Bro. Roberts, 103, Inspires Craft

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staying busy.

Nearing his 100th birthday, Bro. Roberts was still giving speeches before civic clubs and women’s groups. And he still hadn’t stopped working.

Every Wednesday he held down a job at the newspaper plant in Tama­hamnock, “stuffing” special sections into the papers as they rolled off the press. He also rode along when the papers were delivered to out-of-town news­stands in surrounding communities.

Bro. Roberts handles all his personal affairs and in recent months was teaching a Sunday School class at the Marlatt Nursing Home in Tunkhannock, where he has lived the past nine years.

Up until a year ago when he suffered a fall, Bro. Roberts was a familiar fig­ure walking along the streets of the community. He kept in good shape by his walking jaunts from the nursing home to the Masonic Hall, newspaper office and public library.

Since he fell, he said, he tries to get a taxi to take him up town so he can attend his Blue Lodge meeting.

One of his joys is reading. He never misses reading the daily newspaper and subscribes to two national news magazines to keep abreast of world events.

He has lived the past 57 years when death called her in August, 1951. They had a daughter.

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The frontispiece of the Perseverance Masonic homes Gets Modern Care Facility

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in beautiful ballroom of Penn Harris Motor Inn near Harrisburg. (Story Page 4).

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in this house until 1827, when it moved close to the Susquehanna River. The Brick House, erected prior to the Revolu­tion, remained standing until late this spring when it was demolished to make room for a new apartment complex. The frontispiece of the Perseverance Lodge Notice still carries a picture of the Campbell Brick House.

Bro. William E. Yaeger Sr. was made a Mason in Hazle Lodge No. 327 in Hazleton in 1918 and ever since has been one of the busiest Masons in our jurisdiction. He subsequently moved to Warren and was instrumental in having Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726 constit­uted on October 5, 1923 with 59 warrant members. He was the warrant Senior Warden and then the first elect­ed Worthy Master, serving as such in 1924. Since then he has been active in every phase of Freemasonry. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Mas­ter in 1932 and served in that capacity until 1942, when he became a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes. He is still active on that committee. He was our R. W. Grand Master in 1950 and 1951. He has served as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Masonic Culture, Insurance, and Chil­dren’s Service Committee.

He has been an officer in all the York Rite Bodies. In 1949 he became an active member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Scottish Rite Jurisdiction and is now its Grand Captain General. He is a member of the Shrines, the Jesters, the Grotto, Royal Order of Scot­land and Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

He has served as president of the Masonic Relief Association and is an officer of the Philalethes Society, the Rosicrucians and served recently as Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Active in business, he is president of the Community Consumer Co. in War­ren. He recently received the Community Service Award by action of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. He is a 60-year veteran of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, and is a 5-year member of the American Legion. These are a few of his activi­ties. Can anyone top them?

Don’t forget the September Quarterly Communication will be held in Jaffa Masonic in Altoona. We hope to see you there.

It has been said, “Helping someone else is the secret of happiness.”
Quartermaster
At Altoona Tops
3-Month Itinerary

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers for the next three months totals 300 hours, told those who gathered for the occasion that “I don’t feel over 65.”

For the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad’s druggy station at Monaca, Pa., has been transformed into a beautiful Masonic Temple. More than 10,000 man-hours of labor by Lodge members, their families and friends. And the culmination of their dedicated efforts will come September 18 when the Lodge Room will be dedicated at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge in Monaca is the newest of the 378 Masonic Districts, of which Bro. Robert Batto is District Deputy Grand Master.

As a recent open house when the public toured the unique Temple, a Swiss chalet style structure, Bro. Batto remarked, “The townspeople are very proud of this new Temple and what has been done for Freemasonry here.”

Bro. Batto particularly gave recognition to Bro. George W. Rowse, a Past Grand Master of the Monaca-Center Masonic Temple, for his active interest in the project.

The Grand Lodge had the abandoned brick and concrete station from the railroad in 1969. Built in the early 1900’s, the station had been moved in April, 1910 from its original site at Colona, Beaver County, to its present location at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street in Monaca.

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Before being placed in the new Temple, the furniture was repaired and reupholstered in bright crimson. The blue carpeting was installed in the 60 by 28-foot Lodge Room.

When the history of the 176-member Lodge is recorded, the month of September certainly will receive prominent mention.

In addition to those 79 years, Bro. Roberts’ Masonic record includes membership in Cayuta Royal Arch Chapter No. 245, Waverly, N.Y., for 71 years; Northern Command, No. Knights Templar, Towanda, Pa., 70 years; from Temple, Wilkes-Barre, 69 years; and Temple, Scranton, 62 years.

For Br. Robert’s 50 years of Masonic life, a mark of great esteem.

And Bro. Roberts, who didn’t retire until 1956, has been a Mason for 79 years, 12 years to become a Master in the business. In 1901 he opened his own hardware store in Sayre and operated the business for 40 years. During that time, he mastered the art of plumbing and electrical work. His long business career behind him in 1941, Bro. Roberts started a “new life” when 73 years old. He went to work as a fieldman with the Department of Internal Affairs in Harrisburg. At this job he traveled to every county in the state, keeping the strewn roads open.

After that they again marked “retired” beside his name, but he kept on

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$1 Million Goal Provides Masons Newest Challenge

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They are (1) to sell the Temple Building, adjacent to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, and (2) to liquidate the Masonic Center Development Fund.

But an added $500,000 will be needed to pay complete costs of the new building. The "Quest and Building Fund" goal of $1,000,000 is twice the amount ever given.

The goal was determined, Bro. Ball explained, by taking into consideration the needs for the new building and the Guest House at the Home. He pointed out that last year Pennsylvania Masons gave $471,729 to the Guest Fund.

In requesting gifts to the "Quest and Building Fund," Bro. Ball said:

"If every Brother will contribute as much as he can but at least $4.13, actually less than buying a dinner when dining out, we'll reach the $1,000,000 goal. Surely an average of $4.13 isn't too much to ask for such an important, charitable program."

Bro. Ball also pointed out that contributions are deductible on your income tax.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., and mailed there.

The zip code is 17022.

If you desire, when you send your gift you can indicate whether it is for Guests' use or the new building.

Special Gifts Set For New Building

Many Brethren, Lodges and Districts will desire to give special gifts or memorials for the new extended care facility at the Masonic Homes.

The suggested gift allocation is $10,000, or $11,500, including furnishings, for a single room in the new building. The proposed gift for a double room is $15,000, or $17,500 furnished.

The gift payments can be extended over a three-year period.

In an effort to assist those who are considering gifts or memorials, other suggested allocations are $125,000 for the outpatient clinic; $15,000 for meditation room; $40,000 for visitors' lounge; $18,000 for recreation room and office; $100,000 for dining and recreation facility; $6,000 for examination and treatment room; and $15,000 for an isolation room.

A First for Rainbow Girls

Miss Patricia Ann Dibert of Northumberland, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Pennsylvania International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, smilingly accepts a beautiful bronze Grand Master's Medal presented to her by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W., Grand Master. The happy occasion was April 17 when "Rainbow Day" was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It was the first time in the history of the Jurisdiction that such a meeting took place in the Temple. Rainbow Girls from 21 Assemblies in the Philadelphia area attended.

Grand Lodge hosted them at a luncheon in the Grand Banquet Room.

A large social room for banquets, kitchen and rest rooms are on the first floor.

The 40 by 48-foot Lodge Room is paneled and has wall-to-wall blue carpeting.

The first story has tile flooring and contains a social room, kitchen and boiler room. A hot water heating system, fired by propane gas, has been installed.

Moosic Lodge Room Dedicated

The Lodge Room of Moosic Lodge No. 664 has been dedicated in its new building. The ceremony was held May 29 at a special communication of Grand Lodge where Hiram P. Ball, R. W., Grand Master, dedicated the Lodge Room.

The two-story brick and stucco building is 40 by 70 feet. The Lodge Room and a waiting room with rest rooms and facilities are on the second floor.

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Quarterly Session At Altoona Tops 3-Month Itinerary

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November 13 - Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Rural Amity Lodge No. 70, Duncansville.

November 27 - Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, St. John's Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh.
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**By ASHBY B. PAUL
M. W. Grand Secretary**

**Quarterly Communication, June 2, 1971**

The comfortable Deke Auditorium at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will again be the site for this communication, which was preceded by meetings of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Committee on Finance, along with the usual informative session with the District Deputy Grand Masters.

**Committee Reports**

The Committee on By-Laws reviewed proposed amendments submitted by 27 Lodges, most of which were approved in part or in toto.

The Committee on Finance for the quarter ending May 13, 1971 indicated a total surplus of $1,230,700.02 and expenditures of $1,248,227.19. Upon recommendation of the committee, resolutions were adopted approving the purchase of a property adjoining the Masonic Homes property, necessary repairs to the Masonic Homes, sale of property adjacent to Desert Hospital in Butler, and sale of a property in Wernerville.

The erection and furnishing of an 116-bed extended care facility at the Masonic Homes also was approved.

Through efforts of the Committee on Masonic Culture, the Speakers' Bureau now includes 127 well qualified brethren and is hoped many more will be added to the list.

**Brother carries out idea of giving**

Bro. William L. Beehner has carried out his idea of giving, which when received his 50-Year Masonic Service Medal in 1969, each year since has added $100 to his generous contribution.

**Bro. Williamson Gets Homes Committee Post**

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, 44, for nearly 10 years District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic Homes, has been appointed to the Committee on Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The committee is responsible for management of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

**Bro. Williamson of Pittsburg is superintendemt of the chemical deparment at the Clairton Works of U.S. Steel Corp.**

A chemical engineering graduate from the University of Pittsburgh, Bro. William W. Williamson has been superintendent of the chemical department at the Clairton Works of U.S. Steel Corp.

He is a Past Master and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Wilmingford; a member of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289; Liberty Valley Council No. 181; Select Masters of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh; and Syria Temple.