

Columbia fire company is host to 13 companies from district

by William E. Martin

Tuesday, January 22 at 8:00 PM, Zone 7 firemen met at Susquehanna Fire Company in Columbia. Forty-two members were present from 13 fire departments.

Zone 7 Fire Marshal, John Geltmacher, reported one investigation for January. The investigation was in Marietta January 17, where a six year-old boy playing with matches started a house fire. Geltmacher also gave his year end report. Highlights included twenty-two investigations for 1975. Major causes of the fires investigated were faulty electrical wiring and children playing with matches. Two civilians and twenty-two firemen were injured in 1975.

Don Bachman talked on smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Paul Knier, County Fire Marshal, reported on county fires for 1975. Seven lives were lost in fires last year. There were 773 more fires in 1975 and 201 more false alarms. Knier noted that people are trying to put the fire out before the fire department is called. This is a bad practice in that time is wasted and more damage usually results in fires.

The officers for 1976 were installed. They are: President, John Lutz, Florin; First Vice-President, Tim Deeg, Jr., Vigilant; Second Vice-President, A. Jay Shank, Elizabethtown; Third Vice-President, Mike Brooks, Mountville; Fourth Vice-President, Tom Mimmall, Vigilant; Secretary, Dwayne Charles, Silver Springs; Assistant Secretary, Don Snyder, Mount Joy; Treasurer, Dean Gantz, Sr., Ironville; Assistant Treasurer, Earl Fuhrman, Bainbridge; Fire Marshal, John Geltmacher, Florin; Trustees, One Year-Ben Soult, Florin; Two Years-Harold Sangrey, Washington Boro; three years-Eugene Altland, Forest Fire Crew.

Zone 7 firemen reported thirty-two fire calls, one hundred nineteen ambulance calls, two false alarms and one rescue call for January.

A film entitled "Where is the Water" was shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM with a rising vote of thanks to the host company.

The next Zone 7 meeting will be held at Elizabethtown in their new fire hall.



Samuel W. Witman

Samuel W. Witman installed as master of Casiphia Lodge

by Rollin C. Steinmetz

Samuel W. Witman has been elected Worshipful Master of Casiphia Lodge No. 551, F&AM, Mount Joy, for the current Masonic year.

Witman lives at 7 South Market Street, Mount Joy, and is employed by Raybestos-Manhattan. He succeeds John K. Wagner of Mt. Gretna, who was elected representative in the Grand Lodge.

Also elected were Jay W. Smith, Mount Joy, Senior Warden; and Robert E. Rohrer, Landisville, Junior Warden.

The following past members of the Lodge were

elected to office: W. Scott Stoner, treasurer; Rollin C. Steinmetz, secretary; Paul Gable, C. Bernerd Grissing and Harold L. Myers, trustees.

Witman announced the following appointive officers: Clayton D. Aument, chaplain; Robert W. Adams, senior deacon; William H. Thomas, junior deacon; John D. Hill, senior master of ceremonies; Ernest Hill, junior master of ceremonies; H. Marshall Pomroy, pur-suitant; and Ralph Leed, Tyler. Russell J. Cooper, P.M., and Norman L. Warfel are stewards.

Casiphia Lodge is preparing to celebrate its centennial in 1977.

Ben Franklin to be at Bicentennial Ball

by Cheryl Hallgren

Benjamin Franklin will serve as master of ceremony of Mount Joy's 125th Anniversary and Bicentennial Ball on Sat., Feb. 7, at Donegal High School.

Sponsored by the Mount Joy Joyceettes, the Ball will officially begin Mount Joy's Bicentennial activities. Semi-formal attire or costumes from any era may be worn, and prizes will be

awarded.

To add to the Bicentennial atmosphere, the Donegal Rangers will also attend the celebration.

Tickets may be purchased from any Joyceette or at the door.

The Joyceettes are hoping that all citizens will share with them in the celebration of Mount Joy's 125th Anniversary and our country's 200th Birthday. Plan to attend.

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