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Two New Color and Sound Films Available for Use of Blue Lodges

Two films—"Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and "Masonic Youth Program" have been professionally produced for The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

They are 16mm. films in color and sound. "Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" (30 minutes) features the Guests at The Homes, while "Masonic Youth Program" (15 minutes) features the youth at The Masonic Homes and the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys.

In announcing to the Lodges the completion of the films, Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master said:

"The presentation of these films will make every Mason better informed and result in a better appreciation of membership in the Fraternity.

"I urge Lodges to schedule these films at the convenience of the Worshipful Master."

For the present, these films are confined to the use of the Masonic Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania.

The films can be scheduled by writing Brother Arthur T. Moore, Office of the Grand Master, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. Please give second and third alternate dates.

Upon receipt of request, a confirming letter will be sent immediately, to allow ample time for planning the Lodge program.

Films will be shipped at least seven days before the scheduled showing. They are to be returned the day following the showing.

Lodges must procure a sound projector and screen.

Brother "Andy" Schroder Succeeded by Brother Raymond H. Grimm as Instructor of Ritualistic Work

Brother Andrew J. Schroder, 85, has retired after 15 years as Instructor of Ritualistic Work.

Brother Raymond H. Grimm, of Pittsburgh, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifty-Seventh Masonic District, was appointed by Brother Max F. Balcom, Right Worshipful Grand Master, to succeed Brother Schroder.

In announcing Brother Schroder's retirement at the Annual Grand Communication on December 28, 1959, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, then Right Worshipful Grand Master, said:

"We know that he will be ready and willing to be of help and assistance to us and to his successor as long as he can."

Brother Schroder has agreed to continue as Principal of the Temple School of Instruction in Philadelphia. He joined the Temple School in 1915.

Brother Schroder is a member of Orient Lodge No. 289, and served as Master in 1914, and representative to Grand Lodge since 1922. He was Senior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge from 1922 to 1938 and then served two years as a District Deputy Grand Master.

In 1944, Brother Scott S. Leiby, then Right Worshipful Grand Master, appointed Brother Schroder Assistant Instructor. A short time later, he was appointed Instructor of the Ritualistic Work.

Brother Schroder's other Masonic affiliations include:

Past High Priest of Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 284, and past President of the Joshua Association; member of Joppa Council No. 46, and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Royal and Select Masters of Philadelphia; and the Philadelphia Conclave No. 8, Red Cross of Constantine.

Brother Schroder said that when his time isn't needed in Masonic Work, he will vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida, and continue his hobby of furniture refinishing at home.

Brother and Mrs. Schroder have two sons

and two daughters. Both sons are Past Masters, and both sons-in-law are Masons.

Brother Grimm served as an Assistant Instructor for the North Side Pittsburgh School of Instruction and Instructor for Chapel School of Instruction.

His other Masonic affiliations include:

Past High Priest of St. Clair Chapter No. 305; Deputy Illustrious Master, Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Eminent Commander, Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1; Past Thrice Potent Master, Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Pittsburgh; Member of the Red Cross of Constantine; and Honorary Member, Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, in 1958.

Question and Answer Pamphlet Being Prepared

In discussing the matter of Lodge programs on page 13 of the new pamphlet "Facing the East" (recently distributed to all Senior Wardens), the statement was made that "The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture will supply a pamphlet containing questions and answers which can form the basis for an "open forum" program.

Numerous requests have been received for this Question and Answer publication. Unfortunately it does not yet exist! Considerable work upon it has been done, and the hope had been expressed that it would be available about this time. However, the task of preparing such a pamphlet has proven to be more tedious and time-consuming than had been anticipated. Progress is being made and it is expected that a rough draft can be submitted in the not-too-distant future to those in authority for comment and criticism.

In the meantime, your patience and indulgence are solicited.

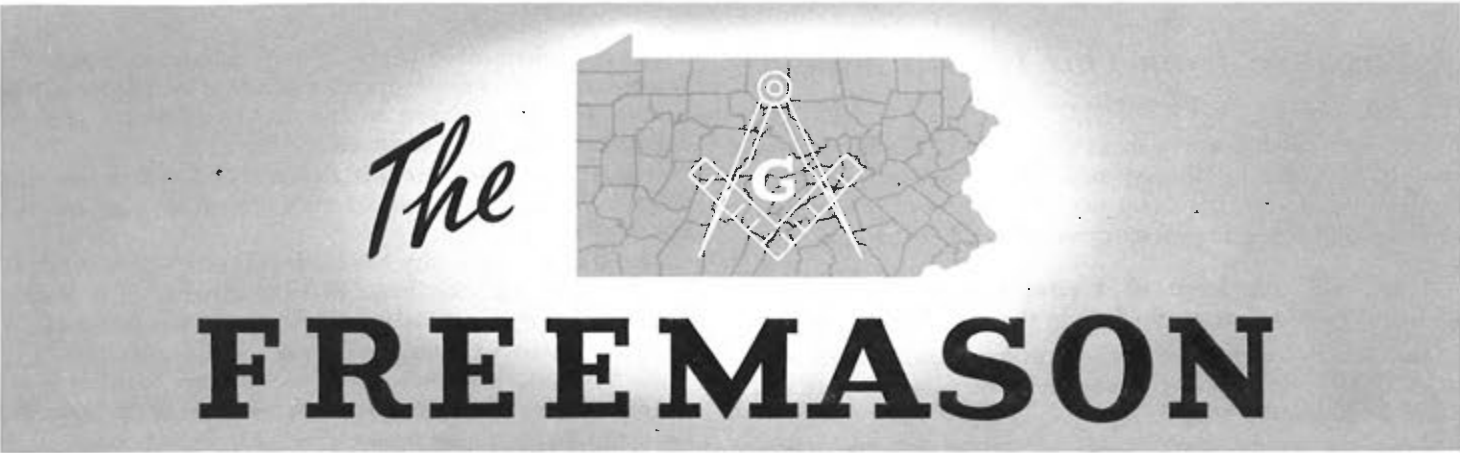
We must live our Freemasonry in our daily lives and actions if we want to get the most from it. The general desire and aim of the Craft is to propagate truth, thereby making its votaries better and wiser. As Freemasons are ever to search for further light, they should be zealous readers, students, thinkers and teachers.—V. M. BURROWS

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A Message from Our Grand Master

I wish to express to all my Brethren in Pennsylvania a sincere feeling of gratitude for elevating me to this highest Masonic honor—Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania—at high noon on December 28, 1959.

It has been a rare privilege to have served the past six years in the Grand Lodge with such dedicated Masons as Past Grand Masters Ralph M. Lehr, Charles H. Nitsch and Sanford M. Chilcote.

I am strengthened in assuming the duties of this high office in knowing that I will be surrounded—and supported—by dedicated and capable Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters.

I was greatly pleased on December 28, 1959, when approximately 50 Members of my Lodge, Emporium Lodge No. 382, were present in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when I was installed. It was the first time many of these Brethren attended a Communication of the Grand Lodge.

It was my privilege to visit my own Lodge on my first official visitation as Grand Master on January 9, 1960. I was accompanied by many Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters. Nearly 300 Masons were present.

After my installation as Grand Master, I urged Pennsylvania Masons to embark enthusiastically on an eight-point program, to assure the continued growth of Freemasonry.

In advocating this program, I emphasized that we must never stray from the Landmarks of Freemasonry. We must be faithful at all times to this great heritage.

The program, which I like to think of as the "Twentieth Century Approach," includes the following:

1. Increase the attendance at Masonic Lodge meetings.

This is probably the greatest problem. We must do something about it. I suggest that every Lodge form an Attendance Committee, and that the Committee keep close attendance records. Send letters, use the phone, or even use your car to chauffeur Brethren to a meeting. Do this for one year, and the attendance figures will increase materially.

2. Make Masonic meetings more interesting.

The School of Instruction is constantly bringing about an improvement in the Work. Blue Lodges can bring about more interest in meetings by having excellent speakers. Plan pro-

grams well, and don't use the "hit-and-miss" system for Stated Meetings.

3. Inspire a greater pride and understanding among Members.

Masonry has a great deal to offer the world in its idealism. Unfortunately, for many of us, our "Labor" has become listening—our "refreshments" free-loading. I believe we should promote our high standards with passionate dedication in every area and category of our Fraternity.

4. Educate Pennsylvania Masons in benevolent projects of the Fraternity.

The complete story on these projects would take pages to tell. To help tell this story, Grand Lodge has completed two movies—"Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" (30 minutes), and "Masonic Youth Program" (15 minutes). These 16 mm. films, in color and sound, are now available to Blue Lodges. A colorful brochure on The Homes and Patton School is now available at a nominal cost. I hope every Lodge in Pennsylvania will schedule these films and make the brochure available to the Brethren.

5. Improve the physical condition of Blue Lodge meeting rooms.

We should have pride in the appearance of all Masonic meeting places. We also must modernize our architecture to be in gear with modern construction thinking. There are many suggestions on how to solve this problem. The Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms will give you the suggestions, but you must furnish the leadership.

6. Constitute Blue Lodges in new and growing communities.

Pennsylvania is urbanizing faster than we have recognized in our Fraternity. New communities are springing up all over the state. These new Lodges should be in new or expanded communities, not just doubling the number of Lodges in a community for the sake of constituting Lodges. If every community of adequate size in Pennsylvania had a Masonic Lodge tomorrow, our rate of membership increase would be phenomenal.

7. Give every possible help to the Order of DeMolay.

This will give your Lodge a community project—a project that will help arouse the Masonic spirit in any community. We

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would never need to worry about the future of Freemasonry if every Blue Lodge in Pennsylvania took an active interest in DeMolay Chapters. It is a fact that 65 per cent of the boys in DeMolay petitioned Freemasonry when they became of age.

8. Rekindle the spirit of Freemasonry—the spirit that prompted us to knock at the door in the beginning.

This would take care of itself, if every Mason in Pennsylvania would do everything within his power to accomplish the other seven points.

Brother William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master, and his Committee on Masonic Culture, will continue to expand the program of booklets for Masonic education of petitioners, Members and Lodge Officers. This is an important project in which the history, philosophy, truths and principles of the Fraternity are taught.

I am quite concerned about the problems facing the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Memorial is practically completed, and will serve as a living tribute to Freemasonry.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons

Brother Max F. Balcom, Emporium industrialist and civic leader, was installed as R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania at the Annual Grand Communication in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on December 28, 1959.

Brother Balcom succeeded Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, a Pittsburgh attorney, as head of approximately 260,000 Pennsylvania Masons in nearly 600 Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

Brother Balcom, former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., continues as a Director of that firm.

His pioneering in the radio tube industry was formally recognized in 1957, when the Electronics Industries Association awarded him its 1957 Medal of Honor for his outstanding contributions to the industry.

Brother Balcom's wide knowledge of all aspects of the radio tube and electronics fields has been developed for more than four decades with Sylvania and its predecessor companies.

Extremely active in civic, welfare and commercial activities in Emporium, Brother Balcom is an Associate Judge of the Cameron County Common Pleas Court; President of the Emporium Trust Company; a past President of the Emporium Borough Council; President of the Emporium Foundation; and a past Director of the Emporium Rotary Club.

He is also a Director of a number of other companies, including Arkwright Fire Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts; Speer Carbon Company, of St. Marys, Pennsylvania;

The immediate need is a long-term maintenance plan. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has recommended a financial plan. It calls for every Mason in the United States to give one dollar, and every Blue Lodge ten dollars.

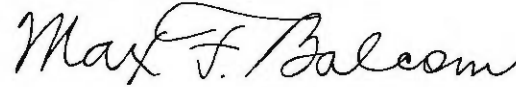
If this plan is approved, it means that Pennsylvania must deliver. We can't afford to advance a financial plan and then not meet all the terms.

The Masonic Fraternity has hidden its good deeds under the so-called "bushel" too long. Being a member of a Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania is something to be well proud of. We know no reason why our good deeds and the principles of the Fraternity should not have more public knowledge.

Freemasonry is a living force that has been in existence over the centuries. With the proper effort and cooperation of all the Brethren, Freemasonry has a bright future.

The design is on the trestle-board. There is work to be done. Our hope is in God.

Cordially and fraternally,



MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master

Pennsylvania Powder Company of Emporium; Emporium Water Company, and the Masonic Building Association of Emporium.

A member of Emporium Lodge No. 382, F. & A.M., Brother Balcom served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1925. He was District Deputy Grand Master from 1948 to 1954.

His other affiliations include: Emporium Chapter No. 227, Royal Arch Masons; Knapp Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar, Ridgeway; the Scottish Rite, Valley of Coudersport; and Jaffa Shrine Temple at Altoona.

Brother Balcom was crowned a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1952, at a meeting of The Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, in New York City.

Brother and Mrs. Balcom have a daughter and two grandchildren.

Elaborate and Colorful Brochure of The Homes and Patton School Available for Distribution

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has prepared a new 32-page brochure on The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys located near The Homes.

The brochure will give the Brethren a graphic picture of these two outstanding projects.

The brochure has 77 pictures, including an aerial view of The Homes, a four-color photograph of Grand Lodge Hall and many other interesting pictures.

The price of the brochure has been set at

50 cents to cover the printing cost. A 10 cents additional charge has been added for mailing.

Brethren wishing to obtain copies of the brochure can send 60 cents to the Library, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master has urged that the brochure be used as a mailing piece to send to Masons and non-Masons in an effort to show the philanthropic projects of the Grand Lodge.

Dr. Edward H. Litchfield Made Mason at Sight

Dr. Edward H. Litchfield, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, was made a Mason at Sight by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote while R. W. Grand Master, on November 13, 1959.

This happened during an informal visitation at a Stated Meeting of Bellefield Lodge No. 680, in Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh. Dr. Litchfield later petitioned and was elected to membership in Bellefield Lodge.

More than 500 Masons attended the ceremony, including many professors and trustees of the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Litchfield became Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh in 1955, after having served as Dean of Cornell Graduate School of Business and Public Administration.

His business positions include: Chairmanship of the Board of Smith-Corona Marchant Corporation; membership on the Executive Committee for Studebaker-Packard; and membership on the Boards of Avco Corporation and Allied Products.

Brother Francis H. Mills Elected Superintendent of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Brother Francis H. Mills, of Reading, has been appointed Superintendent of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to succeed Brother Arthur E. Myers who resigned as of September 1, 1959.

Brother Mills is intimately acquainted with the many duties and responsibilities of this important post as he has been a member of the Executive Committee of The Committee on Masonic Homes since 1954. The Executive Committee meets with the Superintendent at The Homes practically every week during the entire year.

Brother Mills is a Past Master of Isaac Heister Lodge No. 660 of Reading. He is a Member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Reading, having served as Thrice Potent Master in the Lodge of Perfection and Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory; also an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.

He is also a Member of Excelsior Royal Arch Chapter, Creigh Council and Reading Commandery, of the York Rite; Rajah Temple of the Shrine and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Brother Mills is General Manager of the Hotel Abraham Lincoln and a Director and Secretary of the corporation. He is a Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Hotels Association and Chairman of the Convention Committee of Reading and Berks County; also President of Greater Berks Development Fund.

He is a member of the First United Church of Christ.

His election is effective March 15, 1960.

Since the resignation of Brother Myers, The Masonic Homes has been under the capable direction of Miss Susan E. Miller, Executive Secretary.

Introducing Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Brother Robert E. Deyoe, an Oil City businessman, was installed as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, at the Annual Grand Communication on December 28, 1959.

He served as a District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-Third Masonic District from 1949 until his installation.

Born in Oil City on February 5, 1899, Brother Deyoe is a Past Master of Petrolia Lodge No. 363, Oil City.

His other Masonic affiliations include: Past High Priest, Oil City Chapter No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Keystone Council No. 42, Royal and Select Masters, Franklin; Past Commander and Trustee, Talbot Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar; Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; United States Premier Conclave No. 1, Red Cross of Constantine, Pittsburgh; Zem Zem Shrine Temple, Erie;

and in the Scottish Rite, Venango Lodge of Perfection, Oil City; Coudersport Council Princes of Jerusalem; Past Most Wise Master, Coudersport Chapter Rose Croix; Coudersport Consistory and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree.

Brother Deyoe is a member of Christ Episcopal Church and has served as a Vestryman and Senior Warden. He is a Past President of the Lions Club and a World War I veteran.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

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which were adopted, whereby fraternal recognition was not extended to the Grand Lodge of France, nor to the Italian National Grand Lodge.

The recently appointed Committee on Future Planning for the Masonic Temple and Properties in Philadelphia presented a very comprehensive report on this important and complex problem. It pointed out that many of the present functions of The Masonic Temple are now taxed beyond capacity, and concluded with recommendations leading to the solution of the many problems involved. This Committee consists of Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, Chairman, and Brothers W. LeRoy McKinley, now R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Charles H. Nitsch, R.W.P.C.M., and Robert U. Frey.

The R. W. Grand Master presented Brother Charles E. Daniels, R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Delaware and asked him to speak for all the distinguished Guests. Brother Daniels responded in a most gracious manner. He had resided in Scranton for many years and was a member of our Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323 before he moved to Delaware.

The R. W. Grand Master read the following Decision which he issued as of this day:

No. 99-A. When requested in writing by a Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a subordinate Lodge of this Jurisdiction, the Secretary shall issue to him, on the stationery of the Lodge, a statement attesting such membership status and signed by the Secretary.

R. W. Grand Master Chilcote addressed Grand Lodge briefly for the last time as Grand Master. His address is reviewed elsewhere in this issue and will be printed in its entirety in the Proceedings.

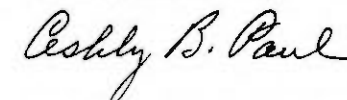
Promptly at high noon the Grand Lodge Officers who had been elected at the December Quarterly were duly installed, and the new R. W. Grand Master, Brother Max F. Balcom, presided for the remainder of the Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master called upon Brother George H. Deike, R.W.P.G.M., who presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel and his Apron and Gavel to the outgoing R. W. Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote.

A large number of members of Emporium Lodge No. 382, of which R. W. Grand Master Balcom was a Past Master, along with many other Masons from that part of the State were present. Brother Evan H. Boden, Worshipful Master of Emporium Lodge No. 382, spoke of the pleasant and thrilling experience of the Masons in Emporium and vicinity in being privileged to witness the installation of Brother Balcom as R. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. Other close friends and relatives of Brother Balcom were also happy to be present on this occasion.

R. W. Grand Master Balcom delivered his inaugural address to Grand Lodge. This address is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

Sincerely and fraternally,



ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

Recently Appointed District Deputy Grand Masters

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, appointed the following new District Deputy Grand Masters.

BROTHER JOHN LAWSON, of Mechanicsburg, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, was appointed for the Third Masonic District, vice Brother John A. Walker, deceased.

BROTHER PAUL H. FOX, of Oil City, Past Master of Fraternal Lodge No. 483, Rouseville, was appointed for the Twenty-Third Masonic District, vice Brother Robert E. Deyoe, elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

BROTHER VIRGIL C. SCOTT, of Pottsville, Past Master of Pulaski Lodge No. 216, Pottsville, was appointed for the Eleventh Masonic District, vice Brother Robert Peel, resigned because of business commitments to become a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

BROTHER MAURICE P. EVANS, of Pittsburgh, Past Master of Crafton Lodge No. 683, Crafton, for the Fifty-Seventh Masonic District, vice Brother Raymond H. Grimm, resigned to accept the appointment as Instructor of Ritualistic Work.

BROTHER BURTON L. HIRSCH, of Pittsburgh, Past Master of McCandless Lodge No. 390, for the Fifty-First Masonic District, vice Brother Gustav L. Schramm, deceased.

In Memoriam

BROTHER JOHN A. WALKER District Deputy Grand Master

Brother John A. Walker, District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, died at his home in Greencastle on November 22, 1959, after a short illness.

Brother Walker served as a District Deputy for six years. He was Past Master of Mt. Pisgah Lodge, No. 443, F. & A.M., Greencastle.

He was a Cashier and Director of the First National Bank of Greencastle. He was a member of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church, and served his Church as an Elder.

Brother Walker also was a Member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Harrisburg; George Washington Chapter, No. 176, Chambersburg; Continental Commandery, Knights Templar, Chambersburg; and Zembo Shrine Temple, Harrisburg.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alma Miner Walker, and two daughters, Mrs. Jane McCutcheon, Harrisburg, and Miss Margaret Walker, a student at Grove City College.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Our December Communications

December Quarterly Televised

In order that the large number of Members who usually attend the December Quarterly Communication could be more comfortably accommodated, the proceedings were televised and shown in Renaissance Hall. Thus many Members including the Tellers and those voting in Renaissance Hall in the Annual Election could see and hear what was transpiring in Corinthian Hall.

Brother Waldo E. Baker, Chief Engineer of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, was in charge of bringing the necessary equipment from The Masonic Homes to Philadelphia and having it installed in the two Lodge Rooms. After the close of the Communication, the equipment was immediately returned to The Masonic Homes where it is used for the entertainment of the Guests. The purchase of this equipment was made possible through a generous gift of Brother George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

The Communication, as usual, was well attended with over 450 Lodges represented. Distinguished Guests were present, and formally received, from Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, Illinois, Saskatchewan and the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Annual Election

The following Brethren were duly elected to serve Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year:

Brother MAX F. BALCOM
R. W. Grand Master
Brother W. LEROY MCKINLEY
R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Brother EARL F. HEROLD
R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Brother ROBERT E. DEYOE
R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Brother LOUIS BACHARACH
R. W. Grand Treasurer
Brother ASHBY B. PAUL
R. W. Grand Secretary

Committee on Masonic Homes

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

Crowded Agenda

As always, this Quarterly Communication was extremely busy. The following brief comments cover some of the more important items. The Committee reports will be printed in full in the Proceedings.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and the Confederation of Symbolic Lodges, Orient of Central America, requesting fraternal recognition, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon regarding the allocation of Gifts, Bequests and Devises were again read. These Amendments which were recommended by the Committee on

Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance were, on motion, formally approved. Briefly, these Amendments provide for the allocation of the funds for The Masonic Homes from the above sources, the use of which are not specifically designated, to the Endowment Fund of The Masonic Homes or to The Masonic Homes Reserve Fund, or partly to each.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, introduced Brother Arthur T. Moore, of Lodge No. 783, who is now working on the staff of the Grand Master. He will assist the Grand Master in various activities and will help the Grand Master accomplish the latter's program.

In Memoriam to Brother Schramm

An "In Memoriam" covering the sudden death of Brother Gustav L. Schramm was read by Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master. Brother Schramm was the District Deputy Grand Master in District No. 51 and the Director of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute.

The Budget Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1959 were outlined in the report of the Committee on Finance; also the proposed Budget for the present fiscal year, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

The By-Laws of two Lodges and the amendments to the By-Laws of 25 Lodges were approved upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, while the amendments proposed by five Lodges were rejected as recommended by this Committee.

A résumé of the work completed during the past year and the detailed expenditures amounting to approximately \$130,000 were given by the Committee on Temple. This Committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and completing any necessary alterations.

Patton School

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys presented a very complete and comprehensive report, a copy of which will be forwarded to each Lodge. Twenty-two boys graduated last May and many of them are continuing their education in various colleges and institutes.

Committee on Masonic Culture

The activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture were outlined in its annual report. Eight pamphlets for the use of approved petitioners and newly made Masons have been printed and distributed to the Lodges. Also many sectional Institutes have been held to discuss the use of these pamphlets. Another booklet, "Facing the East," has recently been printed for the use of our Senior Wardens.

The Pennsylvania Freemason

The circulation of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" continues to grow, but there are still many Members in this Jurisdiction who have not asked to receive this quarterly Grand Lodge publication. The use of our Library also continues to increase each year.

The Children's Service Committee, which suffered an immeasurable loss in the death of Brother Schramm, held two sessions of the Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute during the year. Over 200 jurists from every state in the Union, including Alaska and Hawaii, have attended the ten sessions of this Institute. Korean lawyers and a representative from Ghana, Africa, were present at the meeting in Pittsburgh last September.

The Committee on Employment Bureau has just completed its 43rd year of operation. During the past year it made 713 placements as compared with 607 in the previous 12 months.

The R. W. Grand Master read his decision granting permission for the showing of motion pictures of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Patton School for Boys produced by Grand Lodge in Lodge Rooms, and Masonic Halls, after the Lodge has been closed, and in accordance with fire regulations.

Guest Speakers

The R. W. Grand Master called upon Brother Andrew G. Jenkins, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to represent and speak for the distinguished Guests.

Brother Jenkins pointed out that the Guests present at this Communication represent nearly one-half of all the Masons in this country. He congratulated our Grand Lodge on the high type Grand Lodge line officers we have; he mentioned the outstanding speeches made by R. W. Past Grand Masters Kern and Lehr in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge during his term.

Brother Jenkins then presented to Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, our R. W. Grand Master, the Henry Price Medal, which is the highest honor in the power of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to confer.

Brother Richmond Mayson, immediate Past Grand Master and now Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, also addressed Grand Lodge briefly. He presented to our Grand Lodge for its Museum a 13th century Crusaders Sword and Scabbard, which came from the home of the Earl of Carlisle, in whose possession it had been for several hundred years.

Annual Grand Communication

As December 27, 1959 fell on Sunday, the Annual Grand Communication was not held until the following day. Because of the inclement weather, the attendance was unusually small, only 112 Lodges being represented.

Distinguished Guests were present from Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Michigan, Ontario, Canada, District of Columbia and the Royal Order of Scotland.

A communication was received from the United Grand Lodges of Germany requesting fraternal recognition. A communication was also received from the Grand Lodge of the State of São Paulo, Brazil, relative to its relationship with the Grand Lodge Unido of São Paulo. Both communications were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The R. W. Grand Master announced that Brother George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Mrs. Deike had again made a generous gift to Grand Lodge for The Masonic Homes in the form of 50 shares of Atlas Powder stock.

Upon the joint recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance, Grand Lodge adopted a resolution which authorized the completion of the necessary alterations to the third floor of Grand Lodge Hall at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown as required to make this space suitable for Guests. This will furnish relief for both the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital and the Allegheny Rest Home at The Masonic Homes.

The Committee on Masonic Homes presented its 51st Annual Report which, as usual, will be published in booklet form as well as in the Proceedings. One hundred sixty-four Guests were admitted during the past year. The highest number of Guests on a single day was 703, of which more than 625 were adults of an average age of 81 years and 5 months.

Upon the recommendations of the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge adopted separate resolutions which extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina, Brazil, and to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador; resolutions were also presented by this Committee,

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Bright Future for Pennsylvania Freemasonry Predicted in Brother Chilcote's Recent Message

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, in his last message as R. W. Grand Master, predicted a bright future for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Speaking at the Annual Grand Communication on December 28, 1959, Brother Chilcote said:

"We face the future with confidence in the knowledge of our potential for doing good in the troubled world today."

However, he warned the Craft:

"The nuclear age in which we are living has generated new concern. This makes necessary readjustment in thinking, which is as necessary in Freemasonry as in world affairs.

"We cannot idly stand by and fail to recognize and realize that, while geographically the distance between Nations is the same in miles, the time element and methods of communication have brought us very close together.

"Because our teachings and philosophy are such as to unite, rather than destroy proper human relationships, it should become more active and aggressive in its efforts to establish right and clear thinking and action among all men everywhere."

He cited the Committee on Masonic Culture as one example of what the Grand Lodge is doing to help Masonic understanding. He said:

"It has formulated an educational program which, if properly followed by all of the Lodges, will enable Masons in Pennsylvania to correctly understand the principles which Masonry advocates.

"It will give us a more comprehensive view of the universe and of ourselves. It will make us better citizens and enable us to become leaders in the communities in which we live.

"We will know how to be better Members, husbands, fathers and citizens.

"It is therefore urged that every Lodge and every Mason become squarely aligned in support of the activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture."

Brother Chilcote urged Lodges to create a greater interest in meetings to increase attendance. He pointed out:

"It is our duty to make Freemasonry so attractive that good men, everywhere, will seek admission to the Fraternity.

"All Masons must learn that Freemasonry challenges us to the highest reaches of noble living. It strives to aid and develop talents of the individual Mason, so that our lives may be enriched and exalted in fellowship and service."

Brother Chilcote stated:

"It appears to me that Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is about to take the greatest forward

stride which is within the knowledge and experience of any of us.

"We, of course, will protect and preserve the Landmarks of Freemasonry.

"At the same time, we must enlarge our thinking so that the proverbial 'bushel' will be removed from the candle and that its lights may shine in a more impressive manner throughout every town and hamlet in this Jurisdiction."

He urged Pennsylvania Masons to constitute new Lodges in growing and expanding urban communities. He said:

"I know that all of us agree that in such communities new Lodges should be established so that Freemasonry may be a part of the life and undertakings of the citizens of the new areas.

"In addition to the new areas, there are many older communities that have no Lodges. These areas should be very carefully analyzed and checked, and a new Lodge established if indicated.

"It is our duty to spread Masonic Light, and it is by the establishment of new Lodges that our Light can be spread throughout this Commonwealth."

During Brother Chilcote's two-year term as Grand Master, five new Lodges were constituted. They include: Forbes Trail No. 783, Accord No. 785, Fox Chapel No. 784, Monroeville No. 786 and Col. Henry Bouquet No. 787. They are all in the Pittsburgh district.

In reporting on the five new Lodges, Brother Chilcote said:

"Each of these Lodges is growing and developing very rapidly. There have been many petitions received and approved in each of them.

"I am sure each of these Lodges will have a deep and lasting effect on the perpetuation of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

Brother Chilcote thanked the Committee on Finance, and Trustees of the various Grand Lodge funds, for their outstanding service to Freemasonry in the two years of his term. He added:

"I am sure that all Masons in Pennsylvania are most grateful for what is being done by these men."

He pointed out the many improvements being made at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, and cited the Committee for its outstanding service to Masonry. He said:

"The Members of the Committee on Masonic Homes are most sincere in all that they do; and the Executive Committee meets every week in the year.

"I am sure that every Mason in Pennsylvania appreciates the very wonderful work done by this Committee."

He thanked Miss Susan E. Miller, Executive Secretary, for directing the operation of The Homes since the Superintendent resigned on September 1, 1959.

Brother Chilcote said the Committee on Future Planning for The Masonic Homes has done an outstanding job for Masonry. He stated this Committee is carefully considering the future needs at The Homes.

He commended the Trustees of The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys for their work in maintaining the high standards of the school.

He said one of the outstanding features of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is the uniform exemplification of the Ritualistic Work, adding:

"It is our duty as Masons to hand down to those who follow us, the Ritualistic Work unchanged as to methods of communication and exemplification of it."

He thanked Brother Andrew J. Schroder, Instructor of the Ritualistic Work, who resigned from this important position. Brother Chilcote said:

He has preserved the accuracy of our Ritual, and impressed upon all those with whom he comes in contact, the necessity for its preservation.

Brother Chilcote reminded Pennsylvania Masons of the responsibilities and needs of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He stated:

"The Memorial is one of the outstanding edifices in the Washington area. It not only memorializes George Washington as a Mason, but really stands for Freemasonry.

"Because it does, each and every individual Mason all over the world, and especially in the United States, has a definite and distinct interest in it."

Brother Chilcote also urged a greater interest in the Order of DeMolay. He pointed out:

"I know of no finer activity in which a Lodge can interest itself than that of promoting DeMolay. The young men of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, not only in Masonry but in all of the affairs of life.

"An interest in young men between the ages of 14 and 21 for the purpose of assisting them to become good citizens must not be neglected by Freemasonry. On the contrary, it should be one of the most avid pursuits of Freemasonry."

Brother Chilcote thanked all the Brethren for assisting him during his two-year term as Grand Master.

(Editor's Note: The complete address of Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Past Grand Master, will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.)