Grand Lodge Installs Officers; All Elected to Homes Committee

Besides the Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers installed at the Annual Grand Communication December 28, 1970 were:
Bro. Ashby B. Paul, of Harrisburg, R. W. Grand Secretary.

All the elected Grand Lodge Officers are members of the Committee on Masonic Homes which operates the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
Others elected to the Committee on Masonic Homes are:
Bro. Robert E. Weather, Jr., of Harrisburg.
Bro. Scott C. Rozier, of Sunbury.
Bro. L. E. Starn, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Conestoga.
Bro. Milton Frichep, of Douglassville.

Busy Three Months

Quarterly Session Tops Itinerary

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers the next three months includes:
March 3 — Quarterly Communication, Maysville Masonic Temple, Maysville.
March 6 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Robert A. Lambertson Lodge No. 84, Philadelphia.
March 15 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Langhorne South Side Masonic Lodge No. 808, Masonic Hall, Pottstown.
March 20 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Masonic Temple, Prince Edwin Lodge No. 48, Philadelphia.
March 26 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
March 27 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Philadelphia.
April 10 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, lay members, and dedicated Lodge Room, George Wagner Lodge No. 630, M. S. Mary's.
April 15 — Grand Lodge Officer, 90th Anniversary, John F. Little Lodge No. 141, Philadelphia.
April 18 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
April 22 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
May 1 — Grand Master, 75th Anniversary, Tyrone Lodge No. 613, Tyrone.
May 2 — Grand Master, Centennial Anniversary, Fraternal Lodge No. 483, Rossville.
May 6 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Pittsburgh Lodge No. 484, Pittsburg.
May 9 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, McKesson Lodge No. 641, McKessonport.
May 13 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Lodge Grand Lodge No. 650, Altoona.
May 16 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Tyrone Lodge No. 649, Tyrone.
May 21 — Grand Lodge Officers, 100th Anniversary, Valley Lodge No. 490, West Edinburgh.
May 25 — Grand Master, Grand Communion, Masonic Temple, Scranton.
May 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

70 Collection Lags

Guest Fund Drive Hits Homestretch

The closing date is March 15th for the 1970 Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Guest Fund is running more than $30,000 behind the 1969 total, when Pennsylvania Masons contributed nearly $89,500.

Hoping the current collection may make up this amount, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, has urged all Masons to contribute to the Guest Fund before March 15.

A majority of the Guest Fund will go toward construction of facilities for 23 more hospital beds at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Contributions to the Guest Fund are deductible for income tax purposes. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Guest Fund and mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, PA. 17022.
Coronas Holds Dedication

The Lodge Room of Coronas Lodge No. 674, of which he is a member is Past Master, is shown during the Grand Lodge’s visit to the Masonic Temple. He said the attendance was better than average.

Commenting further on Daylight Saving Time, Brother Kern said: "There would give tremendous added value to Freemasonry in that the facilities in the Masonic Temple would be in full use throughout the entire day, rather than just part-time at night." Kern asks all Brethren interested in Daylight Saving Time to write him and voice their opinions. Address letters to Bro. Kern at the Grand Lodge’s office.

From Our Grand Secretary’s Office

December Quarterly Communication

December 2, 1970

Over eight hundred Brethren attended the December Quarterly Communication and considered the monthly program of the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. The R. W. Grand Master was highly honored to receive Distinguished Guests from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Maryland, Vermont, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. He stated and thanked for good leadership at all levels, improved Masonic Education and dedication to the tenets of Freemasonry.

The Annual Election was held, at which the present 6 Grand Lodge Officers were elected. The Brethren Richard E. Hickam, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, spoke for the Distinguished Guests, and attended the ceremonies for good leadership at all levels, improved Masonic Education and dedication to the tenets of Freemasonry.

Grand Lodge was suddenly broken by the sudden deaths of Brothers Paul H. Magne and Frank L. Neff, Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Lodge closed shortly before 3:00 p.m.

Annual Grand Communication

December 28, 1970

Slightly over 230 Brethren attended the Communication in Cornhill Hall. District Deputy Grand Masters from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, Louisiana, Maine, Alabama, Illinois, the Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Shrine, DeMolay, and many Masonic Fraternal Orders.

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For the first time in the history of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master’s Banquet was held in the Masonic Temple with Distinguished Brethren and their Ladies in attendance.

A religious service was held in Corinthian Hall Sunday evening, December 27. Bro. David J. Wynne, a Grand Lodge Chaplain, preached the sermon, “Three Little Words.” His theme referred to Light, Life and Love.

The Scottish Rite Choir of the Valley of Philadelphia, under the direction of Bro. Edward S. Siddell, offered several hymns.
A 'Young' 98, Bro. Higgins Ends Service to Craft

Bro. Charles Higgins, the “voice” of Freemasonry to tens of thousands of Brethren he instructed in the work for over a half century, has ended his dedicated service to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Now 98 years young but still blessed with remarkable memory and keen wit, effective last December 28. He had served 34 years in that office. Since 1938 when he was appointed, his friendly smile had greeted hosts of Brethren in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Higgins also served most of 1933 as Grand Tyler following his appointment after a death in that office. His kindly smile had greeted hosts of Masons for over a half century, has ended his life. Bro. Higgins resigned as Grand Tyler effective last December 28.

BRO. CHARLES HIGGINS
Grand Tyler 34 years

Grand Lodge Cites Digest of Decisions on Insurance Sales

Grand Lodge recently has received complaints about insurance firms which allegedly have exclusive policies for the benefit of Masons. Grand Lodge does not sponsor or endorse any insurance company. Before purchasing any policy, it is advisable that all Brethren be sure to read and understand what is included in the policy. Grand Lodge does not authorize the distribution of any insurance sales promotional literature through Masonic channels. The Digest of Decisions covers this Masonic Law, as follows:

All schemes in business affairs to attract patronage, or support by the use of Masonic endorsement or the forcing of Masonic names, are contrary to the teachings of the Free and Accepted Masons.

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"The names of officers and members of Lodges must not be furnished to canvassers, lecturers, solicitors, etc."

Brethren in this Jurisdiction who receive sales promotional literature which implies that Grand Lodge either has sponsored or endorsed any insurance firms are asked to send such information to:

The Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Patton Masonic School at Elizabeth-town, for the first time in its 46-year history, has received accreditation for the educational program it is providing its students. Dr. John W. Kopp, superintendent at Patton, said, he has been informed of the favorable report by the Commission in Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Patton School, he explained, has been put on the commission’s accredited list for ten years, ending December 31, 1980. Previously, Patton was a private institute school by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Kopp said the Patton administration began two years ago to prepare for the school’s evaluation by a visiting team of state educators.

Commenting on winning accreditation, Dr. Kopp said, “Everybody at Patton was thrilled to get the news. When you have this approval, you know you are doing the right work for your students.”

200 Years of Freemasonry

Bro. Walter F. Kuster (extreme right), a member of Washington Lodge No. 265 in Bloomsburg, is the fourth member in his family to receive a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Envelope (helping him celebrate are to his right) Bro. Ralph, Kinchen and Horstman Kuster, all previous recipients of the coveted award.

Pleasant Hills Sets Program
To Constitute South Gate Lodge

South Gate Lodge No. 808 will be constituted March 15 at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in Masonic Hall, 455 E. Bruceton Rd., Pleasant Hills, Allegheny County.

Grand Lodge was organized under the direction of Bro. John L. Andrews, Past Grand Master of Grand Master of the 57th Masonic District. Officers select of South Gate Lodge are Bro. H. Raymond Hillgartner, a Past Master of Golden Circle Lodge No. 173, Philadephia, Worshipful Master; Bro. John J. White, former Member of William D. McCleary Lodge No. 758, Senior Warden; Bro. James F. Casey, former Senior Warden of Lodge No. 650, Junior Warden; Bro. George H. Rhodes, former Member of Lodge No. 758, Treasurer, and Bro. Harry L. Pratt, Senior Deacon.

The recommender on the petition for the Warrant for South Gate Lodge was Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 758, and the Stated Meetings of South Gate Lodge will be held the third Monday of the month.

Grand Master Names Four Floor Officers

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, announced the appointments of four new Grand Lodge Officers December 28 at the Annual Grand Communication. They are:


Bro. William L. Mullan, Past Master and former Secretary of Quaker City Lodge No. 724, Philadelphia, Grand Steward.

Bro. Paul R. Jenkins, Past Master and Treasurer of George W. Guthrie Lodge No. 601, Pittsburgh, Grand Purveyor.