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Carlton, No. 2, Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, Pittsburgh, he is also Immediate Past Potentate of the Shriners, R. W. Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, spoke on the positive phase of this question and I responded to the negative of the proposition. This question is one which frequently arises but I our Grand Jurisdiction from the early days of our history the rule has always been prohibitive of such membership. As far back as the year 1804 when the question was raised, the decision was against dual membership and in the year 1903 it was decided, without equivocation, that "no Brother can be a member of two Lodges at one and the same time."

In the year 1889, in a discussion of this rule, it was decided that it applied to dual membership "either in this Jurisdiction, or in this and another Jurisdiction. By dual and plural membership is embraced the proposition that a Mason may belong to two or more Lodges at one and the same time. The word "dual" pertains to two. This suggests membership in two Lodges at the same time. A number of the Grand Lodges over the world permit such membership. On the other hand, plural membership comprehends membership in more than two Lodges at one and the same time.

There may be good basic reason for these rules. A Mason for sentimental reasons may desire to belong to more than one Lodge. If his mother Lodge is in Pennsylvania and he finds himself permanently located in another Grand Jurisdiction, there are persuasive reasons which could well engender within him the sincere desire to belong also to the Lodge in the community in which he has become a permanent resident and at the same time maintain his original membership in the Lodge in which he was made a Mason. If prearranged unknown factors result in his being transferred from the area in which he has created this dual membership to an area other than the one in which he first took up residence, he may desire to become a member of a third Lodge. Of course, it is entirely possible that a Mason living in the Jurisdiction in which he has been made a Mason would have certain reasons also to like to become a member of another Lodge in the same Jurisdiction. There are, of course, a great many circumstances which might well result in a desire to be a member of more than one Lodge at one and the same time.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

Dear Brothers:

It is my pleasure to address you, our Brethren, in this, the 65th year of our great fraternity. The past year has been marked by many achievements and milestones that reflect the ongoing growth and strength of our Order. In keeping with our traditions, I wish to convey my appreciation to all those who have contributed to our success.

Our Lodge system continues to thrive, with a steady increase in the number of new members being initiated. This growth is a testament to the enduring value of our teachings and the timeless appeal of our symbolism. It is evident that our principles of fraternity, charity, and justice are as relevant today as they were when our brotherhood was founded.

As we move forward into the coming year, I encourage all of you to remain steadfast in your commitment to these principles. Let us continue to work together to fulfill our duties and obligations as Freemasons, and to uphold the highest standards of conduct that define our noble craft.

In closing, I wish to extend my best wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling year to all of you. May we all be guided by the light of our brotherhood and the wisdom of our forefathers.

Sincerely,

[Grand Master's Signature]

[Grand Master's Name]

[Date]
Masonic Temple and Recreational Building

Officially Dedicated at The Homes

The dream and vision of many Masons during the past half century or more became a reality when the Masonic Temple and the adjoining Recreational Building were officially dedicated at The Homes. To some of us a dream is merely a fad hope that may or may not come true. To others it is a mental image of something of extraordinary beauty. The Masonic Temple of Pennsylvania has dreamt in the past for years of having a Temple, other than by Andrew T. Cheriton.

The Lodges and members are asked to refrain from telephoning the Grand Lodge officers seeking their attendance at Lodge meetings, but to follow the procedure outlined above.

Just as the president of a large corporation with whose many locations over a wide area cannot be expected to make all the decisions himself, so the District Deputy Master is not expected to answer questions continuously and attend Lodge meetings night after night.

The corporation president judiciously delegates authority to responsible individuals and schedules their visitations in accordance with a well-conceived plan. Our R. W. Grand Master, however, has delegated authority to the District Deputies to conduct meetings in persons attending as far as possible the meetings of Lodges celebrating conventions of multiples of 50 years, as well as certain other important occasions.

Masonic Temple Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Brother Paul has been District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5 for over four years and has served on other Grand Lodge Committees. As a member of the Committee on Masonic Culture he has greatly contributed to the public welfare of the Masonic Temple at Elizabethtown.

Brother Paul was initiated in Masonic Lodge Elizabethtown No. 52, Elizabethtown, Pa., over thirty years ago. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1940 and as Trustee the following year. He is a Past Master of Masonic Temple Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Brother Paul has requested that all Lodge officers and members address their inquiries, especially Work and Law, to their respective District Deputies except as to those matters which the District Deputy was present at in person or in writing. He has requested that the members respond to these inquiries as promptly as possible, and to only reply to those matters to him specifically required by Regulators or those few unusual items which are not within their province to decide.

A recent Grecian Letter of Instruction contains a number of questions which the District Deputy Masters are expected to answer and enforce; likewise the Grecian Letter of Instruction of the Grand Lodge contains the Regulations the Lodge officers and members are required to observe. It is suggested these Grecian Letter

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