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What Should We Tell Our Non-Masonic Friends about Freemasonry

What should we tell our non-Masonic friends when they ask questions about Freemasonry?

When these questions arise, and they often do, our response will undoubtedly influence the mental attitude of our friends toward ourselves and the Craft in general.

We should not take a timid approach to our answers. We should not indicate a desire to "change the subject." We should not reflect a "mum's-the-word" attitude.

Instead, we should be prepared to speak with ease, pride and authority. What do we have to hide?

Make it known that Freemasonry is a way of life.

Freemasonry is fraternal in organization, religious in character, based on the belief in the Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul.

Be prompt to make it known that Freemasonry is not a "secret society" as many surmise. Freemasonry is a voluntary association wherein the interested one comes of his own free will and accord.

Indicate also that Freemasonry is not a religion as many claim it is.

Discussions on religion or politics have no place in our proceedings.

Proclaim that Freemasonry, in its every effort and purpose strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society, and through its teachings, seeks to make good men better men. You can proudly state that the basic ethical principles as exemplified in our Ritual and Lodge Work, are such as are most acceptable to all good men; they are lessons based on the golden rule, tolerance

toward men, respect for one's family, charity towards all and being true to God for His gracious and numerous blessings.

Be proud to proclaim that Freemasonry is a band of men bound together in the bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection that extends throughout the World.

And to sum it all up Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

These and many other answers can be applied to the questions your friends will ask.

Speak up. What do we have to hide—save that which pertains to our esoteric Work?

Freemasonry is a way of life. —W.A.C.

WANTED!!

Boys for The Patton School

For several years The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys has not been filled to its normal capacity. It is believed that this condition results primarily from the fact that so many Masons in the State lack information concerning the Patton School, its purposes, its courses and the requirements for admission.

Founded through the generosity of Thomas Ranken Patton (for many years, 1874 until his death in 1907, the Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge and of Grand Chapter), the School is near Elizabethtown on land adjacent to that of The Masonic Homes. It was established for the education of male orphan children of Master Masons who were at the time of their deaths members in good standing in some subordinate Lodge in Pennsylvania. In the absence of such qualified applicants, it is permissible to admit any male orphan who might be deemed worthy. Applicants must have completed the ninth grade and be between fifteen and eighteen years of age. They must be of good character, and mentally and physically capable of working at a trade.

The School gives excellent three-year courses in Machine Shop Practice, Carpentry, and Electronics plus academic training equivalent to the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades of high school. Provision has been made for students who wish to enter a college or university to continue their education. The program also includes competition with other schools in a number of sports, and quite naturally there is provision for social activities of various kinds. Attendance at church each Sunday is obligatory.

No charge whatever is made, but each boy is expected to have a sponsor, preferably from a Blue Lodge. The sponsor would be obligated to pay for such items as clothing and tools not supplied by the school. The Thomas Ranken Patton Institution for Boys is administered by

a Board of Trustees appointed by the R. W. Grand Master. It is financed largely out of income from the investment of funds received under Brother Patton's will, supplemented by moneys appropriated by Grand Lodge.

There must be quite a number of boys throughout the State who could qualify for admission and who would be happy to take advantage of the manifold opportunities afforded by this splendid Masonic Institution. Application forms can be secured through the Superintendent of the School whose post office address is Elizabethtown, Pa.—W.E.M.

A Real Family Affair, Ten Brothers of the Craft

At an Extra Meeting of Thomas R. Patton Lodge, No. 659, held in Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Friday evening, December 18, 1959, Brother Robert P. Richter was introduced and received his Entered Apprentice Mason's degree, the degree being conferred by his brother, Horace F. Richter, Jr., assisted by his father, Horace F. Richter and his seven brothers.

The father and six of the seven brothers, all Members of Thomas R. Patton Lodge, and the seventh brother, a Member of a New Jersey Lodge, filled each of the positions on the floor which is a Masonic rarity, to say the least.

Thomas R. Patton Lodge may well be proud in having within its Membership one who has made such a wonderful contribution to the Fraternity.

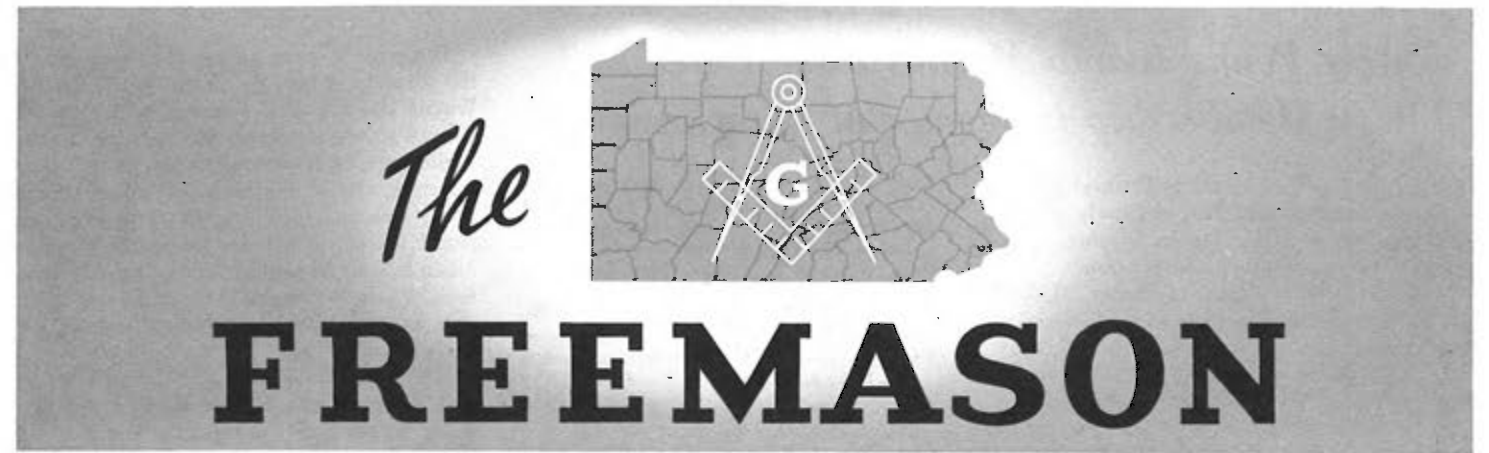
The teachings of the Order of DeMolay . . . love of parents, love of God, patriotism, purity, courtesy, comradeship and fidelity . . . are those which not only develop the best in youth, but insure the best in man.—CHARLES G. DAWES

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Your cooperation in making certain that your name and address is always correct on our mailing list is greatly appreciated.



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A Message from Our Grand Master

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial on Shooters Hill, Alexandria, Virginia—across the river from Washington, D. C.—is a "living" tribute to the high ideals of Freemasonry.

It stands as "A Lamp to the world of men"—an inspiring reminder of the wisdom, strength and beauty given this country by Brother George Washington.

Today, it represents Freemasonry's faith in the principles of civil and religious liberty—the very message of Freemasonry.

The Memorial is practically completed. However, this doesn't solve the problem. The immediate need is for a \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund to assure that the Memorial will be opened to visitors in its entirety.

It now has almost \$1,000,000 in the Endowment Fund. The need is \$4,000,000 more. When this goal is reached, the Memorial will be operated in a manner befitting the high ideals of Freemasonry.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, when Grand Master, proposed a plan to raise the needed money. His plan, now called the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN," was adopted at a meeting of Grand Masters at the Memorial on February 22, 1960.

The plan is simple—every Lodge raise a sum equal to at least \$1.00 a member and \$10.00 from the Lodge itself.

I am confident that Masons in Pennsylvania will more than meet this challenge when they fully understand the need.

The Endowment Plan is a one-time program. Once your Lodge has fulfilled its obligation, it will not be asked for a repeat contribution. The only exception is the \$1.00 contribution from each new initiate. This will be continued. It gives the new member a personal share in the Memorial.

All contributions to the Memorial are tax exempt. This could mean an important tax deduction.

I have asked every Lodge in Pennsylvania to accept this challenge and reach the 100 per cent participation mark.

Every Mason in Pennsylvania should also accept this challenge and help the Lodges reach this goal. In this way you will have a direct interest in this wonderful structure.

In past years, many of you have helped build the Memorial. For these contributions, I personally thank you. I hope you now can see your way clear to help endow it, to assure its operation.

Send your contributions to your Lodge secretary. Your Lodge will be given credit for your contribution. You will be helping your Lodge reach its 100 per cent participation goal.

Brethren who give \$100.00 to the Memorial will receive a beautifully engraved Life Membership Certificate from the Memorial Association. This contribution will also be credited to the donor's Lodge.

A Grand Master's Award certificate will be presented to Masonic Lodges that reach their quota. I would like to see one of these certificates in every Lodge in Pennsylvania.

Lodges that reach their quota, and those purchasing \$100.00 Life Memberships will be recognized by THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

The 146 Lodges and 30 Life Members, with payments received before May 1, 1960, are recognized in this issue of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON. Lodges completing their quotas and additional Life Members received after May 1, will be recognized in the next issue.

I hope the list is much greater in the next issue. I'm sure it will be if we all assume a personal responsibility and make sure we have contributed.

Many Lodges which have reached the quota did it by having the Lodge advance the required money. They plan a campaign to replenish the treasury.

I personally thank you Brethren for doing everything possible to help your Lodge reach the 100 per cent participation goal. I'm sure you will be proud to visit this wonderful Memorial when it is opened in its entirety.

Since the beginning of construction, in 1922, Memorial expenditures included: Building construction, \$4,953,372.28; grounds construction, \$309,790.29; purchase of land, \$73,313.88; general disbursements and promotion, \$523,290.41; maintenance and operation of the building, \$610,673.64; and maintenance of grounds, \$137,738.38. This is a total expenditure of \$6,608,178.88.

The great aim in this worthy undertaking is that set forth by the Association at the time construction was started more than thirty years ago.

"We could not hope to increase the fame of Brother George Washington nor add to the enduring luster of his name. Our purpose was, and is, to hand down to coming generations a testament of love of our Fraternity for him who was the glory of his country and an ornament to Freemasonry. . . .

"We could not fulfill our wishes by the creation of a new planet to shed its splendor among the stars. We could not set to music the ceaseless surgings of the sea to carry the message of our appreciation to every shore throughout the coming years.

"So, turning from the domain of the impossible, we opened the granite hills of New Hampshire to take their strength and make it attest our everlasting admiration for him to whom it is dedicated. Erected of enduring materials, our temple will stand throughout the ages.

"It will carry to generations yet unborn, and to those to whom we may seem an ancient race, the message of human brotherhood. It will perpetuate the attributes of self-denial, patriotism, love of country and fellow man, which were typified in the life and work of the great Mason, the master builder of our Nation—Brother George Washington."

Cordially and fraternally,

Max F. Balcom

MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master

Thirty Pennsylvania Masons Have Purchased Life Membership in Memorial Association

Since February 22, 1958, thirty Pennsylvania Masons have contributed \$100 each to become Life Members in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. They will receive "Roll of Honor" Life Membership Certificates from the Memorial Association.

The \$100 contributions will go to the endowment fund of the Memorial. All the names of Masons contributing \$100 or more to the Association will be printed in THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

Those contributing \$100 between February 22, 1958 and May 1, 1960, include:

- BRO. MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master, Emporium Lodge, No. 382, Emporium
- BRO. W. LeROY McKINLEY, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia
- BRO. EARL F. HEROLD, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Butler Lodge, No. 272, Butler
- BRO. ROBERT E. DEYOE, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Oil City
- BRO. LOUIS BACHARACH, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia
- BRO. ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary, Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg
- BRO. JOHN A. LATHWOOD, Past Grand Master, Temple Lodge, No. 678, Pittsburgh
- BRO. RICHARD A. KERN, Past Grand Master, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia
- BRO. GEORGE H. DEIKE, Past Grand Master, George W. Guthrie Lodge, No. 691, Pittsburgh
- BRO. WILLIAM E. YEAGER, Past Grand Master, Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Warren

97 Years of Age, Brother Morris Runkle Enjoying 75th Year as Mason

On March 25, 1885, Morris Runkle was made a Mason in Schuylkill Lodge No. 138 in Orwigsburg. Now 75 years later Brother Runkle is still a member of that Lodge and an enthusiastic Mason.

A few days prior to Brother Runkle's 75th Anniversary, Brothers W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary; Virgil C. Scott, newly appointed D.D.G.M.; and Norman A. Yeager, a Past Master of Pulaski Lodge No. 216, visited Brother Runkle in his apartment at 220 W. Bacon Street in Pottsville, where he has resided for many years.

Brother Runkle, who is 97, is able to walk about his apartment and is reasonably well for his age. He is mentally alert and still interested in Masonic affairs although unable to attend Lodge any longer.

Are there any other living Pennsylvania Masons who have been members for 75 years or more?—A.B.P.

- BRO. SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, Past Grand Master, Verona Lodge, No. 548, Verona
- BRO. JOHN E. BAILEY, D.D.G.M., Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, Waynesburg
- BRO. WILLIAM T. CANAN, Past D.D.G.M., Hiram Lodge, No. 616, Altoona
- BRO. THOMAS A. COLEMAN, Past D.D.G.M., McKeesport Lodge, No. 641, McKeesport
- BRO. WALLACE L. DAVIS, Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, Allentown

- BRO. MERLIN C. FAVINGER, Eureka Lodge, No. 302, Mechanicsburg
- BRO. ERNEST W. FOELL, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 506, Frankford
- BRO. BURTON L. HIRSCH, D.D.G.M., McCandless Lodge, No. 390, Pittsburgh
- BRO. CARL A. LENSNER, Homestead Lodge, No. 582, Homestead
- BRO. EVERETT LYNN, Donora Lodge, No. 626, Donora

- BRO. JAMES W. McKINLEY, Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia
- BRO. J. WARREN McKINLEY, Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia
- BRO. WILLIS R. MICHAEL, Grand Steward, York Lodge, No. 266, York
- BRO. ARTHUR T. MOORE, Forbes Trail Lodge, No. 783, Export
- BRO. WALTER NEITHERCOTT, Industry Lodge, No. 131, Philadelphia

- BRO. ALBERT B. ORTLIEB, Kensington Lodge, No. 211, Frankford
- BRO. FRANK A. PETERS, Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, Harrisburg
- BRO. GEORGE M. PFUNDT, Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia
- BRO. JOSEPH KENNARD SKILLING, Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia
- BRO. EUGENE W. ZIMMERMAN, Lowther Manor Lodge, No. 781, Camp Hill

Captain Adam Bitting, Mason

By JAMES R. CASE, Grand Historian
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut

The winter of 1780-81 was an uneasy one at Morristown, New Jersey, where the Pennsylvania Brigade under Mad Anthony Wayne was quartered. Their dependant families neglected by state authorities, themselves almost entirely destitute of clothing and blankets, they had not been paid for a year. The new recruits who drifted in boasted of the cash bonus which had persuaded them to enlist. Having signed up for "three years or during the war," the old-timers found their three years expired but their service extended. All in all they were very unhappy.

A consolatory double issue of rum on New Year's Day warmed their discontent and brought it from a gripe to open revolt. Under a committee of sergeants they seized the artillery and ammunition, compelled a reluctant few to cast lots with them, formed on the parade ground, determined to march on Philadelphia and present their case to the state assembly.

The general alarm having been sounded by the drummers at the main guard house, Wayne and his officers rushed to the parade ground to try and quell the uprising. In the excitement of their appearance, brandishing sidearms, and in confusion as to their intentions, weapons were brought into play and blood flowed freely. In the melee Captain Adam Bitting, advancing with a charged esop-ton, was shot through the body by one of his own men, expiring two hours later at low twelve.

When General Wayne and Colonels Butler and Stewart found themselves unable to persuade the mutineers to return to quarters, but rather determined to proceed, they accompanied the march. Popular as those officers were with the troops, the malcontents would not be persuaded when asked to return to their barracks. Not until several weeks later, while halted at Princeton, were they pacified by a committee from Philadelphia, their grievances compromised, and a few ringleaders punished. With their wrongs righted, many re-enlisted and the brigade conducted themselves gloriously later in the year at Yorktown.

Adam Bitting went out in 1776 as a lieutenant of Pennsylvania troops, and was among the hundreds taken prisoner at the Fort Washington disaster in November that year. Although paroled, he was not formally exchanged for nearly a year-and-a-half, when he again reported for duty as a Captain in the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment. He accompanied the punitive expedition under Generals Sullivan and Clinton which laid waste the Indian villages in the Finger Lakes region of Central New York.

He had been made a Mason in Saint George's Lodge at Schenectady June 12, 1779, was a visitor to American Union Lodge at Morristown March 27, 1780, and later a member of Pennsylvania Union Lodge, No. 29, A.Y.M., working in the Pennsylvania Brigade. The scanty records of this Lodge which have survived, show that on February 6, 1781, a sum was voted "for relief of the widow and children of Br. Adam Bitting."

Traditionally this Brother, who was fervent in his fight for freedom, and who died "a victim to his zeal and duty," is buried under or near the "Bettin Oak" which stands on Jockey Hollow Road in the National Military Park at Morristown, Pennsylvania.

Brother F. William Miller Receives Appointment as District Deputy Grand Master

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 Master:

Brother F. William Miller, of Towanda, Past Master of Union Lodge No. 108, Towanda, was appointed for the Sixteenth Masonic District, vice Harold E. Racht, resigned.

Data on Aide to Committee on Masonic Culture MUST Be Filed Correctly

It is most important that each Lodge have an Aide to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. It is also important that the name, address and Lodge number of that person be on file by forwarding to The Pennsylvania Freemason, P. O. Box 688, Warren, Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Masonic Culture of Grand Lodge therefore appeals to each Worshipful Master to appoint his Aide and direct the Secretary to forward the name, address and Lodge number to the address mentioned above.

If the name and address and Lodge number of the Aide has been registered and he is still serving in that capacity, it is not necessary to forward the information each year. However, when a new Aide is appointed, such information should be furnished immediately.

Secretaries are also reminded that the name and address of the Aide to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture may be carried on the back of the Lodge Notice and reference to anything relating to the Committee on Masonic Culture may be inserted in the Lodge Notice.

Brother Willis R. Michael Appointed to Committee on Masonic Homes

Brother Willis R. Michael, a Past Master of York Lodge No. 266, has been appointed by Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, to the Committee on Masonic Homes to succeed Brother Francis H. Mills, who was recently selected Superintendent of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Brother Michael, a resident of York, is active in all branches of Freemasonry.

Brother Ellis E. Stern Now Serving on Executive Committee of The Homes Committee

Brother Ellis E. Stern, a Past Master of Coatesville Lodge No. 564, who has been a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes since 1954, has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Masonic Homes, which post was held by Brother Francis H. Mills, now Superintendent of The Masonic Homes.

Brother Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Brother C. Howard Witmer along with Brother Stern comprise the Executive Committee which meets nearly every week the year around.

Thirty-ninth and Fourth Masonic Districts Set Pace in Support of "Pennsylvania Plan"

The Thirty-ninth Masonic District was the first District in which all seven Lodges reached the 100 per cent participation in the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" in support of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Brother Hugh M. Bell is District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirty-ninth District.

The Fourth Masonic District with five Lodges

was a close second to complete its quota to the Memorial. Brother Paul G. Pensinger is District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth District.

Several other Districts are nearing completion. The 146 Lodges completing the quota, based on the checks received by the Grand Secretary as of May 1, 1960, are listed as follows:

District	Lodges in District	Lodges	District	Lodges in District	Lodges
A	(10)	None	25	(7)	234, 754
B	(10)	748	26	(7)	433
C	(9)	None	27	(7)	239, 272, 540, 694, 769, 577
D	(11)	292, 330, 715, 782	28	(9)	650, 691
E	(9)	125	29	(8)	153, 164, 447, 454, 604, 623
F	(10)	368, 369, 728	30	(8)	225, 275, 750
G	(10)	2	31	(7)	228, 459, 651
H	(9)	506	32	(10)	None
I	(9)	None	33	(8)	379, 382, 532
J	(10)	None	34	(7)	572, 688, 774
1	(12)	None	35	(7)	None
2	(14)	464, 486, 681, 704, 756, 781	36	(13)	767, 772, 779
3	(8)	260, 262, 302, 361, 443	37	(8)	None
4	(5)	336, 348, 423, 465, 586	38	(7)	None
5	(8)	None	39	(7)	313, 355, 431, 437, 534, 617, 753
6	(10)	None	40	(7)	595
7	(11)	307, 367, 435, 660, 406	41	(8)	538
8	(10)	245, 308, 410	42	(6)	266, 503, 706
9	(8)	563	43	(7)	615
10	(9)	None	44	(6)	None
11	(10)	138, 216, 222, 409, 426, 285	45	(8)	None
12	(15)	763	46	(10)	144, 404
13	(15)	504	47	(8)	269, 509, 608, 652, 684, 743, 761
14	(6)	305, 344	48	(10)	699, 783, 787
15	(11)	328, 338, 445, 472, 507	49	(11)	375, 526, 582, 714, 786
16	(8)	None	50	(8)	None
17	(7)	350	51	(9)	231, 678, 762
18	(9)	None	52	(9)	None
19	(7)	203, 376, 458	53	(9)	250, 290, 424, 517, 575, 603, 668
20	(7)	281, 490, 616	54	(9)	548, 612, 644
21	(8)	391, 515	55	(8)	253, 697
22	(7)	566	56	(6)	241, 412, 726
23	(5)	316, 363	57	(8)	None
24	(12)	304, 455	58	(8)	357

An Expression of Gratitude to The Homes

Superintendent of Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, Penna.

Gentlemen:

It is extremely difficult to express in words our gratitude for the love and kindness that has been tendered to our Father, Isaac H. Simmonds, during the past six years he spent as a guest at your Home.

We are sure that no one but he knew the full measure of extra care and attention he received from your hospital staff during the past two very trying years.

Although he tried on numerous occasions to impress upon us how sincerely you attempted to care for every need of each individual guest, our recent experience has served to verify his words.

We have always contended that the myriad of details which are part of the preparation for laying a loved one to rest are the major burden of this occasion.

We, his children, will be ever grateful for the magnificent manner in which you relieved us of these details and so lightened our burden.

May the Blessing of God always remain with you and your staff as you continue to brighten the twilight years of your many guests.

Gratefully yours,
LILLIAN LIKENS
745 - 15th Avenue, Prospect Park, Pa.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

OUR MARCH COMMUNICATIONS

The March Quarterly Communication, with its attendant activities, becomes increasingly important and interesting each year. While the Communication itself lasts little over two hours, the associated meetings with their many details spread over a considerably longer period.

Early Tuesday morning, March 1st, Brother Raymond H. Grimm, newly appointed Instructor of Ritualistic Work, ably assisted by his predecessor, Brother Andrew J. Schroder, and the Regional Instructors, began rehearsing the three degrees before large groups from the various Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, Brother J. Waldo Baker, Chief Engineer of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and his co-workers, were installing the closed-circuit television equipment in Corinthian and Renaissance Halls.

Degrees Exemplified

Then beginning at 7 P.M. the three degrees were excellently exemplified in the presence of the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Max F. Balcom, and the Grand Lodge Officers, before a capacity audience in Corinthian Hall with many more following the work in Renaissance Hall.

The following Brethren were in the East for the Ritualistic Work: Brother William H. Hofknecht, Lodge No. 470, Opening and Closing; Brother William R. Parry, Lodge No. 436, Entered Apprentice Degree; Brother Donald S. Everett, Lodge No. 776, Fellow Craft Degree; Brother John F. Palmer, Lodge No. 292, Master Mason Degree.

The Finance Committee held its usual Quarterly meeting that afternoon.

District Deputy Grand Masters' Session

On Wednesday morning, March 2nd, the Grand Master, his Officers and Past Grand Masters met with the District Deputy Grand Masters for almost three hours, at which time items of unusual interest were discussed at length.

The Grand Master explained in detail the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" for raising the necessary funds for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Endowment.

Brother W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, discussed the preparation of the applications for The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, and for Home Assistance.

The Grand Secretary gave the latest figures on membership, and suggested methods whereby the large number of Suspensions for Nonpayment of Dues might be reduced; also to encourage Restoration to Membership.

Brother Arthur T. Moore, Assistant to the Grand Master, talked about the new motion

pictures and brochure on The Masonic Homes and the Patton School.

The Deputies raised many interesting subjects for discussion.

The Committee on Masonic Culture held its Quarterly meeting in the afternoon.

Many other conferences were held prior to the Quarterly Communication which opened at 7 P.M., with an unusually large attendance.

Requests for Recognition

A request for fraternal recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Venezuela, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Communications were also received from the National Grand Lodge of France and from the Grand Orient of Italy relative to Masonic conditions in their respective countries.

The Committee on Finance presented its report for the first fiscal Quarter, and two Resolutions which were adopted. The first concerned the remission of dues of a member confined in a State Hospital; the second authorized the sale of certain securities.

The Committee on Temple outlined the work completed during the first Quarter covering building, machinery, equipment and other items costing over \$28,000.

The Resolutions submitted by the Committee on By-Laws were adopted whereby the proposed By-Laws of one Lodge were approved and those of three Lodges were not approved.

Lodge Statistics for 1959

The Membership details for 1959 (before examination of General Returns) were announced as follows—

Number of Lodges	
December 27, 1958.....	590
Number of Lodges	
Constituted during 1959.....	4
Total Number of Lodges,	
December 27, 1959.....	594
Membership December 27,	
1958.....	257,263
Admitted during 1959....	829
Initiated during 1959....	6,530
	7,359
Suspended during 1959..	1,188
Resigned during 1959....	473
Deceased during 1959....	5,232
	6,893
Net Increase for 1959.....	466
Membership December 27, 1959.....	257,729

Conference of Grand Masters

Brother Earl F. Herold, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, gave a comprehensive report on the recent Conference of Grand Masters.

Brother W. LeRoy McKinley reviewed the recent George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting.

The R. W. Grand Master, Brother Balcom, reported progress on the Eight-Point Program

which he outlined in his inaugural address at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master also presented the "floor officers," who are listed in another article.

Grand Lodge closed at 9.30 P.M.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ceshly B. Paul

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

"Floor Officers" of Grand Lodge Announced

The R. W. Grand Master has appointed the following Brethren as Grand Lodge officers for the current Masonic year:

Deputy Grand Secretary
HAROLD S. MCGEAR, *Past Master*, Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 528, Philadelphia

Grand Chaplains
ARTHUR MURRAY, Mozart Lodge, No. 436, Philadelphia
FRED PIERCE CORSON, Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, Carlisle
G. MASON COCHRAN, *Past Master*, Allegheny Valley Lodge, No. 552, Emlenton
BEECHER M. RUTLEDGE, Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Warren
ALFRED NEVIN SAYRES, Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Lancaster
CARL C. RASMUSSEN, Harrisburg Lodge, No. 629, Harrisburg
W. RALPH WARD, JR., Bellefield Lodge, No. 680, Pittsburgh
JOSEPH E. LAW, La Belle Valee Lodge, No. 232, Jersey Shore
BERTRAM W. KORN, Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia
HENRY S. RAAB, Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg
J. CHARLES MCKIRACHAN, Lodge No. 8, New Jersey
RICHARD RADCLIFFE, Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 528, Philadelphia
MARSHALL D. BERRYHILL, Eureka Lodge, No. 290, Greenville
A. CULMER SCHULTZ, Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, New Castle

Senior Grand Deacon
EDWARD L. RUPERT, *Past Master*, Verona Lodge, No. 548, Verona

Junior Grand Deacon
JOHN E. MORRIS, JR., *Past Master*, Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Kingston

Grand Stewards
WILLIS R. MICHAEL, *Past Master*, York Lodge, No. 266, York
RAYMOND A. MYERS, SR., *Past Master*, Lowther Manor Lodge, No. 781, Camp Hill.

Grand Marshal
RALPH W. TEMPLE, *Past Master*, Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 380, Philadelphia

Grand Sword Bearer
CLAUDE A. CAMPBELL, *Past Master*, Emporium Lodge, No. 382, Emporium

Grand Pursuivant
JAMES N. DEETER, *Past Master*, George E. Wagner Lodge, No. 639, St. Mary's

Grand Tyler
CHARLES HIGGINS, *Past Master*, William E. Elkins Lodge, No. 646, Philadelphia

Grand Master's Award Earned by 146 Lodges for 100 per cent Participation in "Pennsylvania Plan"

The Grand Master's Award has been earned by 146 Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania for 100 per cent participation in the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" as of May 1, 1960, to endow The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

These Lodges have contributed at least \$1.00 a member and \$10.00 from the Lodge itself in the current program to endow the Memorial.

Perry Lodge No. 458 of Marysville has been credited with being the first Lodge to reach its

LODGE No. 2, Philadelphia
HERMANN LODGE, No. 125, Philadelphia
SCHUYLKILL LODGE, No. 138, Orwigsburg
CHARITY LODGE, No. 144, Lewisburg
WAYNESBURG LODGE, No. 153, Waynesburg

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 164, Washington
LEWISTOWN LODGE, No. 203, Lewistown
PULASKI LODGE, No. 216, Pottsville
MINERSVILLE LODGE, No. 222, Minersville
PHILANTHROPY LODGE, No. 225, Greensburg

FAYETTE LODGE, No. 228, Uniontown
SOLOMON LODGE, No. 231, Pittsburgh
CRAWFORD LODGE, No. 234, Meadville
ARMSTRONG LODGE, No. 239, Freeport
NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 241, Warren

DOYLESTOWN LODGE, No. 245, Doylestown
SHARON LODGE, No. 250, Sharon
WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 253, Pittsburgh
ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 260, Carlisle
ORRSTOWN LODGE, No. 262, Orrstown

YORK LODGE, No. 266, York
MONONGAHELA LODGE, No. 269, Pittsburgh
BUTLER LODGE, No. 272, Butler
LOYALHANNA LODGE, No. 275, Latrobe
MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 281, Altoona

ANTHRACITE LODGE, No. 285, St. Clair
EUREKA LODGE, No. 290, Greenville
FRANKFORD LODGE, No. 292, Philadelphia
EUREKA LODGE, No. 302, Mechanicsburg
WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 304, Albion

HAWLEY LODGE, No. 305, Hawley
WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 307, Womelsdorf
FORT WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 308, Fort Washington
INDIANA LODGE, No. 313, Indiana
MYRTLE LODGE, No. 316, Franklin

FREEDOM LODGE, No. 328, Thompson
GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 336, Gettysburg
GREAT BEND LODGE, No. 338, Great Bend
MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, Milford
PATMOS LODGE, No. 348, Hanover

BLOSS LODGE, No. 350, Blossburg
ACACIA LODGE, No. 355, Blairsville
MAHANAY CITY LODGE, No. 357, Mahanoy City
BIG SPRING LODGE, No. 361, Newville
PETROLIA LODGE, No. 363, Oil City

TEUTONIA LODGE, No. 367, Reading
CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 368, Philadelphia
WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 369, Philadelphia
ALLIQUIPPA LODGE, No. 375, McKeesport
MCVEYTOWN LODGE, No. 376, McVeytown

ELK LODGE, No. 379, Ridgway
PENNSYLVANIA LODGE, No. 380, Philadelphia
EMPORIUM LODGE, No. 382, Emporium
MOSHANNON LODGE, No. 391, Philipsburg
EUREKA LODGE, No. 404, Northumberland

quota this year. Its check was received before the endowment plan was officially approved by the Memorial Association. Several other Lodges also presented checks within the next few days or before the plan was formally adopted.

All Lodges receiving the Grand Master's Award will be recognized by THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON. Those having earned the Award by sending in their checks to the Grand Secretary as of May 1, 1960, are:

VAUX LODGE, No. 406, Hamburg
PINE GROVE LODGE, No. 409, Pine Grove
W. K. BRAY LODGE, No. 410, Hatboro
TEMPLE LODGE, No. 412, Tidioute
SHREWSBURY LODGE, No. 423, Shrewsbury

ADELPHIC LODGE, No. 424, Jamestown
CRESSONA LODGE, No. 426, Cressona
WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 431, Salisbury
LODGE OF THE CRAFT, No. 433, New Castle
ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 435, Reading

APOLLO LODGE, No. 437, Apollo
MOUNT PISGAH LODGE, No. 443, Greencastle
HARFORD LODGE, No. 445, Hop Bottom
CLAYSVILLE LODGE, No. 447, Claysville
RICHARD VAUX LODGE, No. 454, Burgettstown

KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 455, Erie
PERRY LODGE, No. 458, Marysville
VALLEY LODGE, No. 459, Masontown
ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 464, Harrisburg
HEBRON LODGE, No. 465, New Oxford

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 472, Uniondale
PRINCE EDWIN LODGE, No. 486, Middletown
LOGAN LODGE, No. 490, Altoona
RIVERSIDE LODGE, No. 503, Wrightsville
MOSCOW LODGE, No. 504, Moscow

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 506, Philadelphia
NEW MILFORD LODGE, No. 507, New Milford
GERMANIA LODGE, No. 509, Pittsburgh
OSCEOLA LODGE, No. 515, Osceola Mills
SHARPSVILLE LODGE, No. 517, Sharpsville

STEPHEN BAYARD LODGE, No. 526, Elizabeth
DRIFTWOOD LODGE, No. 532, Driftwood
JOHN W. JENKS LODGE, No. 534, Punxsutawney
JOHNSTOWN LODGE, No. 538, Johnstown
ARGYLE LODGE, No. 540, Chicora

VERONA LODGE, No. 548, Verona
HELLERTOWN LODGE, No. 563, Hellertown
KANE LODGE, No. 566, Kane
CROMWELL LODGE, No. 572, Orbisonia
HEBRON LODGE, No. 575, Mercer

LEECHBURG LODGE, No. 577, Leechburg
HOMESTEAD LODGE, No. 582, Homestead
ACACIA LODGE, No. 586, Waynesboro
PERKIOMEN LODGE, No. 595, East Greenville
GROVE CITY LODGE, No. 603, Grove City

GARFIELD LODGE, No. 604, McDonald
JOPPA LODGE, No. 608, Pittsburgh
TYRIAN LODGE, No. 612, Wilmerding
CHARLEROI LODGE, No. 615, Charleroi
HIRAM LODGE, No. 616, Altoona

KISKIMINETAS LODGE, No. 617, Vandergrift
SUNSET LODGE, No. 623, Washington
TYRIAN LODGE, No. 644, New Kensington
GETER C. SHIDLE LODGE, No. 650, Pittsburgh
LAUREL LODGE, No. 651, Uniontown

LA FAYETTE LODGE, No. 652, Carnegie
ISAAC HIESTER LODGE, No. 660, Reading
SHENANGO LODGE, No. 668, Sharon
TEMPLE LODGE, No. 678, Pittsburgh
WEST SHORE LODGE, No. 681, Camp Hill

DORMONT LODGE, No. 684, Dormont
MOUNT UNION LODGE, No. 688, Mount Union
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE LODGE, No. 691, Pittsburgh
VICTORY LODGE, No. 694, Butler
THEODORE ROOSEVELT LODGE, No. 697, Pittsburgh

DELTA LODGE, No. 699, Pittsburgh
MOUNT OLIVET LODGE, No. 704, Lebanon
WHITE ROSE LODGE, No. 706, York
WILSON LODGE, No. 714, Clairton
LOUIS WAGNER LODGE, No. 715, Philadelphia

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, No. 726, Warren
EMULATION LODGE, No. 728, Philadelphia
JOHN A. BRASHEAR LODGE, No. 743, Dormont
GOLDEN RULE LODGE, No. 748, Philadelphia
JEANNETTE LODGE, No. 750, Jeannette

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 753, Indiana
TITUSVILLE LODGE, No. 754, Titusville
WILLIAM S. SNYDER LODGE, No. 756, Harrisburg
BETHEL LODGE, No. 761, Dormont
BROTHERHOOD LODGE, No. 762, Pittsburgh

KING DAVID LODGE, No. 763, Kingston
ALBERT THATCHER HANBY LODGE, No. 767, Prospect Park
WILLIAM H. MILLER, LODGE, No. 769, Butler
EDWARD H. ROBERTS LODGE, No. 772, Chester
MOUNT ZION LODGE, No. 774, McConnellsburg

SPRINGFIELD LODGE, No. 779, Prospect Park
LOWTHER MANOR LODGE, No. 781, Camp Hill
LEONARD FORMAN LODGE, No. 782, Philadelphia
FORBES TRAIL LODGE, No. 783, Export
MONROEVILLE LODGE, No. 786, Monroeville
COL. HENRY BOUQUET LODGE, No. 787, Pittsburgh

Who Are The Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania?

The Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania is an organization composed of Brethren who have been Members of the Masonic Fraternity for 50 years or more. To be eligible for membership it naturally means that a Brother has to be at least 71 years of age.

It was organized in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in the year 1912, with 12 Members, and is the only organization of its kind in the world. It has a membership of 160. The meetings are held on the fourth Thursdays of April and October. Dinner is served at 5:30 P.M. followed by a speaker and entertainment.

Howard J. Hewston of Collingswood, N. J. is the oldest Member, now in his 94th year. Following him is G. Edward Kock, 507 E. Tulpehocken Street, Philadelphia, age 91 years.

—W.J.P.