

Medal Day Proceedings at The Franklin Institute

October 18, 1967

Reception and Dinner

On Wednesday, October 18, 1967, approximately 272 Institute members and guests gathered to pay tribute to the men whose achievements had been recognized by the Committee on Science and the Arts during the past year. A reception honoring the 1967 Medalists was held at 6:15 P.M. in the lobby of Franklin Hall, and at 7:00 P.M. the guests assembled for dinner in the Hall. The Reverend Ernest A. Harding, D.D., Rector of Christ Church in Philadelphia, gave the invocation.

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During dinner, Wynn Laurence LePage, President of the Institute, proposed the following toast to Benjamin Franklin:

"We are gathered here this evening to do honor to a group of distinguished men of science because of their notable contributions to the sum total of human knowledge. But it is eminently fitting and appropriate that we first do honor to that great man who two hundred years ago did so much to foster the high spirit of inquiry, dedication to the pursuit of truth, which are the very wellsprings of modern science.

"Ladies and gentlemen, won't you raise your glasses with me in a salute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin—scientist, statesman, philosopher, author, inventor, wise and benevolent citizen, unflinching friend. May his inspiring character and example ever be remembered in our land. To Dr. Benjamin Franklin!"

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DR. LEPAGE: "Ladies and gentlemen, one of the most pleasant aspects of Medal Day is the circumstance that we are usually fortunate enough to have with us a number of distinguished past recipients of these awards. We are so honored tonight.

"Gentlemen, it is good to have you here; and as you must know, you are always welcome. In order that all of us may see and recognize you, I shall call on Mr. Ardrey M. Bounds, Chairman of the Committee on Science and the Arts, to present you."

MR. BOUNDS: "Ladies and gentlemen, will you kindly applaud only after all the names have been read. Will each former Medalist rise as his name is called and remain standing until the last one has been read."

Former Medalists Attending Medal Day, 1967

Year Awarded	Medalist	Year Awarded	Medalist
CRESSON MEDAL (1848)		LEVY MEDAL (1923)	
1963	Mr. Grote Reber	1938	Mr. Stewart S. Kurtz
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (1882)		1948	Dr. William H. Cherry
1921	Dr. Joseph S. Hepburn	1960	Professor Ezra S. Krendel
LONGSTRETCH MEDAL (1890)		HENDERSON MEDAL (1924)	
1911	Dr. Joseph S. Hepburn	1954	Mr. C. I. Eksbergian
1923	Mr. Harry S. Parks	WETHERILL MEDAL (1925)	
1961	Mr. Henry A. Weyer	1941	Dr. Harold S. Black
1963	Dr. Herman Epstein	1950	Dr. Kenneth C. D. Hickman
1964	Mr. Bolton L. Corson	1959	Dr. Clarence Zener
1966	Mr. Frederick D. Braddon	1960	Dr. Walter Juda
POTTS MEDAL (1906)		1964	Dr. John Kenneth Hulm
1958	Mr. W. Nelson Goodwin, Jr.	1964	Dr. John Eugene Kunzler
THE FRANKLIN MEDAL (1914)		BALLANTINE MEDAL (1946)	
1966	Dr. Britton Chance	1956	Mr. Kenneth Bullington

DR. LEPAGE: "Thank you, Mr. Bounds; and thank you, all of you former Medalists, for joining us here this evening for the presentation of the 1967 Franklin Institute awards.

"The Committee on Science and the Arts is the oldest committee of the Institute, and from its beginning has been composed of outstanding men in the fields of science and engineering who have given generously and freely of their time throughout the year in order to ensure that the various medals of The Franklin Institute shall be awarded only on the basis of the most exceptional and valuable achievement. To this Committee, and its distinguished Chairman, The Franklin Institute owes a debt of gratitude. I shall now call upon the Chairman and all the members of the Committee on Science and the Arts to rise and receive our thanks.

"I might add that I am extremely proud to have served as a member of this Committee for the past thirty-five years."

Stated Meeting

DR. LEPAGE: "Wednesday, October 18, 1967, marks the first Stated Meeting of The Franklin Institute for the 1967-1968 season, and the first Stated Meeting since May 17, 1967. The minutes of that meeting were published in the August, 1967 issue of the *Journal of The Franklin Institute*. If there are no corrections or additions to those minutes, I declare them approved as published.

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