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Your Circulating Library

By WILLIAM J. PATERSON

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The Circulating Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania consists of interesting books on Freemasonry and new editions are constantly being added to the collection. Two pamphlets, one containing a list of these books and the other the Rules and Regulations will be sent to a member upon request. After receiving these pamphlets please refer to the last page of the Rules and Regulations, and you will see a "Form of Application" which you fill out to become a member. When you request a book of your choice be sure to send the Librarian the name and number of the Lodge to which you belong.

To know more about Freemasonry from its beginning up to the present time is essential to every Master Mason, whether he be young or old, so why not take advantage of this opportunity, and become enlightened on the subject. The books are well-written by authorized Masonic scholars. There is no charge for borrowing books, and they will be loaned to you for a period of three weeks.

It is impossible to list here all the titles of the various Masonic books on hand, therefore we can only mention a few, namely:

INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY
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MORE ABOUT MASONRY
THE GREAT TEACHINGS OF MASONRY
SHORT TALKS ON MASONRY
FAMOUS MASONS AND MASONIC PRESIDENTS
FREEMASONRY AND ITS HIDDEN MEANING
FRATERNAL SERMONS AND ADDRESSES
A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY
SYMBOLISM OF THE THREE DEGREES
MASONIC SPEECH MAKING

Education in Freemasonry will develop and cultivate your mind which will give you the proper impression of its teachings. Why not read one or two books on Freemasonry during your spare time, and I know you will be well rewarded.

Did You Remember the Christmas and Entertainment Fund for The Homes?

The Christmas and Entertainment Fund for our Guests at The Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, not only provides for the Christmas and other Holiday entertainment but it also provides for chapel and religious services, motion pictures, picnics and other social functions and spending money from time to time. This Fund has proven invaluable in carrying out the necessary athletic and social programs for our children at The Homes and our boys at The Patton School, located directly opposite The Homes.

As has been proven, time and time again, the Christmas and Entertainment Fund is a most worthy undertaking of the many phases of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and should well command the support of each and every Member of our Grand Jurisdiction.

If you haven't made out the postage-free envelope, enclosed in your September Lodge notice and addressed to Brother Arthur E. Myers, Superintendent, The Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, please do so. Your thoughtful generosity will be richly rewarded by the grateful appreciation of the children and our aged Guests at Elizabethtown. Your check or money order should be made payable to Arthur E. Myers, Superintendent.

Officers of Hospital Extension Fund Cited for Their Efforts

"Duty makes us do things well,

But love makes us do them beautifully."

PHILLIPS BROOKS

The above lines were part of the Citations recently given Brothers William R. Mooney, William H. Betz and Morris Ruberg at the Victory Celebration in connection with the successful campaign to raise funds for the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital Extension.

Largely through the untiring, valiant efforts of these three Brethren, the members of the Philadelphia Lodges have raised over \$560,000

for the much needed and already fully occupied Hospital Extension at our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Brother William R. Mooney acted as Chairman of the Trustees for the Fund, Brother William H. Betz was the Treasurer, while Brother Morris Ruberg was the Secretary. If three Masons ever worked harder on a Masonic venture to insure its success, we have not heard of it.

More complete details of this endeavor will be available later.

Masonic Reading and Research

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will lend itself to investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and secret mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated and accepted.

The man who merely takes the degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and who remains a mere spectator at Lodge meetings, and then considers the customary refreshments after Lodge is closed as the best part of the proceedings, may well think that Freemasonry differs very little from other fraternities.

On the other hand, the Member who dives deeply into Masonic literature, takes an interest in the Ritualistic and Work of the Lodge, attempts to learn the origin and meaning and moral bearing of the symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him, Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations or societies.

To bring this type of influence to bear on every Member of the Craft, and to direct them to the systematic study of Freemasonry, should be the great aim of every true Master Mason who has the welfare of the Fraternity and his Brethren at heart. —W.A.C.

"Aides" to Committee on Masonic Culture

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particularly "The Pennsylvania Freemason," it is urged that each Secretary make arrangements to have this name printed on his Lodge notices beginning in 1959. In this way each member can readily get in touch with the "Aide" in his Lodge.

If, at any time, your present mailing address is changed, please remember that, in addition to your new address, your Lodge Number MUST be indicated if you wish to continue receiving "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

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A Message from Our Grand Master

PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE

(A Meditation for Freemasons)

The Apostle Paul, in the use of these words, was thinking of his past life and of his resolutions for the future, in the terms of a race. His mind was harassed by the afterglow of the past. The challenge of the future lay ahead. A changed man, he was undertaking a new life. He did not comprehend everything involved but definitely concluded one thing—he would forget the past, look ahead to the future and "press toward the mark for the prize." Now he would run a race with certainty. He would follow new rules. He would strain every muscle and sinew as he pressed forward.

Paul turned his back to the past because of the bitterness of its memories. The good athlete prepares and steels himself to win the next race regardless of the outcome of the last one. The victories or defeats experienced by him are a part of the effort in the past which is really only a stage in his development and equipment for future achievements. As we go through life all of us have from time to time experienced the discouragement and disappointment so closely associated with living. There have been bright days and dark days.

James Russell Lowell stated it so well in "The Vision of Sir Launfal" where he said:

"Not only around infancy

Doth Heaven with all its splendors lie;

Daily, with souls that cringe and plot;

We Sinais climb and know it not."

The artist does not paint his best picture on his first attempt. By constant application to his work he will some day produce his masterpiece. The author will throw away many pages before he produces the final lines for publication. It is, therefore, a good thing to be able to forget, as Paul resolved to do, and run the best race that we can each day. Each day we live is a stepping stone to the next and to all of the tomorrows of life. By the daily application and practice of the true principles of Freemasonry which we have learned, we have within our grasp the tools which we can use to run a successful race. The moral and spiritual virtues of Freemasonry must be practiced outside of the Lodge, be absorbed into and become a part of our daily adventurous living. By practicing Freemasonry we are able to climb the "Sinai" of everyday living and in the radiance of Masonic Light we courageously face the future. The day which has become a part of the past together with all that entered into the living of it, conditions us for tomorrow when the race is renewed in our effort to reach the "mark" which has been set.

The idea of "pressing toward the mark" is a challenge to all of us. In the busy bustle of modern living it sometimes becomes most difficult. The spirit of competition which is involved in an athletic contest of any type is also encountered by us from day to day as we run the race of life. One of the secrets of success may be found in the idea of "pressing toward the mark." Every man should have his "mark" and press for it with all his energy. To successfully run the race of life which involves all of the phases of life's activity every man must have his "mark" for each of these several phases. A business cannot operate successfully unless the challenges are met with well-planned programs. The same can be said with regard to successful living. It means competition and expenditure of effort after careful training and wise planning. After all of this has been done, the race must still be run in the course of which the contestant will get "roughed up a little." By following the rules, however, and keeping in mind the goal, he can and will be successful.

The experience of Paul on the Damascus Road was a crisis or turning point in his life. Suddenly there shone 'round about him a Light from Heaven which felled him to the earth and blinded him for several days. Freemasonry also has its Damascus Road. All Masons have experienced the contrast between Darkness and Light. This lesson and the part which it should play in our everyday life should be ever before us as we press forward in the race of living. The lesson of the difference between Darkness and Light affords all of us the opportunity to set a proper goal or mark. It enables us to develop a purposeful life. It enables us to reappraise life's values from day to day. Sometimes we may find ourselves like "wrong way" Corrigan who became famous by reason of his flight in the wrong direction, or we may be like Roy Reigels of Rose Bowl fame, who "took off" with the ball toward the goal line of the opponents. There can be no substitute for the establishment of true values which must be determined early and checked constantly to the end that a purposeful life results. Sound values of correct living will result in renewed energy rather than fatigue and complete exhaustion in the course of the race. Evaluations and re-evaluations must be made constantly. We must have due regard as Masons for our religious beliefs, and tolerance in connection with them, our civic and social responsibility, our professional and business obligations and our duties as good citizens. Each of us should establish the highest possible standards for ourselves, remembering our responsibilities as good citizens. Good living involves steadfastness of purpose based on true values, honest motives, a high regard for our fellow man and a routine process of clear thinking as we proceed to press for the "mark."

What about the prize? The mark and the prize are two different

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things. The prize has to do with the result obtained. To reach the mark has to do with establishing values and concentrating on methods of achievement. If the race of life is run according to the rules we may be sure that by application of due diligence and courageous effort we will reach the mark. When the mark has been reached the prize is a counterpart of the successful running of the race. It is the consciousness and satisfaction of having been a participant to the fullest extent.

The true principles of Freemasonry which we are taught clearly outline for us those things which should be borne in mind as we engage in life's activities. The real purpose of Freemasonry is to build better men, men of good character, men of "good report." Freemasonry teaches us the precepts of correct living together with others. Its

philosophy is designed to enable us to live a full and complete life—to run the race of life successfully and heroically. Injustice, intolerance, ignorance, superstition, ingratitude and intemperance have no place in Freemasonry. As Masons it would be well for us to make a daily check of these items as they affect our living to make sure that they have not crept into our thinking and possibly to some degree motivate our actions. By following the principles involved in the idea of Truth, Justice and Toleration, with reference to which precepts Masons should be skilled, we may be sure that we will reach the "mark," and by having done so, obtain the "prize"—the realization that we have run the best possible race as we journey through life.

Sanford M. Chilcote

SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, R. W. Grand Master

Grand Lodge of California Dedicates a Magnificent Temple

High on the top of Nob Hill, in one of San Francisco's most beautiful areas, overlooking the magnificent Bay, stands California's new Masonic Temple dedicated "To Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."

Rising majestically from its proud location, the two street facades faced with pure white Vermont Marble, are dominated by four huge figures, each twelve feet high, representing the branches of our country's armed services. Adjoining these figures is a frieze of fourteen Italian Marble figures depicting a titanic tug of war in the global struggle between the forces of good and evil.

The imposing Memorial Temple is entered through a terrace, featuring five growing olive trees, emblematic of peace, and a colonnaded entrance porch flanked by two massive white marble pillars. Each pillar, twenty-three feet high and weighing more than fourteen tons, is symbolic of the pillars in the porch of King Solomon's Temple.

The entrance foyer is finished in beautiful white marble but its predominant feature is the huge endomosaic window depicting the history of Freemasonry in California. This immense window is an entirely new concept in the use of colored glass and is constructed by the ingenious placement of thousands of small pieces of colored glass of varying shapes and sizes encased in layers of plastic.

The auditorium, to the left of the foyer, is reached through aluminum and bronze grilles, whose decorative theme is bronze wreaths of victory. The auditorium seats 2,000 on the main floor and 1,200 in the balcony. The background of the platform is a wall extending from floor to ceiling of Roman Travertine Marble surrounded by a gold leaf panel. In the center of this wall is a huge gold sunburst, in the center of which is a transparent, illuminated letter "G." In back of the auditorium

is a series of air-conditioned committee rooms and offices.

On the ground floor is a multi-purpose room, 17,000 square feet in area, which can be used for exhibits or displays, or to provide dining capacity for 1,200. Adjoining this room is a garage with a 500-car capacity.

The mezzanine floor provides access to the auditorium balcony and also space for a Masonic Museum.

The third floor houses the administrative offices of the Grand Lodge, including offices for the Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge officers. Opening off these offices is an open-air loggia from which is visible a sweeping panoramic view of the San Francisco Bay region.

Planning for this imposing \$6,000,000 edifice was started in 1947; the architect was selected in 1953; ground was broken in the spring of 1956; the cornerstone was laid in September, 1956, and the magnificent Temple was dedicated on September 29, 1958, with many prominent Masons present from all corners of the world.

The inscription above the decorative grille leading into the auditorium expresses the underlying theme of this majestic Temple—"California Freemasons honoring their heroic war dead erect this Temple dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence, that the cause of Freedom for which they died shall ever be therein the sacred trust of their Brethren and of Freemasons yet unborn."

Going Places and Doing Things

John J. Knittweiss was graduated from Elizabethtown High School on May 31, 1957 while a guest at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, where he had resided since 1950. As a result of his scholastic attainments and his cooperative leadership at The Homes, John was given the Daniel R. Rosston Award at the

Annual Children's Day Exercises at The Masonic Homes later that spring.

After leaving The Masonic Homes shortly thereafter, John obtained a position and also attended Lincoln College Preparatory School in the evenings in Philadelphia where he now resides. His diligence at prep school qualified him for admission to Drexel Institute of Technology, he having passed all the entrance examinations with high scores.

In the meantime, John was the recipient of the Radio Square Club Scholarship Award, which will defray his tuition and other expenses at Drexel Institute, where he is now enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering Course. Brother Charles L. Jensen, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Radio Square Club, an organization of Masons who are employees of the Philco Corporation, says, "We feel that John will live up to our expectations and bring credit to himself as well as the Radio Square Club."

Brother Russell S. Trimmer, Counsellor of the boys at The Masonic Homes, was instrumental in having John, one of his "boys," considered for this important scholarship award.

On his recent visit to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, your Grand Secretary was approached during a Grand Lodge recess by a sturdy young man who introduced himself as "Bill" Carpenter, and proudly stated that he was graduated from Thomas Rankin Patton School for Boys at Elizabethtown in 1949.

Subsequently he moved to Cincinnati, where he was made a Mason in Excelsior Lodge No. 369. And Brother William R. Carpenter is now Worshipful Master of that Lodge.

Brother Carpenter was high in his praise of the treatment and training he obtained while at the Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic Institution. Another one of our "boys" has made good.

Incidentally, Brother Carpenter, while at Patton received the American Legion Award for "Honor, Courage, Leadership, Service and Scholarship."

George Washington Masonic National Memorial

By MAX F. BALCOM

R. W. Deputy Grand Master

This splendid edifice, erected on Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, stands out as a Memorial to our first President and as a Beacon Light for Freemasonry around the world.

The construction of this beautiful nine-story Memorial was started in 1932 and will be completed in all its parts in the coming year. The cost of the Memorial has been more than \$6,500,000 of which Pennsylvania Masons have to date contributed \$553,000. This amount has been raised by the practice of many years of having each new initiate contribute \$1.00, as well as additional donations from the Grand Lodge.

In recent years we have been falling down on this program, for at the Annual Meeting held in Alexandria on February 22, 1958, R. W. Grand Master, Sanford M. Chilcote made the Grand Lodge's customary payment of \$5,000 and also a check of \$3,504 representing the contributions from the members. Since Pennsylvania had 7,909 initiates during the past year, we only contributed about one-half the amount as planned for the Memorial program.

Pennsylvania Masons have an added interest in the Memorial, as our late brother, Louis A. Watres, R. W. Past Grand Master, was President of the Association for many of its early years during which time the work was getting well under way. Also, the Pennsylvania Masons have the responsibility for the "Library Room" on the Seventh Floor which is a most unique and beautiful room to house the many Masonic books and records gathered under one roof from all parts of the world.

With the completion of the Memorial the Directors are presented with a new problem, that is of raising an Endowment Fund which will produce sufficient revenue to pay the operating costs of the Memorial which will probably reach the sum of \$150,000 per year. The objective of this Endowment Fund is \$5,000,000 of which they have \$800,000 in hand at the present time. This leaves a goal of over \$4,000,000 for the Masons of this country to raise in order to meet this objective.

The Grand Master has recommended that Pennsylvania's program be rejuvenated to its early enthusiasm and much of our past obligations be picked up in this year and then carried on with the determination with which our Order is famous. His recommendations specifically are:

1. That the Secretary of the Lodges secure the sum of \$1.00 from each newly made Mason as he is initiated.
2. That all members of the Lodge make an additional contribution to the Endowment Fund of the Memorial in such an amount as they reasonably can (deductible for income tax purposes).

3. That all Lodges give careful consideration to a gift from the Lodge itself, the amount of such gift to depend upon the ability of the Lodge financially to contribute from its current funds only.

Pennsylvania Masons have already given generously to the Memorial, but your Grand Lodge officers are sure that all our Members will feel it a privilege to give again towards the completion of this Endowment Fund.

Many of our Brethren have had the privilege of visiting this Memorial and have been thrilled by it and its many Masonic treasures. Any of the Brethren who are in the vicinity of Washington will feel richly rewarded by making a trip to Alexandria to personally see this tribute to our first President and our Masonic Fraternity.

Sovereign Grand Commander Addresses Eighth Session of The Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

By JUDGE GUSTAV L. SCHRAMM

Director

In the words of Ill. George E. Bushnell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction: "You people in Pennsylvania are doing a magnificent thing because you are doing exactly what the Masons are trying to do in every phase of their operations, to live outside itself, to live beyond itself, to serve humanity without regard to race, color or creed. You have found it and you are the only Masonic group I know of in the world who is tackling this problem" [of juvenile delinquency].

The Sovereign Grand Commander was the speaker at the dinner in the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—a most memorable occasion—at the close of the eighth session, at which twenty judges from seventeen states received Certificates from Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, as Fellows of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute. The Sovereign Grand Commander and Mrs. Bushnell were accompanied by the Actives, Past Actives and Emeriti of the Supreme Council and their ladies as guests of the Institute. As at previous sessions, Brother George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master, presided; and Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Children's Service Committee of Grand Lodge, acted as Toastmaster. Msgr. John O'Grady, Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington, D. C., offered the Invocation, and Rev. Dr. W. Ralph Ward, Jr., Grand Chaplain, pronounced the Benediction. The Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple was filled to overflowing as distinguished citizens both in the Fraternity and of the profane paid inspiring tribute to the cause of children.

Thus far 170 judges from every state in the Union as well as from Hawaii and the District of Columbia have journeyed to Pittsburgh to become Fellows of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute. This, the present undertaking of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has caught the imagination and admiration of thoughtful, civic-minded people everywhere and has emphasized the national significance of the Fraternity's service to God and Country. The Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute is *Brotherhood in Action*.

Annual Grand Communication Being Held in New Masonic Temple at The Masonic Homes

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Saturday, December 27, 1958, will take place in the new Masonic Temple of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. In keeping with the usual custom, the proceedings will begin at 10 o'clock A.M., so that the elected officers of the Grand Lodge may be installed by Noon or shortly thereafter.

This, in all probability, will be the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that the Annual Grand Communication will be held outside of Philadelphia.

Following a luncheon to be served in the dining room of Grand Lodge Hall at The Masonic Homes, the visiting dignitaries will be taken on a tour of The Homes. Later in the day, some of our Grand Lodge officers, along with several of the visiting dignitaries, will leave by train from Harrisburg for Boston, Massachusetts, where they will attend the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that convenes on Monday, December 29, due to December 27, their Feast of St. John, falling on Saturday this year.

"Aides" to Committee on Masonic Culture Should Appear on Notices

Several years ago the R. W. Grand Master authorized the appointment in each Lodge of an "Aide" to the Committee on Masonic Culture. Initially the duties of the "Aide" were primarily in connection with the publication of "The Pennsylvania Freemason." The duties and responsibilities of the "Aides" are continually increasing, and in the near future they will undoubtedly take on additional importance.

In order that the members would know the "Aide" in their Lodge, the R. W. Grand Master, a year ago, authorized each Lodge to show the name of the "Aide" on page 4 or 6 of the notice.

Not all of the Lodges have included this in their notice as yet, and in order to assist in the promotion of the Educational Program and

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From Our Grand Secretary's Office

THE SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

The September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was comparatively short, but a vast amount of work had been accomplished in the two days preceding the Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, and the other Grand Lodge officers had scheduled a series of meetings for these two days, and many committees were in session. The Finance Committee held a lengthy meeting on Tuesday, while the Committee on Landmarks met that night.

The District Deputy Grand Masters met with the Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters Wednesday morning and after luncheon the Committee on Masonic Culture held a lengthy session. Various other meetings were held throughout the two days.

All the R. W. Grand Lodge officers attended

the Communication, along with seven R. W. Past Grand Masters and forty-five District Deputies. One hundred and eighty-five Lodges were represented.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Colombia, Occidental, Cali, requesting fraternal recognition, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, of which R. W. Past Grand Master, Brother William E. Yeager, is Chairman.

A petition was presented requesting a Warrant for a new Lodge, to be held at McKeesport, Allegheny County, to be called Accord Lodge No. 785. Plans are also in progress for a new Fox Chapel Lodge and a new Monroeville Lodge.

The Committee report on Finance was presented, showing the receipts and expenditures for the past Quarter, ending August 15, 1958.

Amendments to the By-Laws of eight Lodges

were approved and amendments to two others were approved as amended by the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Temple, in its report, indicated that work on replacing the elevators was rapidly nearing completion; also that considerable interior repainting, and other minor repairs, had been done during the summer.

Brother and Reverend James F. Gross, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who is now the pastor of the First Moravian Church at York, Pennsylvania, honored Grand Lodge by his presence and was introduced by the Grand Master. Brother Gross responded in a brief but eloquent manner. Our Brethren in York will be happy to have such a fluent speaker and distinguished Mason in their midst.

Ceshly B. Paul

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

Plans Upon the Trestle Board

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

What is it that makes a good Lodge officer; one whose year as Master is looked back upon as one of the outstanding years in the Lodge?

There are several contributing factors. While all Senior Wardens are not endowed with the same talent for being a Master of a Lodge, the one great factor which will insure their success is not talent, but making plans in advance.

A successful business man puts plans upon his drawing board. He anticipates problems before they arise and thinks out their solution. He uses every means at his command to gather together information and data which will permit him to make a success of his business.

The same is true in the conduct of the affairs of a Lodge. The Master is an administrator, and successful administrators are planners. They look ahead.

Senior Wardens should now be anticipating their election as Masters of their Lodge and before they are installed should have a definite plan for their entire year—a plan which can be announced at the time of their installation.

They should study the programs of Masters who have had outstanding years. No one will criticize them for imitating that which is good in others. It probably will be found most advisable to plan a program for each stated meeting, doing all degree work at the extra meetings. If such a program can be announced at the time of installation, or at least months and months ahead, it will insure its fruition—otherwise, because of the press of affairs, the anticipated plans may not materialize.

If a Master has a well-outlined program with the activities for his year definitely planned, his Lodge will become a live Lodge

and both his members and the Brethren residing in his community will give him their wholehearted support. Petitioners are much more likely to knock at the preparing room door of that kind of Lodge.

If a Senior Warden is a good planner, he will become a good Master.

1758 — 1958 Lodge No. 2 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

Early in 1758—two hundred years ago—a small group of "Antient" Masons met in Philadelphia and drew up a petition requesting the Grand Lodge of England for a Warrant. The request was granted and a Warrant was issued bearing the date of June 7, 1758. With elaborate ceremonies, Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia on October 18, 1958 celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the granting of that Warrant.

Realizing the importance of the occasion, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, and the other Grand Lodge officers made a Grand Visitation to Lodge No. 2 in Ionic Hall in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. This was the only Grand Visitation scheduled by the R. W. Grand Master in 1958.

Then followed a gala dinner in the Grand Lodge Banquet Hall. Members of Lodge No. 2 from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska; Pasadena, California; Miami Beach, Florida; Richmond, Indiana; and many other states returned for this most important occasion. Brother Frederick Anne, their oldest living Past Master attended; the Grand Master of Maryland, the Grand Treasurer of New York, Past Grand Masters from Virginia and Delaware honored the Anniversary by their presence. The Bible upon which George Washington took his oath of office as First President of

the United States was brought over from New York by the Worshipful Master and members of St. John's Lodge No. 1. Worshipful Masters from St. John's Lodge No. 1, of New Jersey, Lodges No. 3, 9, 19 and 51 of Pennsylvania, and a Past Master from Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Virginia, were in attendance, along with many other notable Masons.

Brother Walter K. Zaute, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2, presided and told of today's Lodge No. 2; Brother James C. Rowan, P. M., Treasurer of the Lodge, who was Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, spoke briefly of the former Anniversaries of Lodge No. 2; Mahlon Addis, P. M., a talented writer who prepared the most interesting and instructive "Two Hundred Years of Masonic History—Lodge No. 2"—pointed out only a few of the real highlights of those 200 years; the whereabouts and actions of Brother George Washington in the year 1758 were discussed by Brother W. Albert Sanders, District Deputy Grand Master of District "G"; the distinguished visitors from the other Jurisdictions added their congratulations with impressive remarks.

The occasion was climaxed by a most forceful, although shortened, address by R. W. Grand Master Sanford M. Chilcote.

Brother Chilcote, in summing up, suggested that "We as Masons should meet the challenges of today as our Brethren of 200 years ago did—Freedom was then, and is now, not free—it has had a price; it has it today and will tomorrow—we must perpetuate the Freedoms which were established 200 years ago—we must take an interest in today's problems, and then *do something* about them—by our actions in community, church, school—it behooves us as Masons to take our place in the various walks of life in a firm and steadfast fashion."

The Promotion of Masonic Culture in Pennsylvania

By WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY

When provision was made for the creation of a Committee on Masonic Culture by an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon in 1954, in addition to the operation of the Library, the maintenance of the Museum and the pursuit of Masonic research, the Committee was specifically charged "to disseminate Masonic Culture through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means." The word "culture" has a number of shades of meaning, but the definition "development or improvement by education or training" seems to describe most correctly the scope of the Committee's functions in this respect. Most of our Grand Masters in recent years have emphasized repeatedly the desirability of having better-informed Masons. During the term of Brother William E. Yeager as R. W. Grand Master, "On the Threshold" and its three companion booklets were issued for the purpose of affording candidates an opportunity of securing definite information concerning the purposes, teachings and doctrines of the Craft. These booklets have well served the mission for which they were intended, and their perusal by candidates has increased the effectiveness of the ritualistic work by supplying a suitable background of knowledge and information with regard to the aims and obligations of Freemasonry.

Almost all of those who have given serious thought to this matter, however, seem to agree that the present course of instruction (excellent though it is, as far as it goes) could well be extended and supplemented. In compliance with this belief, the Committee on Masonic Culture for several years has been studying the ways and means used by various Jurisdictions in furthering and fostering their educational programs. Borrowing ideas from available sources, principally the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Indiana and New York, the Committee has developed what it believes to be a workable program for the further promotion of Masonic Culture in Pennsylvania. Its primary purpose is to amplify the instruction contained in the present booklets ("On the Threshold" et al.) by presenting to approved petitioners and newly-made Masons additional information in the fields of Masonic history, symbolism, precepts and practices (in fact, almost all phases and facets of Freemasonry except the Ritual itself).

The Working Tools of the project comprise a series of eight short pamphlets. The first of these (intended for the instruction of Pre-initiates) (a) outline the course of fraternalism through countless ages forming the background for the advent of Masonry and (b) describe in considerable detail The Old Charges from which our present-day Constitutions have been indirectly derived. The next two (for Entered Apprentices) (a) portray the transition of Masonry from an Operative Art to a Speculative Science and (b) interpret the esoteric symbolism of the First Degree. For use in in-

structing Fellowcraft Masons, the Committee will provide pamphlets (a) on the early history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and (b) telling of the major Benevolences of the Grand Lodge. The last two pamphlets will cover (a) the esoteric symbolism of the Second and Third Degrees and (b) the functions and activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture, with emphasis on the manner in which the newly-made Mason can utilize the services of that Committee.

The method by which it is hoped to conduct this educational work, is relatively simple. The Committee feels that, with the memorization of the ritualistic work plus the study of "On the Threshold" and its companion booklets, the candidate will have sufficient "homework" to occupy his attention. It is believed therefore that oral instruction with a supplemental discussion period would be more effective in the further indoctrination of the novitiate. Hence it is proposed that in each Lodge a Committee on Masonic Culture be appointed by the Worshipful Master. This Lodge Committee would then form a number of instruction teams, each composed of two or three qualified brothers (not necessarily members of the Committee) who would meet periodically with Pre-initiates, Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons as they pass through the several degrees. Using the pamphlets enumerated above, these discussion teams would present the material verbally and then follow with a question-and-answer period. It is recommended that the instruction team for each class of novitiate be different (wherever feasible) in order to divide the task among the largest possible number of qualified members.

The manner of presenting the material will vary. Some instructors will doubtless wish to memorize the text in its entirety; others will familiarize themselves thoroughly with the material and then use their own phraseology; still others will want to confine themselves to a careful reading of the pamphlet. Certainly the Committee makes no claim that the pamphlets are perfect in subject matter or in manner of presentation. However, they have been prepared with great care in an attempt to make them accurate, readable, and as brief as is consistent with the proper covering of the subject. It is hoped therefore that instructors will not diverge too far from the actual text. Following the recital of the facts set forth in each of these pamphlets, there should be a discussion of the matter involved, in an effort to ascertain that the candidates have grasped the purpose and significance of what they have heard, and also in an attempt to increase their desire to learn more of the basic facts about the great Fraternity with which they have just united. For the latter purpose, a number of additional pamphlets are under contemplation covering such topics as the philosophy of Freemasonry, the Grand Lodge and its organi-

zation and activities, famous Masons, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Masonic literature and other items which it is hoped will be of real interest. An effort will be made to encourage the use of the Circulating Library by the Committees. In these and other ways, the Committee trusts that it may be able to contribute something to the much-needed effort being exerted toward making Masons as well as making members.

Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, First To Meet in Masonic Temple at The Masonic Homes

Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, of Gettysburg, had the distinct honor of being the first Lodge to receive a dispensation to hold an extra meeting in the Masonic Temple of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Approximately 110 Masons, including 35 Masonic guests at The Masonic Homes, attended the meeting which was held on Tuesday evening, October 14, 1958.

The Master Mason's degree was conferred by Brother Paul G. Pensinger, District Deputy Grand Master, who is a Past Master of this Lodge. Brother Arthur E. Myers, Superintendent of The Masonic Homes and a Past Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 570, attended and brought greetings from the Grand Lodge.

Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, which formerly met in Elizabethtown, now holds its meetings in this new Masonic Temple at The Masonic Homes.

Medical Consultants Honored at Tenth Annual Testimonial Dinner Held at The Homes

Brothers Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Executive Committee of The Committee on Masonic Homes, and Dr. C. Howard Witmer, member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Hospital Committee of The Committee on Masonic Homes, combined in paying tribute to the approximately one hundred Doctors and Dentists who recently attended the Tenth Annual Consultants Testimonial Dinner.

These Doctors and Dentists comprise the Consultants Staff who give so freely of their time and talents to the Guests at The Masonic Homes, especially those in the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

The Testimonial Dinner on October 23 was held, as usual, in Grand Lodge Hall at The Masonic Homes and was attended by most of the Grand Lodge officers, members of The Committee on Masonic Homes and members of the Finance Committee, the latter having met there that same day.