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Our Real Secrets

The real secrets of Freemasonry can be realized only in a Member's own heart, and perfect realization of Freemasonry is governed by his own conduct and habits of mind.

The Freemason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the altar of his heart will be inevitably drawn nearer to his God and will definitely learn and appreciate the real meanings of this life.

Merely receiving the Degrees in Freemasonry does not make a man a Freemason. The various Degrees do, however, point and direct the way and provide that way and means by which we can secure the most noble and valuable secrets of the Craft. In reality, the Symbolic Degrees are the keys to the door and the Member must determine for himself whether or not he will pursue the ways that open up those vast stores of wisdom preserved for those desirous, diligent and determined.
—W.A.C.

Brother Hiram P. Ball Appointed Vice-Chairman of Committee on Finance

On May 2, 1958 Brother Sanford M. Chilcote appointed Brother Hiram P. Ball of Pittsburgh, to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Finance of The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brother Ball is a Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 429 and presently a Member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 573. A member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh, he is also Immediate Past Potentate of Syria Temple, a member of Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2, Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, No. 162 and Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

Brother Ball is Secretary and Treasurer of

the Ball Chemical Company, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. A Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College and a Past President of the Franklin and Marshall Alumni Association, he is presently serving as President of the Middlesex Township School Authority.

It is of general opinion that Brother Ball's appointment will be of great benefit to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in general and to the Committee on Finance in particular.

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ing "Notices of Lectures to be given by those approved by the Committee on Lecture Corps" and inserting in place thereof "Matters relating to the activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture."

A discussion regarding the recognition of those Bodies which require Symbolic Lodge Membership as a prerequisite indicated that no record as to the recognition of any of them by our Grand Lodge could be found. Brother Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, suggested that the matter be deferred to a later meeting and asked Brother Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master, to prepare a list of those Bodies which in his opinion should be recognized.

Some lively discussions were had over several other subjects which were held over for a future meeting when more Past Grand Masters might be present.

Those present at the March 29th meeting included: Brothers Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master; Max F. Balcom, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Earl F. Herold, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and John A. Lathwood, Scott S. Leiby, William E. Yeager, Ralph M. Lehr and Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

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Address Card," it is vitally im-
portant to process one card only
and to be certain that your Name,
New Address and Lodge Number
are so noted.**

Highlights of March Communication

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Brother Harold S. McGear, Deputy Grand Secretary reported the following statistical report covering a tentative summary of the Membership for 1957:

Number of Lodges December 27, 1956	587
Number of Lodges Constituted in 1957	2
Total number of Lodges, December 27, 1957	589
Membership December 27, 1956	255,252
Admitted during 1957	687
Initiated during 1957	7,909
	8,596
Suspended during 1957	1,020
Resigned during 1957	558
Deceased during 1957	5,208
	6,786

Net Increase for 1957	1,810
Membership December 27, 1957	257,062

A beautiful In Memoriam to our late R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Avery, prepared by Brother Albert T. Eyler, R. W. Past Grand Master, was read by Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master.

It was reported that Forbes Trail Lodge, No. 783, constituted in the Mason Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday, January 16, 1958, had 115 Warrant Members, coming from forty-five Lodges, including one from Ohio and one from Texas. The Lodge is due to move into its new home late this fall in Export, Pa.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, reporting on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, stated that this magnificent structure, located near Alexandria, Virginia, was nearing completion. A check of the annual contribution made by our Grand Lodge to this great memorial, however, indicated that many of our Lodges have not been remitting the one dollar to be collected from each Initiate. It is felt that each newly made Mason would more than welcome this "once only" opportunity and honor to share in the completion and maintenance of this great undertaking.

Grand Lodge of State of Israel to Commemorate Fifth Anniversary

An elaborate and most inspiring and festive Masonic program has been designed and arranged by The Grand Lodge of The State of Israel to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the erection of that Grand Lodge. This celebration will be held in Jerusalem and will cover a period of ten days beginning July 1, 1958, and should be a rich, memorable and rewarding experience.

Full details covering the many phases of the ten-day program are available to any Master Masons interested and may be obtained by writing The Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of The State of Israel, P. O. B. 2080, Tel-Aviv, Israel.



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A Message from Our Grand Master

DUAL AND PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

At the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America I was asked to speak on the question as to whether Grand Lodges should grant their members the privilege of dual and possibly plural membership. Brother William O. Ware, Most Worshipful 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 in 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 1893 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 perchance unknown factors result in his being transferred from the area in which he has thus created a 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.

Referring to dual or plural membership involving a Lodge in a Foreign country, our Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America through its Committee On Recognition has done an excellent job in sifting down and distilling the truth with regard to the practice of true Masonic principles in Foreign Grand Lodges. This information has enabled the Grand Lodges in the United States to decide with reference to recognition of the Foreign Grand Lodges. Almost all of our Grand Lodges do recognize other properly constituted Lodges located outside of the United States and Canada. It is, therefore, most difficult for me to conceive of the necessity or advisability of plural membership by a Brother living in a Foreign country. He is free to visit such Lodges as are recognized by his Grand Lodge and wherever he may travel throughout the world, and especially wherever he may travel within the Grand Jurisdictions of North America, his Brethren in any Lodge will be most cordial in receiving him as a visitor. Wherever he may be located by reason of removal from the location of his mother Lodge, he may, if he so desires, resign his membership in his mother Lodge and petition the Lodge in his new home location. In many circumstances this is advisable because he will then feel free to work in his new Lodge and make his contribution to Masonry there. On the other hand if for sentimental reasons he desires to retain his membership in his original Lodge there is little doubt but that he will form friendships in the Lodge in the area to which he has removed himself as there are in every Lodge activities in which he can participate with freedom and enthusiasm, although not a member of that Lodge. If he is embarrassed in the thought that he is receiving a certain "something for nothing," I am quite sure that the Lodge would be pleased if he made a contribution to its financial support from time to time.

It is true that membership in a Lodge involves a corresponding obligation. Each Mason should make such contribution to his own Lodge as is reasonably possible in his particular circumstances. If at

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all possible he should attend the Lodge to which he belongs and participate in its activities. He should exercise his right of franchise. If he belongs to two or three or more Lodges he will find himself in a most difficult position in the course of service to the Lodge. It is most difficult for any of us to work for two or more masters and do a good job. This is especially true where those whom we serve are supreme in their particular Lodge and over them we find the Grand Lodge. The problem, therefore, of visiting more than one Lodge of which one happens to be a member regularly and of participating in the activities of each of these several Lodges, the payment of the required and necessary dues in each of these two or more Lodges presents difficulties. There are undoubtedly many Masons who could afford the economic phase of such membership but there are many others who would be just as desirous of such membership who find themselves in an economic situation inconsistent with such membership. There is the possibility that he may be suspended in one of the Lodges to which he belongs, which may result in a problem which conceivably could involve more than one Grand Lodge.

He may encounter some difficulty by dual membership outside his original Jurisdiction if he should become needy and require the financial assistance of not only his second Lodge or his third Lodge,

Freemasonry in Ireland

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

In Ireland the three Craft Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason are controlled by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland. There is an installation ceremony for the Master elect known as that of Installed Master.

Ireland is divided into Provinces for Masonic Purposes. Each Province is governed by a Provincial Grand Lodge headed by a Provincial Grand Master. The Colonies and dependencies of the British Crown are divided into Districts with a District Grand Lodge for each. There is a District Grand Master at the head of each. The Lodges in Dublin are formed into a special district known as the Metropolitan District. This District is administrated by the Grand Lodge.

Individual Lodges are known as Subordinate Lodges. A person may belong to as many such Lodges as he desires. He cannot be Master or Warden of more than one Lodge at a time except by special dispensation. To be Master, a Mason must have served as a Warden. A Secretary must be a Past Master. There is an office of Immediate Past Master and this officer takes precedence next to the Master.

There is a Lodge known as Grand Master's Lodge of which the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master is the Master. This Lodge takes precedence over other Lodges in that the members of this Lodge have their names en-

tered in the Grand Lodge register ahead of those of any other Lodge. In the absence of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master an Acting Master is elected to govern the Lodge. Members of the Lodge wear aprons fringed and bound with gold similar to those worn by Grand Officers but distinguished by the letters "G.M.L." embroidered in gold thereon.

The work of the Lodge is conducted on the Entered Apprentice degree. To hold office a member must be a Master Mason.

There is a standard ritual or mode of work prescribed by Grand Lodge and all Lodges are required to conform to it. There is no authorized printed version. The work is taught by means of Lodges of Instruction. The first or third degree can be conferred on only one candidate at a time and not more than three of these degrees may be conferred at any one communication. The ritual used by the Grand Lodge of Ireland has many similarities with that used by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Grand Lodge provides for the chartering of Military Lodges, which are associated with a definite Regiment or Garrison. Such a Lodge cannot initiate any civilian in any part of the British Dominion if there is a lawfully constituted Lodge existing within ten miles of the place where the civilian resides or where the Military Lodge meets. Also no Civilian Lodge can initiate any enlisted member of the military if there is a chartered Lodge in the Regiment or Garrison to which the man is assigned.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland prohibits membership by its members in Ireland in a body or society purporting to be Masonic unless such

body is sanctioned by Grand Lodge. Those groups which are sanctioned by Grand Lodge as being Masonic are published annually in the Calendar issued by the Grand Lodge. The bodies recognized as Masonic include the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Great Priory of Knights Templar, the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons (Rose Croix), the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Grand Council of Knight Masons.

but possibly of the Grand Lodge of a Jurisdiction other than that in which he maintains his original membership. This conceivably could cause some embarrassment with more than one Grand Lodge. Another problem which arises with dual and plural membership becomes evident with reference to the esoteric work which in some Jurisdictions is written and in others memorized and handed down from mouth to ear. The dual member in these circumstances may encounter severe problems if he remembers well his obligation in the Jurisdiction prohibiting any written dissemination of the esoteric work. There are many other matters which could become acute if the policy of dual and plural membership be adopted by all of the Grand Lodges of every Jurisdiction.

It is my thought that when one is made a Mason in his Lodge that his membership should, if at all possible, be retained there. If he feels that he should by reason of a geographical change, referring to his home, become a member of another Lodge, I feel quite certain that such worthy Brother will have no difficulty in resigning membership in his original Lodge and being most cordially received in the Lodge in the geographical area in which he finds himself. It is clear that he will have the privileges of visitation and fraternalism in the event he decides he does not desire to relinquish his original membership.

Sanford M. Chilcote

SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, R. W. Grand Master

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Brother William E. Yeager, R.W.P.G.M. Heads Masonic Relief Association

We were pleased, indeed, to receive a letter from Brother Howard A. Clark, Editor of "The Bulletin," official publication of The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, notifying us that Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, is now their duly elected president and chairman of the executive board.

In addition to serving on the Committee on Masonic Homes, and as Chairman of the Children's Service Committee, Brother Yeager is also chairman of The Committee on Masonic Culture of our Grand Lodge and most influential in the planning and designing of "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

Our best wishes are extended to our dynamic chairman as he assumes another Masonic responsibility to add to the many worthwhile and honorable services in which he is already engaged.

District Deputy Grand Masters Recently Appointed

The following have been appointed District Deputy Grand Masters by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master:

District C—BROTHER W. ALBERT SANDERS, Lodge No. 131. Born October 19, 1905 in Philadelphia; married, two children; Lawyer, 901-04 Philadelphia Trust Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. Member Philadelphia Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association, Lawyers Club of Philadelphia, Presbyterian Social Union of Philadelphia (1956-57), Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church, American Legion; in United States Naval Reserve 1943-45 NSD Oran Algeria 1944-45; Member Industry Lodge No. 131, Grand Lodge Committee on By-Laws, Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, Benjamin Franklin Consistory, Lu Lu Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Shrine Club of Philadelphia, Northeast Shrine Club, Montgomery Shrine Club, Royal Order of Jesters.

District H—BROTHER CHARLES A. KAUFFMAN, born March 24, 1902, Philadelphia; Education, Central High School, Philadelphia; Owner of plumbing, heating and air conditioning firm; active in Church, Civic and Fraternal Associations; Past President of the Philadelphia Plumbing & Heating Association; Past President American Society of Sanitary Engineers of Pennsylvania; Past President of Pennsylvania Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association; Past National Director for Pennsylvania in the National Association of Plumbing & Heating Engineers; Member and Past Master of Mitchell Lodge No. 296; Germantown Chapter No. 208; Germantown Commandery No. 182; Germantown Council No. 53; Germantown School of Instruction and Lu Lu Temple.

District 6—BROTHER GERALD H. WOERNER, born May 26, 1910, Philadelphia; graduate Franklin High School, Philadelphia; Pennsylvania State University; M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University; Director of Vocal Music, Lower Merion Senior High School, Ardmore, Pennsylvania; 10th Army Headquarters Okinawa Campaign; Director of Education, Pennsylvania State University; member The Music Educators National Conference; Phi Delta Kappa; Pennsylvania State Educators Association; member and Past Master Cassia Lodge No. 273; member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh; Lu Lu Temple; married; member Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

District 16—BROTHER HAROLD E. RACHT, born November 25, 1909, Honesdale, Pennsylvania; Education, Honesdale High School; served in the United States Army in the European Theatre 1942 to 1945; engaged in the construction business; member and Past Master LeRay Lodge, No. 471, LeRaysville;

member, Union Chapter, No. 161, Royal Arch Masons, Towanda; member, Northern Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templar, Towanda; member and active participant in degree work, Scottish Rite Bodies in Valley of Towanda; member of Williamsport Consistory, A.A.S.R., Williamsport; married; member and Trustee LeRaysville Congregational Church.

District 17—BROTHER ROBERT E. TAYNTON, SR., Lodge No. 317, born May 25, 1911, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania; graduate Wellsboro High School; married; five children; Treasurer, H. W. Taynton Company. Member and Past Master, Ossea Lodge, No. 317, Wellsboro; Principal Instructor, 17th Masonic District School of Instruction; member, Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Williamsport; member, Irem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilkes-Barre; has been most active in many civic enterprises for years, especially St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which he has served as a Vestryman, Junior Warden and Senior Warden.

District 27—BROTHER HARRY F. SMITH, member and Past Master of Butler Lodge, No. 272, Butler, Pa. Born June 17, 1907 in Butler County. Attended Butler public schools and Grove City College. A graduate of American School of Chiropractic of New York City. Member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler, Pa., where he serves as a Deacon and is presently a member of church council. Teaches in Church Sunday School. Is married, no children. Past High Priest and Trustee of Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 273. Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Butler Council, No. 61, Royal and Select Masters. Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery, No. 87, Knights Templar. Member of Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh. Member of Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

District 46—BROTHER DALZELL M. GRIFFITH, born May 17, 1899, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; graduate Bucknell University;

Ph.D., Civil Engineering, Cornell University; served in both World Wars and assisted in the establishment of the American University in England; at present serving as the Dean of the Department of Civil Engineering, Bucknell University; an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society for Engineering Education; member and Past Master Charity Lodge No. 144, Lewisburg; member and Past High Priest Milton Chapter No. 298, Royal Arch Masons; member, Scottish Rite Bodies in Valley of Williamsport; member, Williamsport Conclave No. 20, Red Cross of Constantine; active for many years in the 18th Masonic District School of Instruction; married; one daughter; a devoted and loyal member Beaver Memorial Methodist Church which he has served in many capacities.

District 56—BROTHER ARTHUR C. VAN NORT, Member and Past Master Acacia Lodge, No. 633, Marienville; Assistant Principal, 56th Masonic District School of Instruction; member, Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Coudersport; graduated from Cooperstown High School; attended Cornell and Columbia Universities; graduate, Syracuse University; in the United States Forestry Service since 1930; member, Society American Foresters; Past President Rotary Club of Marienville; married; a member of the First Methodist Church, Warren, Pennsylvania.

District 58—BROTHER RUSSELL G. YOST, born December 15, 1902, Shamokin; education, Shamokin High School; Chief Linesman, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company; very active in Trinity United Evangelical Church—President of Official Board and Secretary-Treasurer of both the Corporation and the Stewards; member and Past Master, Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin; instructor, 58th Masonic District School of Instruction, Mt. Carmel; member, Shamokin Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 264; member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Williamsport; married and has a daughter who is a registered nurse.

The Highlights of Our March Quarterly Communication

The March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held Wednesday evening, March 5, 1958, in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. There were 261 Lodges represented, numbering over 600 members and visitors.

On the previous evening, Tuesday, March 4, 1958, the three Symbolic Degrees were beautifully exemplified in the presence of Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, in the auditorium of Town Hall, Broad and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. These exemplifica-

tions were under the direction of Brother Andrew J. Schroeder, Instructor of the Ritualistic Work. Members of the Doylestown School of Instruction exemplified the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree; the Germantown School of Instruction exemplified the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree, and the Temple School of Instruction exemplified the Master Mason's Degree.

During the evening of the Quarterly Communication, Wednesday, March 5, 1958,

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Ashby B. Paul Recently Appointed Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, announced, on May 5, 1958, the appointment of Brother Ashby B. Paul, 33°, of Harrisburg, Pa., as Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brother Paul was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was graduated by Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Civil Engineer. While in high school and college he was much interested in athletics and for many years covered athletic events for Philadelphia and other papers. As a youngster he spent all his summers and spare time on his grandfather's and uncle's farm in Berks County.

Brother Paul's education was interrupted by World War One. Shortly after war was declared he volunteered and was sent to the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Niagara. Shortly thereafter he went overseas with the 23rd Engineers. After the Armistice he remained overseas to help rebuild the French roads.

Upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, Brother Paul was engaged by the Bell Telephone Company for 37 years, having served as Engineer of Buildings for many years. He retired from that Company last March first.

He is a Registered Professional Engineer and has belonged to many Engineering groups and has served various civic organizations both in Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

He is married, has two daughters and four grandchildren, and is a member of the Saint Stephens Episcopal Church in Harrisburg.

Brother Paul was initiated in Perseverance Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., Harrisburg, Pa., over thirty years ago. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1940 and as a Trustee for many years. He is a Director of the Masonic Temple Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Brother Paul has been District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2 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 covering of many events in The Pennsylvania Freemason from its origin.

He was exalted in Perseverance Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Greeted in Harrisburg Council, Royal and Select Masters and Knighted in Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templar.

He has been a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Harrisburg, Pa., for many years, serving as Commander-in-Chief from 1949 to 1952. He has been a Trustee of Harrisburg Consistory, S.P.R.S., and Secretary of the Trustees for several years; a Director of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and

Masonic Temple Association and was very active in the erection of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, Harrisburg, Pa.

He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Pittsburgh, Pa., September 25, 1946.

He is a member of Harrisburg Forest, No. 43, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Zombo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., having been an Aide to several Potentates. He is an active member of the Masonic Stewards Association.

It is the genuine wish of all Masons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that Ash, as he is affectionately known, may have many fruitful years in this very high and responsible office.

District Deputy Grand Master is Preferred Channel of Communication

Just as the president of a large corporation with offices in many localities scattered over a large area cannot be expected to make all the decisions personally and constantly attend meetings in the different localities, so is it impractical and impossible for your R. W. Grand Master to answer personally the myriad questions continuously arising and attend Lodge meetings night after night.

The corporation president judiciously delegates authority to responsible individuals and schedules his visitations in accordance with a well-conceived plan. Our R. W. Grand Master likewise has delegated authority to the District Deputy Grand Masters and has arranged to attend as far as possible the meetings of Lodges celebrating anniversaries of multiples of 25 years, as well as certain other important occasions.

R. W. Grand Master Sanford M. Chilcote has requested that all Lodge officers and members first address their inquiries, especially on Work and Law, to their respective District Deputies except as to those matters which the Ahiman Rezon requires to be referred to the R. W. Grand Secretary. He expects the District Deputies to answer these inquiries as promptly as possible, and to refer only those matters to him specifically required by Regulations or those few unusual items which are not within their province to decide.

A recent Circular Letter of Instructions contains the Regulations which the District Deputies are expected to observe and enforce; likewise a similar Circular Letter of Instructions to the Lodges contains the Regulations the Lodge officers and members are required to observe. It is suggested these Circular Letters

be reviewed by the District Deputies and Lodge officers and plans made to comply with the Instructions.

In connection with Lodge Visitations, attention is called to Paragraph 26 in the above Circular Letter to the Lodges which reads as follows:

"All invitations to the Grand Officers to visit a Lodge shall first be taken up with the District Deputy Grand Master. He will discuss the purpose of and occasion for such a visit with the Lodge. If he considers the occasion warrants a visit by a Grand Officer, the Lodge will send the invitation to the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, stating the invitation has the approval of the District Deputy Grand Master."

Lodge officers 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.

Compliance with the above Instructions is urgently requested by your R. W. Grand Master.

Committee on Landmarks

Two committees on future planning, one to study the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, including the Patton School, and one to study the situation in Philadelphia were recommended by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, at a meeting of the Committee on Landmarks held at the Masonic Homes on March 29, 1958.

Due to the age of many of the buildings at the Masonic Homes, as well as the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, some dangerous situations have been discovered in these structures. Although many costly repairs and replacements have been made during the past ten years, much still remains to be done. It is hoped the committees will make a thorough study of the properties covered by their assignment and set up a five- or even a ten-year program over which the suggested repairs and improvements may be made. Such a plan would reveal what work is most essential and afford the opportunity for a systematic planning of the financing. The recommendation received the approval of the Committee on Landmarks and the new committees will be appointed later by the Grand Master.

"Matters relating to the activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture" may now be announced in Lodge notices and become a part of the business of a Lodge at its meetings.

When the Committee on Masonic Culture was established it absorbed the Committee on Lectures and the latter was dismissed. It was therefore recommended to the Grand Master that Decision No. 785 (1937 Edition of Digest of Decisions, revised to May 1, 1956, page 148) be amended by deleting item Number 4 read-

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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 on April 26 when the Masonic Temple of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the adjoining Recreation Building were officially dedicated.

To some of us a dream is merely a fond hope or aspiration, while a vision may be only a mental image of something of extraordinary beauty. The Masons of Pennsylvania have dreamed over the years of having a Masonic Temple and more adequate recreational facilities at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown where our Masonic Guests could more actively continue their interest in Freemasonry and where all our Guests could enjoy themselves and relax in such attractive and appropriate surroundings.

Dreams of this magnitude cannot be realized without the thoughtfulness and hard work of so many. Numerous bequests and gifts made possible the \$1,500,000 expenditure required to erect and equip these magnificent structures. To those unselfish benefactors our present and future Guests and Masons in Pennsylvania will be forever indebted. But more than dreams and money are required in such an undertaking; the painstaking time, effort, perseverance and ability of numerous Grand Lodge Officers and other dedicated Masons who over the years gave much of themselves that these buildings could be planned, built and finally put into use. These Masons will have the knowledge that they too have contributed so much to the welfare and happiness of so many for decades to come.

The Masonic Temple was dedicated at 10 o'clock A.M. in strict accordance with The Ahiman Rezon by R. W. Grand Master Sanford M. Chilcote and the other Grand Lodge Officers. The Temple was filled to capacity, while the other Master Masons present viewed and heard the impressive ceremonies over a closed circuit television hook-up in the adjoining George H. Deike Auditorium.

After luncheon, served to all the attending Masons and their guests, the Recreation Building was dedicated at 2 P.M. in the Deike Auditorium by the R. W. Grand Master. The auditorium was completely filled while the exercises were broadcast to the filled to overflowing crowd in the Ball Room and also to a group assembled in the paved parking space. After these dedicatory exercises, the entire structure was open for conducted tours.

Brother W. Ralph Ward, Jr., Grand Chaplain, Lodge No. 680, delivered the principal address at the Masonic Temple dedication, and he stressed the great debt that so many owe to the few who made this Temple possible. He pointed out that this magnificent edifice is something more than stone and wood—it reflects the inner man, the quality of manhood—and that Masonry's greatest contribution is in

terms of men of sterling character.

R. W. Grand Master Chilcote mentioned that in this new Masonic Temple "we may continue to perpetuate the esoteric work of Freemasonry. It will serve well the Grand Lodge and more especially our aged Guests at Elizabethtown." Brother Chilcote pointed out that no commitments for the use of the Masonic Temple, other than by Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 would be made until after next September 1, but that in the meantime Rules and Regulations governing its use would be promulgated.

R. W. Grand Master Chilcote also presided at the dedication of the Recreation Building in the afternoon. Brother Dahlen K. Ritchey, Architect, of Lodge No. 735, officially delivered the building to R. W. Past Grand Master Ralph M. Lehr, Chairman of the Building Committee, who in turn presented the golden keys to the R. W. Grand Master, who accepted them on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Brother George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master, who had been so instrumental in the completion of this project and in whose honor the auditorium is named made the principal address. He pointed out some of the highlights in the development of the building program at Elizabethtown since the first buildings were opened back in June, 1910; the first unit of the Hospital in 1916; the many additions to the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital; the Nurses Home in 1951 and many others.

Brother Deike pointed out that it was in 1947 that Brother Richard A. Kern, while R. W. Grand Master, again emphasized the urgent need for these newest facilities and the present project took form. Much work was required, however, before the Resolution to proceed with actual construction was passed by the R. W. Grand Lodge on March 2, 1955. Ground was broken on July 22, 1955, and the cornerstone laid on November 26, 1955.

Brother Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master, who also spoke briefly, said that this is the day we have been looking forward to for so many years and that our dreams and visions have finally taken concrete form—that this building is dedicated to the souls of our Guests.

Grand Master Chilcote summed up the great usefulness of the Recreation Building in that it complements all the other services provided at the Masonic Homes by providing "a sanctuary from loneliness for our Guests."

The construction details are most interesting. The Masonic Temple is a unique building, triangular in design and of cantilever type construction. The cross section resembles a huge arrow head pointed toward heaven. The roof rising from the main floor to the apex is 70 feet in height. The roof constitutes the side walls and is carried to the level of the lodge room floor. The entire weight of the building

above the lodge floor is distributed or carried back to the columns. The cantilever floor is supported by the widest flange beams rolled by the steel company, with a 1¼-inch solid steel plate welded to the top flange for additional strength. The lodge room floor is so constructed that it is strong enough to carry the weight of several of the largest locomotives of modern design. The total steel tonnage in the building is 576 tons.

The building was designed as a symbol to Freemasonry and utilizes triangulation; no circles; all straight lines; the square; the rectangle and the right angle. The large east window is a light tint of blue to give a blue shade to represent the rising Sun. The west window is a medium tint of yellow and with the aid of the flood lights gives a distinct coloring of the setting Sun. The three levels of fluorescent lighting on the north and south sides of the lodge room represent the three levels of Freemasonry, especially those used during the erection of King Solomon's Temple, that is, E.A., F.C. and M.M. The large fan in the east back of the Master's station with its lighting effect represents floating clouds or the Universe, the whole system of created things.

The columns located at the three stations are patterned after the columns of the ancient classics as follows—

EAST . . Doric signifying Wisdom

WEST . . Ionic signifying Strength

SOUTH . . Corinthian signifying Beauty

The height of each column is different and the size of the body of the column changes according to the height. The heads of each were carved from a solid piece of wood. All pews, throne chairs, officers' chairs, desks and altar denote a symbol of Freemasonry and each contains the square and compass. The carpet is Masonic blue. The interior is finished in California cedar, redwood and Eastern birch. The complete exterior and interior is perhaps one of the few buildings to be seen anywhere with this modernistic and symbolic design.

The auditorium is modern in every respect with a seating capacity of 550 and is equipped with a stage to accommodate live shows, wide screen motion pictures, cinemascope, band concerts and other musical entertainments. Modern projection equipment has been installed.

The first or ground floor includes a recreation room with stage and dance floor facilities, furnished to provide for 500 persons, large game room and a dining room with stainless steel kitchen. The entire building is air-conditioned and equipped with a public address system for both floors. The building has no elevators; one may reach the upper or lower floor by a reverse ramp or by very modern, full floating aluminum stairs. The building is connected to Grand Lodge Hall by a large arcade.

The Building Committee includes Brothers Ralph M. Lehr, Chairman; Scott S. Leiby; Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Masters, and C. Howard Witmer. —A.B.P.