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George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association

By MAX F. BALCOM

R. W. Deputy Grand Master

The Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association was held in Alexandria, Virginia, at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 23. Owing to the illness of President Jory, First Vice President Dewey Hesse presided. This meeting was again very well attended by Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters as well as many other visitors. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was represented by the Right Worshipful Grand Master as well as most of the line Officers and Past Grand Masters.

Acting President Hesse gave the report for the year and stated that up to this time total expenditures for the Memorial had been \$6,890,697.47 and that while the interior of the Memorial was completed, the Association would still need about \$250,000 to complete the granite work on the outside.

This Memorial to Brother George Washington, our first President, as well as to the Masonic Fraternity in the United States, is indeed a most magnificent edifice and one of which the Fraternity may well feel proud. It is located on Shooters Hill near Alexandria, Virginia, and can be seen for miles around. We again recommend that any of the Brethren who may be in Washington would feel amply repaid for the time which it would take to make a visit to this Memorial.

Early in 1958 it was the feeling of Grand Master Chilcote and the other Grand Lodge Officers that something should be done to accelerate the completion of the Temple and its opening on a regular daily schedule should not be delayed. With this thought in mind special letters were sent to the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Secretaries of all the Lodges throughout the State recommending that \$1.00 be secured from each newly made Mason, also members of the Lodges make an additional contribution to the Endowment

Fund and that the Lodges themselves could well consider a gift which, of course, would be based upon their ability to finance it from current funds.

For many years it has been the practice of Grand Lodge to make a special contribution of \$5,000 to the Memorial and, in addition, to forward the \$1.00 initiate fees as they are received from the various Lodges. However, in the past few years only about half of these initiate fees were collected and consequently the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not living up to the verbal obligations which had been made to the Association.

For the year ending February 10, 1959 we are glad to report to you that the contributions and initiate fees for that year amounted to \$17,793.75 as compared to only \$3,504 in the previous year. This amount, which was increased by the annual \$5,000 contribution, meant that the Masons of Pennsylvania in 1958 contributed a total of \$22,793.75 to this most worthy project. The Grand Master was very pleased with the response to his appeal and wishes to thank all the Brethren who have been so helpful in this matter.

However, this does not solve the problem at the Memorial for it has long been the aim of the Memorial Association to have an Endowment Fund which would produce sufficient revenue to operate the Memorial in a proper manner. Up to this time the Endowment Fund only amounts to \$880,000 as compared with a goal of \$5 million.

When the Temple is opened in all its parts and on a daily schedule, the operating costs will be approximately \$125,000.00 the first year and in a short time on full operations, would probably increase to \$150,000.00 per year.

It has also been the practice of the Memorial Association to always have the cash on hand as they continued and they have the desire to have the Endowment Fund operate in the same manner but apparently the appeals in recent years have not been sufficiently strong to bring this about.

Therefore, Grand Master Chilcote in a most inspiring address at the meeting of the Memorial Association advocated that in order for the Association to have sufficient operating funds for the first year that all the Lodges throughout the country make a donation of \$10.00 each. Also that all of the Grand Lodges endeavor by solicitation to secure a total equivalent to \$1.00 for each of their current membership and which, in total, would amount to \$4 million and would thus about take care of the needed

A Day in the Masonic Homes

The following lines of poetry were written by Mrs. Clara Logan, Guest at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown from February 27, 1939 through October 22, 1951. Although Mrs. Logan, widow of a Member of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 384, has passed this life, her sentiments, as expressed in the poem, are indicative of the general reactions expressed by the many Guests at The Homes, both past and present.

On top of this beautiful round World I sit,
With nothing to do but gossip and knit,
After breakfast we walk, after dinner we nap,
If this thing keeps up I won't have any lap.
So many good things to eat, I'm bustin' a button,
We have plenty of beef but very little mutton.
Sunday we have chicken, Monday we have soup,
I eat so much I can hardly stoop.
Already I have gained five pounds and a half,
Afraid I'll make a wrinkle each time I laugh.
We have breakfast at seven, dinner at noon,
But always and forever supper comes too soon,
Why the chicken is hardly picked out of our teeth
Before back to the dining room we silently sneak.
The supper hour is five, to be exact
And, although our tummies are solidly packed,
We sip a little and eat some more
Until visions of nightmare before us soar.
Then comes the evening when we gather and sit
In that big assembly room where we talk, laugh and knit,
Listen to Amos and Andy, Lowell Thomas or some cure
Until we have had all we can endure.
Then in two's, three's or bunches we trek to our homes
Across lawns or through subways we slowly roam.
A little chiming, then good nights are said
And by nine-thirty we are safe in our bed.
But during these days we are grateful and glad
and I'll say "Life in the Masonic Homes is not half bad."

Endowment. Also that the initiates would continue to make their payment of \$1.00 each and in this way all members of the Fraternity could rightfully say they had some part in contributing to the George Washington Memorial.

There was a very spirited discussion regarding the Grand Master's proposal but since this was an entirely new approach it was finally decided that the recommendation should be laid over for a year and in the meantime a Committee appointed to gather all information necessary regarding the Memorial and forward it to each of the Grand Lodges so that they in turn could start a project along the line as suggested by our Grand Master, or else come up at the next Annual Meeting with an alternate proposal as to how this financial matter could best be solved.

In the meantime, however, it is still the recommendation and the desire of Grand Master Chilcote and the other Grand Lodge Officers that the Lodges in Pennsylvania continue their efforts in raising as much money as possible and thus enable the George Washington National Masonic Memorial to be opened in all its parts and on a regular schedule.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! LET US RESPOND TO THE CALL!

The International Order of DeMolay was founded in Kansas City, Missouri on March 18, 1919. A most distinguished Mason, Frank Sherman Land, conceived the idea of forming an organization of young men between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one years, possessed of high ideals of citizenship and democracy, to the end that the true value of right living be developed at an early age when it would become most effective in the channeling of a more abundant life. The vision of Frank Sherman Land has matured and become a reality. Still active as Secretary General of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, he is recognized throughout the World as a man of vision who has lived to see his fabulous dream come true.

The youth of today will be the men of tomorrow. The destiny of the World and of our beloved Country will shortly be in the hands of the young men and women of today. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is interested in the future citizens of America. The least that we can do is to endeavor through the channel of DeMolay to help them become better leaders and better citizens. DeMolay itself has erected a structure in the framework of which is found all of the essential elements for the development of character and leadership in young men. It is built on a solid, firm foundation and the superstructure has withstood the tests of time. In the basic foundation and structure we find that it advocates and teaches reverence for God, and the highest respect and regard for womanhood and parents. It teaches the essential elements leading to a successful life by establishing within its structure the ideas of honesty, loyalty to high ideals, development and promotion of friendship, graciousness and gentlemanliness.

In this atomic age where scientific developments are far beyond the comprehension of most of us, and where the potential for destruction surrounds us on every hand, with lack of confidence between nations the subject of newspaper headlines, together with many other disastrous forebodings, the young men of the World who are members of DeMolay are taught the basic principles of integrity and patriotism in time of peace as well as war. Recognition of cleanliness of mind and body becomes a part of the belief and practice of these young men who have entered within the portals of DeMolay. The Principles of obedience to the law and devotion to the practices of good citizenship, both by precept and example, together with the pledge to support all of these basic principles leading to a more abundant and fruitful life, are a part of the thought and action of DeMolay.

When we conceive of what has been done within DeMolay we are compelled to stand within its shadow and that of its founder and those who have successfully devoted their energies and attention to the problems of the youth of the World, with prayerful thanks for the vision of this great institution. When we remember that there are approximately three million of the young men of the World who have joined together in the practices and teachings of the principles of

DeMolay, with approximately six thousand chapters in the United States, its territories and eleven foreign countries, we can not help but be persuaded of the tremendous influence which has been brought to bear for good, looking to the future of mankind. This institution has given the youth the tools of leadership and successful adventure in the fields of industry, government, business and the professions. Senior DeMolays have already taken their place as leaders in all walks of life. In these unsettled times DeMolay takes its place with all the great institutions designed to build a better World.

The International Order of DeMolay is not confined to those of our youth who may be able to trace their heritage to a Masonic background. Any young man who will subscribe to and support the principles for which it stands, is eligible for membership. The inspiration and development of young men in DeMolay has resulted in approximately 65 per cent of them becoming Master Masons. More than thirty thousand have become Worshipful Masters of Masonic Lodges. A number of the Grand Lodges have been presided over by Grand Masters who were in their youth members of the Order of DeMolay. Over thirty thousand DeMolay boys have become Ministers of the Gospel. Many have taken their places as outstanding business and industrial leaders and the professions are well represented by those who charted their course in their youth on the true principles of correct living, as taught in DeMolay. Many have become active in politics and in our government with high responsible positions affecting the policies of our Nation and of the World. Truly the idea of Brotherhood and the proper relationship of man to man and Nation to Nation has developed in this great "Flower Garden" of youth.

Realizing the tremendous influence of DeMolay in the World today and after very careful consideration and conference with Masonic Leaders, on March 18, 1959, on the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the Order of DeMolay, familiarly known in DeMolay as "Obligation Day," the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through my ruling as Grand Master, recognized in an official way the great potential of DeMolay. On that day we ruled that Subordinate Lodges throughout Pennsylvania be permitted to sponsor a chapter or chapters of the Order of DeMolay.

Financial assistance may be given by the Lodge, from current Lodge funds, to the establishment and maintenance of these chapters. Lodges are also authorized by voluntary gifts of those members who may desire to participate, to form a special fund to be used in the promotion of a chapter or chapters of DeMolay. This will afford every Lodge in every community an opportunity to actively and directly participate in an activity which will improve the youth of Pennsylvania, directing their actions and thoughts in proper channels and removing them from the pitfalls which so frequently encompass so many young men as they travel through the formative teenage of life.

It is my sincere hope that every Lodge and every Mason will conduct a soul searching examination of the great opportunity now in the hands of every Mason in every Lodge to get back of the youth,

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our young men and future citizens. By supporting this activity a leadership will be developed that otherwise will be neglected. A good community relationship will result from participation in DeMolay. It is hoped that the opportunity to work in this field will result in a renewed Masonic enthusiasm for one of the finest causes that any Lodge or any Freemason can champion. If we will but consider the idea of sowing that others may reap the harvest; of working for those who will live after we are dead; of being an inspiration in the lives of men yet unborn; of endeavoring to bless with the glorious gifts of truth, light and liberty those who will never know the giver, we will then come close to realizing and practicing the true principles of our Fraternity.

The following lines by Will Allen Dromgoole pretty well express our relationship as Freemasons to the youth of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow:

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

*An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,*

*The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide—
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that's been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."*

Cordially and fraternally,

Sanford M. Chilcote

SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, R. W. Grand Master

Grand Master Appoints Brother Herman Witte District Deputy Grand Master

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, recently announced the appointment of the following District Deputy Grand Master:

DISTRICT F—BROTHER HERMAN WITTE, Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 368 of Philadelphia. He was born in New York City and moved to Philadelphia where he attended Public Schools and the Wharton Evening School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is married, is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church and lives at 5329 North Sydenham Street, Philadelphia 41, Pa.

He entered insurance work in 1926 in Philadelphia and in 1934 established HERMAN WITTE & Co., General Insurance Brokers, writing Fire, Casualty and Marine Insurance for commercial and personal accounts. He is a member of the Insurance Society of Philadelphia and a Director of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Association.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia, LuLu Temple and is a Life Member of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania Corporation.

He is a Director of Bush Hill Savings and Loan Association; a Director of the Executive Committee of the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation; is active in the Pastorius Day Association; President of The German Society of Pennsylvania, which was founded in 1764 and is the oldest German Society in America.

He is a member of the Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club, at Marshall Creek, Pa., and in his spare time is interested in photography, fresh water fishing, travelling, and various social and civic groups.—A.B.P.

Philadelphia Freemasons Cited in Grand Lodge For Hospital Extension

Ten years ago a group of Masons who were members of Lodges in the City of Philadelphia held an "Organization Meeting" in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple. The purpose of that meeting was to raise \$500,000.00 which would be used to help defray the cost of erecting an extension to the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

It was estimated that there were at that time approximately 50,000 Masons in the Philadelphia Lodges and if each would contribute an average of \$10.00 the required quota would be realized. A contribution from each individual member was considered more desirable than a small number of large gifts in order that this would continue to be truly "The Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital."

What a world of accomplishment has been achieved in the decade since that staunch group of dedicated Masons met in Corinthian Hall. Every Lodge in Philadelphia participated and not only did the Extension Fund Committee surpass its quota and turn over to Grand Lodge the magnificent sum of \$564,000.00, but the erection of the Extension has been completed. As a result 124 urgently needed additional beds have been made available in the Hospital, and the Guests are now using all of these beds.

The raising of this vast sum of money was not an easy task. It required the untiring, devoted efforts and abilities of a large corps of Masonic stalwarts working in close harmony with the small Extension Fund Committee. The original Committee consisted of Brothers Edward F. Roberts, then R. W. Deputy Grand

Master, Chairman; Horace M. Barba, Executive Chairman; William H. Betz, Treasurer; Morris Ruberg, Secretary; William R. Mooney, George C. Flannigan, Jr. and Morris Schernfeld, Trustees, together with the then Philadelphia District Deputies; Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master and Henry S. Borneman, Counsel.

You will notice that many of the above prominent Masons have passed to the "Great Beyond" and did not have the enjoyment of the realization of their dreams. Other devoted Masons moved into the breach and picked up their torches.

Last Fall the Committee held a "Victory Celebration" marking the conclusion of the campaign for funds. At that time the Committee consisted of Brothers John H. Doherty, Past District Deputy, Chairman; William H. Betz, Treasurer; Morris Ruberg, Secretary; William R. Mooney, James W. Alexander, James L. Fawley, George C. Flannigan, Jr. and E. Marx Schwerin, Trustees; along with the Deputies and nine Advisory Members. Even in the short time since that "Celebration" several of the above Masons have gone to their "Reward."

While the campaign was officially closed at that meeting, donations are still accepted in the Grand Secretary's office and will form the nucleus of the "Fund" that will probably be required some day for still another Extension to this great humanitarian project.

So that all the members of the 593 Lodges in our jurisdiction would know of this outstanding accomplishment of the Masons in the Lodges of the City of Philadelphia and affiliated Bodies, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted at the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

"RESOLVED, That The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,

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Perry Lodge No. 458 Celebrates Anniversary with New Song in Its Heart

Not every Lodge has a song written in its honor for its annual Anniversary celebration. At the recent eighty-ninth Anniversary Banquet of Perry Lodge No. 458, at which Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, was the speaker, Brother J. LaRue Hess, a Past Master of Perry Lodge, and Brother Thomas E. Francis, of Harrisburg Lodge No. 629, presented for the first time the following song dedicated to this well-known Lodge located in Marysville:

*There's a Lodge in dear old Penn-
sylvan-ia,
A Lodge with lots of style.
Up at Per-ry Lodge they en-ter-tain
"yuh"
With a glad hand and a smile.
With broth-er-hood and friend-ship,
With glad-ness and good cheer,
They will wel-come you to dear old
Per-ry
And say: "Glad you're here."*

Brothers Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master; Richard A. Rosenberry, District Deputy Grand Master, and John Shull, Trustee of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund and Masonic Homes Reserve Fund, are members of this Lodge.—A.B.P.

Grand Masters of Masons in North America Meet in Washington, D. C.

By W. LeROY MCKINLEY
R. W. Senior Grand Warden

Each Grand Lodge in North America is, of course, supreme unto itself. There is no "Grand Lodge of North America" or "Grand Lodge of the United States." There exists, however, among the several Grand Lodges and the Officers thereof, a real and sincere spirit of friendliness and fraternalism and a desire on the part of each, to be helpful to the others. The physical manifestation of this spirit is the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

This conference is held each year, in the week encompassing Washington's birthday, in the City of Washington, D. C. and is attended, not only by the Grand Masters, but also by the other elected Grand Lodge Officers and by many of the Past Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges. It affords a common meeting ground for the exchange of thoughts and ideas relating to Masonic subjects and, as a necessary corollary thereto, an opportunity for the development of personal friendships which could not otherwise exist.

This year the conference was held on February 24th and 25th and the representatives of our Grand Lodge basked in the sunshine of

reflected glory when our own Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, was honored by being presented with the Tucker Medal of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, as the outstanding Mason of the year. This medal is conferred only by vote of the Grand Lodge itself.

Indicative of the type of thinking permeating these conferences, the questions discussed this year were the following:

- I. "Should Grand Lodges exercise more control over the recognition and activities of organizations requiring Masonic affiliation for membership?"
- II. "Should Grand Lodges respect the laws of other Grand Jurisdictions concerning candidates?"
- III. "Should Freemasonry actively reply to anti-Masonic religious propaganda based on misrepresentation and falsehood?"
- IV. "Should Symbolic Masonry extend its charity outside the Craft?"
- V. "Should candidates undergo compulsory instruction in Masonic philosophy?"

The affirmative and negative of each subject for discussion is assigned well in advance of the meeting dates, so that there is sufficient time for research and proper presentation and, at the conclusion of each discussion, a vote of the Grand Masters present is taken. The vote is, of course, not binding on any Grand Lodge, but is indicative of the general or majority opinion held by the Grand Masters attending the conference. This "meeting of the minds" has proved, through the years, to be a real liaison among the Grand Lodges and to be well worth while.

First Institute Conducted by Committee on Masonic Culture Huge Success—Others Planned

The First Institute conducted by the Committee on Masonic Culture was most successful—152 Masons were present at the initial session which was held in Johnstown on Saturday, May 2, 1959.

This Institute was sponsored by the District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts 30, 39 and 41—Brothers Otho H. Dunlap, Hugh H. Bell and Orland A. Kipp having invited the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Aides and members of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture to the meeting.

Brother Kipp writes "I am happy to report that the reaction to the program has certainly been enthusiastic in so far as my contacts have been since the meeting and I express my appreciation for the time and effort given in making the meeting a very successful one."

Through such area Institutes it is planned to present to the Lodge Officers and the Members of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture the aims, objectives and procedures in making the new program effective. Additional Institutes are being planned in other districts in order to get this Lodge Program underway.

Our Grand Lodge Host to Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Education

The Fourth Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Libraries and Education will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia on June 12 and 13. The first two Conferences were held in New York City and last year's Conference in Boston.

The theme of the Conference will be "Working Tools for Masonic Education." The program provides for the presentation of the methods used by the Grand Lodges in New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Pennsylvania in their educational program. The contribution which a Masonic Library, the publications of the Masonic Service Association, as well as any sanctioned and approved publication can make, will also be studied.

Although the sessions are primarily for the benefit of the members of the committees in the participating jurisdictions responsible for Masonic education, many Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, in addition to the members of these committees, will be present. The Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania are members of the Conference.

Philadelphia Freemasons Cited in Grand Lodge for Hospital Extension

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in grateful recognition of the magnificent gift of Five Hundred and Sixty-four Thousand Dollars made to it by the Members of the Masonic Lodges meeting in the City of Philadelphia and their many Friends and Affiliated Masonic Bodies, for use in connection with the building of the new Wing or Extension of The Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the gift itself and of the time and effort of the many Brethren who made it possible and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, since the Extension to said Hospital has been completed and all of the one hundred and twenty-four beds therein are occupied by Guests of Our Masonic Homes, the thankfulness and appreciation of those now being benefitted and those in the future who will be so wonderfully benefitted thereby, be made known to the Fraternity at large."

Note: The above article was prepared from information made available by Brother Morris Ruberg, who was Secretary of this Committee from its inception.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

OUR MARCH COMMUNICATIONS

The March Quarterly Communication was unusually busy and culminated two active days in which many meetings were held. Over 270 Lodges were represented at the Quarterly.

On the previous evening the three degrees were exemplified under the direction of Brother Andrew J. Schroder, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, before the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, and a large assemblage in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple.

All the work was capably done, although none of the Brethren filling the various stations and places were elective officers in their respective Lodges. Brother James A. Achroyd, Senior Deacon of Chartiers Lodge No. 297, acted as Worshipful Master for the Entered Apprentice Degree; Brother Clair L. Bushyager, a Steward of Jeannette Lodge No. 750, was in the East for the Fellow Craft Degree, while Brother Albert E. Turner, 3rd, Senior Deacon of University Lodge No. 610, was the Worshipful Master for the Master Mason's Degree. Thirty-one Lodges were represented in the three degrees and the opening and closing.

A communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the French National Grand Lodge pointing out that a clandestine French Grand Lodge had recently been formed. The spurious Grand Lodge has assumed the same name as the legitimate Grand Lodge and to create further confusion is attempting to create Lodges with the same names as the regular Lodges. We recognize only the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the French National Grand Lodge (Grande Loge Nationale Française) whose official address is 65 Boulevard Bineau, Neuilly-sur-Seine, Paris.

The Committee on By-Laws is always busy. Upon its recommendation the By-Laws or amendments of twenty-six Lodges were acted upon by Grand Lodge, while those from twenty-four other Lodges were received and referred to this Committee.

The proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund referring to the frequency of meetings of the Almoners were also approved by Grand Lodge.

The Finance Committee presented its report for the first quarter of the present fiscal year. In addition a Resolution was presented and adopted expressing the deep appreciation of Grand Lodge for the magnificent gift of \$564,000.00 by the members of the Masonic Lodges in the City of Philadelphia and affiliated Masonic Bodies for the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Another article gives further details of this gift.

The Committee on Temple in its Quarterly Report indicated the work accomplished and expenditures during that period. Your Masonic Temple at Broad and Filbert Streets in Philadelphia requires and receives constant, expert attention.

The Committee on Masonic Culture reported that eight new pamphlets had been prepared for the instruction of pre-initiates and newly made Masons. These eight pamphlets have been printed and are being forwarded to each Secretary with instructions as to their use. You will hear more about these pamphlets in the near future.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presented a report on the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association which is covered in his article on this subject elsewhere in this issue.

Brother W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, likewise has an article in this issue on the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, which he discussed at the Quarterly. Be sure to read these interesting articles.

The preliminary statistical report for 1958 is as follows:

Number of Lodges	
December 27, 1957.....	589
Number of Lodges	
Constituted in 1958.....	1
Total number of Lodges,	
December 27, 1958.....	590
Membership December 27,	
1957.....	257,005
Admitted during 1958....	609
Initiated during 1958....	6,746
	7,355
Suspended during 1958....	1,263
Resigned during 1958....	611
Deceased during 1958....	5,218
	7,092
Net Increase for 1958.....	263
Membership December 27, 1958.....	257,268

The above number of initiates is the smallest since 1943, while the number suspended is the largest since 1942. The net gain is the lowest since 1942.

It is believed that friendly, personal contacts might have been helpful in reducing the number of those suspended. In some Lodges these contacts have been most effective.

A little personal effort would undoubtedly bring many of those suspended back to membership. This is something that each Lodge can and should try to accomplish. Your Lodge Secretary can quickly explain the necessary steps as outlined on Pages 29 and 30 in the Form for Recording Minutes.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Israel, Brother Jona Ron, and a R. W. Past Grand Master of Texas, Brother Claud L. Austin, were officially received and each addressed Grand Lodge briefly but eloquently.

This most interesting and fruitful Quarterly Communication closed at 10.15 P.M.

Asbly B. Paul

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

Ninth Session of The Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

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

When Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, on February 19, 1959, presented 20 Judges with certificates as Fellows of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute, 190 Judges from every state in the Union, except Alaska, became Fellows of the Institute, and the lives of over one million wayward, neglected and confused children have been helped, aided and assisted as these Fellows returned to every corner of the land better enabled to give the discipline, guidance and protection these children need.

The Judges who have become Fellows at the various sessions have been most thankful and from time to time have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity extended them. Those who participated in the Ninth Session were no exception.

From a Judge in Salem, Oregon: "May I express my grateful appreciation for the opportunity you extended me to participate as a Fellow in the Pennsylvania Masons Institute. It was a thrilling experience. The Pennsylvania Masons are to be congratulated for initiating and continuing such an outstanding program."

From a Colorado Judge: "I regard the Institute as the best type program I have ever attended and feel that I gained more insight and more information about the problems of a Juvenile Court from the Pittsburgh meeting than from any other I have attended."

From a Louisiana Judge: "I express to you my deep appreciation for your invitation to participate in the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute. This was one of the most edifying and instructive experiences I have ever had in the field of children and youth. I came away from the Institute very enthusiastic over the splendid work we, as Juvenile Judges, can do if we have the interest of the child at heart and the determination to do something about it."

The program and faculty for the Ninth Session followed the pattern set during the previous sessions, with the exception of the principal speaker, who on this occasion was a Fellow at the First Session—Hon. Hugh Reid, M. W. Past Grand Master of Virginia.

Among the distinguished guests present were the following Grand Masters: Brothers James T. Harrison, Montana; William O. Loper, West Virginia; Charles L. Prisk, Utah, and Ray K. Babb, Oklahoma.

The Tenth Session of the Institute will be held in Pittsburgh August 30th to September 3, 1959.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master Addresses Louisiana Lodge Over Coaxial Cable

An unusual event occurred February 19, 1959. On that morning Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, received a telephone call from Brother Allen D. Long, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana, requesting that Brother Chilcote address his Lodge on that evening by a coaxial cable arrangement. By loud speaker the address was broadcast to the Members of this Lodge.

February 19th was the concluding day of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute and there were several Grand Masters of Masons in Pittsburgh in attendance at the Institute. These Grand Masters were invited to speak to Opelosas Lodge No. 150 at the conclusion of Brother Chilcote's remarks. They were Brother James T. Harrison, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Montana; and Brother William R. Loper, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in West Virginia.

Brother Chilcote's remarks were as follows:

I was most pleasantly surprised this morning (February 19th) to receive a telephone call from Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, Brother Allen D. Long. Brother Long requested that I speak to you this evening and I consider this to be a very high honor accorded to me as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Brother Long's telephone communication brought back many fond memories of my Visitation to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in February of 1958. That was my first Visitation outside Pennsylvania as Grand Master. The many courtesies afforded to me can not be adequately described nor can Masonic feelings engendered as the result of being with all the very wonderful Masons in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana be adequately expressed. I shall always remember how your Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother Louis Leggett, presented me with the Key to the City of New Orleans and the beautiful certificate of honorary citizenship to the City of New Orleans. Since that time I have had it framed and have placed it with my souvenirs. Shortly after I returned from Louisiana I received another very high honor in that I was Commissioned as a Colonel on the Staff of Governor Earl K. Long and I have had this certificate also framed and proudly carry with me the card evidencing this appointment. You can, therefore, well understand how I feel about Masonry in your great State of Louisiana.

I am informed by Brother Allen D. Long, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, that he is a member of Opelosas Lodge No. 150 and that your Lodge has been honored by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in that Leon S. Haas, Sr. is also a Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Loui-

siana and a member of your Lodge. I am also informed that Opelosas Lodge No. 150 is the third oldest Lodge in the State outside of the City of New Orleans. It is self-evident that your Lodge maintains a high standing in Louisiana to have been so honored on two occasions. I know that you realize that it is not given to many Lodges to have one of their Past Masters become Grand Master of Masons and to have been twice honored is something which all of you cherish.

I recently received a communication from your immediate Past Grand Master, J. Benjamin Higginbotham. I am sure that he would approve my stating to you that he was most pleased with the Annual Grand Communication held recently in New Orleans and express the thought that in Louisiana much has been accomplished toward a kind of revival of Masonic spirit in Masonry. He is much impressed with the activities of the individual Masons in your Grand Jurisdiction and especially is he concerned not only with the esoteric work but also the influence of Freemasonry in the lives of all of you.

He also commented to me on the fact that Pennsylvania is the Mother Jurisdiction as regards Louisiana. We in Pennsylvania are proud of the honor which we have of being considered the Mother Jurisdiction and we are also proud to note the many worthwhile accomplishments of Masonry in Louisiana. When we note them we sort of feel that we have had an active part to play in them.

I am most happy to have had this opportunity of speaking to you briefly and bring to you the best wishes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the more than 257,000 Masons in our Grand Jurisdiction. This is the first time that I have had an opportunity of addressing an individual Lodge in Louisiana and I certainly wish you every success and happiness as individually and together your wonderful Lodge faces the future with the great opportunities of making this world a little better by your having worked together in it as Masons and Members of Opelosas Lodge No. 150.

History Repeats as Three New Lodges Are Con- stituted in Pittsburgh Area

History repeated itself in Pittsburgh recently when three new Lodges were constituted on the same day.

Back in 1949 when Brother George H. Deike was Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers constituted three Lodges on one day on two occasions in the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh.

On May 14, 1949, the following Lodges were constituted:

William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758
Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 759
William B. Tipton Lodge No. 760

Then on October 8, 1949, the following were constituted:

Bethel Lodge No. 761
Brotherhood Lodge No. 762
East McKeesport Lodge No. 765

A total of nine Lodges were constituted during that year. It is interesting to note that Penn Lodge No. 766 which was constituted on December 14, 1949, was sponsored by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, then District Deputy Grand Master.

Last February 28th, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers constituted three Lodges in the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh.

At 9.30 A.M., Accord Lodge No. 785 was constituted with 50 Warrant Members. This Lodge, which meets in McKeesport, was sponsored by Brother Elmer E. Mears, District Deputy Grand Master, 49th District.

At 2.30 P.M., Fox Chapel Lodge No. 784 was constituted with 116 Warrant Members. Brother John W. Rawson, District Deputy Grand Master of the 54th District, sponsored this Lodge which meets at Sharpsburg.

Then at 7.30 P.M., Monroeville Lodge No. 786 was constituted with 120 Warrant Members. This Lodge, which meets in Monroeville, was also sponsored by Brother Mears.

Brother Benjamin S. Barbour, District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th District, was Chairman of the Committee which arranged all the multitudinous details required in connection with this very busy day, just as he had been back in 1949. As can be expected, nothing was overlooked by Brother Ben and his capable co-workers.

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters In Annual Grand Assembly

The "best attended Grand Assembly in years" is the manner in which the 113th Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters at King of Prussia on April 26, 27 and 28, has been reported.

The sessions opened with religious services on Sunday; the Council of Anointed Kings meeting on Monday; and the Grand Council on Tuesday.

The officers elected were: M. P. Grand Master, Jacob E. Gaub; R. P. Deputy Grand Master, Reginald E. Woodward; R. P. Grand Principal Conductor of the work, Elmer Eggert; R. P. Grand Recorder, William E. Montgomery, P. G. M.; R. P. Grand Treasurer, W. Laurence Kalmeyer. Charles M. Johnstone, P. G. M., Perry LaBarr and James D. Smith were elected Trustees.

The 114th Grand Assembly will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania on April 12, 1960.