

A Brief History of State College Lodge No. 700

Introduction

A Masonic Lodge is an assembly or organized body of Freemasons duly congregated for labor or for business. While other definitions of a lodge exist, the primary concern of this brief history is the lodge members, their efforts in promoting Freemasonry, and the cumulative effect of their efforts.

Abbreviations used in this document:

R.W.G.M.	Right Worshipful Grand Master
R.W.D.G.M.	Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	Right Worshipful (as in Right Worshipful Grand Master)
R.W.G.S.	Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
D.D.G.M.	District Deputy Grand Master
W.M.	Worshipful Master
S.W.	Senior Warden
J.W.	Junior Warden
P.M.	Past Master
F.&A.M.	Free and Accepted Masons
I.O.O.F.	International Order of Odd Fellows

This document was prepared by Philip B. Lovett, PM, as a part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of State College Lodge #700, Free and Accepted Masons.

The gestation period of State College Lodge No. 700, from conception to warranting, was a remarkably short period. This is even more remarkable when one considers that two Grand Lodge Officers expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of constituting a lodge in State College. Their primary concern was the possible adverse affects that would come to Bellefonte Lodge No. 268 and Old Fort Lodge No. 537. At present, 75 years later, it is apparent that those fears were groundless; Bellefonte Lodge, Old Fort Lodge and State College Lodge are alive and strong.

One must not assume that after January 21, 1920 State College Lodge grew without problems. This is basically not true. Tabular data indicates that the lodge grew from 55 Charter Members in January, 1920, to 179 members at the end of 1924. During this five year period the lodge rejected 72 petitions, withdrew 10, declared 3 Null and Void, and had 11 members resign, or be suspended or expelled. This type of activity indicates a division in the make-up of the lodge members! This division was basically inherent in the composition of the Borough of State College during that period. The two sides are even mentioned 75 years later, but without the same vehemence that existed earlier in 1920. The division was the "Town vs. Gown" factions. Any of the older lodge members can recall the Worshipful Master alignment that existed: A "Town" Master followed by a "Gown" Master. The last apparent vestiges of this situation, with a few exceptions, was no longer in operation after 1965.

One other facet of this division was revealed in a communication from Brother Charles A. Lamm, P.M. To quote, "To recall an incident at the time I petitioned to become a member there was a rumor of

an element of friction between 'Town and Gown' and I was advised to have a representative of town and also of gown on my petition. I dutifully obtained the same and fortunately was admitted". Brother Charles A. Lamm was initiated in September, 1930.

Early Planning

On or before April 22, 1919, Brother Frank M. Torrence talked to Brother David F. Kapp, who was a cashier at the First National Bank (now Mellon Bank) on West College Avenue, relative to the John Stuart property on East College Avenue. The conversation drifted to Freemasonry and to the possible use of this property as a Masonic Temple. At that time it was necessary for petitioners to Freemasonry to join Old Fort Lodge #537, located in Centre Hall, or Bellefonte Lodge #268, located in Bellefonte. Apparently the above conversation was the necessary incentive for Brother Frank M. Torrence to begin the arduous task of securing a favorable petition to constitute a Masonic Lodge in State College, Pennsylvania.

Brother James B. Krouse, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania lived in Williamsport, PA and was known by Brother Lloyd W. Stover, P.M., Old Fort Lodge #537. Brother Torrence wrote to Brother Stover (Millheim, PA) asking for a letter of introduction to Brother Krouse. Brother Stover replied favorably to this letter on April 24, 1919.

After another talk with Brother Kapp on April 25, 1919 regarding a Masonic Temple and a possible visit with Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M., Brother Torrence wrote Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M. on April 26, 1919 asking for an appointment for an

interview. As there was no reply to this letter, Brother Torrence wrote Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M., again on May 20, 1919 and reiterated his desire for an appointment. On May 22, 1919, a reply from Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M., was received, including a reply to Brother Torrence's letter of April 26, 1919 which apparently had been incorrectly addressed to some unknown name and consequently returned to the writer.

On May 26, 1919, Brother Torrence telephoned Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M. and arranged a meeting on May 27, 1919 in Williamsport, PA. Accompanying Brother Torrence to this meeting were Brothers Harold E. Shattuck, Ray I. Webber and Lloyd W. Stover, W.M. of Old Fort Lodge #537. This meeting discussed the possibility of forming a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA. Brother Krouse, R.W.G.M. was enthusiastic about a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA.

On June 3, 1919, the first planning meeting was held and from that time to the present, minutes have been kept for every meeting.

Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., and a member of Bellefonte Lodge #268, questioned Brother Torrence on June 9, 1919 at an Old Fort Lodge #537 meeting regarding rumors he had heard regarding an attempt to organize a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA. Eventually W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., agreed to help sponsor a petition to the Grand Lodge for a Masonic Lodge in State College (see Appendix A, page 45).

Brothers D. F. Kapp, R. I. Webber, H. B. Shattuck, E. A. Fessenden, W. G. Murtorff and F. M. Torrence met in the First National Bank Boardroom on August 26, 1919. The meeting was called to consider the development of plans and reports of committees appointed at the June 3, 1919

meeting for the organization of a Masonic Lodge and for the erection of a Masonic Temple at State College, PA. Brother F. M. Torrence reported on behalf of the building committee and submitted plans for a new Masonic Building. Brother R. I. Webber reported that members of the Acacia Fraternity were interested in the project if quarters could be secured at reasonable rent in a proper building. They were, however, not interested in quarters in a business block. Brother F. M. Torrence reported that a pamphlet had been prepared by Brother W. S. Dye, Jr. to be sent to the State College Masonic brethren. Brother D. F. Kapp reported that the finance committee had been unable to present definite plans. It was properly moved and seconded that a meeting be called of all Masons in State College on August 29, 1919. The last item of business involved the recommendation that the entrance fee be made \$25; \$5 to be paid on signing the petition, \$10 when the petition is approved by Grand Lodge, and \$10 when the Lodge was organized.

The August 29, 1919 meeting of State College Masons was held at the Acacia Fraternity. Thirty-nine Masons attended this meeting. A list of those attending this meeting is shown in Appendix B, page 46. After the object of this meeting was stated, Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, briefly reviewed details concerning previous meetings regarding the establishment of a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA. This summary also included the results of a meeting with Brother James B. Krouse, R.W.G.M., in Williamsport, PA. Reference was also made to the June 3, 1919 and the August 26, 1919 meetings. F. M. Torrence, Chairman, then stated the facts regarding the building of a Masonic Temple in State College, PA. Brother D. F. Kapp then gave the projected financial plans for the building and site, saying it would probably cost \$60,000 to \$65,000.

Part of the necessary funds to be secured by a bond issue and part by a non-voting stock issue. Brother D. F. Kapp also suggested that it might be possible to secure \$15,000 to \$20,000 in donations.

Various questions were then raised, particularly regarding District Deputy Grand Master W. Harrison Walker's opinion of (1) stock issue or bond issue to fund the projected Masonic Temple; he favored the stock issue; (2) absence of Brother W. Harrison Walker at the current meeting; he found it impossible to attend but that he had been told of all plans; (3) opinion of Brother W. H. Walker regarding a place of meeting; he said it would be possible to use the present IOOF Hall with certain modifications; and (4) Brother W. H. Walker had asked if the committee would secure 50 charter members who would put in \$300 each; the answer was no. He then asked if it would be possible to secure 50 who would pay \$100 each. Again, the answer was no. Brother W. H. Walker then asked "How much?" The answer was that nobody knew what the possible initial donation/payment would produce. One final question asked by Brother W. H. Walker involved the possibility of being able to equip a Lodge; the answer was yes. Blank forms prepared by Brother W. H. Walker, D.D.G.M., for projected charter members to sign were passed for signature after being read to the Masons present.

At the same meeting questions were raised concerning (1) the necessity of members withdrawing from lodges before signing the charter petition; (2) assurance that a warrant will be issued: the answer was no. ; (3) is there sufficient population in State College to support a Masonic Lodge; the answer was "yes and no"; (4) approval of the August 25, 1919 recommendation on charter membership fee; (5) the advisability of having a representative go to Philadelphia for the September 3,

1919 Quarterly Communication and brief the current R.W.G.M. and the R.W.D.G.M. who would be elected R.W.G.M. in December. Brother F. M. Torrence was authorized to go and to procure all possible information.

Other items of minor interest were discussed before it was moved, seconded and approved that the former committee of Brothers Kapp, Shattuck, Webber, Fessenden, Kinsloe, Torrence, Holler, Gilliland and Murtorff be made a permanent committee to further the project. The permanent committee was instructed to go ahead with the project as rapidly as possible. In the process of attaining charter members, there should be no attempt to over-urge Masons who had strong personal connections to their home lodges to resign and become a charter member in the projected State College Masonic Lodge.

A letter was addressed to Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., on September 19, 1919 forwarding floor plans and information relative to the proposed use of the IOOF Hall for Lodge meetings. Also, interested Masons in State College signed an agreement as follows;

"We the undersigned, hereby signify our desire for the establishment of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in State College, PA, and covenant with each other to become charter member of such a lodge if it is organized. We further agree to pay \$5 upon signing this agreement, \$10 upon signing the petition, and \$10 when charter is granted."

Masons from the following Lodges and Jurisdictions have signed this agreement:

Bellefonte Lodge #268	8
Old Fort Lodge #537	20
PA Jurisdiction	12
Missouri Jurisdiction	2
Iowa Jurisdiction	1
Vermont Jurisdiction	1
Maryland Jurisdiction	1
Michigan Jurisdiction	2
Ohio Jurisdiction	1
Kentucky Jurisdiction	1
New York Jurisdiction	1
New Jersey Jurisdiction	1
<u>Indiana Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	50

Paraphernalia and equipment can be secured, choosing judiciously between 1st and 2nd grade, from William Lehmborg, Philadelphia, PA. Providing everything is bought there, the total cost will be \$517. This sum, together with \$200 for a warrant would be \$717. Counting on the above listed 50 charter members would give the proposed lodge \$1,250. Rent will be about \$100 per year and possibly as low as \$80 per year.

The permanent committee, previously appointed, recommends that the initiation fee be \$70, \$20 of which will go to the Grand Lodge, and that dues be \$6 or \$7, \$2 of which will be Grand Lodge dues. It should be possible to have at least \$200 per year from dues. It is anticipated that there is abundant material in State College for petitions for initiation and membership. The degree of work at Old Fort and Bellefonte gave adequate evidence to this statement. The proposition of a Temple in State College will not be considered further at this time; nor until such time as seems wise and prudent. Efforts are to be concentrated as to the establishment of a Blue Lodge.

On October 12, 1919, another meeting of all Masons in State College was held at the Acacia Fraternity. Forty-two masons

were in attendance as per Appendix C, page 47.

The following items were addressed at this meeting:

1. Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, made a report on his visit to Philadelphia. The Right Worshipful Grand Master and all Grand Officers were very favorable to the establishment of a lodge in State College. Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., had inspected the IOOF hall and approved its use after certain modifications are made.
2. Brother George T. Jackson made a report of his meeting with the Board of Directors of the IOOF Hall Association. Because of changes to be made to the room, the rent would be \$125 for the first year and \$100/year thereafter. The total rent covers use of the Lodge Room and the Club Room. Special meetings could be taken care of without extra cost to the lodge. Regular meetings would be on the 1st Wednesday of every month. It was regularly moved and seconded that a rent option on the IOOF Hall be obtained.
3. The committee on By Laws gave its report. This report was for information purposes only. The By-Laws of the Lodge cannot be adopted until the lodge is constituted. This committee recommends that the fee for admission and membership be \$70, \$20 of this fee to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge.
4. Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, read a letter from Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., in which he stated that it would be necessary for all petitioners to resign from their lodges before they could sign the petition for the warrant. There is no stated form of resignation, however, a form of resignation was read that would be satis-

factory. All dues must be paid when resignation is tendered.

5. The following names were suggested as officers of the proposed lodge:
Worshipful Master - Brother Frank M. Torrence
Senior Warden - Brother William G. Murtorff
Junior Warden - Brother Frederick P. Weaver

It was regularly moved and seconded that the proposed names be adopted. A favorable ballot subsequently ensued.

A meeting of the signers of a petition for warrant of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held on January 9, 1920 at the IOOF Hall. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the October 12, 1919 meeting, the matter of the meeting night for the proposed lodge was discussed. Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, noted that the Grand Lodge meetings were held in certain months on the 1st Wednesday; it would not be possible to hold the regular stated meetings of the proposed lodge on the 1st Wednesday of the month as had been offered. It was then moved and seconded that the regular Stated Meeting be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This motion was amended to make the time of meetings 7:30 p.m.

A letter was read from Brother Edward J. K. Kunze requesting that the initiation fee be fixed at a sum not less than the sister lodges. It was then regularly moved and seconded that the initiation fee be fixed at \$70, as discussed in the October 12, 1919 meeting, and annual dues be \$7 per year.

Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, requested permission to buy a book with 400 pages for the Secretary's use. This request was granted. As a matter of information, it was noted that lodge paraphernalia was purchased at an approxi-

mate cost of \$450.

The following items were presented for use by the new Lodge: (1) working tools by Brothers Harry J. Behrer and James C. Smith, (2) ballot box by Brother F. W. Haller of Pittsburgh, PA, and (3) a marble ashlar by Brother Frank E. Mayes of Lemont, PA.

Brother F. M. Torrence, Chairman, read those sections from the Ahiman Rezon relative to the selection of officers: Masters and Wardens must be named in a petition for warrant. Trustees are not provided for by the Ahiman Rezon. It was regularly moved and seconded that the following lodge officers be elected in Masonic form: Treasurer, Secretary, 3 Trustees and a Representative in the Grand Lodge. The following were elected: Brother Ray D. Gilliland, Treasurer; Brother George Glenn, Secretary; Brother R. I. Weber, Brothers George B. Jackson, and David F. Kapp, Trustees; and Brother Harry B. Northrup, Representative in the Grand Lodge.

The following appointed officers were appointed: Brother H. B. Shattuck, Senior Deacon; Brother John T. Taylor, Junior Deacon; Brother C. G. McBride, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Brother Winifred W. Braman, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Brother Thomas I. Mairs, Chaplain; Brother W. Harrison Thompson, Tyler; Brother Harry J. Behrer, Pursuivant; and Brothers John J. Snyder and Frank P. Knoll, Stewards.

The matters of nominal interest included: (1) procure a suitable souvenir for the warranting of the lodge; (2) the new trustees being authorized to sign a lease agreement for the IOOF Hall; and (3) that the fee to accompany application for membership by initiation be paid in currency.

After January 9, 1920, correspondence between the Grand Lodge Secretary and Brother F. M. Torrence, Master Elect, involved the spelling of names of various individuals, the absence of certificates of resignation from various lodges and the need of having the warrant properly filled out before the lodge is constituted. A copy of this letter follows.

On January 12, 1920, a telegram was sent from the Grand Secretary's Office informing F. M. Torrence, Master Elect, that the Grand Master would constitute State College Lodge #700, F. & A. M. on Wednesday, January 21, 1920. A follow-up letter on the same date contained the additional information that the ceremony would be at noon and that all signers of the petition are to be present otherwise they cannot be warrant members of the lodge.

A final meeting of the petitioners for the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at State College, PA was held at the IOOF Hall on January 17, 1920. This meeting was presided over by the Worshipful Master Elect, Brother Frank M. Torrence. One object of this meeting was to acquaint the petitioners with the arrangements for the installation. Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., had requested that the members furnish cars to transport the Grand Officers from Bellefonte to State College. Also, it was important that all members sign your name in full on all Masonic papers.

Other items of importance discussed were: (1) arrangements had been made to serve a lunch at the University Club; (2) a committee was formed to see that strangers coming late could get a meal; (3) a canvas was to be made among members of the possibility of entertaining visitors overnight; (4) all minutes, letters and records relative to the information of the lodge be made permanent records; (5) the

possibility of utilizing the basement of the IOOF Hall for the accommodation of visitors and checking of coats, etc. was delegated to a small committee; and (6) it was urged that all members be on time.

Finally the installation ceremony of a Lodge of Masons was rehearsed after a lodge was called and officered.

Petitioning for a Warrant for a Lodge at State College, PA and Warranting Said Lodge

The Ahiman Rezon presents the required format for a "Petition for a Warrant for a New Lodge." Unfortunately neither the Ahiman Rezon nor the petition presented to Grand Lodge indicate any date. It must be presumed that one of the signing sessions indicated in the planning meetings was used to sign the petition. Historical records from Brother F. M. Torrence indicate that the undated petition was taken to Bellefonte, PA on December 22, 1919 by Brothers F. M. Torrence and Peter H. Dole when W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., and Brother George Rhoades, W.M. of Bellefonte Lodge #268 approved the petition for a lodge at State College. Apparently, Brother William Frear, P.M. of Bellefonte Lodge #268 had approved and signed the petition earlier; his name appears on the petition but no mention is made of his signing in the historical records. Later the same day, Brothers F. M. Torrence, P. H. Dale and James F. Adams went to Centre Hall, PA and obtained the signatures of W. Frank Bradford, P.M. and C. William Boozer, P.M. of Old Fort Lodge #537, recommending

approval of the petition.

On December 26, 1919 Brothers F. M. Torrence and W. G. Murtorff went to Philadelphia with the signed petition to meet with and present the petition to Brother John A. Perry, R.W. Grand Secretary. On December 27, 1919 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the following three D.D.G.M.'s offered their help in an effort to obtain a favorable conclusion to the warrant petition: Brothers J. Harrison Mussina, Lock Haven; Fred Godcharles, Milton; Sion B. Smith, Pittsburgh. Brother Sion B. Smith, D.D.G.M., accompanied Brothers F. M. Torrence and W. G. Murtorff to a meeting of the Grand Officers. It is interesting to note that D.D.G.M. W. Harrison Walker did not attend this meeting. Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden initially objected to this petition because of the damage it would do to Old Fort Lodge #537. Finally this objection was removed and the motion to approve the petition for a Warrant of a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA was unanimously approved. Brother James B. Krouse, R.W.G.M. advised Brother Torrence to leave a Masonic Temple in the background and get the lodge started.

A photocopy of the original "Petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge" follows:

The number "700" for State College Lodge was the result of sequential numbering of the Lodges and did not constitute any special consideration of Grand Lodge.

As previously stated, a telegram was sent from the Grand Secretary's Office informing Brother F. M. Torrence, W.M. Elect that the R. W. Grand Master would constitute State College Lodge #700 on Wednesday, January 21, 1920 at 12:00 noon. Prior to this date, Brothers F. M. Torrence and P. H. Dole visited W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., to attend to details required for

entertaining the Grand Officers and the supplies required for constituting State College Lodge #700. Equipment, including Grand Lodge Chest, aprons, wands and columns were borrowed from Bellefonte Lodge #268 on the morning of January 21, 1920. The Grand Lodge Officers arrived at 10:45 a.m. and immediately went to the Acacia Fraternity for dinner; returning to the IOOF Hall at 11:40 a.m. Grand Lodge was opened at 12:03 p.m. and State College Lodge #700 was declared constituted at 1:35 p.m., January 21, 1920. Grand Lodge closed at this time. After the ceremony of consecration was completed, the following elected officers were duly installed in ancient form:

Frank Miller Torrence
- Worshipful Master
William George Murtorff
- Senior Warden
Frederick Pattison Weaver
- Junior Warden
Ray D. Gilliland
- Treasurer
George Glenn
- Secretary

The new Lodge was closed by its officers at 2:19 p.m.

A photocopy of the Special Communication held at State College, PA on January 21, 1920 follows, along with a list of the Warrant Members. A photocopy of the program for January 21, 1920 is also attached

PETITION FOR A WARRANT FOR A NEW LODGE.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction
Thereunto Belonging:

We, the undersigned, being regular Master Masons,
formerly members of the Lodges mentioned opposite our
respective names, and at this time not members of any
Lodge, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering
us to meet as a regular Lodge, at State College, Penn-
sylvania, to be called State College Lodge, No. _____,
and there to discharge the duties of Freemasonry in a
constitutional manner according to the forms of the
Fraternity, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations
of the Grand Lodge. And we have chosen, and do recom-
mend, Brother Frank Miller Torrence to be Master, and
Brother William George Murtorff to be Senior Warden,
and Brother Frederick Pattison Weaver to be Junior
Warden, of the said Lodge. The prayer of this peti-
tion being granted, we promise strict conformity to
the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft, and the Constitu-
tion, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

	Name	Lodge and No.	Location.
CR ✓	Frank M. Torrence	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	William G. Murtorff	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	Frederick Pattison Weaver	Coalport #574	Coalport, Pa.
CR ✓	Roscoe Edward Hummel	#589	Hyndman Pa.
CR ✓	Donald C. Cochran	King Solomon's #56	Clyria, Ohio
CR ✓	Walter H. Wood	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	David B. Garrow	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall Pa.
CR ✓	Albert Deal	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall Pa.
CR ✓	Thomas I. Mairs	Twilight #114	Columbia, Mo.
CR ✓	James W. Williams	Old Fort Lodge #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	Harold H. Deal	Old Fort Lodge #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	James C. Smith	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall Pa.
CR ✓	Jacob C. Snyder	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall Pa.
CR ✓	Harold Bernus Shattuck	Bellefonte #268	Bellefonte Pa.
CR ✓	John J. Snyder	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	Harry J. Behner	Old Fort #537	Centre Hall, Pa.
CR ✓	W. Harris Thompson	#268	Bellefonte Pa.

	Name	Lodge and No.	Location.
✓ ¹⁸ CR	George B. Jackson	537	Center Hall, Pa.
✓ ¹⁹ CR	George Allen ^{Elmer}	268, Bellefonte	Bellefonte Pa.
✓ ²⁰ CR	Robert McFoster	268 Bellefonte	Bellefonte Pa.
✓ ²¹ CR	Ray S. Silliman	537	Center Hall Pa.
✓ ²² CR	Clarence H. Decker	537	Center Hall, Pa.
✓ ²³ CR	Dan F. Kapt	268 Bellefonte	Bellefonte Pa.
✓ ²⁴ CV	Edwin A. Fucenden	Twilight #114	Columbia, Missouri
✓ ²⁵ CR	Harry B. Northrup	Bellefonte #268	Bellefonte Pa.
✓ ²⁶ CV	Lytle R. Parks	Aurora 51	Aurora Ind.
✓ ²⁷ CR	Frank T. Moll	Old Fort #537	Center Hall Pa.
✓ ²⁸ CV	William H. Tomhave	Ancient Landmark No 5 St. Paul, Minn.	
✓ ²⁹ CR	Floyd V. Snider	537	Center Hall Pa.
✓ ³⁰ CV	Robert S. Pritchard	Hamilton Lodge 120	Marshall, N.Y.
✓ ³¹ CR	John A. Ferguson	Bellefonte Lodge 268	Pa.
✓ ³² CV	Carl B. Stanley	Roseville #143	Newark, N.J.
✓ ³³ CV	Ernest W. Davis	Olivet #267	Olivet, Michigan
✓ ³⁴ CR	Edmund Tate	Roman 418	Rome Pa.
✓ ³⁵ CV	Clarence P. Dousley	Winchester No. 20	Winchester, Ky.
✓ ³⁶ CR	John T. Taylor	Clearfield F. & A. M. #314	Clearfield, Pa.
✓ ³⁷ CR	Harry H. Koch	Old Fort #537	Center Hall Pa.
✓ ³⁸ CR	Charles E. McBride	Eureka #290	Greenville, Pa.
✓ ³⁹ CR	Winifred Waite Brauman	#268, Bellefonte	Bellefonte Pa.
✓ ⁴⁰ CR	Samuel M. ^{Warrington} Keen	#268, Bellefonte	Pa.
✓ ⁴¹ CV	Roy Arwin Weber	Lake City, Maraud #73	Marion, Ind.
✓ ⁴² CR	George R. Green	Coalport 574	Coalport, Pa.
✓ ⁴³ CR	Peter H. Dale	Old Fort 537	Center Hall Pa.

	Name	Lodge and No.	Location
✓	Thomas C. Blaisdell	Alma, No 244,	Alma, Mich.
✓	Roscoe R. Welch	Birmingham No 188,	Betterville Md
CR	Raymond J. Donnell	Columbia #286,	Columbia, Pa.
✓	Edward J. Kungz	Chemos #252	Chemos, Mich.
CR	Charles B. Kinsloe	Harmony #52,	Phila. Pa
✓	Harry E. Larkins	Richd Vaux No. 454,	Burgittstown, Pa
✓	Andrew A. Borland	Burlington #100	Burlington, Vt.
CR	Henry S. Ikingworth	537 Centre Hall,	Pa.
✓	Harry H. Turner	91 Corydon Grove	
CR	Charles E. Myers	297 Myers	Pa.
CR	William E. Minerva	West Pike, 162	Guthrie, Pa.
CR	Robert H. Bell	Ivy Lodge 397,	Williamsport Pa
✓	Thomas S. Patterson	Curwensville Lodge 480	Curwensville, Pa.
CR	James F. Adams	Bellefonte Lodge 268	Bellefonte Pa

(55 percent)

We recommend that the prayer of the above petition be granted.

William Frear P. M. Lodge No. 268.
W. Frank Bradford P. M. Lodge No 537.
George E. Rhoads P. M. #268
E. William Booser P. M. 537

I recommend that the prayer of the above petition be granted.

W. Amos Frear
 2nd District

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Jan 15 1920

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

January 15, 1920.

Mr. John A. Perry,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Broad & Filbert Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Complying with your letter of January 12th,
I am sending herewith a paper containing the names of four
additional signers.

Clarence C. Robinson, Albert Pike 162, Guthrie, Okla.

Robert H. Bell, Ivy Lodge 397, Williamsport, Pa.

Thomas S. Patterson, Curwensville Lodge 480, Curwens-
ville, Pa.

James F. Adams, Bellefonte Lodge 268, Bellefonte, Pa.

✓ I am also enclosing the original Lodge certifi-
cate of Frederick P. Weaver. It had been lodged back of a
desk drawer.

✓ Also the Lodge certificate of Charles L. Kinsloe,
received by him today.

Resigned
The case of Thomas S. Patterson, Lodge 480, he
has written a number of letters and two weeks ago telephoned
the Master and learned that his resignation had been acted upon
the second Tuesday in December. As yet he has not received his
Lodge certificate. We hope to have this by the time you are here
and regret that we can not supply it now. If you can make in-
quiry on my word, I will be glad, although we have only the tele-
phone information that the resignation was acted upon.

I have been in communication with W. Harrison
Walker, and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival here.

Fraternally yours,

Frank M. Torrence
Frank M. Torrence

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GRAND LODGE PENNSYLVANIA

Special Communication held at State College, Pa.

January 21st, A.D. 1920, A.L 5920.

Brother John S. Sell	R.W. Grand Master
" <i>Samuel M. Goodyear</i> Acting	R. W. Senior Grand Warden
" <i>Howard C. Frontz</i> Acting	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
" <i>Dennis A. Reiser</i> Acting	R. W. Senior Grand Warden
" <i>Thomas R. Patton</i>	R. W. Junior Grand Warden
" John A. Perry	R. W. Grand Treasurer
" <i>J. Harrison Walker</i>	R. W. Grand Secretary
" <i>J. Harris Mussina</i>	District Deputy
" <i>Howard C. Frontz</i>	Grand Masters
" <i>Charles M. Shindler</i>	Grand Chaplain
" <i>George F. Knight</i> as	Grand Chaplain
" <i>J. Harris Mussina</i> as	Senior Grand Deacon
" <i>Richard T. Hugus</i>	Junior Grand Deacon
" <i>Arthur H. Sloop</i> as	Grand Steward
" <i>Harry Keller</i> as	Grand Steward
" <i>Arthur D. Bacon</i>	Grand Marshal
" <i>John L. Knisely</i> as	Grand Sword Bearer
" <i>J. Emmott Harder</i> as	Grand Pursuivant
" <i>William B. Joslyn</i>	Grand Tyler

.....Brethren present.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 1.2...o'clock 3 minutes *P.m.*

The Grand Secretary read the Warrant granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the constitution of State College Lodge No 700 to be held at State College, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony of consecration having been concluded, all but Past Masters retired, when Brother Frank Miller Torrence was duly installed Worshipful Master in ancient form.

The Brethren who had retired were re-admitted, when Brother William George Murtorff was duly installed Senior Warden; Brother Frederick Pattison Weaver, Junior Warden; Brother *Ray D. Gilliland* Treasurer; and Brother *George Glenn* Secretary in due and ancient form.

The Grand Master then constituted Brothers

Frank M. Torrence	William G. Murtorff
Frederick Pattison Weaver	Roscoe E. Shumaker
Donald C. Cochrane	Walter H. Wood
David B. Garver	Albert Deal
<i>70</i> Thomas I. Mairs	James E. Williams
Harold H. Deal	James C. Smith
Jacob C. Snyder	Harold B. Shattuck
John J. Snyder	Harry J. Behrer
William Harris Thompson	George B. Jackson
<i>20</i> George Glenn	Robert McCoy Foster
Ray D. Gilliland	Claude H. Decker
David F. Kapp	Edwin A. Fessenden
Harry B. Northrup	Lytle R. Parks
Frank P. Knoll	William H. Tomhave
<i>30</i> Floyd H. Snyder	Robert S. Prichard
John A. Ferguson	Earl B. Stavely
George W. Davis	Lynn Platt
Clarence P. Sousley	John T. Taylor
Harry N. Koch	Charles G. McBride
<i>40</i> Winfred W. Braman	Samuel McWilliams Hess
Roy Irvin Webber	George R. Green
Peter H. Dale	Thomas C. Blaisdell
Raymond O'Donnell	Raymond O'Donnell

Edward J. Kunze	Charles L. Kinsloe
32 Harry G. Parkinson	Andrew A. Borland
Harry S. Illingworth	Harry H. Havner
Charles Emory Myers	Clarence C. Robinson
Robert H. Bell	Thomas S. Patterson and
37 James F. Adams	

into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed State College Lodge No. 700
duly constituted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1:00'clock 35...minutes P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

(55 Present)

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State College Lodge

No. 700

Free and Accepted Masons

Constituted January 21st, 1920

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Stated Meetings—Third Wednesday of Each Month

OFFICERS A. D. 1920---A. L. 5920

Frank M. Torrence.....Worshipful Master
 William G. Murtorff.....Senior Warden
 Frederick P. Weaver.....Junior Warden
 Ray D. Gilliland.....Treasurer
 George Glenn.....Secretary
 Roy I. Webber ---- }
 George B. Jackson } Trustees
 David F. Kapp ---- }
 Harry B. Northrup.....Representative in Grand Lodge
 Thomas I. Mairs.....Chaplain
 Harold B. Shattuck.....Senior Deacon
 John T. Taylor.....Junior Deacon
 Charles G. McBride.....Senior Master of Ceremonies
 W. Harrison Walker.....District Deputy Grand Master
 Winfred W. Braman.....Junior Master of Ceremonies
 Harry J. Behrer.....Pursuivant
 W. Harris Thompson.....Tyler
 John J. Snyder }
 Frank P. Knoll } Stewards

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

Edwin A. Fessenden, P. M. Robert M. Foster Albert Deal

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE

Harry B. Northrup, P. M. Peter H. Dale, P. M. George R. Green, P. M.

COMMITTEE ON FURNITURE

Harry N. Koch James M. Williams Edward J. Kunze

State College, Pa., February 11th, 1920.

A Stated Meeting of State College Lodge, No. 700, Free and Accepted Masons, will be held in I. O. O. F. Hall, East College Avenue, State College, Pa., on Wednesday evening, February 18th, 1920, at 7.30 o'clock.

Acton will be had on the following petitions :

FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP :

NAME.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE.
_____ P. Boyd Kapp.	21 Student.	Bank Build'g, State College, Pa.
_____ Thompson B. Foster.	21 Student.	200 Highland Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Walter J. Kidd.	22 Student.	122 Locust Street, Lebanon, Pa.
_____ Harry W. Sauers.	39 Merchant.	404 Burrows Street, State College, P.
_____ John F. Harvey.	25 Merchant(Baker).	218 E. College Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ W. LeRoy Gentzel.	39 Merchant.	College Avenue & Pugh Sts., State College, Pa.
_____ Charles B. Steele.	31 Teacher.	133 South Frazier St., State College, Pa.
_____ William G. Edwards.	32 Teacher.	118 W. Beaver Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Grover C. Glenn.	33 Physician.	315 W. Fairmont Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Joseph P. Ritenour.	40 Physician.	Campus, State, College, Pa.
_____ Guy Z. Stover.	30 Photographer.	212 E. College Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Marion B. Meyer.	36 Coal Merchant.	Nittany Apartments, State College, Pa.
_____ Edward J. Williams.	48 Cook-keeper.	526 E. College Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ William E. Smith.	35 Tailor.	106 W. Foster Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Charles E. Govier.	40 Teacher.	510 S. Atherton Street, State College, Pa.
_____ Robert H. Breon.	31 Photographer.	212 E. College Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ Charles T. Shilling.	37 Cabinet Maker	228 E. College Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ John J. Light.	42 Teacher	409 W. Beaver Avenue, State College, Pa.
_____ David T. Mitchell, Jr.	32 Student	Mahaffey, Pa.

BY-LAWS.

A full code of By-Laws will be acted upon.

WORK.—E. A. Degree.

INQUIRY.

A ballot will be had on the inquiry, whether there is any Masonic objection to Old Fort Lodge No. 537 acting on the petitions of Grant E. Charles, age 32; occupation, salesman; residence, Boalsburg, Pa. George D. Fortney, age 38; occupation, farmer; residence, Boalsburg, Pa; and William R. Tresser, age 30; occupation, farmer; residence, Oak Hall Station, Pa.

GEORGE GLENN, Secretary.

Warrant Members
of State College Lodge No. 700 F. & A. M.

Adams, James F.	Kunze, Edward J.
Behrer, Harry J.	McBride, Charles G.
Bell, Rupert H.	Mairs, Thomas I.
Blaisdell, Thomas C.	Murtorff, William G.
Borland, Andrew A.	Northrup, Harry B.
Braman, Winfred W.	O'Donnell, Raymond
Cochrane, Donald C.	Parkinson, Harry G.
Dale, Peter H.	Parks, Lytle R.
Davis, George W.	Patterson, Thomas S.
Deal, Albert	Platt, Lynn
Deal, Harold H.	Prichard, Robert S.
Decker, Claude H.	Robinson, Clarence C.
Ferguson, John A.	Shattuck, Harold B.
Fessenden, Edwin A.	Shumaker, Roscoe E.
Foster, Robert M.	Smith, James C.
Garver, David B.	Snider, Floyd C.
Gilliland, Ray D.	Snyder, Jacob C.
Glenn, George	Snyder, John J.
Green, George R.	Sousley, Clarence P.
Havner, Harrison H.	Stavely, Earl B.
Hess, Samuel M.	Taylor, John T.
Illingsworth, Henry S.	Thompson, W. Harris
Jackson, George B.	Tomhave, William H.
Kapp, David F.	Torrence, Frank M.
Kinsloe, Charles L.	Weaver, Frederick P.
Knoll, Frank P.	Webber, Roy I.
Koch, Harry N.	Williams, James M.
	Wood, Walter H.

The following Warrant Members were Past Masters in the lodges shown:

Peter H. Dale
Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall, PA

Edwin A. Fessenden
Twilight Lodge #114, Columbus, Ohio

George R. Green
Coalport Lodge #574, Coalport, PA

Harry B. Northrup
Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte, PA

Frank M. Torrence
Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall, PA

Frederick P. Weaver
Coalport Lodge #574, Coalport, PA

- There are no living Warrant Members -

Meeting Places for State College Lodge No. 700, F.&A.M., and the Events Leading to the Erection of the Masonic Temple

On December 27, 1919, the petition for a warrant for a Masonic Lodge at State College was unanimously approved. After the petition was approved, outgoing R.W.G.M., Brother James B. Krouse advised Brother Frank M. Torrence to leave the idea of erecting a Masonic Temple in the background and see that the lodge was given a good start.

Since the initial meeting took place in the IOOF Hall and a lease arrangement had been signed prior to January 21, 1920, the lodge continued to meet at this location. During the early years, it was necessary to hold special meetings during the afternoons. The IOOF Hall was the only lodge room in State College and numerous requests for use of the IOOF Hall resulted in a crowded calendar. Because of the use factor of the IOOF Hall, rent for this meeting place increased from \$150 to \$200 per year.

On January 21, 1931, the Lodge held its first meeting in the new lodge rooms on the second floor of the Nittany Realty building erected on the Southwest corner of Allen Street and Beaver Avenue. Furniture had to be purchased to furnish a proper lodge room and adjacent facilities. The cost of these items was \$5,102.19. Rent for the new quarters was \$1,200 per year.

Apparently, Brother Frank M. Torrence, P.M. did not forget his plan to build a Masonic Temple for State College Lodge

#700, F.&A.M.. An example of this desire is given by a song sung by Brothers John Taylor, Harry Taylor, H. N. Koch and an unnamed tenor at a Masonic Feed on October 21, 1925. Of the 7 versus noted, the first verse follows:

*"Oh Frank Torrence gets your money,
And everything else he can,
To build a Masonic Temple,
On the partial payment plan."*

Brother Frank M. Torrence, P.M. was elected Secretary of the Lodge for 1925 and held this position until Arthur L. Haskins, P.M. was elected Secretary for 1943.

At a stated meeting the lodge on October 20, 1920, Brother Ray L. Schuyler, W.M., Lodge #199, Lock Haven, PA visited State College Lodge. Accompanying Brother Schuyler were 44 members from Lock Haven Lodge #199. The members of Lock Haven Lodge #199 presented State College Lodge #700 with a gift of \$100 to be used for a Masonic Temple.

Plans for a Masonic Temple started small. At a stated meeting on February 16, 1922, an order was drawn for \$100 in favor of the trustees for a sinking fund for a Masonic Temple.

A significant step was taken to forward plans for the erection of a Masonic Temple when the "Masonic Temple Association" was incorporated in the Court of Common Pleas in and for Centre County on July 3, 1922 by President Judge Henry C. Quigley. The application for the charter was signed by Brothers Frank M. Torrence, David F. Kapp, George R. Green, Ray I. Webber, Frederick P. Weaver, Harold B. Shattuck, Ray D. Gilliland, William G. Murtorff, Charles L. Kinsloe and George B. Jackson all of State College. The directors for the first year were Brothers Kapp, Weaver,

Webber, Shattuck and Jackson. This charter was subsequently amended on February 21, 1923 so as to read: "The number of Directors of said corporation is fixed at nine"; in the same court by the Honorable Judge Henry C. Quigley. The four new directors selected to serve with the original five directors were Brothers David F. Kapp, J. Fred Harvey, Harold B. Shattuck, and Frank M. Torrence.

In order to have working capital, the Masonic Temple Association sold non-interest bearing bonds having a face value of \$25. No historical data are known to exist on when the event started or who was the originator of the plans. A photocopy of the known "Masonic Temple Bond Holder" listing the date purchased, names and number of bonds purchased, together with a Balance Sheet as of September 12, 1921 follows. These sheets show six deceased bond holders. Incomplete records indicate that the Association contacted some of the widows of the listed brothers, and repaid the bonds when presented or when a signed release form was forwarded in place of the bond. At least two bonds were repaid in the late 1940's or early 1950's. It must be presumed that relatives of the remaining original bond holders, or the bond holders themselves, destroyed their bonds and considered their value to be a donation to the lodge.

The first venture into the real estate business for the corporation was initiated when a special meeting of the Masonic Temple Association on March 21, 1923 agreed to purchase two lots on East College Avenue adjoining the Reformed Church on which were existing buildings. The cost was \$10,000 and a mortgage of \$6500 and a bond for \$13,000 was agreed upon. Interest at 6% paid semi-annually was incorporated into the agreement along with the usual insurance requirement carried in favor of the mortgage

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION BOND HOLDERS

Name	Bond	Amount	Date Paid
Acaccia Fraternity	1	\$25.00	Feb.22,1923
Babcock,H.F.	1	25.00	Mch.14,1923
Behrer,H.J.	1	25.00	Aug.30,1924
Borland,A.A.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Braman,W.W.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Breon,R.H.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Brooke,W.L.	1	25.00	Feb.15,1923
Bullinger,C.E.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Beyer,Bery H.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Deal,Albert	1	25.00	Oct.11,1924
Dedrick,B.W.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Edwards,W.G.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Fagan,F.H.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Ferguson,J.A.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Fesenden,E.A.	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Foster,J.V.	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Foster,P.D.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Gilliland,R.D.	1	25.00	Sept.19,1924
Glenm,G.C.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Graham,G.T.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Green,G.R.	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Godshalk,Ralph L.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Hall,W.F.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Haller,F.W.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Harpster,M.G.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Harvey,J.Fred	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Haswell,J.R.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Havner,H.H.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Hess,S.M.	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Hibschman,E.K.	1	25.00	Apr.4,1923
Hollobaugh,C.L.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Houtz,E.H.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Illingsworth, Henry S.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Illingsworth,R.A.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Irvin,R.E.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Jaskson,Geo.B.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Kapp,D.F.	2	50.00	Mar.14,1923
Kapp,P.B.	1	25.00	Apr.4,1923
Kinsloe,C.L.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Knoll, Frank P.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Koch,H.M.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Light,J.J.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
McDowell,M.S.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
McWilliams,P.E.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Miller,W.C.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Murtorff,W.G.	1	25.00	Apr.21,1924
Meridith,Wm.M.	1	25.00	
North,K.L.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Parks,L.R.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Patterson,T.S.	1	25.00	Mar.20,1923
Powley,Cyrus M.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Platt,Lynn	1	25.00	Feb.24,1922
Rhodes,Leland S.	1	25.00	Feb.22,1923
Riddles,Louis G.	1	25.00	Mar.14,1923
Shattuck,H.B.	2	50.00	Mar.14,1923
Smith,J.C.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
Snyder,C.E.	1	25.00	Mar.3,1923
	59	\$1475.00	

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION BOND HOLDERS

Name	Bond	Amount	Date Paid
Card, Foward 57	59	\$1475.00	
Snyder, G.C.	1	25.00	Feb. 22, 1923
Snyder, J.C.	1	25.00	Mar. 20, 1923
Snyder, John J.	1	25.00	
Sparks, E.E.	1	25.00	Mar. 14, 1923
Steel, C.B.	1	25.00	Mar. 14, 1923
Stover, Guy Z.	1	25.00	Feb. 22, 1923
Struck, F.T.	1	25.00	Feb. 15, 1923
Sunday, Elmer E.	1	25.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Taylor, John T.	1	25.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Thomas, J.M.	1	25.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Thompson, W.F.	1	25.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Torrence, F.M.	1	25.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Weaver, F.P.	2	50.00	Sept. 4, 1923
Webber, R.I.	2	50.00	Mar. 3, 1923
Williams, James M.	1	25.00	Feb. 22, 1923
Womer, H.E.	1	25.00	Feb. 22, 1923
<u>Total Bond Holders 73</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>\$1925.00</u>	

Deceased Bond Holders	Bond	Amount
Foster, P.D.	1	\$25.00
Sparks, E.E.	1	25.00
Snyder, John J.	1	25.00
Sunday, Elmer E.	1	25.00
Webber, R.I.	2	25.00
Williams, James M.	1	25.00

Compiled by C.E. Snyder, Treas. Sept. 12, 1931

Balance sheet as of Sept. 12, 1931

ASSETS

Cash First National Bank Savings Account	\$1039.89
Note Receivable Eugene H. Lederer	1750.00
Accrued Interest on Lederer Note	3.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2793.39</u>

LIABILITIES

Seventy seven Debenture Bonds held by members @ \$25.00 each	1925.00
73 Bond Holders and 77 Bonds	Surplus or net worth \$ 868.39

C.E. Snyder, Treas.

holder. The buildings were refitted, and subsequently were known as the Penn State Hotel. Extant records indicate that the Association paid numerous bills to maintain the property. Apparently the Association felt that this was a non-profit venture since they entered into an agreement on March 3, 1925 to sell the real estate to Eugene H. Lederer of State College for \$11,750.

Subsequent to the sale of the rented real estate to E. H. Lederer, the affairs of the Association remained rather dormant. At various times, committees were appointed to investigate various sites and present plans for the purchase of certain properties, all without reaching any definite objectives.

A special meeting of State College Lodge was held on April 25, 1940 to consider extending the lease on space currently occupied by the Lodge. Brother Guy Z. Stover expressed his idea of purchasing land and erecting a Masonic Temple thereon through the Masonic Temple Association.

At a Stated Meeting on May 14, 1940, Brother Edward L. Willard, W.M., appointed a committee to investigate and present to the lodge on a subsequent date, propositions for erection of a Masonic Temple in State College. At the same time, the Masonic Temple Association also appointed a committee with the same idea in view. The separate committees worked in unison and at a later meeting of the Masonic Temple Association, the following joint committee was appointed consisting of these brothers:

Guy Z. Stover, Chairman
Edward L. Willard
Clarion L. Hollobaugh
Frank M. Torrence
Roland G. Aungst
Charles A. Lamm

Hubert C. Koch
Harry J. Behrer
Robert A. Kerstetter* or Arthur L. Haskins
Frank P. Knoll

*R. A. Kerstetter's wife was extremely ill, and R. A. Kerstetter could not attend lodge. R. A. Kerstetter was then Senior Warden.

This joint committee was charged with the duty to make a comprehensive survey as to what sites were available, present plans for a building and to submit probable costs, etc. After a comprehensive study by the committee it was reported that the most desirable site available was the lot at 240 South Fraser Street.

This lot measured 50 feet by 172 feet and could be purchased for a reasonable sum. The committee was authorized to negotiate its purchase and this site was finally purchased from Mrs. Roy D. Beman on October 8, 1940 for \$1,500. Thus, this lot became the second parcel of real estate purchased by the Association.

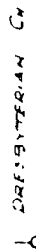
In the meantime, Brother Charles A. Lamm, assisted by Walter W. Tramer, had prepared extensive plans and sketches for a Temple to occupy the site selected, and these plans became the basic plan for the building. On February 11, 1941, the Association authorized the preparation of final plans and specifications by Brother P. Boyd Kapp, Registered Architect, and further authorized the taking of bids on the various units of the building.

SURVEYED & DRAWN BY:- GEORGE S. DENITHORNE, R.P.E. # 4271
STATE COLLEGE, PENNA.

Осг. 4, 1940.

REFER:- FOSTER BROTHERS PLOT.
DEED REGISTRY DWG. #16, BORO OF STATE COLLEGE.

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.



On May 13, 1941, the joint committee was authorized to make necessary contracts for the erection of a building. The following contracts were awarded:

General Building Contract -
A. W. Bartges, State College, PA
Heating Contract -
State College Sheet Metal Works, State College, PA
Plumbing Contract -
O. E. Maelhorn, State College, PA
Hardware Contract -
Harry J. Behrer, State College, PA
Electrical Contract -
Electric Supply Company, State College, PA

The purchase of the 5 shade Colonial Brick from the R. C. Savacool Clay Sales of Millerstown by the Association direct.

The General Contractor started construction by breaking ground on May 28, 1941. On Tuesday, July 8, 1941, the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid. The members of the lodge assembled at the lodge rooms on West Beaver Avenue at 6:00 p.m. daylight savings time, and marched to the site of the new Masonic Temple on South Fraser Street for the ceremony. A dispensation had been granted by Brother William H. Brehm, R.W.G.M., authorizing Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M. of the 21st Masonic district, assisted by the Officers and members of State College Lodge #700 F.&A.M., to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple Building at State College, PA.

The following members of the fraternity assumed the positions and duties as prescribed by the Grand Lodge; Brothers:

Acting Right Worshipful Grand Master -
W. Harrison Walker
Acting Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master - Charles A. Lamm
Acting Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden - Edward H. Rohrbeck
Acting Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden - Harold D. Bottorf
Acting Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer - Robert J. Miller
Acting Right Worshipful Grand Secretary - Frank M. Torrence
Grand Chaplain - Harry A. Baback
Acting Grand Senior Deacon - Henry S. Elder
Acting Grand Stewart - Thomas S. Patterson
Acting Grand Marshall - Arthur L. Haskins
Acting Grand Sword Bearer - Thomas I. Mairs
Acting Grand Pursuivant - Ross W. Edmiston
Acting Grand Tyler - W. Harrison Thompson

In addition, the following District Deputy Grand Masters were present at the laying of the cornerstone:

James E. Alter, District No. 19,
New Bloomfield, PA.
Ralph H. Galbraith, District No. 34,
Huntingdon, PA.
J. Harris Mussina, District No. 33,
Lock Haven, PA.
Howard M. Pickering, District No. 41,
Johnstown, PA.
George P. Druebemiller, District No. 46,
Sunbury, PA.

The following articles were deposited in the Corner-Stone on July 8, 1941.

ARTICLES DEPOSITED IN THE CORNER-STONE

1. Holy Bible.
2. American Flag.
3. Copy of Dispensation granted by Bro. William H. Brehm, R. W. Grand Master, authorizing W. Harrison Walker, District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District, assisted by the Officers and members of State College Lodge No. 700, F. & A. M. to lay the Corner-Stone of the new Masonic Temple Building at State College, Pa.
4. List of Acting Grand Lodge Officers participating in the laying of the Corner-Stone.
5. Copy of Manning's Masonic Register for 1941, in which is contained a complete list of all Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1941; Past Grand Masters from 1730 to 1940 inclusive; list of Lodges under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; list of Officers and living Past Masters of all Lodges in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania for the year 1941.
6. List of names of speakers and honor guests.
7. Numerous old coins.
8. Masonic apron of State College Lodge No. 700, F. & A. M.
9. Copy of By-laws of State College Lodge No. 700, F. & A. M.
10. List of names of Officers and members of State College Lodge No. 700, F. & A. M.
11. Copy of current issues of the several County papers containing a reference to the laying of the corner-stone.
12. List of Churches of State College and their respective pastors.
13. List of State College Borough officials and employees.
14. List of musical organizations participating in the ceremony.
15. Pennsylvania State College Year Book for 1941.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for 1941
Bro. William H. Brehm, Right Worshipful Grand Master
Bro. John A. Lathwood, " " S Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Scott S. Leiby, " " Senior Grand Warden
Bro. Richard A. Kern, " " Junior Grand Warden
Bro. Matthew Galt, Jr., " " Grand Secretary
Bro. J. Sommer Smith " " Grand Treasurer

Read names of Building Committee, Architect and Contractor.

Obviously, the lease on the quarters used in the Nittany Realty building were allowed to lapse. The September 9, 1941 stated meeting of the lodge was held in the Lodge Room of Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte, PA and the October 14, 1941 stated meeting was held in the Lodge Room of Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall, PA. Apparently there was considerable business to complete during the October meeting. Extant records show that "the lodge closed in harmony and good order at 11:59.75 p.m."

The first meeting in the new building on South Fraser Street was at the Stated Meeting on November 11, 1941. According to the records there were 69 members present, and 112 visitors. The following officers presided:, Brothers:

A. L. Haskins, Senior Warden, Acting as Worshipful Master
R. W. Edwards Acting as Senior Warden
W. W. Trainer Acting as Junior Warden
J. A. Glenn, Treasurer
F. M. Torrence, Secretary
L. F. Hartman, Chaplain

An open house was held at the new State College Masonic Temple on South Fraser Street from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. on March 25, 1942. As estimated 225 Masons and their wives were present. Everybody was taken on a tour of the new building, including the lodge room, caretaker's apartment and club room. Following the tour, refreshments were served in the club room.

Burning of the Mortgage on the Masonic Temple at State College, PA

The mortgage on the State College Masonic Temple was burned at a dinner in the Ferguson Township School, Pine Grove Mills, PA, on Saturday evening September 27, 1958. More than 200 people attended the dinner including members of the Masonic Temple Association and their wives, Masters of nearby lodges and other guests.

Brothers Robert J. Miller and Edward L. Willard, both past presidents of the association and Past Masters of State College Lodge #700, F.&A.M., burned the mortgage midway in the program. Brother William M. Townsend, Philipsburg, D.D.G.M. of the 21st Masonic District congratulated members of the Association in their successful effort to pay the mortgage and thus complete the building of the temple.

A photocopy of the program for the important event follows.

Growth of State College Lodge No. 700

State College Lodge #700 started to increase in membership after its Stated Meeting held on January 21, 1920. A photocopy (attached) of the first lodge notice, February 18, 1920, shows 19 petitions for initiation and membership. This growth is presented in two different ways; (1) a graph of State College Lodge #700 Membership, and (2) membership summary on a yearly basis. Both of these concepts are presented in the following pages.

Committee on Arrangements

Grove A. Spearly, Sr., Chairman
C. Edgar Book
Gerald K. Gillan
James E. Hess
J. Richard Hanscom
J. Luther Krebs
Philip B. Lovett
Harry D. Martin
John E. Miller
Robert J. Miller
William G. Murtorff
Edwin H. Rohrbeck
Grove A. Spearly, Jr.
B. EuDell Ward
William F. Ward
Edward L. Willard

Dinner and Mortgage - Burning Ceremony

Masonic Temple Association
of State College, Pennsylvania

Saturday, September 27, 1958
Ferguson Township School
Pine Grove Mills, Pennsylvania

OFFICERS OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

President: William F. Ward
Vice President: J. Richard Hanscom
Secretary: James E. Hess
Treasurer: Grove A. Spearly, Sr.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Masonic Temple Association
Incorporated July 3, 1922
Cornerstone laid July 8, 1941
First lodge meeting in the
Temple, November 11, 1941

Dinner served this evening by the Parent-Teacher
Association of the Ferguson Township School.

PROGRAM

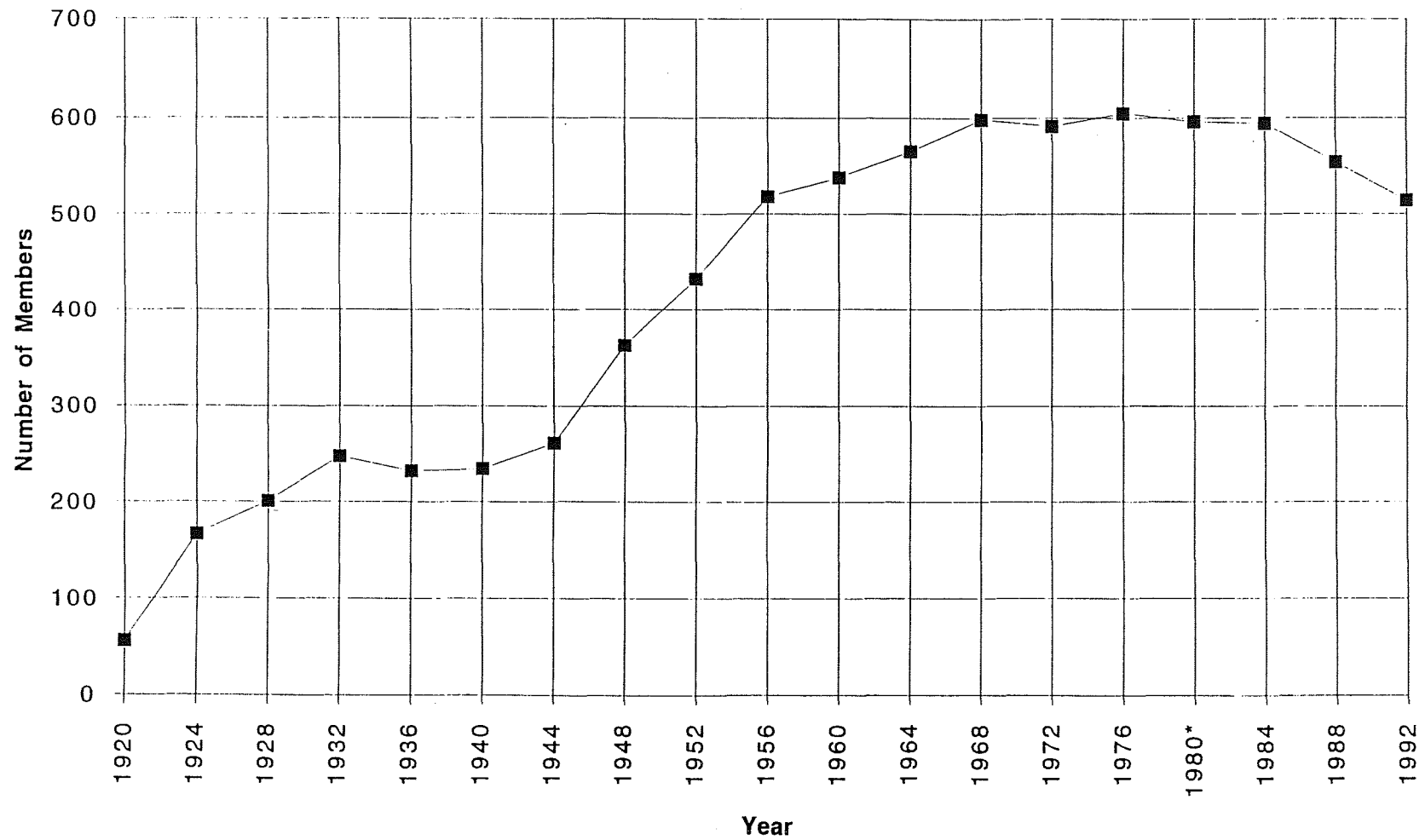
Grove A. Spearly, Sr., Master of Ceremonies
Group Singing — *America*
Invocation — Dr. Harry F. Babcock

DINNER

Introduction of Guests
Entertainment — Accordion Duets
Dona Richards and Beverly Kane
The Building of the Temple
Arthur L. Haskins
Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony
Robert J. Miller and Edward L. Willard
Our Future
Richard A. Humphreys
Entertainment — Dick Reed
Group Singing — *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*
Benediction — Rev. William F. McClain

Dinner Music Furnished by
The Schad Stringed Trio

State College Lodge #700 Membership



*Grand Lodge computer generated data from 1982 to date

State College Lodge #700

Membership Summary

Year	Master	Number of Members at Start of Year	Admitted	Initiated	Expelled or Resigned	Died	Null and Void Petitions	Petitions Withdrawn	Petitions Rejected	Number of Members at End of Year
1920	Frank M. Torrence	55	4	34	1		2	3	19	92
1921	William G. Murtorff	92	4	32		1		1	18	127
1922	Frederick P. Weaver	127	1	20	5				22	143
1923	Harold B. Shattuck	143	1	25	1	2	1	4	7	166
1924	Charles L. Kinsloe	166		19	4	2		2	6	179
1925	J. Fred Harvey	179	2	11	4				9	188
1926	Earl B. Stavely	188		10	4	1			5	193
1927	Guy Z. Stover	193	2	12	5	1			9	201
1928	Thomas J. Mairs	201		17	4				5	214
1929	Clinton L. Harris	214	1	12	2	1		1		224
1930	Thomas S. Patterson	224	1	17	2				4	240
1931	Donald M. Wieland	240	1	7	1		1		2	247
1932	Robert J. Miller	247	1	9	4	1	1		3	252
1933	Charles D. Jeffries	252		2	10	1			1	243
1934	Elmer R. Queer	243	3	5	15	1				235
1935	Edwin H. Rohrbeck	235	2	4	7	2			1	232
1936	Charles A. Lamm	232	6	7	8	1				236
1937	Henry S. Elder	236	5	3	7	1				236
1938	Harold D. Bottorf	236	2	6	7	1		1		236
1939	Robert E. Parnell	236	2	3	3	4		1	1	234
1940	Edward L. Willard	234	3	5	4	2	1			236
1941	Robert A. Kerstetter	236	1	10	3	1	1		2	243
1942	Arthur L. Haskins	243	1	11		2		1		253
1943	Ross W. Edmiston	253		13	1	4	1	1		261
1944	Fred S. Hanson, Jr.	261	3	28	1	2		3	1	289
1945	Walter W. Trainer	289	2	32	2			7	2	321
1946	J. Luther Krebs	321		32	1	6		6	6	346
1947	Russell C. Miller	346		25	5	4			4	362
1948	Ellwod B. Cassell	362	4	23	1	4	1	2	2	384
1949	B. Eudell Ward	384	2	14	2	4			7	394
1950	Charles M. Parsons	394	1	21		1	1	1	2	415

Year	Master	Number of Members at Start of Year	Admitted	Initiated	Expelled or Resigned	Died	Null and Void Petitions	Petitions Withdrawn	Petitions Rejected	Number of Members at End of Year
1951	A. Brooks Corl	415	1	22	4	2	2		3	432
1952	Philip B. Lovett	432	1	34	2	5		2	1	460
1953	C. Edgar Book	460	1	29	3	7	1	1	1	480
1954	John E. Miller, Jr.	480	1	26		5	1	3		502
1955	A. Grove Spearly, Sr.	502	3	15		2		2	1	518
1956	Glenn R. Kean	518	2	15	2	2	1		6	531
1957	Joseph A. Zitterman	531	1	16		8	2	4	1	540
1958	Grove A. Spearly, Jr.	540	2	12	4	9	1		2	540
1959	Eugene W. Lederer	540	1	8	5	6				538
1960	James E. Hess	538		18	5	9		1	3	542
1961	Richard A. Humphrey	542	1	9	2	7	1		4	543
1962	Louis H. Cowher	543	1	17	1	6				554
1963	Ralph F. Spearly	554	3	14	1	5				565
1964	George P. Tombros	565	5	19	3	8				578
1965	Robert P. Moore	578	4	17	3	12	4	1		584
1966	John R. Zeek, Sr.	584	2	20	5	12	1			589
1967	Raymond S. Artz, Sr.	589	5	17	4	9				598
1968	W. Lester Pooler	598	1	5	6	7	1			591
1969	Reno A. Lepley	591		11	3	8		1		591
1970	Edward E. Wilson	591	2	10	7	2		1	1	594
1971	L. Russell Hill	594		11	4	10			1	591
1972	Lee N. Pressler	591	2	24	5	6			4	606
1973	Dean S. Luse	606	5	16	6	15			6	606
1974	Kenneth E. Parsons	606		21	2	13				612
1975	Wayne A. Bicehouse	612	2	13	6	17				604
1976	Frank E. Gallagher, Jr.	604	3	16	7	11		1	5	605
1977	Paul W. Parsons	605	2	10	2	13			1	602
1978	Andy J. Shore	602	3	2	3	9			1	595
1979	Gary A. Wiser	595	2	12	4	9	1		1	596
1980	Wayne G. Isett	596	2	11	5	8		2		596
1981	James E. Spencer	596	2	9	1	9				597
1982	Philip E. Witmer, Jr.	597	2	10	2	12				595
1983	Donald G. Boller	595	6	16	7	14				594
1984	Robert O. Poorman	594		4	5	12				581
1985	Dennis R. Younker	581	16	16	45	13	2		1	561
1986	William C. Arble	561	2	12	3	10				562
1987	Daniel J. Madio	562 (-4)	1	9	3	11				554

Year	Master	Number of Members at Start of Year	Admitted	Initiated	Expelled or Resigned	Died	Null and Void Petitions	Petitions Withdrawn	Petitions Rejected	Number of Members at End of Year
1988	Bert Phillips	554	7	17	22	12				554
1989	James C. Dell	544 (-4)	1	9	3	14			2	533
1990	Gerald F. Selders	533 (-3)	5	6	10	15				516
1991	John K. Potter, III	516 (-1)	3	5	3	6				514
1992	Laurence G. Hettich	514 (-3)	4	3	8	11				499
1993	Laurence G. Hettich	499 (-3)	1	3	7	2				491
1994	George L. Moore	491	1	12	5	11				489
1995	Bruce E. Grinder	489								

The Grand Lodge computer generated all data from 1982 to date. Numbers in () indicate corrections that have to be made to the number of members at the start of the year; i.e. 514 (-1) = 513 actual membership.

Places of Meeting of State College Lodge No. 700

1. I.O.O.F. Hall, 230 East College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania. January, 1920 - December, 1930.
2. Nittany Realty Building, 108 West Beaver Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania. January, 1931 - June, 1941.
3. The Cornerstone for the new Masonic Temple being built at 240 South Fraser Street, State College, Pennsylvania was laid on July 5, 1941.
4. No. 268 Lodge Room, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1941 Stated Meeting.
5. No. 537 Lodge Room, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1941 Stated Meeting.
6. Masonic Temple, 240 South Fraser Street, State College, Pennsylvania. November 11, 1941 to present date.

Special Meetings That Have Occurred

1. October 9, 1948
In the afternoon and evening, in Schwab Auditorium on the campus of The Pennsylvania State College, and with brother George H. Deike, R. W. G. M. present, Samuel K. Hostetter and James Milholland were made "Masons at Sight." The degrees were conferred by State College Lodge No. 700 officers; Brothers Ellwood B. Casell, W.M.; B. Eudell Ward, S.W.; and Charles M. Parsons, J.W. Other Grand Lodge Officers and guests attended the afternoon and evening meetings and the banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn. Brother Samuel K. Hostetter was admitted to State College Lodge No. 700 on April 12, 1949 and died on November 25, 1970.

2. May 1, 1954
Two busloads of masons traveled to Alexandria, Virginia for a meeting in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Building where each of three candidates received a degree. This trip was under the direction of John E. Miller, W.M.
3. March 1, 1965
Officers of State College Lodge No. 700 participated on a team from the 21st Masonic District, exemplifying the Fellow Craft Mason's degree at the Grand Lodge Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
4. September 27, 1966
A group of local Masons traveled to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania where a Master Mason's Degree was conferred in the Temple of the Masonic Homes.

Noteworthy Events for State College Lodge No. 700

May 14, 1920

Forty-two members of State College Lodge No. 700, visited Lafayette Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania in appreciation for the assistance which Brother J. Harris Mussina, D. D. G. M., District No. 33, gave in effecting the establishment of State College Lodge. According to the records of Lafayette Lodge # 199 meeting of May 14, 1920, the following members from State College Lodge #700 were in attendance:

Frank M. Torrence*
William G. Murtorff*
John J. Snyder*
Jacob C. Snyder*
Clarence P. Sousley*

John T. Taylor*
 George Glenn*
 John J. Light
 J. Fred Harvey
 Paul B. Kapp
 Harry B. Northrup*
 Henry S. Illingworth*
 Walter H. Wood*
 William H. Tomhave
 Earl B. Stavely*
 Charles L. Kinsloe*
 Albert Deal*
 James G. Smith*
 Harry H. Havner*
 Andrew A. Borland*
 Frederick P. Weaver*
 Edwin A. Fessenden*
 W. Harris Thompson*
 Charles B. Steel
 Harold B. Shattuck*
 Charles E. Grovier
 Frank P. Knoll*

*Warrant Members of State College Lodge
 #700

Written material from the 50th Anniversary Program indicates 42 members attended Lafayette Lodge. However, the above list only shows 27. The reason for the discrepancy is unknown.

October 20, 1920

Forty-four members of Lafayette Lodge No. 199, returned the visit and presented State College Lodge No. 700 with a donation of \$91.00. The minutes of the State College Lodge #700 meeting of October 20, 1920 show the following members of Lafayette Lodge # 199 were in attendance. These minutes were hand written by Brother George Glenn, Secretary, and the interpretation of his handwriting may be in error. A photocopy of the original minutes are attached for comparison.

tive purposes.
 John C. Kissell
 David Low
 William J. Krecht
 Arthur F. Ralhlesng
 Harvey P. Robb
 Ray M. Callaptam
 Heaton H. Fredericks
 Russell J. Linn
 Hugh Fleming
 Franklin A. Shraat
 Herbert P. Wise
 J. Harris Mussina
 Ward Tate
 Carroll W. Keller
 Cecil E. Wright
 John R. O. Lampson
 Morris F. Harter
 Albert Teoleny
 Robert L. Myers
 Charles A. Shaffer
 Morris Lester Claster
 Arthur Lisle Tate
 Philip R. Rettenar
 John E. Beltnia
 Jacob W. Myers
 Richard D. Jameson
 John Douglas Crook
 Harry S. Beltnia
 Samuel W. Sigimosal
 Simon Seid
 Henry B. Otiray
 Harvey J. S. Meicksel
 George Ward Brown
 John R. Stevenson
 J. Harris Clark
 Robert D. Myers
 W. Bruce McCloskey
 Robert F. Rice
 J. Strum Lawry
 Philip S. Kruff
 Scott L. Ballmyer
 Glenn M. Johnson
 Frank K. Green
 James W. Crook

Paul Boyd Kapp was the first member approved, Entered, Passed, and Raised in State College Lodge #700,

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Visitors Present-		
John C Russell.	1 9 9	Common
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William D. Treath.	1 9 9	"
Arthur F. Pullman	1 9 9	"
Harry P. Robb.	1 9 9	"
Ray M. Callahan	1 9 9	"
Nathan W. Trebuch	1 9 9	"
Russell J. Lim	1 9 9	"
Norah Fleming	1 9 9	"
Samuel A. Thruat	1 9 9	"
Herbert P. Price	1 9 9	"
W. Hains Timmons	1 9 9	"
Frank Fute	1 9 9	"
Samuel M. Keller	1 9 9	"
Walter E. Wright	1 9 9	"
John A. Thompson	1 9 9	"
Morris F. Walker	1 9 9	"
Albert Kolins	1 9 9	"
Robert L. Myers	1 9 9	"
Charles W. Shaffer	1 9 9	"
Woods Lester Kestin	1 9 9	"
Arthur Lester Fute	1 9 9	"
Philip R. Pettman	1 9 9	"
John E. Pettman	1 9 9	"
Wood W. Myers	1 9 9	"
Michael D. Emerson	1 9 9	"
John Douglass Crook	1 9 9	"
Sam M. Johnson	1 9 9	"
Frank R. Green	1 9 9	"
James M. Crook	1 9 9	"
Harry D. Pettman	1 9 9	"
Samuel M. Drummel	1 9 9	"
Simon Sedle	1 9 9	"
Henry B. Onray	1 9 9	"
Harvey L. S. Heintzel	1 9 9	"

George Ward Brown	194-	(
John P. Stevenson	194	(
John C. East	194	(
Arthur D. Myers	194	(
W. Emory M. Bloskey	194	(
Robert F. Kirt -	194	(
John Stuart Lawry	194	
Philip S. Huff	194	
Walter D. Ballinger	194	
Geo. A. Ohe		
Harry A. Stevenson	Le Roy George Reed	
William H. K. Clapp	William H. Burns	
Thomas M. Heine	Frank R. Cree	
W. Mayne Myers	Carson J. Deitz	
Charles J. Ryan	James J. Dietz	
Daniel Lafayette Nelson	Daniel Smith	
Malfred J. Hardner	J. Clair Wright	
Edward J. Tintore	Thomas John F. Heller	
William H. Austin	J. Reeder Lawer	
Charles A. Gibson	Reuben R. Shaffer	
Carl V. Beck	William H. Shaffer	
John W. Daryl	Harry W. Scarpe	
Edward M. Goehart	Frank B. Gibson	
Lawrence M. Ditz	George A. Forbes	
Harry B. Sakagawa	Clifford J. Jellon	
John J. Deck	Floyd E. Luca	
Thermon J. Williams	Stanley Jones	
Arthur Smith	Harry L. Shur	
Arthur E. McVaskey	Charles A. Florn	
Clarence J. Thompson	Edward A. Luc	
William L. Zimard	Gray Sheldon	
Cyrus M. Elliott	Charles J. Mo	
John M. Selzer	Lyman B. Sonny	
Frank M. Slack	Ray L. Sonny	
Philip J. F. Frederick	Harry W. Sonny	
William L. Sonny	Reuben A. P. M. 22	

F.&A.M.

October 30, 1921

Visit to Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, where the College Glee Club gave a concert and Brother John Martin Thomas, President, Pennsylvania State College, conducted a service.

May 21, 1929

Girls Varsity Quartet was taken to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania to entertain the Guests.

May 16, 1937

The Girls Varsity Quartet again visited the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

December 27, 1939

Ralph Dorn Hetzel, President of the Pennsylvania State College was made a Mason At Sight on December 27, 1939 by R. W. Grand Master Robert R. Lewis, in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, PA. He petitioned State College Lodge #700 on December 10, 1940. He died on October 3, 1947.

November 12, 1940

Brother William H. Brehm, R. W. G. M., and seven Members of Grand Lodge made an official visit; 143 Members were present at the meeting, and 176 attended the dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn.

April 14, 1942

The Flag Ceremony was inaugurated at the Stated meeting.

October 10, 1942

Open house for Masons and their wives was held at the Masonic Temple, 240 South Fraser Street.

June 8, 1943

Practice of calling off meetings during July and August was discontinued for the duration of World War II.

June 13, 1944

State College Lodge No. 700 was honored by Brother Scott S. Leiby, R. W. G. M., in an informal visitation to the 21st Masonic District.

October 9, 1948

Twenty-five year pins were presented to living Warrant Members and those who became members during 1920. (These presentations were gradually brought up to date until 1965, when Grand Lodge ordered the practice discontinued. The Grand Lodge later re-instituted this practice for all Pennsylvania lodges).

April 12, 1949

Brother Frank M. Torrence visited State College Lodge No. 700 as the newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master. Brother F. M. Torrence served as D. D. G. M. for the Masonic years 1949-1954 inclusive.

November 5, 1951

Milton Stover Eisenhower, President of The Pennsylvania State University, was made a Mason at Sight in the presence of the R. W. G. M., William E. Yeager at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Brother Eisenhower was admitted to State College Lodge No. 700 on June 10, 1952. Brother Eisenhower resigned on January 14, 1958.

September 27, 1958

A dinner at the Pine Grove Mills Grade School featured the "Dinner and Mortgage Buring Ceremony" held by the Masonic Temple Association.

March 1, 1965

Officers of State College Lodge No. 700 participated in the exemplification of the Fellow Craft Mason's degree by a team from the 21st Masonic District at the Philadelphia School of Instruction.

February 6, 1969

Under the direction of Brother John M. Smouse, Regional Instructor, 50 Officers and Past Officers, representing the nine lodges in the 21st Masonic District, met to learn the changes in the Ritualistic Work.

May 13, 1969

Brother Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, was received at an informal visitation on Past Master's Night.

October 14, 1969

First Stated meeting was held following alterations to Officer's Stations, installation of new carpeting and repainting of the Lodge Room.

January 21, 1970

A Special Meeting of State College Lodge #700, F. & A.M., for the purpose of commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the constituting of State College Lodge #700 and to receive Grand Lodge Officers was held in the Masonic Temple at 5:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned to the Nittany Lion Inn for a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Brother John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden was the main speaker.

May 11, 1971

Brother Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, was the speaker at the Past Master's night when nine brethren were honored with fifty year Masonic Service Emblems.

The 1976 Bi-Centennial Program of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

January—Birth of a Nation

February—Struggle for Freedom

March—Our Constitution and its Masonic Heritage

April —Ben Franklin

May—Law and Order

June—Our Masonic Presidents

July—Independence Day Ceremonies - A National Birthday at a Table Lodge

September—The Local Scene During our National Beginning

October—Protecting our Way of Life - The Wars we have Waged

November—Thanksgiving for Country and Fraternity

December—In God We Trust

1983

The lodge traveled to the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia for the conferral of degrees.

1985-1986

The R.W. Grand Lodge Solomon II Program was conducted.

1990

The lodge traveled to the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania for the conferral of degrees.

1991-92

In September 1991, major repairs to the Masonic Temple were started. These repairs include coping cap replacement, repair of the bricks at the back of the building, replace the hot water heater, repairs to the roof, caulking of the roof area, repair of rear doors, insulation work, emergency lighting and other minor repairs. Members of State College Lodge #700 contributed time and approximately \$7,200 to complete these repairs costing approximately \$7,100. The repairs were completed in May, 1992.

March 8, 1994

Charles Russell Philbrick, Past Master of Frank W. Thompson Lodge, Bedford, Massachusetts, was the first dual member elected to State College

Lodge #700.
1993

Paving, curbing and painting of the parking area behind the Masonic Temple in 1993.

Activities of State College Lodge # 700, F. & A.M. Members

There are three definitions which, in the technical language of Freemasonry, apply to the word "lodge."

1. It is a place in which Freemasons meet.
2. It is an assembly or organized body of Freemasons, duly congregated for labor or business.
3. The lodge, technically speaking, is a piece of furniture made in imitation of the Ark of the Covenant.

We are interested in the second definition. In particular, we are interested in the various masonic activities of members of State College Lodge #700. Unfortunately, there can be only one Master per year. In a lodge having a membership of 500-600, there must be other masonic activities for the members who are (1) either not interested in the basic Blue Lodge requirements for becoming a Master; or (2) are unable for various reasons to participate in the lodge activities leading to the Master's Station.

Henry David Thoreau once said, "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Through the years the number of masonic-related organizations has multiplied to the point where it is doubtful if any

person or organization could identify all of the masonic-related organizations. Thus, Masonry offers a place of comfort for those lodge members who desire a masonic-related activity. Those lodge members who become active in other masonic-related bodies, and take but very little interest in their Blue Lodge, are marching to the sound of a different drummer. Providing these lodge members remember the solemn Blue Lodge rites, of which they have been partakers, and their parts in them, then their need for a masonic related activity is being satisfied.

Masonic related bodies in the State College area include the following bodies:

1. Bellefonte Chapter #241 Royal Arch Masons
2. Nittany Council #57, Royal and Select Master Masons
3. Constans Commandry #33, Knights Templar
4. Centre Forest #129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
5. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Williamsport
6. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Altoona
7. Jaffa Shrine
8. Penn Priory #6, Knights of the York Cross of Honor*
9. Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders*
10. 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite*

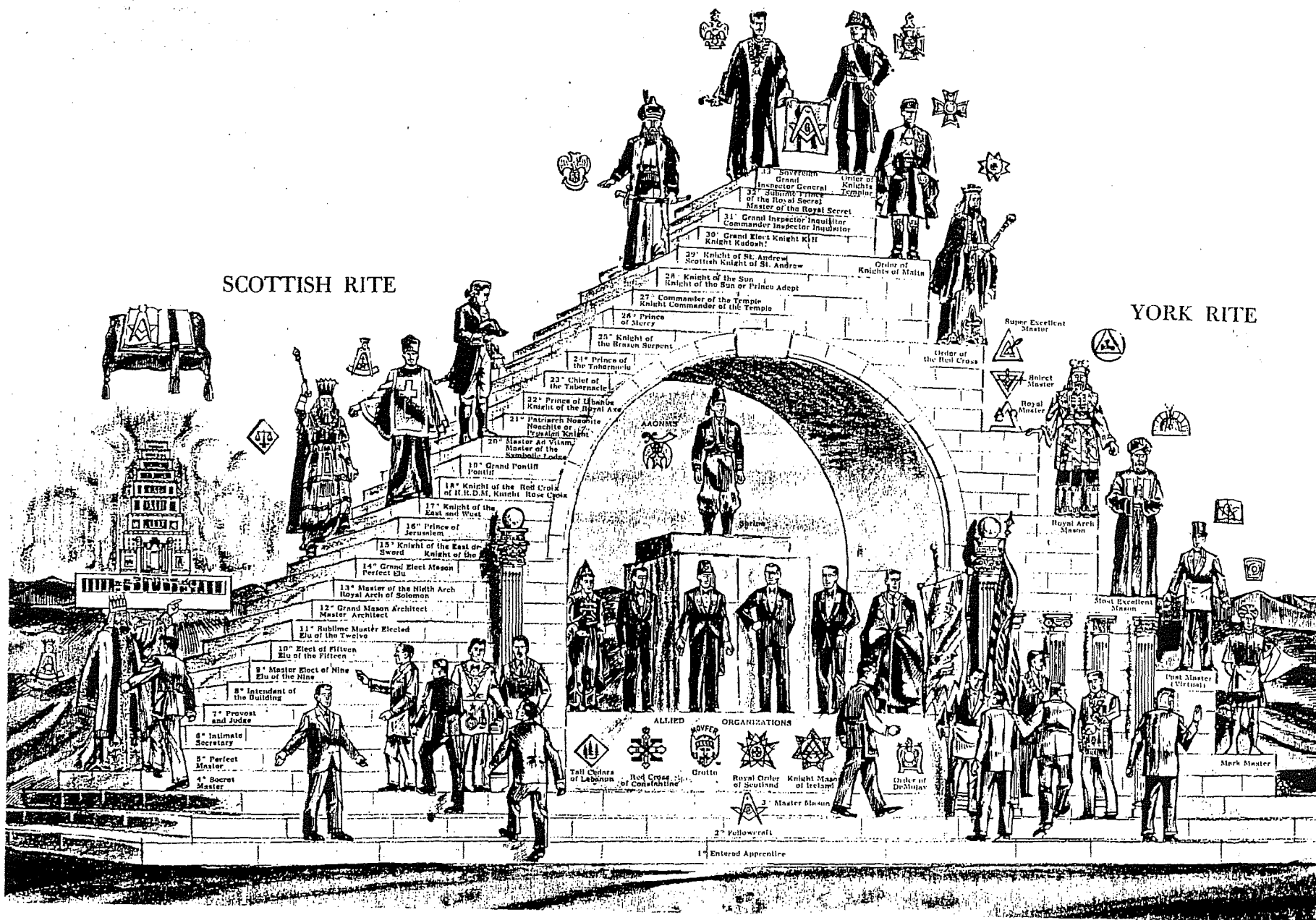
* Honorary bodies - membership is by invitation or by meeting specific requirements only.

This list is not complete; only the most visible and well known are listed.

The Masonic relationship of the above named bodies can be best seen in the following diagram.

SCOTTISH RITE

YORK RITE



It is to be pre-supposed that one who achieves the highest elected office in any of the bodies named in 1-7 inclusive, can be considered an active member of that body. Masonic bodies 8-10 inclusive have special requirements for membership. Knights of the York Cross of Honor require election to the highest office in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandry before membership can be obtained. Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and 33° A.A.S.R. require extensive service and dedication to the concepts, rituals and development of this ancillary masonic body/bodies in order to be invited to join these masonic honor organizations.

The proper place to examine the masonic activities of the members of State College Lodge #700 is to begin with State College Lodge #700 itself. Here, the activities can be considered the offices of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary and the Representative in the Grand Lodge. Since its inception the following named individuals have served for the year/years listed:

Masters of State College Lodge No. 700 F. & A. M.

1920	Frank M. Torrence*
1921	William G. Murtorff*
1922	Frederick P. Weaver*
1923	Harold B. Shattuck*
1924	Charles L. Kinsloe*
1925	J. Fred Harvey*
1926	Earl B. Stavely*
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1987	Daniel J. Madio
1988	Bert Phillips
1989	James C. Dell
1990	Gerald F. Selders
1991	John K. Potter, III
1992	Laurence G. Hettich
1993	Laurence G. Hettich
1994	George L. Moore
1995	Bruce E. Grinder

* Deceased
 ** Transferred
 *** Demitted

Treasurer of State College Lodge No. 700

Ray D. Gilliland	1920-1925
Joseph A. Glenn	1926-1942
Eugene F. Lee	1943-1955
C. Edgar Book	1956-1973
Philip B. Lovett	1974-1987
Donald G. Boller	1988-1990
Gerald F. Selders	1991- Present

Secretary of State College Lodge No. 700

George Glenn	1920-1924
Frank M. Torrence	1925-1942
Arthur L. Haskins	1943-1981
Robert P. Moore	1982-1992
John K. Potter, III	1993-Present

Representative in the Grand Lodge of State College Lodge No. 700

Frank M. Torrence	1920-1921
William G. Murtorff	1922
Frederick P. Weaver	1923
Harold B. Shattuck	1924
Charles L. Kinsloe	1925
J. Fred Harvey	1926
Earl B. Stavely	1927
Guy Z. Stover	1928
Thomas F. Mairs	1929
Clinton L. Harris	1930
Thomas S. Patterson	1931
Frederick P. Weaver	1932-1936
Charles A. Lamm	1937-1947
Edwin H. Rohrbeck	1948-1965
John E. Miller, Jr.	1966-1968
W. Lester Pooler	1969-1990
James C. Dell	1991-Present

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have served as District Deputy Grand Master for the periods shown:

Frank M. Torrence	1949-1954
John E. Miller, Jr.	1968-1973
Ralph F. Spearly	1983-1988
Daniel J. Madio	1994-Present

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have served as Most Excellent High Priest in Bellefonte Chapter #241, Royal Arch Masons for the year listed:

Robert J. Miller	1929
Robert A. Kerstetter	1931
Fred S. Hanson	1935
Charles A. Lamm	1937
Herman H. Appledorn	1939
Herbert R. Kinley	1941
Ellwood B. Cassel	1945
Orlando W. Houts	1947
Edward L. Willard	1949

Reno A. Lepley	1951
Philip B. Lovett	1953
T. Blair Elbin	1955
Eugene W. Lederer	1960
Grove A. Spearly, Jr.	1965
F. Karl Witherow	1973
L. Russell Hill	1975
Wayne A. Bicehouse	1978
Robert P. Moore	1980
Daniel B. Eveland	1987

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Nittany Council #57, Royal and Select Master Masons, State College, PA, for the year listed.

Donald C. Cochrane	1927
Robert A. Kerstetter	1931
Fred S. Hanson, Jr.	1934
Herbert R. Kinley	1939
Herman H. Appledorn	1943
Robert J. Miller	1945
Charles A. Lamm	1946
William R. Young	1949
Reno A. Lepley	1952
Ellwood B. Cassel	1955
Edward L. Willard	1959
Philip B. Lovett	1963
Eugene W. Lederer	1971
L. Russell Hill	1975
Laurence G. Hettich	1995

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have served as Commander of Constans Commandry #33, Knights Templar, Bellefonte, PA, for the year listed.

John J. Light	1928
Robert J. Miller	1930
Robert A. Kerstetter	1934
Fred S. Hanson, Jr.	1935
Herman H. Appledorn	1938
Martin H. Knutsen	1940
Herbert R. Kinley	1943
Edward L. Willard	1946
Orlando W. Houts	1947
Reno A. Lepley	1948
Ellwood B. Cassel	1951

Philip B. Lovett	1953
Edgar F. Benner	1955
Charles A. Lamm	1956
Eugene W. Lederer	1958
John E. Miller, Jr.	1959
F. Karl Witherow	1972
Daniel B. Eveland	1988
Robert P. Moore	1989

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have served as Grand Tall Cedar of Centre Forest #129, State College, PA, for the year listed.

H. Edward Norris	1947
Ross W. Edmiston	1950
Gilbert N. Haupt	1952
Harold D. Albright	1957
Harold D. Albright	1958
William J. Knepper	1961
John L. Henninger	1962
Edward L. Willard	1963
John H. Osman	1964
Randall M. Keller	1965
John C. Rudy	1967
Randall M. Keller	1968
James M. Trostle	1969
Richard T. Markle	1970
Nevin E. Keller	1971
Ralph F. Spearly	1973
Gerald E. Thompson	1975
Harry S. Corl	1982
Richard E. Duck	1984
George E. Jordan	1987
Dennis R. Younker	1988
Gerald E. Thompson	1990
Paul E. Grove	1991

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have been elected to Penn Priory #6, Harrisburg, PA, Knights of the York Cross of Honor:

Ellwood B. Cassel
Charles A. Lamm
Philip B. Lovett
Robert J. Miller
Edward L. Willard

Robert J. Miller served as Eminent Prior during 1965-1966.

The following members of State College Lodge #700 have been elected to the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders:

Dallas R. Bullock	
Ellwood B. Cassel	
Laurence G. Hettich	
L. Russell Hill	
Orlando W. Houts	1965
Herbert R. Kinley	1949
Charles A. Lamm	1976
Eugene W. Lederer	1973
Reno A. Lepley	
Philip B. Lovett	1982
John E. Miller, Jr.	
Robert J. Miller	1963
Robert P. Moore	
Edward L. Willard	

The dates indicate the year that the member was Puissant Sovereign of his Conclave.

The Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America has conferred the honorary Thirty-Third Degree on the following members of State College Lodge #700, F.&A.M.

Dallas R. Bullock	1968
L. Russell Hill	1982
Orlando W. Houts	1948
Reno A. Lepley	1973
Eric A. Walker	1964
Kenneth J. DeVeney	1975

Other Masonic Honors

The York Rite College has honored Brothers Reno A. Lepley, Herbert R. Kinley, Philip B. Lovett, and Robert J. Miller by presenting them with the Gold Honor Award on November 6, 1967. This award recognizes distinguished service to York Rite Masonry.

Brother Dallas R. Bullock served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Herbert R. Kinley served as Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Ralph F. Spearly served as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America in 1981.

Reno A. Lepley served as Commander in Chief of the Valley of Altoona, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Appendix A

No written records exists for the following information. However, the writer was informed by P.M.'s F.M. Torrence, E. B. Cassel and W.G. Murtorff that the facts stated are true. Brother W. Harrison Walker, D.D.G.M., was arguably very much opposed to the constituting of a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA. The reason stated was very simple. The formation of a Masonic Lodge in State College, PA would adversely effect Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall, PA and Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte, PA. When no cooperation was deemed possible, Brother J. Harris Mussina, D.D.G.M., Lock Haven, PA was approached for assistance. An agreement was resolved specifying that Brother Mussina would help sponsor the Masonic Lodge if Brother Walker would not. This course of events was not followed, since Brother Walker reluctantly agreed to sponsor the Masonic Lodge in State College, PA.

Appendix B

At a meeting of all Masons in State College held at the Acacia Fraternity on Friday Evening, August 29, 1919, the following were present:

John J. Snyder, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Harry B. Northrup, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
Samuel M. Hess, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
William H. Thompson, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
H. G. Parkinson, Burgettstown Lodge # 504
David F. Kapp, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
E. A. Fessenden, Twilight Lodge # 214, Columbia, Missouri
R. I. Webber, Warsaw City Lodge # 72, Warsaw, Indiana
T. H. Taylor, Iona Lodge # 36, Michigan
F. W. Haller, Milnor Lodge # 287, Pittsburgh
J. M. Williams, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
H. H. Deal, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
P. B. Brenneman, Everett Lodge # 524, Everett
E. B. Stavely, Roseville Lodge #143, Newark, New Jersey
J. L. Houck, Mount Union Lodge #688, Mount Union
C. H. Decker, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
W. C. Kelly, Charity Lodge # 144, Lewisburg
C. E. Myers, Muncy Lodge # 299, Muncy
Albert Deal, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
W. W. Braman, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
R. S. Pritchard, Hamilton Lodge # 120, Hamilton, New York
W. S. Dye, Jr., Friendship Lodge # 247, Mansfield
Walter R. Mason, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
F. H. Snider, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Walter H. Wood, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
R. M. Cole, Oriental Lodge # 460
John T. Taylor, Clearfield Lodge # 314, Clearfield
Philip D. Foster, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
J. S. Osman, Temple Lodge # 237, McCune, Kansas
Henry Illingsworth, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
H. J. Behrer, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
P. H. Dale, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
C. L. Goodling, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
H. B. Shattuck, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
H. N. Koch, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
C. G. Simpson, Iowa Lodge # 4, Iowa City, Iowa
F. M. Torrence, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
L. Frank Mayes, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
W. George Murtorff, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall

Appendix C

October 12, 1919

A meeting of all Masons in State College held at the Acacia Fraternity,
Monday evening, October 12, 1919. The following members were present:

George B. Jackson, Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall
F. M. Torrence, Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall
W. George Murtorff, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
H. N. Koch, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
John T. Taylor, Clearfield Lodge # 314, Clearfield
H. G. Parkinson, Burgettstown Lodge # 504
W. S. Taylor, Hartford Lodge #675, Hartford
H. B. Shattuck, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
C. W. Parkinson, Waynesburg Lodge # 153, Waynesburg
Thomas C. Blaidell, Alma Lodge # 244, Alma, Michigan
Ross E. Shumaker, Hyndman Lodge # 589, Hyndman
C. O. Broome, Western Star Lodge #21, Youngstown, Ohio
F. H. Snider, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
William Etters, Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte
C. T. Phare, Bethlehem Lodge # 283, Bethlehem
J. C. Snyder, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
H. H. Deal, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Edward J. Kunze, Okemos Lodge # 252, Okemos, Michigan
H. H. Havner, Corydon Lodge # 91, Corydon, Iowa
W. H. Tomhave, Land Mark Lodge, # 5, St. Paul, Michigan
Donald C. Cochrane, King Solomon Lodge # 56, Elyria, Ohio
George Glenn, Bellefonte Lodge #268, Bellefonte
S. H. Black, Oxford Lodge # 363, Oxford
George W. Davis, Olivet Lodge #267, Olivet, Michigan
E. A. Fessenden, Twilight Lodge # 214, Columbia, Missouri
William Frear, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
John J. Snyder, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Thomas S. Patterson, Curwensville Lodge # 480, Curwensville
I. R. Parks, Aurora Lodge # 51, Aurora, Indiana
Walter H. Wood, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Lynn Platt, Rome Lodge # 418, Rome
David B. Garver, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
Robert M. Foster, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
John A. Ferguson, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte
Albert Deal, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
J. F. Harkins, Lafayette Lodge #194, Selinsgrove
William S. Dye, Friendship Lodge # 247, Mansfield
Frank S. Knoll, Old Fort Lodge # 537, Centre Hall
D. S. Fox, Oveca Lodge # 673, Avoca, New York
Thomas I. Mairs, Twilight Lodge # 114, Columbia, Missouri
David F. Kapp, Bellefonte Lodge # 268, Bellefonte