers and friends as they enjoy fellowship with the residents among the bounties provided for us.

From the Washington-at-Phillips Statue at Valley Forge in the East to the centuries-old Washington Grist Mill in Perryopolis in the West, Masons and friends joined the Grand Lodge Officers in ceremonies to remember and honor our esteemed Brother, General, and first President of the United States. Freemasons renewed their commitment to God and Country and the values of the Fraternity.

And, there may be nothing more dynamic and encouraging than the interest and enthusiasm with which Masonic leadership is participating in the Hiram 1 Program. By the summer the time was over, all the Grand Lodge Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters and Officers from twenty Blue Lodges had completed Masonic leadership training. Another thirty Masons have been trained as Facilitators and already have begun conducting regional training sessions.

This is an exciting — and necessary — program for the vibrant future of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and worldwide. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania welcomes the interest and support and hopes other Jurisdictions will want to buy into the Leadership Program and benefit from our achievements.

It is an exciting and challenging road to the Twenty-First Century. In Pennsylvania, we are "Building for the Future...Today!"

Fraternally,

Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr. R.W. Grand Master

Brother Richie Ashburn Given Grand Master's Medallion During Freemason's Day At Veterans Stadium

In pregame ceremonies, R. W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., recognized popular Phillies broadcaster and former baseball great, Bro. Richie Ashburn, as an exemplary Member of the Fraternity. He presented Bro. Ashburn with the 1992 Grand Master's Medallion in appreciation for his support of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Grand Master Ashburn was chosen as the Grand Master's Medallion winner for his work with Sick Kids and Children's Hospital on behalf of Masonic Children's Charities.

In the pregame on-field procession, Grand Master Fowler was accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters of the host Philadelphia District C Lodges and the Youth Leaders and Advisors of DelMaray, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters. The Freemasons' Day at Veterans Stadium started with a suggestion from Bro. Howard Gurak of Williamson-Diakonionary Lodge No. 368, who presented the idea to Bro. Gary L. Waters, District Deputy Grand Master of District C in Philadelphia. Bro. Waters organized the successful event.

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Fowler also represented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in presenting Bro. Ashburn with a limited edition Masonic watch. Bro. Ashburn is a member of Diamond Lodge No. 754, Nebraska.

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Scholarships Listed

The fifth edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. It includes a summary of more than forty scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic Bodies for Masons, their families, and Members of Masonically-related youth groups. Over four thousand copies of the guidebook have been distributed, free of charge, to all of the Masonically-related youth group leaders, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, York and Scottish Rite Bodies, and over five hundred guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania.

Additional copies are available upon request from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation offices, at 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. (717) 367-1536.

Corry Lodge And The Knights Of Columbus Aid Cerebral Palsy Youth

Corry Lodge No. 365 in the 56th Masonic District teamed up with Knights of Columbus Council 425 to raise funds to buy health maintenance equipment for a twenty-one-year-old resident who has cerebral palsy. When Worshipful Master James VanCise (second from right in photo) learned that Grand Knight Walter Burrows (left) and Knight Dick Lanyon (right) were discussing the same thing. The two Fraternities joined forces and, after learning from his mother Judy Brockman (second from right in photo) that Tom needed most, they set out on a successful local fund-raising program. Special equipment has been purchased for Tom.

Grand Master Continues Historic Watch Program To Benefit Pennsylvania Masonry

Masonic Charities will continue to benefit from the sale of the limited edition of recreated historic Masonic watches originally produced by Hamilton in 1982.

R. W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., announced the continuation of the program, noting that since this re-created watch was introduced in July 1991 more than $52,000 have been raised for the Pennsylvania Masonic Charities through its sales. The goal for 1992 is $50,000.

Production of the Masonic watches is limited to each number is numbered. No more than one hundred watches will be produced for an individual Lodge. Twelve prominent Masonic symbols in gold-flash are raised at the number locations on the face of the watch. The initials of the Mason purchasing the watch, his Lodge number, and the watch registration number will be engraved on the back of each unit.

Persons interested in acquiring the Hamilton Masonic Commemorative Watch should mail orders to: Masonic Watch Center, 731 Martha Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601. Include your full name and mailing address and the designation that is to be engraved on the back (up to three initials and Lodge number). Make a check or money order payable to "Hamilton Masonic Watch" in the amount of $99.95 ($99.95 for the watch, $9.95 for shipping and insurance, and $18.90 for PA sales tax). Or, you may call toll-free 1-800-457-0944 to order a watch by credit card or to request information.
The Ninth Annual Brotherhood Retreat for Members of the Order of DeMolay and the Knights of Pythias was held on August 28-30, 1992, at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. The Order of the Knights of Pythias is a young man’s Fraternal organization sponsored by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The highlight of the weekend was a trip to Harrisburg. There the group had time to stroll through the William Penn Museum, catch a planetarium show, and enjoy a picnic lunch on City Island. Concluding the day was a guided tour of the State Capitol building, where a souvenir group photograph was taken.

The program also included team assignments for participation in an "Alien Encounter Exercise" which simulates a meeting of a Space Shuttle Crew with visitors from outer space. Skills in communication, leadership, and appreciation of cultural diversity are emphasized in this professionally developed training program.

The weekend closed with a worship service in the William A. Carpenter Chapel conducted by Officers of the two groups.

HURRICANES ANDREW AND INDI

The Grand Lodge has been receiving contributions from Lodges and Members of the Order of DeMolay in the storm areas of Florida, Louisiana, and Kansas. Anyone wishing to participate, please forward any contributions to the Office of the Grand Secretary. The check should be made payable to the "M.S.A. Disaster Relief Fund."
Credit Card Program Expanded To Aid All Grand Lodge Charities

For the past several years, the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children (D & A Foundation) has been deriving income from Members having and using a Grand Lodge Silver Mastercard and companion Visa card. Beginning this year, all the Grand Lodge Charities will share in these benefits.

Bro. James L. Ernette, R.W. Junior Grand Warden and President of the D & A Foundation, has realigned the program in which the Grand Lodge participates with MDNA America that previously resulted in a percentage payment to the Foundation for Grand Lodge Members’ use of their cards.

Bro. Ernette emphasized, “Income from the credit card program has been a big help in funding Drug and Alcohol Foundation grants and now will benefit all of the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities.”

Information about the Credit Card Program and how to participate can be obtained by calling 1-800-847-7378, extension 2500. Please specify that you are interested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Mastercard or Visa card.

The program offers Pennsylvania Masons the credit card and its services with no annual fee the first year (subsequent $40 annual fee for the Gold Card and $20 for the Silver Card; 17.9 annual percentage rate).

If you have a special event going on in your area that may be of interest to the Fraternity, please send the article and any photographs to the attention of:
Development & Public Relations Department
R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 329 Celebrates Discovery 500

At its Stated Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 1992, St. Alban-Swain Lodge commemorated the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of America. The Lodge hosted Mr. Christopher Columbus (Prof. Joseph Laufer of Princeton University) who gave an in-depth talk on his thirty-three day voyage in 1492. On hand was the Hon. Edward Rendell, Mayor of Philadelphia, who officially welcomed Mr. Columbus to the city. In the Grand Banquet Room of the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia. The mayor was presented with a Lodge Certificate of Appreciation.

Following the welcoming ceremonies, members of the Chester Fike Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Prospect Park, Pennsylvania, escorted Mr. Columbus into Renaissance Hall where he gave his address to the members of St. Alban-Swain Lodge during a recess in the Lodge Meeting. Professor Laufer (Christopher Columbus) was presented with a St. Alban-Swain Certificate of Appreciation at the conclusion of the program.

Pavilion "Kick-Off" Party

Residents from the Masonic Homes Village Green area and Independent Living Community joined together for a special picnic to celebrate the development of the new Resident Recreation Area located on the ridge overlooking the beautiful grounds of the Masonic Homes.

Residents from the Independent Living Community who are very active in the woodwork shop, better known as the "Roaster's Corner", in cooperation with Masonic Homes employees, built the pavilion for the use of all the residents at the Masonic Homes.

There was a delicious array of picnic food served buffet style. The band played a variety of festive music as residents danced in their new pavilion. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a wonderful opportunity for residents from the two areas of the Masonic Homes to get to know one another in a social atmosphere.

Masonic Temple's Broad Street Facade Gets A Facelift

On September 1, 1992, the scaffolding went up around the front entrance of the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia. The Dan Lepore and Sons Company in Philadelphia thus began the long-awaited work of cleaning and repainting this beautiful, ornate Norman façade. The project lasted approximately three weeks. What a difference!

Masonic Homes

6,000 Attend 1992 Grand Master's Day; Cornerstone Laid For Health Care Wing

An estimated 6,000 Masons, families and friends wandered the grounds of the Masonic Homes on Grand Master's Day, Saturday, September 19. They had an inspiring and enjoyable fun-filled and food-filled day.

The rains of the night before went away just in time – about 8:30 in the morning – and at a record pace, the Masonic Homes staff and volunteers behind the food stands supplied the booths and exhibits, set the stages for the Cornerstone Laying and entertainment, and began parking the thousands of cars.

At ten o'clock, R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., led the Grand Lodge Officers in the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the new wing of the Masonic Health Care Center. Several hundred people filled seats and stood at ground level and another hundred or more lined the hilltop in the amphitheater setting for the ceremony. Prominent in the audience were residents of the Masonic Health Care Center with the Residents’ Council Officers in the front row. Local Congressman George Gekas, State Senator Noah Wenger, State Representative Thomas Armstrong, and the Mayor and Elizabethtown Borough Council Members were also among dignitaries attending.

In his address, Grand Master Fowler spoke of Freemasons’ commitment to the care of others. Pointing out that this is Phase Two of a finely tuned program that will span eight years from the time the first spade of earth was turned until all five phases are in place, Grand Master Fowler said, "We are building for the Future, taking another important step toward the Twenty-First Century."

After the Cornerstone Laying, most of the crowd toured the Masonic Health Care Center. Many of the visitors rode the buses circling the Masonic Homes grounds to visit and tour the Independent Living Community, Grand Lodge Hall, and the Masonic Conference Center. A number of the residents in the Village Green opened their rooms for tours and welcomed visitors.

Entertainment was constant. There was stirring music by the Greater Kensington String Band from Philadelphia, Zembo Shrine Concert Band, Zembo Shrine Oriental Band, Rajah Temple Chanters, Al Bethel French Quartet and the Bavarian Barons. There were Zembo Clowns, a jugler, a mime, and face painters. Classic vehicles of the Tall Cedars Special Car Unit were displayed around the Village Green.

Was there plenty to eat? Here’s the tally of some of the food consumed: 1,400 pounds of sausage, 600 pounds of hot dogs, 400 gallons of bean soup, 720 pounds of sauerkraut; 100 gallons of apple butter and 196 loaves of French bread on which to spread the apple butter; 382 gallons of coffee; 25-three-gallon tubs of ice cream; 6,848 chocolate chip ice cream sandwiches; 2,952 cremesicles, and 2,445 strawberry ice cream cones. (See photos pages 10 and 11)
(ABOVE) Masonic Square and Compass created in flowers by Masonic Homes' Landscape Supervisor, Hugh Darlington

(BELOW) Choir of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay with William Grove, Choir Director, and Nancy Smith, Pianist

(BELOW) Brother Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director, Masonic Homes, greets Brother Paul Murray, Trustee of the Title, who was present for the celebration of the Cornerstone Ceremony

(RIGHT) Pictured left to right: Brother Howard Azone, Jr., R.W.J.G.W., and Thomas A. Jackman, Sr., R.W.S.G.W., of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebrate the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with Grand Master Fowler and the Grand Lodge Officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
New Program For Children At The Masonic Homes

On September 18, 1992, five high school girls and three child care workers moved to their ranch style home on Edeo View Road. Jessica Bastress, Crystal Evans, Penney Kreider, Tina Hope, and Sianey Vandenbork joined Mrs. Rachel Stoffer, Mrs. Linda Burger, and Mrs. Denise Witmer in a new independent living program created for ages fifteen years and older.

Prior to moving, these girls resided at the Eisenlohr Building which is now the home of boys ages 6 to 12 years and girls ages 6 to 14 years. Because of the wide range of ages and activities at Eisenlohr Building, it was important for staff to work independently with the older girls and assist them in developing life skills relevant to their increasing maturity. Aware of this need, Brother Donald Barbush, the Director of Children's Services at the Masonic Homes, believed that independent housing and the implementation of a separate program was crucial in encouraging our high school girls' dynamic, independent, self-supporting lives.

Independent Living Community Nearing Full Capacity

We are pleased to announce that as of September 15, 1992, the Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes had 90% of the units reserved as a result of the tremendous response from the Masonic Fraternity. This will be a new type of living for the Village Green area with individuals moving in being able to keep their cars. Each apartment will have a kitchen area as well as a living room, bathroom, and bedroom. Residences will pay a monthly rental fee and one meal a day will be included as part of the base service in the Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room.

We are currently in the process of taking additional applications from girls interested in this type of living. In the event that someone decides not to take one of the apartments, we will be able to contact the next individual on the waiting list. This will also help the Committee on Masonic Homes and Masonic Fraternity's management in future master planning for the Masonic Homes.

Masonic Homes Admissions Policy

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose members are Freemasons of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

The admission to the Grand Lodge Members, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and never married daughters, is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability of the applicant. Applications for admission shall be submitted to the Committee on the Grand Lodge at Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

1. Inpatient and outpatient care shall be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients shall be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

3. Employment will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

4. Staff privileges will be denied to any individual who is disqualified from employment at the Masonic Homes or Masonic Fraternity by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

5. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

6. Transfers, discharges and room assignments will not be made on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or disability which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room be available and the patient is financially able to pay for the requested room.
Independent Living Community Priority List Now In Effect

Many who have visited us in the past and were not quite ready to join our Community may now make plans for the future.

If you are interested in getting on our Priority List for a particular type of cottage or apartment, now is your opportunity. Simply return the coupon to the Marketing Office at the I.L.C. to obtain additional information.

Masonic Charity At the Independent Living Community

During the recent devastation of Hurricane Andrew, word was received that a family of one of the I.L.C. residents who lived in Homestead, Florida, had lost their home, van, and personal belongings.

It did not take long before the residents joined together and raised a total of $2,500 to help this young couple and their five children in their hour of need.

We have a wonderful, loving, and caring group of residents here in our Community and this is one of many ways they express the feeling that is shared with one another through their Masonic fellowship and charity.

Brother Vaughn Appointed To Committee

On Masonic Homes

R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., has appointed Bro. Dean E. Vaughn as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes. Bro. Vaughn is a member and Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 in Carlisle, PA. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania YOUTH Foundation and currently serves on the Advisory Board. He is the author of the Masonic publication, "Friend to Friend" and co-author of "Project Solomon II" for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Recognized as an authority on applied memory techniques, he is the author of seventeen books and video courses on this subject. He has written fourteen songs which have been professionally recorded. Bro. Vaughn has been appointed to the seat once filled by the late Bro. Guy E. Walker.

Bro. Walker had served twenty years on the Committee on Masonic Homes. A member of Somerset Lodge No. 358, he was Secretary for eighteen years, and District Deputy of District 41 for nine years.

Bro. Walker was also dedicated to service in his community as member of the Somerset Rotary Club and Calvary United Methodist Church. He was the former president of Somerset Thrift Corporation.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Shenango Lodge No. 668 Member Celebrates Seventy-Years In Masonry

Bro. Rufus Moses (left) of 125 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44501, Entered Shenango Lodge No. 668 on March 24, 1915, and celebrated his hundredth birthday July 20, 1992. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania honored Bro. Moses with an honorary plaque, which was presented to him at his home on June 25 by Bro. Donnie P. O'Brien, Worshipful Master (right), and Members of Shenango Lodge.

Two Hundredth Anniversary Of The Laying Of The Cornerstone Of The White House October 13, 1792

In 1791, the year prior to this important historical and Masonic event of the Laying of the Cornerstone of the President's House or, as we have come to know it, "The White House," the District of Columbia was bestowed with a building suitable for use by the new Federal Government.

The area was not even laid out as a town and consisted only of wooded areas, fields, and farms, as well as only a few small homes of former landowners. During this year, Brother and President George Washington wrote the following to Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who had been commissioned to lay out a design for the new "Capital City":

"For the President's House, I would design a building which should also look forward, but execute no more of it at present than might suit the circumstances of this country, when first it shall be wanted. A plan comprehending more improvements, executed at a future period, when the wealth, population, and importance of the United States shall stand upon much higher ground than they do at present."

Thus in these few short sentences, we find in Brother and President Washington's own words the vivid evidence of his humility and of the feeling that this great Statesman had for his Country, then, and for the future.

A competition was invited, in which various architects were invited to submit designs and plans for the President's House. "An interesting note is that it has been suggested that Thomas Jefferson had entered the competition anonymously, however the plans selected were those of Bro. James Hoken, who was the Master of Federal Lodge No. 15 of Maryland, now Federal Lodge No. 1 of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Bro. Hoken was also the architect for the Union Hotel," (which also was given a Masonic Ceremony on July 4, 1792) and the first architect for the Capitol.

Freemasons were certainly well represented in the construction of "The White House." Not only was the architect involved, but the building itself was conducted at a rapid pace. The cornerstone of the building was laid on October 13, 1792, and the President's House was completed on January 18, 1797.

This situation created many problems for those involved in the construction of the White House. The building was completed in a short time, and the materials were not of the highest quality. The Masons had to work under difficult conditions, and many problems arose.

This was the first stone laid in the northeast corner of the President's House. In the city of Washington, by the free masons of George-town and its vicinity, who assembled on the occasion. The procession was formed at the Fountain Inn, George-town, in the following order, six:

1. The Free Masons, in Masonic Order.
3. Gentlemen of the town and neighborhood.
4. The different artificers.

They proceeded in procession to the President's square. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Casaneve, Master of the Lodge, who delivered an oration well adapted to the occasion. Under the stone was laid a plate of polished brass, with the following inscription.

This first stone of the President's House laid the 13 day of October 1792, and in the 17 year of the Independence of the United States of America."

George Washington, President
Thomas Johnson, Worshipful Master
Doctor Stuart, Commissioner
Daniel Carroll, Associate Commissioner
Colin Williamson, Master-Mason Vivat Republic.

After the ceremony was performed they returned, in regular order, to Mr. Satter's Fountain Inn, where an elegant dinner was provided. The whole concluded with the greatest harmony and order.

It is interesting to note that of the first three
On October 13, 1992, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, exactly two hundred years later, held the re-dedication ceremony in Washington D.C. to commemorate the Bicentennial of the White House. The Grand Lodge of Maryland and Virginia participated in the re-dedication of the Cornerstone Ritual at President's Park next to the White House. The re-dedication made history itself, as the Craft celebrated its continued service not only to the cause of Freemasonry, but to the people of the United States of America.

Our own Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., had the privilege of attending this Bicentennial Celebration and lending his support to the cause of Freemasonry in the United States.

Grand Master Fowler was further honored by having one of his 1992 Medallions, which was struck to honor the 200th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of the White House, placed with other historical artifacts during the re-dedication ceremonies.

Valley Forge Ceremonies Rededicate Renewed Washington-At-Prayer Statue

The Grand Lodge Officers were supported in the Processional and Recessional by District Deputy Grand Masters and a large contingent of Blue Lodge Officers from the Philadelphia Arch Masonic Council and Members of the DeMolay boy twenty-four flags that flanked the Grand Lodge Officers on the circular dais surrounding the statue. The Concert Band of Rajah Shrine, Reading, and the Carillonist for the Freedoms Foundation provided the music.

Concluding his rededication oration, R.W. Grand Master Fowler said, “As Americans and as Freemasons, we can best honor the memory of President, General, and Brother George Washington, by a sincere commitment to stand fast at all costs, so that the rights of men shall not be diminished...”

In impressive ceremonies on Saturday, September 5, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Freedoms Foundation rededicated the refurbished nine-foot statue of Washington-At-Prayer overlooking Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge. R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. and Bro. Robert W. Miller (right in photo), President and CEO of the Freedoms Foundation, removed the red, white, and blue draping from the statue that had been reconditioned by virtue of a grant from the Grand Lodge.

R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson read the inscription on a rededication plaque that has been affixed at the foot of the statue, then announced that the Grand Lodge is having an audio wayside installation which will provide visitors with a taped message about Bro. Washington.

The famous statue of George Washington at Prayer was a gift twenty-five years ago from the Freemasons of Pennsylvania to the Freedoms Foundation to commemorate the historical significance of Brother Washington, not only upon the hallowed grounds at Valley Forge, but also upon the birth of our nation. It was sculpted by the world-renowned artist/sculptor Donald DeLue.
Rare Historic Occasion When Four Masonic Relics Are Part of Perryopolis Ceremony

Freemasonry were present, on display, and a part of the Ceremony in Western Pennsylvania.

- The magnificent Holy Bible upon which Brother George Washington took his inaugural oath was there. Grand Chaplain John Piper read the Twenty-Fourth Psalm from it during the Ceremony. The treasured Bible was in Perryopolis through the courtesy of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City.
- The Cavel used by Brother George Washington in the ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793 was there for R.W. Grand Master Edward Fowler to use in this Ceremony. It was at this Pennsylvania Ceremony that was used by Madame Lafayette as a gift to Bro. George Washington when he was Master of his Lodge. The original is carefully preserved and displayed in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- A replica of the Trowel used in the Capital ceremonies by Brother Washington was there when Bro. Fowler spread the cement in this Ceremony. The original is safely protected by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, in Virginia, who provided the replica for this ceremony.
- The Apron worn by Grand Master Fowler during the Ceremony and in the parade was a replica of the one Madame Lafayette embroidered and which was presented by the Marquis de Lafayette as a gift to Bro. George Washington when he was Master of his Lodge. The original is carefully preserved and displayed in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Thousands Watch As Hundreds In Family Of Freemasonry Parade And See Grand Lodge Lay Cornerstone At Reconstruction Of Washington's Grist Mill In Perryopolis

Led by the Grand Lodge Officers, the Family of Freemasonry honored the memory of Brother and President George Washington in a parade, a historic Cornerstone Laying Ceremony and displays during Pioneer Days in Perryopolis on Saturday, October 3.

Several thousand people lined the streets of the Western Pennsylvania community for the morning parade in which R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., led three divisions comprising more than three hundred Freemasons and Masonically related youth.

In the afternoon, hundreds of people gathered on the hillside overlooking the meadow where R.W. Grand Master Fowler and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the reconstruction of a grist mill once owned by Brother and President George Washington.

An honored guest accompanying Grand Master Fowler during the day was Bro. Zoran D. Nenezic, the M.W. Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite in Yugoslavia. Bro. Nenezic was introduced at the afternoon Ceremony and Bro. Fowler presented him with a Grand Master's Medallion. Speaking through an interpreter, he talked with admiration for the peace and freedom of the United States and with appreciation for the Fraternal support of American Brethren for Masonry in his troubled country.

Honored Masonic guests participating in the day's activities were Bro. William H. Thornley, Jr., the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Bro. Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of The Masonic Service Association.

The many Masons and the public were very much interested in viewing the historic Bible, Gavel, Trowel, and Apron that were present for the Ceremony and then remained on display for a period of time.

Restoration of the Washington Grist Mill (circa 1774), is a project of the Heritage Society of Perryopolis, who invited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to honor Bro. George Washington by Laying the Cornerstone for the reconstruction. At the conclusion of the Ceremony, Grand Master Fowler presented Mrs. Gladys Powell, President of the Heritage Society, with a contribution of $10,000 from the Masons of Pennsylvania to be used for the reconstruction project.

Precended in the parade by twenty-four massed colors with an Honor Guard from Syria Temple and the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Master Fowler led the three divisions of Masonic participants. The reviewing stand in the center of town, Bro. Fowler joined government officials and Heritage Society officers in reviewing the parade. Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master of Yugoslavia, Grand Master Thornley and MSA Director Fletcher rode in convertible,

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