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Your Circulating Library

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Masonic literature had its beginning in England and the first manuscript was known as the "Roberts Manuscript" and was published in 1722 under the title of "The Old Constitutions Belonging to the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons."

Rev. James Anderson, D.D., a Presbyterian Minister is well known to all Masonic historians as the compiler of the celebrated book of Constitutions of the Freemasons containing the History, Charges, Regulations, &c. of the Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity (for the use of the Lodges) London, 1723.

The first Masonic book published in America was a reprint of the 1723 edition of the "Constitutions of Freemasons," from the press of Benjamin Franklin, reprinted in Philadelphia, 1734 by special order, for the use of the brethren in North America.

In the early days as far back as the eighteenth century it was in the minds of the brethren that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should possess a Masonic Library wherein manuscripts, books and various papers could be stored for the use of the membership, and for perpetual care.

This aspiration was first brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge Officers as early as March 26, 1787, and subsequently on October 7, 1816, and March 17, 1817. It was not until June 7, 1871, that a resolution was passed in the Grand Lodge authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge Library.

Over a period of years many books and articles on Freemasonry were published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and numerous histories by the Subordinate Lodges. However, no movement was ever considered to organize a Circulating Library, or a plan of "Masonic Education" whereby a member could be properly enlightened through the reading of Masonic books at leisure in his own home. While visiting other Grand Jurisdictions

that maintained Circulating Libraries, your Librarian learned that Masonic books were very much in demand by the brethren, and the idea had proven a success.

On September 5, 1951, a resolution was on motion and adopted in Grand Lodge authorizing the Committee on Library to create a Circulating Library. Two brochures were prepared and printed, one consisting of the Rules and Regulations including a form of application for the borrowing of books by the members, the other giving a list of numerous books which could be loaned, and copies of each brochure were sent to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges.

Since that time the Librarian is pleased to announce that requests for books are constantly being mailed to the library, and up to the present time the Committee has loaned 3,174 volumes.

The brethren who have not taken advantage of this privilege and desire to do so, write to William J. Paterson, Librarian, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Phila. 7, Pa.

Here mentioned are only a few of the titles of Masonic books that can be borrowed, many others are available, namely:

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BIOGRAPHIES	PHILOSOPHY
CRYPTIC RITE	ROYAL ARCH
JURISPRUDENCE	SYMBOLISM
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	SCOTTISH RITE
LANDMARKS	SHORT TALKS ON
MILITARY LODGES	MASONRY
YORK RITE	

Masons at Sight

On Monday, December 2, 1957, our R. W. Grand Master caused Leon J. Obermayer and Robert G. Dunlop to be made Masons at Sight in accordance with the prerogative granted him under the Ahiman Rezon, at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge called for that purpose in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Brother Leon J. Obermayer

Brother Leon J. Obermayer was born in Illinois and moved to Philadelphia when still a boy. He was educated in Philadelphia Public Schools and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is married and has two sons and a daughter. According to his family history, Brother Obermayer's father was made a Mason over a 100 years ago, in 1857.

Brother Obermayer is a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association, former Vice President Pennsylvania Bar Association, Chairman of Committee on Professional Guidance of Philadelphia Bar Association. He is on the Board of Managers of such Social Service agencies as Heart Association, Academy of Natural Sciences, Woods School for Exceptional Children, Boy Scouts of America, Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of Philadelphia, Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, often serving as Chairman.

Brother Obermayer was appointed to Philadelphia Board of Public Education in 1938, Vice President, April 9, 1955 and President, 1955. He has served as President of Central High School Alumni Association and President of Alumni of Law Department, University of Pennsylvania and Chairman of Draft Board in Philadelphia 1940-1946, and member of Executive Committee on U. S. Commission UNESCO.

Hebrew Union College and Temple University have conferred Honorary Degrees upon Brother Obermayer.

Brother Robert G. Dunlop

Brother Robert G. Dunlop was born in Boston, Massachusetts. The family moved to Collingswood, New Jersey, when Robert was still an infant. He was educated in Collingswood Schools and Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania. Brother Dunlop joined Sun Oil Company, as an accountant, being promoted to Assistant Comptroller in 1941 and Comptroller in 1944. He succeeded to the Presidency in 1947 when Mr. J. Howard Pew retired.

Brother Dunlop has built up a record for high morale in the company by his sincerity, respect for his individual employees and personal interest in them. He is keenly aware of his social responsibilities, especially to youth. He is on the Board of Managers of his Church, Boy Scouts, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia; University of Pennsylvania; Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.; Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Seaman's Church Institute, Philadelphia.

Brother Dunlop is married and has two children.

The Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree was conferred by Brother George H. Meiners, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236. The Fellowcraft Mason's Degree was conferred by Brother Clifford S. Williams, Past Master of Lucius Scott Lodge No. 352. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by Brother H. Curtis Myers, Worshipful Master of Frankford Lodge No. 292. The Guide was Brother William A. Carpenter, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236.

Our welcome, Brothers Obermayer and Dunlop, into the Masonic Fraternity, where brothers "best work and best agree."—C.A.Y.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

At High Noon on December 27, 1957 I assumed the office of Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. During the past six years it has been my privilege to serve the Grand Lodge in the offices of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. Previous to that I was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifty-fourth Masonic District. It has been my privilege to serve under Albert T. Eyler, Ralph M. Lehr and Charles H. Nitsch during their terms as Right Worshipful Grand Masters. During these years it has been the practice of the Grand Officers under the guidance of the Grand Master, to endeavor to coordinate the activities of the Grand Lodge with the combined knowledge and assistance of all to solve the numerous problems which must be decided, to the end that the Grand Lodge activities proceed along those lines which will result in the continued forward March of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

As our immediate Past Right Worshipful Grand Master, Charles H. Nitsch, has so aptly stated, "The Office of Grand Master is not a one-man job." On the contrary it requires 100% cooperation of all to the end that our Grand Lodge may continue to prosper and maintain its rightful position in Freemasonry. I am strengthened in assuming the duties of this high office in the knowledge that there are available to the Grand Master those who have preceded me in the office and many other outstanding Masons in Pennsylvania all of whom stand by ready, able and willing to be of such help as may be necessary in this great undertaking. At the same time it is my thought that every Mason in Pennsylvania by his attendance at the regular meetings of his own Lodge and zealous enthusiastic support of the principles of Masonry within his Lodge, as well as in his home life and work, continue to be pillars of strength in the preservation of the heritage which is ours. I, therefore, suggest that all of us give careful attention to our Masonic obligations as they arise from day to day and by applying those principles which we are taught, each of us can make a distinct contribution within his sphere of activity to the advancement of the principles of Freemasonry to which we are all personally dedicated.

I was greatly surprised and pleased on December 27, 1957 when approximately fifty members of my Lodge, Verona Lodge No. 548, Verona, Pennsylvania, arranged to sojourn to Philadelphia and be

present in Corinthian Hall when I was installed. Many of those present in this group had never been afforded the opportunity of attending a Communication of the Grand Lodge. To have those with whom you have been so closely associated in the activities of Freemasonry travel a round trip distance of over six hundred miles by buses in order to be present on the occasion of the installation of one of their past Masters as Grand Master is something which creates a feeling of mixed emotions. The thought occurs to me that all Masons in all Lodges should have, and I feel certain do have, the same spirit with regard to Freemasonry. It was my privilege to visit my own Lodge on my first official Visitation as Grand Master on January 3, 1958 at the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, our own Lodge Room being inadequate for the occasion. At that time I am informed there were approximately 547 Masons present and I was accompanied by the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters. The presence of these many Masons brought to my mind the slogan of Brother George H. Deike, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, who on many occasions during his term of office said: "Freemasonry is on the march in Pennsylvania." I believe that slogan is as applicable today as it was during his administration. Not only is Freemasonry on the march in Pennsylvania but throughout the world. It will continue to be so as each of us, wherever we find ourselves, become more active, if possible, in this great march.

I have been so impressed by the inscription which appears over the "House of the Temple" in Washington, D. C., this outstanding Masonic Temple being the seat of Freemasonry for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The inscription reads "Freemasonry builds its Temples in the hearts of men and among the nations." We, therefore, do have a great obligation as each of us continues to preserve that heritage which is ours. We must build the Temples of Masonry within our hearts and our lives to the end that these same principles which have to do with the preservation of the heritage which we have as citizens, be perpetuated throughout the world.

*Sanford M. Chilcote*  
SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, Grand Master



## Leonard Forman Lodge, No. 782, Forbes Trail Lodge, No. 783 Recently Constituted

One of the last official acts performed by Brother Charles H. Nitsch as R. W. Grand Master was to preside at the Constitution of Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782 in Philadelphia on December 5, 1957; one of the first official acts performed by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote as R. W. Grand Master was to preside at the Constitution of Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783 in Pittsburgh on January 16, 1958.

Leonard Forman Lodge became the eleventh Lodge in District D in which Brother Albert A. Bauer is the District Deputy Grand Master. Forbes Trail Lodge is the ninth Lodge in District No. 48 in which Brother Benjamin S. Barbour is the District Deputy Grand Master.

Leonard Forman Lodge came into being because of the wholehearted enthusiasm of a small group of Master Masons, most of whom were at the time members of Brotherhood Lodge No. 773. This group turned to our late R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Avery, and he as always gave the guidance and assistance needed to bring this new Lodge into existence. Brother Mac Sanders of Brotherhood Lodge and District Deputy Bauer also were of valuable assistance in the formative days. Brotherhood Lodge officially sponsored the new Lodge.

New Lodges have seldom borne the name of a man who has been a Mason only a few short years. Leonard Forman was made a Mason in Brotherhood Lodge late in 1954 and was raised on March 31, 1955. Two and a half years later he was suddenly called to his Maker. Brother Leonard Forman's Masonic life was short, but in that brief span of time he had fully demonstrated to his Brethren the true spirit of Freemasonry. He WAS a Master Mason.

This new Lodge was constituted in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia with only 19 Warrant members, one of the smallest number on record. But these nineteen are imbued with all the enthusiasm required to make this Lodge most successful.

The Warrant Officers of Leonard Forman Lodge, whose Stated Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month in Egyptian Hall, include:

CHARLES J. SIMMONS.....*Worshipful Master*  
MELVIN KAMP.....*Senior Warden*  
EMANUEL IGLEIAS.....*Junior Warden*  
HAROLD WEINMANN.....*Treasurer*  
MARVIN S. BAKER.....*Secretary*  
HERMAN IGLESIAS.....*Senior Deacon*  
RONALD SKLAR.....*Junior Deacon*  
MEYER H. SKLAR.....*Senior Master of Ceremonies*  
STANLEY DOLNICK.....*Junior Master of Ceremonies*  
ALBERT SCHWARTZ.....*Pursuivant*

None of the Warrant Members had ever served as Worshipful Master.

Four or five years ago a small group of

Masons at the other end of the Commonwealth formed the Forbes Square Club. Last January thirteen of these Masons met in the basement of Brother Arthur T. Moore at Murrysburg to consider the possibilities of forming a new Lodge in Export, a small town about twenty miles east of Pittsburgh. Out of this meeting Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783 was born.

So eager were the Masons living in the vicinity of Export for the formation of this new Lodge that by the end of the year, one hundred and sixteen had signed the petition for Forbes Trail Lodge. Of the above Warrant Members, twenty-five came from Jeannette Lodge No. 750 and sixteen from Shidle Lodge No. 601 in Irwin. Forty-three other Pennsylvania and two out-of-state Lodges furnished the remaining Warrant Members. Only three Past Masters are in the group. Jeannette Lodge No. 750 officially sponsored the new Lodge.

District Deputy Benjamin S. Barbour was of invaluable assistance in completing the many details in connection with the successful culmination of the Consecration and Constitution of this newest Lodge. Brother Andrew J. Schroder, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, interrupted his vacation in Florida and flew to Pittsburgh for the ceremony and then flew back again at its conclusion.

The impressive event was held in the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh where the Lodge will meet temporarily. A two-story property has been purchased in Export and when alterations are completed early next Fall, the Lodge will transfer its meetings to its own quarters. Stated Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month.

The name Forbes Trail is most appropriate as Forbes' troops blazed their famous trail near the present site of Export. General John Forbes, renowned for his devotion to duty and to his Country, was given the monumental task of hewing a new and shorter road to the West. Overcoming every obstacle, General Forbes' achievement opened a new highway to the Great West.

Brother John Kashurba, a Past Master of Jeannette Lodge No. 750 is the Warrant Master. Brother Willard G. Cutler, formerly a member of Hyde Park Lodge No. 789, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the Warrant Senior Warden. Brother Cutler is an Active Member and Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

The other Warrant Officers are:  
ROBERT C. UHLIG.....*Junior Warden*  
ROY P. SWAUGER.....*Treasurer*  
EARL G. PATTY.....*Secretary*  
CLARENCE C. WHIRLOW.....*Trustee*  
RICHARD D. SNYDER.....*Trustee*  
J. RUSSELL CLEMENTS.....*Trustee and Chaplain*  
CLIFFORD A. RILEY.....*Senior Deacon*  
LAWRENCE F. CUPPS, JR.....*Junior Deacon*  
WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS.....*Senior Master of Ceremonies*

LEONARD C. FERRINGTON, SR.  
.....*Junior Master of Ceremonies*

ROBERT C. STEELE.....*Pursuivant*

Twenty-three petitions were presented at the first Stated Meeting which was held after the conclusion of the Constitution ceremonies.  
—A.B.P.

## Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

By FRANK R. LEECH  
M. E. Grand Treasurer

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter held December 5, 1957, the following Grand Officers were re-elected:

WALTER D. FERREE  
M. E. Grand High Priest  
JOHN R. ASHER  
M. E. Grand King  
MAURICE T. WHITE  
M. E. Grand Scribe  
FRANK R. LEECH  
M. E. Grand Treasurer  
JOHN C. F. KITSELMAN  
M. E. Grand Secretary

Companion KITSELMAN re-appointed Companion J. EDWARDS SMITH, JR. Assistant Grand Secretary and the appointment was confirmed by Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of distinguished guests from the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey and the District of Columbia; also from the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters and Grand Commandery Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania.

Knight-Companion John Markle, 2nd, M. I. Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, Empire of the East, and *Illustrious Companion* Marvin E. Fowler, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland were also received and welcomed.

Out of an extremely busy life, Brother (and Companion) CHARLES H. NITSCH took time to highly honor Grand Chapter with his presence and was received and welcomed with the honors due the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by Brother MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Brother LOUIS BACHARACH, R. W. Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

## Freemasonry in Scotland

By R. W. WARD K. ST. CLAIR  
Chairman of Museum and Library Committee  
R. W. Grand Lodge of New York

Craft Masonry in Scotland is under the control of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The presiding officer is termed Grand Master Mason.

Grand Lodge recognizes as Craft Masonry the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft (including the Mark), and Master Mason. Grand Lodge also recognizes a Ceremonial of Installed Master which is conferred upon Masters elect of the Lodges. The ceremony

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## Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute Holds Seventh Session

WILLIAM E. YEAGER, R. W. Past Grand Master

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, on February 17, 1958, presented twenty judges with certificates as Fellows of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute. These judges—selected from all parts of the country and Hawaii—participated in an exceptionally good session during which the fundamental importance of the Institute in serving the emotionally crippled and unfortunate child, regardless of race, creed and color, was demonstrated.

During the course of the session, distinguished leaders in this field of endeavor addressed the group, followed in each instance by a free and full exchange of ideas and experiences. The Fellows, divided into groups of five each in order to be better enabled to participate in the proceedings, attended the sessions of Judge Schramm's court. Meanwhile, the others familiarized themselves with the procedures in the Detention Home and in the Probation, Medical and Clerical Departments of the Court.

Among the prominent leaders who participated in the session were the following: Samuel Wishik, M.D., University of Pittsburgh; Oscar J. Schwarm, Director, Pittsburgh Public Schools; Kenneth Ramming, Consultant, State Department of Public Welfare, Madison, Wisconsin; James F. McKnight, Inspector, Bureau of Police, Pittsburgh; Hon. G. Howland Shaw, Former President, National Conference of Catholic Charities; Right Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, Secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. Mason Cochran, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

During previous sessions, five jurists, who are now Past Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions, became Fellows of the Institute. Because of the interest thus indicated and in order that the Grand Lodge officers of other jurisdictions might become better acquainted with the work of the Institute, an invitation was issued to Grand Masters of various jurisdictions to participate in the Sunday and Monday programs. The following accepted and honored the session with their presence: Glenn B. Van Fleet, M. W. Grand Master, Colorado; August J. Sioff, M. W. Grand Master, Indiana; Richard L. Becker, M. W. Grand Master, Kansas; K. O. Knudson, M. W. Grand Master, Nevada; Andrew J. White, M. W. Grand Master, Ohio; L. Wade Temple, M. W. Grand Master, North Carolina; Floyd D. Richards, M. W. Grand Master, West Virginia.

The closing event of the session was a dinner in the Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh, at which the judges received their certificates as Fellows, and the Honorable Newell A. Lamb, M. W. Past Grand Master of Masons in Indiana and a Fellow of the Institute, gave an inspiring and most worthwhile

address on the effective handling of juveniles who come in contact with the Court.

Including those who participated in this session—the seventh—one hundred and fifty judges have now become Fellows of the Institute. They have come from every State in the Union, the District of Columbia and Hawaii. The lot of over one million wayward, neglected and confused children will be made more hopeful as these Fellows go back to every corner of the land with a new feeling of dedication and better enabled to give the discipline, guidance and protection these children need.

The Institute came into being in response to an urgent need to help Juvenile Court Judges better to serve more than one million unhappy, bewildered, disturbed boys and girls who each year throng the juvenile courts of America. Unfortunately, neither in law school nor in his private practice is an attorney, who later becomes a Juvenile Court Judge, likely to get any training which will give him an insight into the handling of children before the law, and enable and give him the knowledge necessary to correct and guide these troubled young people into a life of usefulness and, at the same time, protect the community. To help these judges in the children's field, the Institute brings together, from time to time, a small group of judges (twenty to thirty) to make a clinical study of a court (The Allegheny County Juvenile Court) which devotes all of its time to children's work. Living together during the session, they consult each other and listen to and consult with outstanding leaders in relating and interlacing fields. Stimulated and informed by these exceptional opportunities and contacts, they return home personally better qualified to counsel, guide and correct those who need the attention, the care or the protection of the Juvenile Court.

In this manner the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court assists in solving the alarming problems of juvenile delinquency and of the disturbed youth of our times. It aims to put into practice on the highest plane the principle of Brotherly Love by benefitting children regardless of race, creed or color, and thereby adding strength to public service and to democracy itself.

## Christmas at the Homes

By ASHBY B. PAUL  
District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 2

Late each year we hear quite a bit about the Christmas and Entertainment Fund for our guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, but few of us realize what an enjoyable program of events is provided each year during the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

The festivities in the past season, for in-

stance, began early in December when the "York Chorus" of 40 mixed voices presented a Christmas Concert on December 10 in Grand Lodge Hall. The next night the "Bell Ringers" provided novel entertainment.

On Friday evening, December 13, Hess and Forrer, the well-known Harrisburg pianists and a group of instrumental soloists presented Christmas Carols in the Grand Lodge Hall.

On Monday evening, December 16, the Mitchell Grand Ensemble gave a Christmas program, while the next night the New Holland Company Mixed Chorus of 38 voices was heard in the Grand Lodge Hall.

On Friday evening, December 20, the Mrs. Charles Myers Ensemble including six instrumental and vocal artists entertained in the Grand Lodge Hall. The next afternoon an excellent orchestra presented a Christmas Concert.

On Monday evening, December 23, the girls and boys of the Masonic Homes gave an outstanding musical performance in the Grand Lodge Auditorium.

On the day before Christmas, the entertainment started early with a Christmas Musical Revue at 11:30 A.M. in the Allegheny Rest Home. This group moved to the Hospital for its Christmas Party at 1:00 P.M. and then into Grand Lodge Hall at 3:30 P.M. for the Christmas Party for the other guests. Santa Claus was much in evidence at each of these impressive parties, and had gifts for all the boys and girls, as well as the adult guests. At 7:00 P.M. the Christmas Eve Candle Service was held in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel, and an hour later the Christmas Carols were played on the chimes.

On Christmas Day, appropriate music was furnished by the Carolers and by the chimes prior to the delicious Turkey Dinner at 12 o'clock noon. Beautiful Christmas decorations were in evidence throughout the Homes; never did the Grand Lodge Auditorium and Hall look so magnificent.

"St. John's Day" was celebrated on Friday, December 27, with a St. John's Day Dinner.

The day before New Year's found a big New Year's party in progress in the morning in the Allegheny Rest Home and in the afternoon in the Hospital. At 6:30 P.M. a New Year's Eve Dance, with dance orchestra, hats, noisemakers, entertainment and refreshments, was held in the Grand Lodge Hall Auditorium. At 8:00 P.M., the girls and boys had their New Year's Eve Party and Dance in the John Smith Home for Boys.

The Happy New Year Dinner was served at 12 o'clock noon in Grand Lodge Hall on New Year's Day.

Appropriate Religious Services were held throughout the entire Holiday Season.

Through the generosity of the Pennsylvania Masons, our guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown had a really delightful Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

The Entertainment Fund, in addition to the above activities, provides for entertainment for all the guests throughout the entire year.



## Our December Communications

The December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Town Hall, Broad and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, December 4, 1957, and the Annual Grand Communication was held in The Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., Friday, December 27, 1957.

### Annual Election and Installation

At the Quarterly Communication the following Brethren were elected to serve Grand Lodge for the Masonic Year, beginning December 27, 1957:

Brother SANFORD M. CHILCOTE,  
R. W. Grand Master  
Brother MAX F. BALCOM,  
R. W. Deputy Grand Master  
Brother W. LEROY MCKINLEY,  
R. W. Senior Grand Warden  
Brother EARL F. HEROLD,  
R. W. Junior Grand Warden  
Brother LOUIS BACHARACH,  
R. W. Grand Treasurer  
Brother GEORGE A. AVERY,  
R. W. Grand Secretary

### Committee on Masonic Homes

Brother SCOTT C. REA  
Brother ROBERT E. WOODSIDE, JR.  
Brother SCOTT S. LEIBY, R.W.P.G.M.  
Brother C. HOWARD WITMER  
Brother WILLIAM E. YEAGER, R.W.P.G.M.  
Brother FRANCIS H. MILLS  
Brother ELLIS E. STERN

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer were duly installed at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27.

### Well Attended

Both Communications were well attended—the records showing that 440 different Lodges were represented at the Quarterly Communication on December 4, 1957, and 117 Lodges being represented at the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27, 1957.

### Many Represented

Distinguished visitors were in attendance at both Communications and came from the Grand Lodges of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Indiana, the District of Columbia, Ontario, Canada, Nova Scotia, and from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Grand Council Royal and Select Master of Pennsylvania, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, Empire of the East, the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and

Canada, the Masonic Service Association, the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and The Royal Order of Scotland were represented.

### Grand Master Honored

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Charles H. Nitsch, was again honored by being the recipient of the Jeremy L. Cross Award for Distinguished Service to Freemasonry. This Award was presented very graciously by Brother Carroll H. Ingalls, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

### Unique Flag Ceremony

The Flag Ceremony at the Annual Communication was unique in that the American, Canadian and Mexican flags were presented at the altar. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, Canada was honored by the singing of "God Save Our Gracious Queen" and "Two Countries by the Sea," and for Mexico its National Anthem was played.

### Eulogy for Brother Avery

Brother George A. Avery, R. W. Grand Secretary, having passed on to his Eternal Reward on December 22nd, Brother Arthur Murray, Grand Chaplain, delivered a eulogy in his memory. The R. W. Grand Master, Brother H. Nitsch, stated that Brother Albert T. Eyler would prepare an In Memoriam to be read at the next Quarterly Communication.

### Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

In the report of the Children's Service Committee, it was stated "that the Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute provides a tangible way by which the alarming problems of juvenile delinquency and of the disturbed youth may be combatted," and that now we have had judges from every State in the Union attend the Institute.

### Special Communication Held December 2, 1957

At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on December 2, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the Right Worshipful Grand Master caused Leon J. Obermayer, President of the Board of Public Education of the School District of Philadelphia, and Robert Galbraith Dunlop, President of the Sun Oil Company, to be made Masons at Sight.

### The Close of Another Masonic Year

At the closing hour of the Annual Grand Communication, Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, presented Brother Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master, with a Past Grand Master's Jewel, a Past Grand Master's Apron and the Gavel which he used during his recent administration.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, newly installed R. W. Grand Master, delivered his address, which has been printed in full in the Proceedings for 1957. Brother Chilcote was honored by the presence in Grand Lodge of 47 members of his Lodge, Verona Lodge No. 548.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, appointed Brother Harold S. McGear, Deputy Grand Secretary, and stated that all correspondence for the Grand Secretary's Office be directed to him.

### Freemasonry in Scotland

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can be conferred only in the presence of three Installed Masters except that in Colonial and Foreign Lodges one or more Installed Masters can do the work when granted a dispensation by the District Grand Master.

Scotland, the Colonies and Foreign Parts are divided into Provinces and Districts for Masonic purposes. In Scotland the divisions are known as Provinces and are governed by Provincial Grand Lodges. In the Colonies and Foreign Parts the divisions are known as Districts and are governed by District Grand Lodges. The Lodges in and around Edinburgh are formed into a Metropolitan District which is controlled by a visitation committee appointed by Grand Lodge.

The Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy must visit each Lodge under his jurisdiction at least once each year. On such visits he must be received in the Lodge on the third degree.

Individual Lodges are known as Daughter Lodges. Such Lodges must be composed of at least seven Master Masons in good standing. All such Lodges are required to have a fixed place of meeting. However, a body, by a majority vote of the members may meet in different houses within the same town or place provided at least one week's notice is sent to the members.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age before they can be entered an Apprentice except that the sons of Freemasons under the Scottish Constitution may be entered at the age of 18. Three black balls are required for rejection. There must be a two-week interval between the conferring of the several degrees.

The work of the Lodge is conducted in the Entered Apprentice degree. The Mark degree can be conferred only on Master Masons and only in the presence of those who have received it. Any Master Mason in good standing may be elected Master of his Lodge. He may not be Master of more than one Lodge at the same time. He can belong to as many Lodges as he desires.

The Mark degree conferred in a Lodge is accepted by the Royal Arch Chapter as a prerequisite to the Royal Arch.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has adopted no standard mode of work. There are several different rituals in use and a Lodge may select any one of them. Essentially they are the same and differ most in phraseology.

## Noteworthy Masonic Meeting Places

### V—MR. CAMPBELL'S BRICK HOUSE

By WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY

Lodge No. 21 (since 1803 designated as Perseverance Lodge No. 21) was warranted by Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ancients) under date of October 4, 1779. According to Dr. William H. Egle, the recognized authority on the early history of the Lodge, there is no record of action on the part of Grand Lodge approving the constituting of Lodge No. 21 in Lower Paxtang Township, Lancaster County, nor of the date upon which the Worshipful Master was installed. However, on October 22, 1779, the name of Matthew Smith, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 21 is mentioned in the Proceedings as having signed a petition from various Worshipful Masters to Grand Lodge. Under date of November 10, 1779, the minutes of the first meeting of Lodge No. 21 are recorded. The Wardens were then installed, committees appointed and action taken on various petitions. According to tradition, a Lodge of so-called "Modern Masons" had been formed in Paxtang Township some time previous to the Revolution. In partial substantiation of this belief, it is interesting to note that, twelve petitions to Lodge No. 21 were approved, coming from former Masons (presumably "Moderns"). In each case it is said that the petitioner upon examination or "on Confession" was found to have been "made a Mason in a Clandestine manner" or that he had "Rec'd the Several Steps in a Clandestine Lodge," or similar words of like import. One of these petitioners was Thomas McArthur, reputed to have been the owner of a building in which a number of the supposed "Modern" meetings were held. There is no record of the "Modern" Grand Lodge having issued a warrant for a Lodge in this vicinity. Hence, if such a Lodge actually was in existence, it presumably acted under the so-called "time immemorial" usage, which permitted a specified number of Masons (five, six, or six with the knowledge and consent of a seventh—depending upon the source of authority) to assemble, open a Lodge and practice the rites of Masonry.

The original meeting of Lodge No. 21, as well as those of the following year, were held at "Mr. Campbell's Brick House" situate on the Old Provincial Road from Reading to Harris' Ferry and located several miles east of the latter place. It was built prior to the Revolution (the exact year being unknown) and was used as an inn until about 1820, and afterwards as a farmhouse. It is of sturdy construction, has been modernized in recent years, and is still in use after nearly (or possibly all of) two centuries.

Independence Hall is the oldest structure (built in 1734) in Pennsylvania in which a Masonic Lodge was organized, Columbia Lodge No. 91 having been constituted there on September 7, 1801. However, "Mr. Campbell's Brick House" certainly must be deemed truly "noteworthy," since Perseverance Lodge No.

21 (constituted in 1779) is the oldest in the State which can point with pride to its birthplace as still being in existence, after the passing of more than one hundred and seventy-eight years.

## Introducing Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Your new R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Brother Earle F. Herold, is a busy man not only in Masonry but in the business world and civic affairs as well.

Masonically he has been a member of Butler Lodge No. 272 for over 40 years, having been its Worshipful Master in 1924. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 27 in 1951 and served in that capacity until he was elected and installed R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

He is a Past High Priest of Butler Chapter No. 273, a Trustee of Butler Council No. 61 and a Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery No. 87 in which body he has served as Recorder for 33 years. He is a member of New Castle Consistory, and was coroneted an Honorary 33° Mason in 1951. He is a Life Member of Syria Temple in Pittsburgh.

In the field of business, Brother Herold is Vice President and a Director of the Butler Savings and Trust Co., a Director of the Peoples Telephone Co. of Butler, a Director of the Mercer Lime and Stone Co., and a Vice President and Director of the Butler County Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

He is a member and a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Butler, a former Director and Treasurer of the Butler Chamber of Commerce, active in the Red Cross and Community Chest and recently became Area Chairman of the Cancer Society for nine counties in Western Pennsylvania.

He was born and raised in Butler and has spent most of his life there where he is a member of St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Tragedy struck in 1949 when his wife died. Brother Herold has two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Henderson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. Shirley Henninger of Butler.

Brother Herold was honored at a testimonial dinner on January 31st when 175 of his Masonic friends gathered at the Garden Gate Restaurant in Butler.

The event was sponsored by the Officers and Members of all the Lodges in District No. 27, the York Rite Bodies of Butler County, the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Castle, Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, and the Red Cross of Constantine of New Castle. The Masters and presiding officers of each of the above bodies were present as well as many other officers and members of those groups.

Brother David Hughes was General Chairman of the Testimonial while Brother Willard G. Cutler, Active Member and Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council acted as Toastmaster. He presented Brother Harry F. Smith, new District Deputy for the 27th District, Brother Fred M. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief of New Castle Consistory, Brother John A. Hollingsworth, Illustrious Potentate of Syria Temple and Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, each of whom spoke. Brother Herold responded in a most gracious manner.

Many of the District Deputies from the surrounding Districts were present and also many Honorary Members of the Supreme Council.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, had hoped to be present but was unable to attend because of a prior Masonic engagement out of the State. —A.B.P.

## In Memoriam

### BROTHER GEORGE A. AVERY Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonry in general lost one of its most devoted and gifted members when Brother George A. Avery, R. W. Grand Secretary, died last December 22 after a short illness.

Born in Philadelphia on November 20, 1892, Brother Avery was educated in the Philadelphia Public Schools. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1913 and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1917.

Shortly after graduation, Brother Avery became Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and served that Church for 35 years, resigning in 1952 to become R. W. Grand Secretary. During this time he was active in the Philadelphia Presbytery in various capacities and on many Committees and Commissions. During the same period he also took a prominent part in the Gray's Ferry Improvement Association.

He was made a Mason in Washington Lodge No. 59 in 1919 and served as Worshipful Master in 1927, and as Secretary from 1942 to 1949. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District A in Philadelphia in 1949 and served in this capacity until May, 1952 when he was appointed R. W. Grand Secretary. He was elected to that office the following December.

He was a member of University Chapter No. 256, Royal Arch Masons; Philadelphia Council No. 11, Royal and Select Masters of which he was a Trustee and the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia.

He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, September 28, 1955 at Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Avery was a truly humble person and he believed in and practiced Divinity of Service to his fellow men.