Three Masonic mementos of the Bicentennial year and a lavish color-photo album of the Philadelphia Masonic Temple — of interest to anyone because of its architectural splendor — are still available from Grand Lodge.

Also currently in supply is a color-photo album of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown which captures in striking scenes all facets of the Homes, our greatest charity.

The Masonic Bicentennial souvenir, fast becoming collector’s items, are two medallions and a 1976 Masonic lapel emblem, all created by order of Grand Lodge in observance of the nation’s Bicentennial.

The bigger of the two medallions — both struck in heavy bronze — is three inches in diameter, and is designed to stand on an easel which comes with the medallions.

On one side is a bas-relief replica of the statue, "George Washington at Valley Forge," by world-famous sculptor Donald DeLue. It bears the dates, 1776-1976.

On the other side is a reproduction of the Seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and the name of Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master; the date, 1976, and the legend, "American Bicentennial."

The price of the large medallion is:
- $7 with cash, including sales tax, when purchased at Grand Lodge's Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- $8 when purchased by mail, including sales tax and postage.

The smaller of the two medallions is an inch and a half in diameter, the size and thickness of a silver dollar. On one side is a reproduction of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, home of Grand Lodge. On the opposite side is the Seal of the Grand Master and the date, 1976.

The cost of the smaller medallion is:
- $1 including sales tax, when purchased in the Museum of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- $1.25 when ordered by mail, including sales tax and postage.

The square Masonic lapel emblem of jeweler’s bronze, identifies the wearer as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and bears the Bicentennial dates, 1776-1976.

The emblem can be bought in the Museum of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, for $2, including sales tax. It can also be purchased by mail for $2.25, including sales tax and postage.

The 36-page album of the Temple, one of the wonders of the Masonic world and of architecture in this country, contains color photographs of the interior and exterior of the building which was dedicated Sept. 26, 1873. Included are paintings and photos of earlier meeting places of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania since 1732, plus a history of the Temple and an account of its Museum.

Authentic examples of architecture shown in the Temple photographs are Greek (Ionic, Doric and Corinthian), Norman, Italian Renaissance, Gothic Moorish and Egyptian. The excellence of the latter, including Egyptian inscriptions, has drawn scholars to the Temple’s Egyptian Hall for study.

The album of the Temple sells for $1 if purchased in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and $1.25 by mail.

The Masonic Homes album — also 36 pages — is full of color photos of the majestic buildings, green vistas, recreational and medical facilities, living quarters and guests.

The album on Masonic Homes sells for 25 cents if purchased at the Homes or Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and 55 cents if mailed.

In ordering the medallions, lapel emblem or album by mail, Brethren should make out checks to the Grand Secretary and send them to the Committee on Masonic Culture, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.
Bro. Arthur T. Moore 

After 17 years as Assistant to the Grand Master, Bro. Arthur T. Moore has retired and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. However, he will continue to serve Grand Lodge for the remainder of the year on a consultant basis.

The new Assistant to the Grand Master is Bro. Melvin S. Mundie, 36, of Sugarloaf, near Hazleton, in Luzerne County. Bro. Mundie is Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.

Bro. Moore's retirement and the appointment of Bro. Mundie as his successor were announced Dec. 27 by Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master.

Bro. Mundie has been control supervisor for Dier-Oliver, Inc., of Hazleton, a radio broadcaster for the Hazleton Broadcasting Co. Inc. and a news reporter for the Hazleton Standard-Speaker newspaper.

He is a 1973 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a B.A. degree in journalism, and did a year and a half of graduate study in journalism at State Penn. He and his wife, the former Barbara Jane Smith, have two children, Barbara, 12, and James, 4.

Bro. Moore, 64, also has a news background, having worked as a reporter-editor for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, a Henri newspaper which is no longer in existence. Born at East McKeesport, Pa., a Pittsburg suburb, Bro. Moore attended McKeesport High School, Franklin College, and Marshall University and Wabash College, playing football at all three. He received a B.A. degree from Wabash.

Bro. Moore was made a Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge No. 612 at Wilmerding, Pa., and later became a Warrant Member of Forbes Trail Lodge No. 785 at Export, Pa. In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of Exculter Mark Lodge and a member of Media Chapter No. 284 at Media, Pa. He also is a member of Philadelphia-St. John's Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Moore is a member of Ourions Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania Council, Prince of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh Chapter of Royal and Purple Council. He also is a member of York Rite Masonry in the Philadelphia area.

He has been active in community and civic organizations, and is a member of the Pittsburgh Press Club, the Athletic Association of Greater Pittsburgh, and the Pennsylvania Press Club.

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The rarity of making a Mason at Sight is apparent from the fact that only 32 Grand Jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania, has permitted it, and that the right has been exercised in only 15 of these Jurisdictions.

Bro. Samuel W. Pennybacker, Governor, 1897.


Bro. George Wharton Pepper, a U.S. Senator, 1925.


At 3 p.m. on November 29, First and Second Degrees were conferred upon Candidate Dixon in the Masonic Temple in the Grand Rameau Room of the Temple, and at 7:30 p.m., the Master's Degree was conferred.

Bro. Dixon's efforts for, and contributions to, schools, universities, hospitals, colleges, health-care agencies and institutions for handicapped children have been legion.

Questions and Answers Booklet Is Still Available

The 36-page pocket-size Questions and Answers booklet is still available for purchase.

This booklet, containing 124 answers to questions frequently asked about Masonic Fraternity, may be purchased in quantities of ten or more directly from the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

In addition, he has found time and energy to devote to service on the boards of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the United Fund, public television station WHYY, and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

Born at Winter Harbor, Me., Bro. Dixon was raised in the Philadelphia area. After graduating from the Meadowbrook School and Episcopal Academy, he attended Harvard, and became headmaster of Episcopal Academy in 1943.

He left the academy in 1956 to devote more of his time to community projects in health care, education and other fields. In 1972, he received the academy's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Bro. Dixon was awarded an honorary Doctor of Human Letters Degree in 1965 by PMC (now Widener College). On this occasion, one of his outstanding achievements in behalf of health care was cited as follows:

"Perhaps the most typical of his contributions in his role as the major force in the total health care revolution in rural health care, he supported not only financially but also by intense personal participation",

Bro. Dixon is vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic City Racing Association, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for the Philadelphia Horse Show and co-chairman of the American Gold Cup.

He lives on a 500-acre estate, Erdenheim Farm, in Whitemarsh, and also has homes in Maine and Florida. He and his wife, Edith Robb Dixon, have two children, George, 22, and Ellin, 18.

Masonic Year

The common calendar is based on the year of the Christian era. The letters, A.D., Anno Domini, two Latin words, mean the "year of our Lord." Ancient Craft Masonry used the letters A.L. to designate its year. These letters stand for the Latin words, Anno Lucis, which mean "year of Light."

The craft Masonic date is arrived by adding four thousand to the current year so that the calendar year of the Christian era, A.D. 1977, becomes the Craft Masonic year, A.L. 5977.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

For your convenience, the telephone numbers at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, are as follows:

Grand Master's Office 215-767-5582

Grand Secretary's Office 215-767-4156

Library and Curator's Office 215-767-4190

Superintendent's Office 215-767-5674

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Grand Lodge Officers Have Busy Schedule

Grand Lodge Officers will have a busy schedule for the next three months, including:

March 2— Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 4—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Verona Lodge No. 548, Verona.


March 23— Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.


April 9— Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 747, McKees Rocks.

April 16— Grand Master, Special Communication, Delicate Lodge Room, Oakdale Lodge No. 669, Oakdale.

April 22— Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 30-May 7— Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

May 27— Grand Lodge Officers meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
Masonic Books Available
From Committee On Culture
For Research and Education
By a resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September 1951, the Circulating Library of Grand Lodge was established, thus creating a special service to all Pennsylvania Masons.

You can borrow two Masonic books at a time, either by mail or in person, and keep them for a period of three weeks free of charge, except for return postage, if needed.

The Circulating Library has, since that date, enjoyed activity and growth providing reading pleasure and Masonic inspiration to thousands of Pennsylvania Masons.

This unique Circulating Library is equipped with several copies each of 260 Masonic titles, all by outstanding authors.

They include Masonic books on History, Biographies, Landmarks, Philosophy, Mysteries, Symbolism, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Military Lodges and many other categories.

The Circulating Library Brochure, containing the rules, regulations and listing of these 260 Masonic books, will be mailed upon request by writing to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

You will find books covering all phases of Freemasonry in this Circulating Library. Members will realize that reading Masonic books can be most interesting.

A sources of delight was the amiability of Masono Lombardo.

"He signed autographs freely, and seemed to enjoy talking to people," remarked one dancer and diner after the affair. "Yes, and how about the way he played requests?" said another. "All you had to do was ask, and he'd play anything."

Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master, left, and Mrs. McCain, are shown with Guy Lombardo at Bicentennial Banquet.

"Sweetest Music" for Bicentennial
Guy Lombardo Played for Activity

They gilded, they weaved, they bobbed, and even bunny-hopped — about 600 of them — to "the sweetest music this side of heaven," and had the time of their lives with Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians the night of December 27, 1959. He also was the Lodge's Culture Chairman and a Trustee.

He was appointed a District Deputy Grand Master in 1964, and served until his installation as Junior Grand Warden on December 27, 1969. He also served Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden and as Deputy Grand Master before being elected Grand Master in 1975 for his first term.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. McCain is a member of Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, having served as Commander in 1969 and 1970; United States Temple Commandery Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders; and the Golden Triangle York Rite College.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. McCain is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh, having served as Sovereign Prince of Pennsylvania, Prince of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh; Royal Order of Jesuits, Pittsburgh Coast No. 2, and National Sovereigns, Pittsburgh Chapter No. 38.

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The new building at the Masonic Health Care Center completely changes the entrance to the Center. The picture shows how the new structure is tied into the old buildings. Thousands of Masons are expected to attend the dedication ceremony on June 25. 

"Masons Build For the Future" 

Lodge Officers Urged to Attend Special Dedication

The new $4 million Health Care Building at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. June 25 by Bro. John L. McCain, Grand Master.

The construction, begun in 1975, was necessary to replace patient beds lost through application of strict state and federal regulations for adult care centers following a wave of disastrous fires which cost the lives of many elderly persons throughout the state.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master at the time, emphasized at the ground-breaking ceremony on October 24, 1975, that Pennsylvania Masons wanted to be sure their Guests were housed in buildings that were safe from fire hazards.

Yearlong campaigns were waged among the Brethren in 1975 and 1976 to raise funds to help finance expenses of the project as well as for maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

The cornerstone was laid by Bro. McCa in last July 24 when 10,000 persons gathered on the Masonic Homes grounds for the ceremony and a day of entertain ment for Guests and visitors. Bro. McCa in said then that the building would be dedicated to "the service of God and the enrichment of the lives of men."

Preceding the coming June 25 dedication ceremony, elected officers will be given a morning tour of the structure, and will have a noon lunch at Elizabethtown College.

All other Masons are also invited to attend the dedication, but it will not be possible to provide food for all. Cards will be mailed to Lodges for return to Grand Lodge with names of members planning to be present.

It is recommended by Grand Lodge that each Masonic District chapter have a bus to transport to the Masonic Homes those Brothers attending the ceremony. Brothers need not be in Masonic dress for the dedication.

Elected officers invited to the lunch will include Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and Representatives in Grand Lodge.

The new building has four stories in front and three in the rear. The structure, of concrete, brick and steel, is 268 feet long and 72 feet wide. It adds 153 beds to the Health Care Center, bringing the total to 500.

The new structure stands in front of the Philadelphia Memorial Building, formerly the main entrance to the Center, and its "E" shape facilitated its connection to existing buildings.

Each floor contains 24 double rooms and 8 singles, each with wash-room facilities. Also on each floor are dining rooms, solariums, reading rooms, utility rooms, nurse stations, bathrooms, supply areas and reading rooms.

Masonic Law

“A Lodge should not ask to lay the Cornerstone of a Church or any other public edifice.

“The request to have a Cornerstone laid with Masonic Ceremonies should come from the properly constituted authorities of the building about to be erected.”

Decision XXVII, Par. 2, Digest of Decisions.

“Father of American Sculpture”

Grand Lodge Museum Features William Rush Carvings

Five of the best-known and best-pre served statues by William Rush, America’s first native sculptor, are on view in the Museum on the first floor of the Masonic Temple at 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

The five are “Faith,” “Hope,” “Charity,” “Virtue” and “Silence.” Their total value was recently estimated at $115 million by consensual of the opinion of a number of art experts.

The Masonic Temple is also the home of two additional perfectly preserved Rush sculptures, the “Winged Angels,” in a second-floor room off Gothic Hall.

Rush, a Philadelphian who was born in 1756 and died in 1833, has been referred to by biographers as "the father of American sculpture" and "the whole of American sculpture during his lifetime.”

His statues were carved in wood and painted.

Although Rush served an apprenticeship under the best British wood carver of his day, and began as a carver of figures for ships, his true creative sculptor reportedly was largely self-acquired. He is credited by writers of his time with developing on his own the ability to impart emotion and the following appearance of movement to his figures.

The artist was commissioned by Grand Lodge to do “Faith,” “Hope,” “Charity,” “Virtue” and “Silence.” They were completed in 1811 and placed in the old Masonic Temple on the north side of Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets. All were saved when that building was destroyed by fire on March 9, 1819.

Since the “Winged Angels” also were completed in 1811 and placed in the old temple on Chestnut Street, there is a good chance that Grand Lodge commissioned them too.

“Faith,” “Hope,” “Charity,” “Virtue” and “Silence” are life-sized figures painted white, each involving a young woman with a flowing robe.

“Faith” depicts a recumbent woman with an arm draped over a standing book, believed to be a Bible.

“Hope” is a reclining woman, a look of serenity and trust on her face, with her left arm across a symbol of hope, a standing anchor.

In “Charity,” three small children are snuggled on the lap and in the left arm of a benign, maternal woman.

“Silence” is a young woman, standing with right index finger to her lips, left hand raised to head level, holding a small flaming lamp.

“Virtue” is a young woman, head erect, eyes straight ahead, with left foot forward and slightly raised atop an anthaus scroll.

Rush was a cousin of Dr. Benjamin Rush, eminent physician and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The sculptor was for many years a member of the City Council and the Watering Committee, bodies which occupied a great deal of his time and enabled him to play an important part in bringing the city pure drinking water.

Fourty statues, busts, heads, ship carvings and figures have been established as Rush works by experts on sculpture, critics and “art detectives," including a biographer, the late Henry Marceau. Numerous others have been attributed to him. Only one signed work is known, a bust of Capt. Samuel Morris, an original member and first governor of the State, in Schuylkill, an exclusive Philadelphia club.

A famous Rush statue is a life-sized standing figure of George Washington, which the subject himself is said to have praised as an excellent likeness. It is in the Second National Bank of the United States, 420 Chestnut Street. Carved in 1814, it is hollow, with wood no thicker than three inches. This feature allows circulation of air, deterring rot.

Other Rush works are on view in Philadelphia museums. However, a bronze cast is all that remains of the artist’s best-known bronze, "Water nymph and Bittern," which used to be at the Old Centre Square Water Works. Carved in 1780, it was cast in bronze in 1854 before of advancing decay. The cast is in the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
Space Still Available
For Caribbean Cruise

The dinner and entertainment for the Ladies and Brethren during the June Quarterly Communications will be held in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, across the street from Masonic Temple.

June Communication To Be Held In Pittsburgh

Meeting of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee at 10 a.m. in the Masonic Temple.

Larry Ferrai first attained popularity while starring on a regularly presented Army television show, "Port DIX Presents," while he was a soldier at DIX in the early 1950s. This year regular appearances with Arlene Francis on the ABC television network and other performances on network programs, including the Lawrence Welk show. His appearance, personality and music made him a figure of tremendous appeal.

Masonic Homes Policy Listed for Regulations

The following is inserted to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act:

Admissions Policy, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

1. Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, and Allentown are maintained for the exclusive use of Masonic widows and single members of the various Lodges within the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction. These Lodges operate under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

2. Under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Lodges, Masonic widows and single members of the various Lodges are entitled to admission into the Masonic Homes. No adverse decisions are to be made in any case, though no record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex.

The admission of non-members, or their wives, widows, or children of United members, to the Masonic Homes is governed by the rules of the Grand Lodge. For non-members of the Masonic Order, the Masonic Homes do not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, ancestry, ancestry, or sex.

3. By virtue of the foregoing, the Masonic Homes are in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and agree to comply with the provisions that all, and all requirements imposed pursuant to it to the best of their ability shall be on the ground of race, color, national origin, ancestry, ancestry, or sex, in the hiring, dismissing, and promoting of their employees.

4. The Masonic Homes do not discriminate in the provision of any service to any person, race, color, national origin, ancestry, ancestry, or sex, in violation of the laws of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Masonic Help

Bro. Eugene J. Driscoll, Sr., of Cambria Lodge No. 278, Johnstown, has prepared a 35-mm color slide presentation on the Masonic Homes that includes the free distribution of a new 36-page brochure on the Homes. The presentation will be given to Brethren attending Lodges when a special Masonic Service program is introduced.

Service Emblems

Bro. Paul J. Evans, Bro. William J. Miller, and R. W. Grand Lodge Room 366, Pittsburgh, have developed a new Emblem for the Masonic Homes. The new Emblem is a symbol of the strength and character of the Masonic Homes.

Fathers and Sons

Bro. Harvey W. Bruner, Jr., of the United States Air Force, has been awarded a silver Medal by the United States Air Force for his service in the war.

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Do Not Forget ‘GUEST FUND’

If you have misplaced the self-addressed postage-paid envelope for your annual contribution to the ‘Guest Fund’ for the Masonic Homes, Elizabethown, Pa., send your check or money order to Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethown, Pa., 17022. Please indicate your name, home address and Lodge number. Thank you.