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Masons Again Participate  
in Cornerstone Laying  
for Nation's Capitol

Once again Masons have been called upon to participate in the ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. Brother George Washington, while President and also acting as Grand Master, pro tempore, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, laid the cornerstone of the original Capitol on September 18, 1793. Fifty-eight years later, on July 4, 1851, Masons assisted President Millard Fillmore when the cornerstone of the House and Senate wings was set into place. The cornerstone of the extension of the east front of the Capitol was laid last July 4th in a double ceremony. First, President Dwight D. Eisenhower symbolically laid the huge 4,200-pound granite stone with the same trowel and gavel that had been used on the two previous occasions. Then followed the traditional Masonic rites conducted by Brother Reuben H. Bogley, Jr., M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Brother Bogley's father, while Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia in 1932, had collaborated with the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission in commemorating the 139th Anniversary of the laying of the original cornerstone by President and Brother George Washington. The silver trowel with its ivory handle is the cherished possession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 of Alexandria, Virginia, while the famous marble gavel which was prepared for the purpose of laying the original cornerstone is the priceless relic of Potomac Lodge No. 5 of the District of Columbia.

Both historic implements have been used on many occasions by Government and Masonic officials.

Masonic Culture Institutes  
Have Proven Most Popular

In an effort to provide specific and detailed information and to answer questions about the use of the new series of eight pamphlets ("Fraternalism through the Ages," et al.) in instructing pre-initiates and newly-made Masons with regard to the fundamentals of Freemasonry, a series of Institutes is being held at various locations throughout the State. As a rule, a number of Districts participate in each Institute, and the Officers of Lodges in those Districts together with the members of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture have been asked to be present. The response has been gratifying and thus far (October 22) the average attendance has been more than 150. The majority of the Institutes are being held on Saturday afternoons, although in a few instances, because of local conditions, evening meetings have been deemed more suitable. Likewise, in four cases some day other than Saturday has been selected. The Institutes are being conducted by Brother William E. Yeager, P.G.M., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, assisted by Brother William E. Montgomery, Secretary of the Committee, both of whom have been greatly pleased with the interest being shown in this endeavor. Arrangements have been made for 13 Institutes including 59 of the 68 Districts in the Jurisdiction, as indicated in the following schedule:

May 2—Johnstown	Districts 30-39-41
June 1—Erie	District 24
Aug. 29—New Castle	Districts 26-27-37-53-54
Sept. 4—Uniontown	Districts 29-31-43
Sept. 5—Altoona	Districts 20-21-34
Sept. 12—Oil City	Districts 23-25-52-56
Oct. 10—Harrisburg	Districts 2-3-4-19
Oct. 24—Philadelphia	Districts A to J inclusive, plus 6-8-36-40
Oct. 27—Coudersport	Districts 17-22-33-44
Oct. 31—Sunbury	Districts 18-35-46-58
Nov. 14—Scranton	Districts 12-13-14-15-16-45
Nov. 21—Lancaster	Districts 1-5-42
Nov. 23—Allentown	Districts 7-9-10-11-50

It is hoped that in the near future a date can be fixed for an Institute covering the remaining nine Districts.

Chief Justice  
Made Mason at Sight

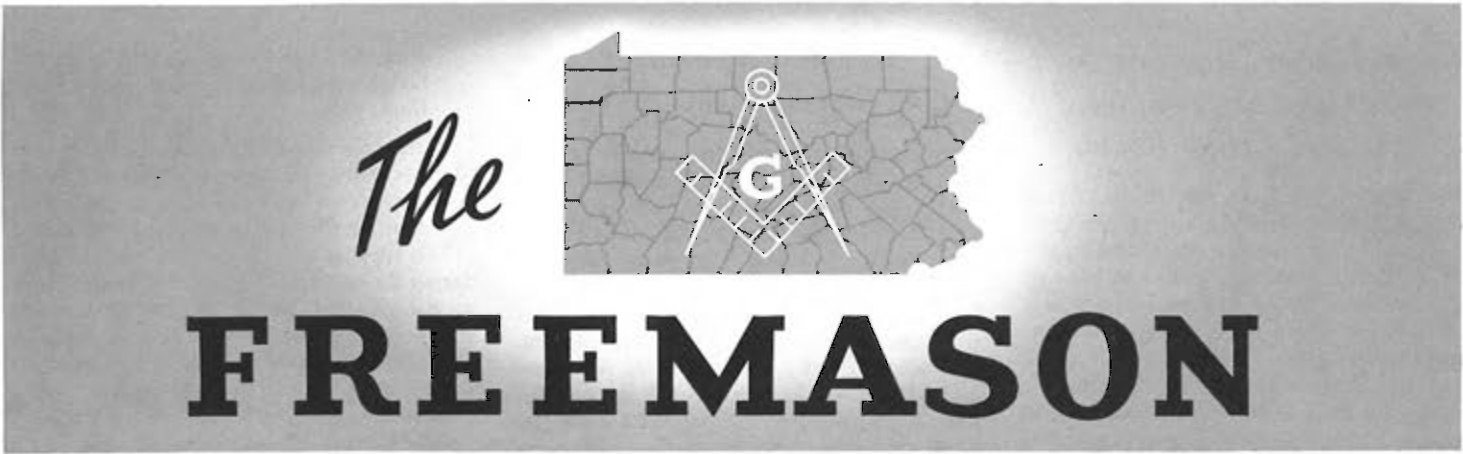
Charles Alvin Jones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, was made a Mason at Sight by Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, on September 1, 1959. This happened during an informal visitation of Grand Master Chilcote and the Grand Lodge Officers at a stated meeting of his Lodge, Verona Lodge No. 548, at Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh. This marked the first official function during the Grand Lodge's three-day Pittsburgh Bicentennial Year Celebration. The meeting of Verona Lodge was originally scheduled for Masonic Temple. The change to Syria Mosque was made to accommodate the more than 2,000 Masons who attempted to crowd into a room that seated approximately 600. Hundreds of other Masons left when they saw the huge crowd attempting to attend the meeting in Masonic Temple. The switch was made without delay since the Mosque was prepared for the Grand Lodge meeting the following day. The crowd is believed to be the largest in history to see a Mason made at Sight in Pennsylvania. Justice Jones was elected to the Supreme Court in 1944. He became Chief Justice in 1946. He was the Democratic nominee for governor of Pennsylvania in 1938 and was later appointed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Dickinson College conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws Degree and, later, an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Brother Jones became a charter member of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787 the following day.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

The source of the power of Freemasonry is to be found in the individual Lodge. The Blue Lodge ignites the spark that sets the flame of Freemasonry aglow. It is the duty of every Mason to keep this Light burning. Our attention must be focused more enthusiastically on the continued propagation of Freemasonry. Evaluation of this principle at this time is most important. There is a pronounced tendency today toward urbanization. Parkways and freeways make it possible for people to live more happily in areas somewhat removed from the location of their work. Travel by automobile or other method of transportation has been made available to accomplish this purpose. In the new areas to which they have removed we find the most modern of churches, schools and homes developing. Interest is revived in new community activities in new and pleasant surroundings. In all of these new communities there are Masons who can not easily attend their Lodges. The reasons for their inability to attend their Lodges are myriad. Some of them may be Masons, members of Lodges in other jurisdictions than Pennsylvania. Those who are members of Pennsylvania Lodges may be unable to attend due to the distance and time involved. The solution of this problem is to take Freemasonry to the new community. They should be encouraged to establish a new Masonic Lodge. By doing so the Light of Freemasonry will become a part of the life and vitality of the community. Another factor to be considered is the impact of urbanization on city Lodges. The removal of members of city Lodges to urban areas has its effect on the city Lodge. An increasingly difficult problem today is the future of Lodges located in large cities. Not only is this problem becoming more acute by reason of the urbanization trend but it is also critical for numerous other reasons. Parking facilities may be most difficult. Whether to go home and return to the Lodge Meeting later in the evening or to remain in town, attend Lodge and then go home is a problem to many Masons. It is thus observed that urbanization is a most important factor to be evaluated. Its effect on Freemasonry must be carefully studied and the necessary steps taken toward solution. It is most essential to take the new Lodge to the new community. I know of several such communities which have grown in size to the point where several or more Lodges could be supported right now. A possible solution to the city problem would be

that Scottish Rite Masonry and York Rite Masonry, which draw their membership from the individual Lodges in their respective areas, in contemplating future construction, so design and locate their Temples that accommodations may also be provided for an adequate number of Lodges to meet the city demand. We all recognize that modern design and architecture has changed our entire mode of living. Two- and three-story houses are becoming outmoded. By the same token Lodge Meetings held on the third floor of buildings lacking elevators work hardships on many members. Attendance and enthusiasm are discouraged despite heroic efforts of officers. Many Lodges are financially able to re-locate in the community and remodel or erect a more attractive Lodge home. In new areas with the help of modern architecture most attractive multiple purpose buildings can be erected and become a center of community activities. In such buildings a suitable and attractive Lodge room can be located which is easily accessible to the members. There are many suggestions which could be made to solve these problems. Successful and abundant living results from intelligent, proper adjustment to the conditions and factors affecting environment. The potential of Freemasonry can be advanced and made more effective by facing these problems of changed conditions. They must be faced as they lie in the pathway of growth and expansion. New Lodges in newly developed areas are essential. New Lodges in older areas where no Lodge exists, must be diligently pursued to reality. The problem of the city Lodge is complex and difficult but can be solved. Perhaps a closer relationship between The Grand Lodge, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrine, with a serious effort to face the problem in the large city areas, will lead to proper solutions. Every Mason in Pennsylvania should be alert to the task of creating new Masonic Light and Life in every community in Pennsylvania. To do so will enable us to perpetuate Freemasonry and it will grow far beyond our expectations.

Cordially and fraternally,  
*Sanford M. Chilcote*  
SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, R. W. Grand Master

Grand Master Appoints New Committee on Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms

On January 21, 1959, the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, appointed a Committee to be known as the Committee on Masonic Temples, Masonic Halls and Masonic Lodge Rooms. This Committee will act as a "Clearing House" between Lodges and the Grand Master for the building of new Temples, remodeling, re-constructing or changing old Temples, Lodge Halls or Lodge Rooms. It will also properly act on and approve the purchase of all land and old buildings for Masonic purposes before the purchase is actually consummated.

The Committee consists of the following:

- Bro. Ralph M. Lehr, P.G.M., Chairman
- Bro. Elmer E. Harter, Esq., Attorney-at-Law
- Bro. Henry Martz, Engineer and Contractor
- Bro. Robert F. Ross, Building Specialist
- Bro. Raymond A. Myers, Sr., Automobile Business and Banking

Throughout this article the Masonic Body, Lodge or both, will be known as the "Lodge"; the Committee on Masonic Temples, Masonic Halls and Masonic Lodge Rooms as the "Committee."

The Committee submits the following information for Lodges to properly follow when interested in the above matters:

- First: Adopt a fund raising plan to adequately finance the entire project, including all furnishings.
- Second: Adopt By-Laws for a Temple Association to suit all conditions of management and the operation of said Association. It is suggested the Board of Directors consist of nine or more members, including the three elected Lodge Trustees.
- Third: When the By-Laws of the Temple Association are approved by the Committee, apply to the local County Court for a charter to operate as a non-profit organization.
- Fourth: Secure an architect to furnish plans and specifications for a new Temple or alterations to an old building. The Committee must approve the plans and specifications (for Masonic purposes) before a contract can be entered into or any building work started.
- Fifth: All matters concerning this subject must be submitted first to the Committee. When finally approved same will be forwarded to the Grand Master for his inspection and personal approval.
- Sixth: Mail all inquiries and papers to Ralph M. Lehr, 5900 Fox Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Did You Remember Our Guests at the Homes?

While most of us are fortunate to be able to enjoy the Christmas Season with our loved ones, *your* contributions to the Christmas Entertainment and Recreation Fund have once again made it a happy occasion for our aged Guests and orphan children at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the young men at the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution.

Nothing is left undone to bring happiness and good cheer, especially over the Holiday Season, to the approximately 750 Guests at Elizabethtown.

Your generosity has not only made this possible but also affords entertainment and recreation throughout the entire year.

Not only our Guests but all Masonry in this great Jurisdiction joins in a hearty and sincere "Thank you" to all who contribute to this most worthy cause which brings a full measure of happiness to our friends at Elizabethtown.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

By MAX F. BALCOM  
Deputy Grand Master

In the May issue of THE FREEMASON there was an article covering the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as held at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 23, 1959. This article especially outlined the recommendation of Grand Master Chilcote to raise funds for the Endowment Fund of the Memorial.

At the present time the Memorial is about complete at a cost of approximately \$6,500,000. There is still to be completed a portion of the grounds and some of the granite work, which will probably cost about \$250,000.

However, in order that the Memorial may be self-sustaining, we still have ahead of us the necessity of raising an endowment fund of \$5,000,000. The present endowment fund only amounts to about \$800,000, which makes it necessary to raise \$4,200,000 more. The income from such a fund would provide the necessary income of \$150,000 per year needed to pay the operating and maintenance costs of the Memorial.

Grand Master Chilcote has sent a letter to all of our Pennsylvania Lodges and suggested that—

1. Each newly made Mason during the present Masonic year voluntarily contribute the amount of \$1.00, which has been the established custom for many years.
2. Each member of the Lodge consider contributing something in addition to what he has already given.
3. The Lodge itself consider the possibility of making a special gift, the amount of

same to depend upon the ability of the Lodge, such gift to be taken from current funds only.

At the February 23rd meeting, Grand Master Chilcote presented, from the Masons of Pennsylvania, a total of \$22,793.75 as their contribution for the year to the Memorial funds.

The support of this program was very fine during the past year, but still 168 Lodges made no contribution. We do not believe that the members of any Lodge are not in favor of supporting the Memorial and we feel sure that those who failed last year will want to make a contribution this year.

The Masons of Pennsylvania have had a most active part in the development of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and it is indeed most important for us to continue to show our support by responding to this most worthwhile challenge.

So let each Lodge meet this challenge, and every member as well, by sending your contribution to your Secretary who will forward it to the Grand Lodge. In this manner we will continue our support to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which is a lasting Memorial to our first President and the Masonic fraternity in the United States.

Judge Gustav L. Schramm Leader Among Men and Masons

The unexpected death of Brother Gustav L. Schramm, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifty-first District, is a tragic loss to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Brother Schramm, nationally known pioneer jurist in the Allegheny County Juvenile Court, died at his Mt. Lebanon home on September 5 of a heart attack.

Judge Schramm, who never wore a judicial robe, has personally listened to the problems of more than 350,000 youngsters in nearly 26 years on the bench.

Less than 48 hours before his death, Brother Schramm had concluded the Tenth Session of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute. He was director of the institute.

Attracted by Brother Schramm's achievements, scores of judges from all over the United States and as far away as Korea and Alaska, joined Pennsylvania Masons and social workers in paying tribute to this dedicated man.

Brother Schramm often said:

"Juvenile delinquency is largely a problem of how much the community cares for its children."

With this in mind, Brother Schramm, with the support and help of Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Children's Service Committee of the Grand Lodge, founded the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute five years ago.

Tenth Session of Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

At the request of the State Department six representatives from Korea and one from Ghana, Africa, were added to the group of twenty Judges from the United States and Alaska who participated as Fellows in the Tenth Session of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute in Pittsburgh, August 30 to September 3.

When the Tenth Session was finished, 216 Judges, from courts handling wayward and neglected children, had gone through the Institute's five-day practical and clinical experience in dealing with troubled children in conflict with the law.

The program, which was patterned after that of the preceding sessions, gave the Judges an opportunity for a free and full exchange of ideas and experiences; to associate with the distinguished leaders in Juvenile Court work who lectured and led discussions; and, in groups of five, to attend Court Sessions conducted by Judge Schramm. The Session closed with a most worthwhile and thought-provoking address on the treatment of children by Brother and Doctor Thomas S. Roy, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, and the presentation of the Certificates to the Fellows by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Judge Walter Scott Criswell writes in "Somebody's Boy":

"What has the Pennsylvania Mason Institute for Juvenile Court Judges meant to the Judges, the Juvenile Courts and the deprived children of America?

"It seems appropriate, with the death of our dedicated and dynamic Leader, Judge Schramm, to give the score.

"Only the Calculus of God can furnish the real answer because the problem is one involving intangibles and imponderables that defy human measurement.

"This Institute for which Judge Schramm lived—and died—means so much more than can be expressed by tables and statistics. I know: because hardly a day passes that I do not hear from some Judge, somewhere, who testifies as to what this revival of interest in the Children's Court means and has meant to him.

"But we can count up the number of judges who have been exposed to the work of the Pennsylvania Mason Institute and the other Institutes that have been created by its influence; and the fact that these other Institutes grew out of and were inspired by the mother Institute at Pittsburgh, means among other things, that the judges involved DID teach each other and DID inspire each other to greater devotion in the service of scapegoat children whom society throws into the Children's Courts of our Land."

For what it is worth here is the score:

Judges reached through Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute, in ten sessions . . . . .	216
Judges reached through five sessions of the Blue Ridge Institute . . . . .	74
Judges reached through two sessions, Bartow Institute, Florida . . . . .	40
Judges reached in Rocky Mountain Institute, two sessions . . . . .	50
Judges reached in Metropolitan Institute (near Washington) . . . . .	10
Judges reached through Mississippi Institute, one session . . . . .	14

TOTAL . . . . . 404

These 404 judges are over 10 per cent of the 3,000 judges in America who handle cases of wayward or neglected children.

A conservative estimate is that they have dealt with at least 10 per cent of the children handled in such courts, or 150,000 children in the last three years.

Your editor knows of other regional meetings of various kinds, and new State Associations of Judges that have come along as a partial, at least, result of the Mother Institute and her children Institutes.

What a tremendous impetus the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania has given the movement to provide better courts and better judges and better services generally to the pitiful little army of wayward and neglected children in America!

Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787 Constituted

The constitution of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787 was one of the many highlights of the Pittsburgh Bicentennial recognition program of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

It was held in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, in order to seat the more than 2,000 Masons who attended the constitution at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 2. This is believed to be the largest gathering of Masons ever to see the constitution of a new Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania.

Brother Benjamin S. Barbour, District Deputy Grand Master of the Forty-eighth District, was directed by R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, to form the new Lodge. This marked the eleventh constitution under the direct supervision of Brother Barbour.

The name—Col. Henry Bouquet—has great significance in the history of Pittsburgh. Col. Bouquet was second in command to the ailing General John Forbes. It was the great military skill of Col. Bouquet that eventually expelled the French from Fort Duquesne, which was renamed Fort Pitt. The only remaining installation of this great military area is the Fort

Pitt Blockhouse at The Point in Pittsburgh. This was ordered constructed by Col. Bouquet.

Col. Bouquet was born in Switzerland in 1719. He came to America in 1754 when war broke out between England and France.

All the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania took part in the constitution program.

The officers select of the Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge are:

Master Select Brother Hiram P. Ball, a Past Master; Brother Harry W. Pedicord, Senior Warden; Brother Benson G. Henderson, Junior Warden; Brother Ferdinand R. Wise, Secretary, and Brother Robert M. Ingram, Jr., a Past Master, Treasurer.

The Trustees include Brothers Malcolm Macpherson, Oscar R. Olson and Howard B. Stewart.

The appointed officers include:

Brothers Ted V. Voorhees, Chaplain; George N. Holmes, Senior Deacon; Joseph R. DeOtto, Junior Deacon; Frank A. Artusro, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Shiras E. Holmes, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Bernard W. Ross, Pursuivant, and Robert L. Wilson and Albert A. Lindow, Jr., Stewards.

The stated meeting of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge is on the second Wednesday of the month at Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh.

"Facing the East" Newest Booklet Published by Committee on Masonic Culture

The Committee on Masonic Culture which sometime ago prepared four booklets for the use of our candidates and then more recently published the series of eight pamphlets for the information of our members, as well as our initiates, has now printed a booklet, "Facing the East," which is dedicated to our Senior Wardens.

The purpose of this publication, authorized by the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, and ably compiled by Brother William E. Montgomery, Secretary of the Committee on Masonic Culture, is to prepare each of our Senior Wardens for the numerous and important duties, responsibilities and privileges they will assume when they become Worshipful Master—the highest honor a Lodge can confer.

This important publication points out some of the desirable qualifications of a Worshipful Master, many of which can be acquired, if not already possessed. Certain maxims concerning the conduct of the office are enumerated, as well as many assignments that can be carried out by the members. Suggestions for Lodge programs and the assimilation of new members are also given.

"Facing the East" should be an invaluable aid in preparing prospective Worshipful Masters for one of the most rewarding experiences in Masonry.

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

### SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION HELD AT PITTSBURGH

The great City of Pittsburgh is celebrating its Bicentennial this year to mark two centuries of growth and progress of this industrial and cultural center in the western part of our Jurisdiction. Your Grand Lodge joined in this celebration in a most impressive manner with three days of Masonic ceremonies built around the September Quarterly Communication. This was the first time in the history of our Grand Lodge that a Quarterly Communication was ever held outside Philadelphia.

On Tuesday evening, September 1, Verona Lodge No. 548, of which R. W. Grand Master Sanford M. Chilcote is a Past Master, held its Stated Meeting in Syria Mosque. It had been planned to hold this meeting in the Masonic Temple, but early that evening it soon became apparent that only the Mosque would accommodate the large group of Masons on hand. The R. W. Grand Master authorized the change and the place of meeting was quickly transferred to the near-by Mosque with its seating capacity of over 3,000.

#### Mason at Sight

The R. W. Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge officers, including all but one of the R. W. Past Grand Masters and many distinguished visitors, made an Informal Visitation to Verona Lodge at which time Charles Alvin Jones, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, was made a Mason at Sight.

Previously that afternoon the Committee on Finance had held its customary Quarterly meeting in the Potentate's Office in Syria Mosque.

#### Newest Lodge Constituted

On Wednesday morning, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Syria Mosque at which time Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787 was constituted according to Ancient Custom. Thirty-eight Masons, some of whom were formerly members of Lodges in Nebraska, West Virginia, California, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma and Illinois, became Warrant Members of this new Lodge, the 594th in our Jurisdiction. Brother Charles Alvin Jones was included in the list of Warrant Members.

Brother Hiram P. Ball, General Chairman of the Pittsburgh Masonic Bicentennial Committee and a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 573, was installed Worshipful Master of the new Lodge named in honor of the renowned military leader who helped capture Fort Duquesne and thus opened this gateway to the West.

#### Bronze Plaque Dedicated

Immediately after the close of Grand Lodge at 11:30 A.M., a large bronze plaque mounted on stone was unveiled and dedicated. This

memorial to the Masons who helped in the development of Pittsburgh is located in the center of the steps leading to the Masonic Temple on Fifth Avenue. After an invocation by Brother G. Mason Cochran, Grand Chaplain, Brother Hiram P. Ball made the presentation, as General Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and the acceptance on behalf of Grand Lodge was made by R. W. Grand Master Sanford M. Chilcote. These ceremonies attracted a large gathering.

The special three-inch solid bronze medallions, which R. W. Grand Master Chilcote had authorized to be cast in connection with the Bicentennial ceremonies, were so popular that they have all been sold. It is understood more medallions, which have a felt base and can be used as a paperweight, will be produced. You will be notified when they are available, from whom they can be purchased and their price.

#### Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph Features Pennsylvania Freemasonry

All the subscribers to The Pennsylvania Freeman were mailed a copy of the August 23rd issue of the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, whose Pictorial Living Section, devoted mostly to Masonry and which also included some informative articles in the news section, was also extremely popular. In order that as many Masons as possible could see this paper, five copies have been forwarded to each Lodge in our Jurisdiction. Copies of the Pictorial Living Section are also available in our Library. Every Grand Lodge in North America, as well as many other Masonic bodies were also forwarded a copy.

#### Special Communication at Pittsburgh

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at 2:45 P.M. in Syria Mosque at which time our Distinguished Guests were formally received. The Grand Lodges represented included Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Louisiana, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, West Virginia, Ontario, Canada, England and the Canal Zone. The International Order of DeMolay, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction were also represented.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master called upon Brother Chester Hodges, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ohio, to speak for all the Distinguished Guests, and Brother Hodges responded in an eloquent and gracious manner.

Over three hundred Masons who have been Members of Lodges in the Pittsburgh area for fifty years or more attended this meeting and were presented to the large gathering by the Grand Master.

#### 2,000 Attend Quarterly Communication

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was opened in Syria Mosque in Ample Form at 7:00 P.M. Close to 2,000 were in attendance, which is one of the largest groups of Masons ever to be present at a Quarterly Communication in this Jurisdiction.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was read giving some information in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the extension to the United States Capitol on July 4, 1959. Details of this event are given elsewhere in this issue.

A communication was also read relating to Masonry in Guatemala.

The Committee on By-Laws presented its Quarterly Report and Grand Lodge approved its recommendations. The Committee on Temple outlined its activities during the preceding quarter, while the Receipts and Expenditures for the Third Quarter were furnished by Brother George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of this Committee.

Grand Lodge also reaffirmed the approval of a Resolution offered at the June Quarterly by Brother Albert T. Eyler, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, presented brief reports as Chairman of the Children's Service Committee and also the Committee on Masonic Culture.

The R. W. Grand Master complimented Brothers Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master; Willard G. Cutler and Edward L. Rupert for the impressive manner in which they had conferred the three degrees the previous evening, and also Brother Raymond H. Grimm, District Deputy Grand Master, for his part in the ritualist work.

Brother Chilcote also warmly congratulated Brother Hiram P. Ball and all the Brethren who served with him on the Pittsburgh Masonic Bicentennial Committee for the magnificent manner in which they had handled all the details in connection with these Masonic ceremonies.

#### Judge Shumaker Addresses Grand Lodge

The R. W. Grand Master introduced Brother Clyde S. Shumaker, President Judge of the Courts of Butler County, who addressed Grand Lodge on "The Lighthouse of Freemasonry." A copy of this brilliant address has been forwarded to the Secretary of each Lodge and will also be printed in full in the 1959 Proceedings.

The closing ceremonies of the Tenth Session of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute were held on September 3, 1959 and are more fully covered in another article in this issue.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Cashly B. Paul*

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

### Huge Bronze Plaque Honors Devoted Masons at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh has a "living" memorial to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Masons during the 200-year history of the steel center of the world.

A huge bronze plaque—in honor of devoted Masons—was erected in front of the Masonic Temple, Oakland, across the street from the University of Pittsburgh.

The dedication ceremony was one of the many highlights of the Grand Lodge's Pittsburgh Bicentennial Year Celebration on September 1, 2 and 3, 1959.

Erected under the direction of R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, the plaque reads:

"To commemorate the Bicentennial of Pittsburgh, this plaque is dedicated to the Masons who found their way to the Gateway of the West and, for 200 years, contributed their energies, abilities, intellect and lives to develop, from a vast wilderness, the City of Pittsburgh and the County of Allegheny in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

The identification portion reads:

"Dedicated at the Quarterly Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging held in the City of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, September 2, A. D. 1959, A. L. 5959, by direction of Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania."

In accepting the plaque, the Grand Master said:

"As a resident of the area, I am honored to participate in this historic occasion.

"Our Masonic brethren can be traced by history and tradition from the pioneer days when the area was but a wilderness until the present time when it is known as the famous Gateway to the West.

"The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has caused this memorial plaque to be cast and placed upon this stone as a perpetual tribute to our Masonic brethren who have constantly contributed their time, talents and energies to the development of this industrial and cultural center."

#### "Lighthouse of Freemasonry" Theme of Address by Judge Clyde S. Shumaker

A huge replica of a lighthouse was used by Brother Clyde S. Shumaker, president judge of the Courts of Butler County, as he addressed the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on September 2, 1959, to depict Masonic light.

While the lighthouse beamed from the stage of Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Brother Shumaker pin-pointed the role Masons played in building the United States and particularly Pittsburgh.

More than 2,000 Masons, one of the largest groups ever to attend a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, joined with the Grand Lodge in recognizing the Bicentennial Year Celebration of the City of Pittsburgh.

Brother Shumaker said:

"As the ancient lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt, has withstood the test of time and the elements, so the lighthouse of Freemasonry in Pittsburgh has stood for the past 200 years, and will continue to be one of the wonders of this community until the end of time, seen from afar, lighting all that falls in the radius of its glow, and guiding the destiny of this city and environs in safety and security with the passing of time."

He ended his talk with the following original verse—*The Lighthouse*:

Behold the lighthouse by the shore—  
So silent midst the ocean's roar;  
So stately as it's standing there  
Through tempest, storm and weather fair.  
The splash of wave—the surf beside—  
The circling gulls—the ebbing tide—  
The grandeur of this landmark true  
Reminds us of the ocean's hue.  
The lighthouse, with its beaming light—  
A guidepost shining through the night;  
A boon to travelers by sea or air—  
A safeguard far beyond compare.  
Tonight the beacon seems to shine  
Upon Freemasonry so fine,  
And in Grand Lodge there seems to be  
A message here for you and me.  
We are the lighthouse by the shore;  
Our light is seen by many more;  
And piercing darkness and the gloom,  
We guide some wanderers from his doom.  
God fuel our lamp that we may show  
The way to others they wouldn't know,  
And as Freemasons may we shine  
Reflecting here Thy Light Divine.  
Make us a beacon by the sea—  
A credit to our Lodge and Thee.

#### William E. Yeager, P. G. M. Completes Term with Masonic Relief Association

Brother William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, has recently completed a term as president and chairman of the executive board of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Brother Yeager's last official act as president was heading the Thirty-third Biennial Meeting of the association on September 27, 28, 29 and 30, at Louisville, Kentucky.

He was succeeded as president and chairman of the executive board by Brother Carl R. Greisen of Omaha, Nebraska. The other officers include: Brothers George W. Rogers, Sr., first vice president, Louisville, Kentucky; Charles H. Sargent, Jr., second vice president, Boston, Massachusetts; Lewis E. Smith, treasurer, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Howard A. Clark, executive secretary, Buffalo, New York.

Members of the executive board include: Brothers Harry L. Martyn, Toronto, Ontario; Daniel W. Locklin, Macon, Georgia; Deane M. Stephenson, Indianapolis, Indiana; and E. G. Newmann, Denver, Colorado.

The Relief Boards in 42 Jurisdictions in North America are members of the association.

### Restoration of Suspended Members Encouraged

An unusually large number of our Members were suspended for non-payment of dues during 1958.

This is a matter of such grave concern to our Grand Lodge that the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, recently wrote to each Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master.

Part of his timely letter follows:

"Membership in the Masonic Fraternity is a great privilege and something of great value. In many instances those who were suspended probably have a good explanation for their failure to be current in their dues. It is respectfully suggested that if your Lodge suspended any Member or Members during the year 1958 for non-payment of dues that an effort be made to interview them personally and discuss the matter of restoration to membership. If the distance is too great to permit a personal interview, it is suggested a friendly letter soliciting restoration be sent the suspended Member. I am certain that you will be rewarded for your efforts. Restoration may be readily accomplished if action is taken promptly so that it can be consummated within a Masonic year, which is the period between two consecutive Annual Meetings of the Lodge."

It is hoped that every effort has or will be made to have these Brethren restored to Membership. Upon the payment of the arrears of dues to the time of suspension, a Brother may be restored to Membership within one year from the date of suspension by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present at a stated meeting of the Lodge, after due notice is given and after the resolution for restoration has been offered at a stated meeting and laid over for a Masonic month.

After a Masonic year has elapsed the Brother must first be restored to Good Masonic Standing and then petition for Membership.

It is also most important that every effort be made to prevent the suspension of a large number of Members this year as well as in the future.