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Getting Acquainted with  
Short Talk Bulletins  
Is Rewarding Experience

The Secretary of every Lodge in Pennsylvania receives each month a copy of the newest SHORT TALK BULLETIN of The Masonic Service Association of the United States, Washington, D. C.

These Short Talks are provided by Grand Lodge, through its membership in the Association, as supplementary materials for information and inspiration in the important work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

These Bulletins are the property of the Lodge. Kept in the Lodge library for interested readers, they become a valuable tool for Masonic culture. The Worshipful Master, or the Aide to the Committee on Masonic Culture, if the Master so designates, can use these materials for Lodge programs or instruction.

The Bulletins deal with Masonic history, Masonic custom and law, symbolism and ritual, general Masonic information, or inspirational ideas. Any Brother can present one of these Short Talks (approximately 20 minutes long) as a reading, or an address to the Lodge. More than 400 of these little Masonic speeches have been published by the Association in the past 40 years. There is a wealth of program material in these booklets, all of which are kept in stock by the Association. Catalogs are free.

The Association prints an "Outline for a Short Talk" with most of the Bulletins, so that an interested Brother can give one of these addresses in his own words, by abstracting the contents in shorter form.

Fourteen Masonic Districts Have Reached  
Their Quota in Support of "Pennsylvania Plan"

All 68 Masonic Districts have at least one Lodge 100 per cent in the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" in support of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

As of August 1, Grand Lodge had received complete contributions from 367 Masonic Lodges, representing a total collection of \$158,481.75.

Fourteen Masonic Districts are now 100 per cent—all Lodges in those Districts having met their quota for the Memorial.

Many other Districts are nearing completion

District	Lodges in District	LODGES
A	(10)	51, 295
B	(10)	748, 402, 723, 114, 654, 543
C	(9)	703, 135, 67
D	(11)	292, 380, 715, 782, 81, 130
E	(9)	125, 419, 19, 211, 359, 491
F	(10)	368, 369, 728, 686, 230, 134, 441
G	(10)	2, 72, 436
H	(9)	506, 296, 9
I	(9)	528, 432, 607
J	(10)	631, 724
1 ☆	(12)	286, 398, 587, 665, 551, 417, 43, 496, 764, 476, 156, 682
2	(14)	464, 486, 681, 704, 756, 781, 570, 629, 364, 21, 698, 775
3 ☆	(8)	260, 262, 302, 361, 443, 315, 197, 143
4 ☆	(5)	336, 348, 423, 465, 586
5	(8)	569, 343, 340, 383
6	(10)	558, 777
7 ☆	(11)	307, 367, 435, 660, 406, 62, 479, 227, 740, 377, 549
8 ☆	(10)	245, 308, 410, 25, 596, 427, 776, 778, 400, 512
9	(8)	563
10	(9)	326, 689, 469
11	(10)	138, 216, 222, 409, 426, 285, 730, 238, 270
12	(15)	763, 770, 332, 474, 468
13	(15)	504, 523, 466, 345, 579, 588
14	(6)	305, 344, 330, 218, 752
15	(11)	328, 338, 445, 472, 507, 438, 248, 360, 439
16	(8)	306, 70, 108, 163
17 ☆	(7)	350, 317, 351, 477, 247, 421, 373
18	(9)	335, 755
19	(7)	203, 376, 458, 319, 324
20	(7)	281, 490, 616, 282
21	(8)	391, 515, 480, 700, 268, 574
22	(7)	566, 627, 560
23	(5)	316, 363, 710, 552

A Worshipful Master may choose to read excerpts, or a stimulating paragraph from one of these Bulletins, to give his Brothers some "good and wholesome instruction for their labors." This experience will be more meaningful if he follows there ading with thought-provoking questions so that the Lodge Brethern

and probably will reach the 100 per cent participation goal in September.

Brother Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, also reports that many Lodges have made partial payments.

The formula for 100 per cent participation is simple—an average of at least \$1 a member and \$10 from the Lodge itself.

The 367 Lodges completing their quota, based on the checks received by the Grand Secretary as of August 1, 1960, are listed as follows:

District	Lodges in District	LODGES
24	(12)	304, 455, 362, 416
25	(7)	234, 754, 498, 372, 473, 408
26	(7)	433, 642, 243, 599, 727
27 ☆	(7)	239, 272, 540, 694, 769, 577, 244
28	(9)	650, 691, 735, 768, 45, 484
29 ☆	(8)	153, 164, 447, 454, 604, 623, 237, 297
30	(8)	225, 275, 750, 601, 568, 562, 331
31	(7)	228, 459, 651, 346, 614, 252
32	(10)	374, 430, 223
33	(8)	379, 382, 532, 639
34	(7)	572, 688, 774, 300, 320, 589
35	(7)	265, 349, 462
36	(13)	772, 779, 767, 625, 353, 711
37	(8)	478, 485
38	(7)	590, 683
39 ☆	(7)	313, 355, 431, 437, 534, 617, 753
40	(7)	595, 741, 553, 254, 585, 446
41	(8)	538, 742, 658
42 ☆	(6)	266, 503, 706, 451, 649, 663
43	(7)	615, 337, 461, 643
44	(6)	580
45 ☆	(8)	242, 327, 467, 611, 621, 677, 687, 771
46	(10)	144, 404, 702, 22, 713, 194, 632, 619
47 ☆	(8)	269, 509, 608, 652, 684, 743, 761, 544
48	(10)	699, 783, 787, 766, 546, 725, 634
49 ☆	(11)	375, 526, 582, 714, 786, 583, 731, 765, 785, 641, 685
50	(8)	594, 413, 565, 622
51	(9)	231, 678, 762, 696, 705, 693, 736
52	(9)	521, 559, 640
53 ☆	(9)	250, 290, 424, 517, 575, 603, 668, 389, 434
54	(9)	548, 612, 644, 613, 448, 502, 573
55	(8)	253, 697, 508, 734, 760
56	(6)	241, 412, 557, 633, 726
57	(8)	758
58	(8)	357, 378, 255, 737

☆ Indicates District is 100%

assembled can enjoy a brief discussion period.

Each Bulletin becomes a valuable addition to the Lodge's "Little Masonic Library." As the number of Bulletins grows, a Lodge librarian can stimulate considerable Masonic reading and study by circulating these pamphlets among the Members.



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A Message from Our Grand Master

Rarely does the passing of time impress us so forcibly as when we look at the early history of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

On the rolls of the early Lodges are Brethren who labored for the Craft and helped to mold the destiny of our new nation.

These faded rosters whisper of another time, a time of great beginnings, of honest toils and grand dreams. For instance, the occupations of many Brethren in the early days included such tasks as wheelwrights, coppersmiths and carriagesmiths.

But these early years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania were brave days, too, for the spirit of the times was restless. People were talking about new frontiers, Indian wars and independence.

We defeated the Indians, gained our independence and pushed our borders to the Pacific Ocean. The population growth of this great nation kept pace.

Along with our fantastic growth came many changes. Listen to the occupations on our present rosters: ionospheric propagation, technicians, stereophonic equipment salesmen, industrial psychologists and many others. None of these occupations were even wildly imagined when Freemasonry was founded in Pennsylvania.

But today, the carriagesmith and the radar technician aren't really different at heart. They share a great interest in Symbolic Masonry. This can be called a "Kinship with Freemasonry."

You might wonder if Freemasonry has kept pace with the progress through the years. I believe it has.

You also might wonder if Freemasonry is different today. I don't consider it is.

The basic teachings and philosophies of Freemasonry haven't changed. We have improved our thinking, perhaps, to keep pace with a changing world, but the basic concept of Brotherhood will never change.

However, we must always be reminded that a free people are in a crisis when they become soft and concern themselves only with selfish interests and selfish pleasures.

To enjoy the freedom our Masonic Brethren helped to mold, we must be willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

Freemasonry can only live and prosper in a free nation and in a free civilization. So, today, we need more than ever before—in our home life, in our church life and in our political life—to make certain that our Brethren understand our philosophies and our ideals.

We also must make certain that the coming generation ob-

tains from us and keeps the philosophy upon which Freemasonry was built.

We must learn to serve our community and our nation effectively, and at the same time not lose sight of individuality, initiative, liberty and freedom, which so long have been the cherished possessions of Masons even in the carriagesmith days.

We must learn to understand our own welfares and to subordinate our selfish motives for the general good of Freemasonry everywhere.

We must realize the responsibilities that are ours and exercise our franchise with intelligence.

Here, Freemasonry, because of its long-established and recognized standing, has an obligation to perform in the community and in the nation through the intelligent and effective use of the privileges which we enjoy.

How can we as Masons do something about this?

First, I believe it is the duty of every Mason and his family to attend church and be active in civic affairs.

I also believe that every Mason and his family should register, go to the polls on election day and cast their ballots for the candidate of their choice.

I believe every Mason should make a special effort to attend at least one Blue Lodge meeting a month. Every Mason should take more interest in the Ritualistic and other Lodge Work.

Finally, I believe that Freemasonry must be out from under the so-called "bushel" and that it be publically known that the fundamental teaching of Freemasonry is the Brotherhood of Man.

A Mason, is well described on a plaque in a foreign country. It reads:

"A Mason is a Man and a Brother whose Trust is in God. He meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square. Trust is his Compass, and he is ever Plumb. He has a true Grip on all that is Rite.

"He is loyal to his Order, and whatever his Degree, he is a Master of himself. In the Lodge of Life he wears unstained the White Lambskin of Innocence.

"From his Initiation as an Entered Apprentice he travels toward the Light of Wisdom until he receives the final—the Divine Password that admits him into the ineffable presence of the Eternal Supreme Grand Master of the Universe—God."

Cordially and fraternally,

Max F. Balcom  
MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master

## 92 Masons and 8 Organizations Have Become Life Members in the Memorial Association

Since February 22, 1958, 100 Pennsylvania Masons and Masonic organizations have contributed \$100 or more each to become Life Members in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

They have received "Roll of Honor" Life Membership Certificates from the Memorial Association.

The money will go to the Endowment Fund of the Memorial. All the names of Masons or organizations contributing \$100 or more to the Association will be printed in THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

The May issue of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON carried the names of 30 Life Members. The following names are additions as of August 1, 1960 to the first list:

BRO. GEORGE E. ACKER, Leighton Lodge, No. 621, Leighton  
BRO. ANDREW B. ANDERSON, Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, Philadelphia  
BRO. CURTIS A. BANNING, Tamaqua Lodge, No. 238, Tamaqua  
BRO. LESTER L. BARTLETT, Stuckrath Lodge, No. 430, Pittsburgh  
BRO. J. KENNETH BLANK, Ellwood Lodge, No. 599, Ellwood City

BRO. D. ANDREW BOWERS, Crescent Lodge, No. 493, Philadelphia  
BRO. ORRIN E. BOYLE, Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allentown  
BRO. FLOYD A. BRADSTREET, McClay Lodge, No. 632, Sunbury  
BRO. ROBERT SNEATH CAIN, Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh  
BRO. R. RUSSELL COLEMAN, Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 528, Philadelphia

BRO. JAMES K. COYNE, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia  
BRO. CYRIL B. CULMER, Acacia Lodge, No. 633, Marionville  
BRO. LEON M. DECKER, Union Lodge, No. 108, Towanda  
BRO. GEORGE S. DERY, JR., Unity Lodge, No. 719, Ardmore  
BRO. J. HAUSE DEWEES, Pickering Lodge, No. 446, Upper Uwchland

BRO. J. ROY DICKIE, John Marshall Lodge, No. 734, Pittsburgh  
BRO. EARL S. DUNLAP, Eureka Lodge, No. 335, Montoursville  
BRO. HARRY ARISTARHOS EVANGELIDES, Gothic Lodge, No. 519, Philadelphia  
BRO. JAMES W. FRY, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia  
BRO. GEORGE E. FURNIVAL, Potter Lodge, No. 441, Philadelphia

BRO. THOMAS W. GIBB, Stuckrath Lodge, No. 430, Pittsburgh  
BRO. WILLIAM GAUER, Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia  
BRO. ROBERT C. GOSS, Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Wilkes-Barre  
BRO. ALLEN M. GRAY, Easton Lodge, No. 152, Easton  
BRO. CARL A. HARTMANN, Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 484, Pittsburgh

BRO. JOHN L. HAUSER, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, Philadelphia  
BRO. WILLIS B. HEIDINGER, Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, Philadelphia  
BRO. EMIL C. HENTSCHEL, Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, Philadelphia  
BRO. H. LOUIS KATZ, Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia  
BRO. HOWARD C. KUNKLE, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 481, Philadelphia

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BRO. VICTOR WALTER KALASKI, Union Lodge, No. 291, Scranton  
BRO. LEON LASKARIS, Eureka Lodge, No. 366, Union City  
BRO. LEON F. LEONARD, Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg  
BRO. BURROWS T. LUNDY, Eureka Lodge, No. 335, Montoursville

BRO. SHARP M. McELWAIN, Ambridge Lodge, No. 701, Ambridge  
BRO. MARTIN MEINIG, Reading Lodge, No. 549, Reading  
BRO. JOHN L. MENTZ, Kensington Lodge, No. 211, Philadelphia  
BRO. H. HAROLD MEYER, North East Lodge, No. 399, North East  
BRO. J. SMITH MILLER, Dallas Lodge, No. 508, Pittsburgh

BRO. HARRY L. NANCARROW, LaBelle Valley Lodge, No. 232, Jersey Shore  
BRO. GEORGE D. NICHOLSON, Excelsior Lodge, No. 491, Philadelphia  
BRO. AARON PRINCE, Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Pottstown  
BRO. HARRISON W. PROSSER, Hellertown Lodge, No. 563, Hellertown  
BRO. JAMES QUIGLEY, Mozart Lodge, No. 436, Philadelphia

BRO. ROBERT F. RICH, LaFayette Lodge, No. 199, Lock Haven  
BRO. JAMES M. ROBINSON, Richmond Lodge, No. 230, Philadelphia  
BRO. MARTIN L. ROWE, Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 484, Pittsburgh  
BRO. HARRY B. RUST, Olivet Lodge, No. 607, Philadelphia  
BRO. CARL F. SCHATZ, Trinity Lodge, No. 736, Pittsburgh

BRO. SAMUEL SCHWARTZ, Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia  
BRO. GIRARD SEITTER, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 506, Philadelphia  
BRO. FRANK C. SHEPPARD, W. K. Bray Lodge, No. 410, Hatboro  
BRO. WILLIAM F. SINGER, Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, Pittsburgh  
BRO. DAVID J. SIMPSON, Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia

BRO. THOMAS F. SMILEY, St. John's Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburgh  
BRO. T. DALE TAYLOR, Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451, York  
BRO. ARNOLD WATSON, Stichter Lodge, No. 254, Pottstown  
BRO. ISAAC C. WEIDMAN, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster  
BRO. RAYMOND R. WELLS, Tyrian Lodge, No. 362, Erie

BRO. JOHN D. WITMYER, SR., Reading Lodge, No. 549, Reading  
BRO. ROCHESTER B. WOODALL, Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, Philadelphia

The following organizations contributed \$100 or more for a Life Membership in the Memorial Association:

MELITA-COEUR DE LION COMMANDERY, No. 17, Knights Templar, Scranton  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Altoona, N.M.J., U.S.A., Altoona  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of New Castle, N.M.J., U.S.A., New Castle  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Allentown, N.M.J., U.S.A., Allentown  
SYRIA TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S., Pittsburgh  
ZEM ZEM TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S., Erie  
ZEMBO TEMPLE, A.A.O.N.M.S., Harrisburg  
D. A. AND J. A. EVANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC., Ellwood City

### Council of Deliberation Elects Officers at Annual Meeting in Scranton

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Scranton were hosts to the unusually well attended Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation on July 8, 1960. Ideal weather, delicious meals and a delightful musical entertainment aided in making this a memorable occasion.

Ill. Scott S. Leiby, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, and a R. W. Past Grand Master, presided and gave an interesting report on the state of the Rite in Pennsylvania. Ill. Max F. Balcom, 33°, R. W. Grand Master, and Ill. J. Lawrence Pitt, 33°, Secretary for the Council of Deliberation for the District of New Jersey, both addressed the Meeting.

The statistics prepared by Ill. Ray H. Crane, 33°, Secretary, indicated a net gain in membership of approximately 2100, or two per cent. Ten of the twelve Consistories increased their membership.

The complete list of Officers for the next three years is as follows:

*Illustrious Commander-in-Chief*  
ILL. SCOTT S. LEBY, 33°, Harrisburg  
*First Lieutenant Commander*  
ILL. RICHARD A. KERN, 33°, Philadelphia  
*Second Lieutenant Commander*  
ILL. WILLARD G. CUTLER, 33°, Pittsburgh  
*Minister of State*  
ILL. WILLIAM E. YEAGER, 33°, Warren  
*Chancellor*  
ILL. ORRIN E. BOYLE, 33°, Allentown  
*Prior*  
ILL. GEORGE R. BUNTING, 33°, Philadelphia  
*Treasurer*  
ILL. FRANK L. BOWERS, 33°, Uniontown  
*Secretary*  
ILL. RAY H. CRANE, 33°, Harrisburg  
*Master of Ceremonies*  
ILL. RALPH C. GINGRICH, 33°, Williamsport  
*Hospitaler*  
ILL. EDWARD J. SHOUREK, 33°, Pittsburgh  
*Seneschal*  
ILL. FRED G. MOSER, 33°, New Castle  
*Standard Bearer*  
ILL. HENRY O. WALKER, 33°, Coudersport  
*Guard*  
ILL. DOMER J. BAILEY, 33°, Oil City  
*Sentinel*  
ILL. CECIL F. REESER, 33°, Scranton

### Opportunities Unlimited!!

By CONNIE COULSON AND MARTI KUHN

*These girls are Juniors in high school and have been Guests of The Masonic Homes for more than a decade.*

The Thirty-seventh Annual Childrens' Day, June 24, 1960, in the George H. Deike Auditorium, was a day of excitement and happiness in the lives of the children here at The Masonic Homes of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. It, like many other Childrens' Days in the past, brought much happiness to the children and opened new doors for those who were leaving their home for the great wide world that lay before them.

Having spent their childhood in the beautiful surroundings of this huge 1500-acre estate and in an atmosphere of endearment and amiability, they are ready to enter the world to become mature individuals and the leaders of tomorrow.

The children are given many opportunities to explore fields of interest that might one day lead to a future vocation or life's work. Ample time is set aside for music lessons. Piano lessons seem to have captured the most participants. These students have recently been presented in their first piano recital in the new George H. Deike Auditorium. For nearly six years, a few of the industrious music students have taken lessons on the pipe organ. They take great pride in their achievements by taking turns playing for the Sunday morning Chapel services held in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel. The Elizabethtown Area school system also has some of these children in its musical organizations. The opportunity in music brings much satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment to the boys and girls.

Others, not especially talented in the cultural field, hold other interests. One of these is athletics. The many facilities at The Masonic Homes help to develop good physical fitness. All the children are a part of this program. Softball, tennis and just plain old-fashioned exercise are enjoyed by one and all. In addition, some of the high school students are permitted to participate in sports at the local school. These include football, track, baseball and girls' field hockey. This provides them with the ability to procure new friendships and learn many new things.

The greatest opportunity granted to the children by the Freemasonry of Pennsylvania is the privilege to further their education. Those children, having no income of their own, are deeply thankful for the money and guidance that is at hand for them. Through this means, the dreams of many boys and girls are fulfilled.

All the anxiety and anticipation comes to a close each year on Childrens' Day. At this time, the children receive due reward for their accomplishments during the preceding year. For the graduating seniors, Childrens' Day is

a big step in their lives. It is the climax of the many years of guidance and teaching they have received. This day also opens the gates to opportunities unlimited!

This year, as every year at the Childrens' Day exercises, certificates and prizes were awarded to the boys and girls. These prizes are worth much more than their monetary value to the recipients for they represent many hours of hard work and of understanding human values.

These are just a few of the opportunities granted us, the boys and girls of The Masonic Homes. We can indeed be thankful that they have been bestowed upon us.

### Grand Master's Award (Continued)

KINGSBURY LODGE, No. 466, Olyphant  
LAUREL LODGE, No. 467, White Haven  
WYOMING LODGE, No. 468, Wyoming  
SAUCON LODGE, No. 469, Coopersburg  
COVENANT LODGE, No. 473, Cambridge Springs

COALVILLE LODGE, No. 474, Ashley  
LAMBERTON LODGE, No. 476, Lancaster  
WESTFIELD LODGE, No. 477, Westfield  
BEAVER VALLEY LODGE, No. 478, Beaver Falls  
UNION LODGE, No. 479, Birdsboro

NOBLE LODGE, No. 480, Curwensville  
PITTSBURGH LODGE, No. 484, Pittsburgh  
GLASGOW LODGE, No. 485, Midland  
EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 491, Philadelphia  
CHARLES M. HOWELL LODGE, No. 496, Millersville

PINE LODGE, No. 498, Linesville  
POLLOCK LODGE, No. 502, Tarentum  
DALLAS LODGE, No. 508, Pittsburgh  
QUAKERTOWN LODGE, No. 512, Quakertown  
PARKER CITY LODGE, No. 521, Parker  
AURORA LODGE, No. 523, Jermyn

MOUNT HOREB LODGE, No. 528, Philadelphia  
FERNWOOD LODGE, No. 543, Philadelphia  
CENTENNIAL LODGE, No. 544, Carnegie  
DUQUESNE LODGE, No. 546, Pittsburgh  
READING LODGE, No. 549, Reading

CASIPHIA LODGE, No. 551, Mount Joy  
ALLEGHENY VALLEY LODGE, No. 552, Emlenton  
SPRING CITY LODGE, No. 553, Spring City  
OLIVE LODGE, No. 557, Tionesta  
SHILOH LODGE, No. 558, Lansdale

GARFIELD LODGE, No. 559, Du Bois  
ELDERED LODGE, No. 560, Eldred  
MARION LODGE, No. 562, Scottsdale  
BANGOR LODGE, No. 565, Bangor  
LAMONTE LODGE, No. 568, Derry

KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 569, Parkesburg  
ASHLAR LODGE, No. 570, Lykens  
CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 573, Millvale  
COALPORT LODGE, No. 574, Coalport  
ACACIA LODGE, No. 579, Taylor

ARCANA LODGE, No. 580, Austin  
YOUGHIOGHENY LODGE, No. 583, McKeesport  
ROYERSFORD LODGE, No. 585, Royersford  
MANHEIM LODGE, No. 587, Manheim  
ORIENTAL STAR LODGE, No. 588, Peckville

HYNDMAN LODGE, No. 589, Hyndman  
ORIENT LODGE, No. 590, Wilkinsburg  
PEN ARGYL LODGE, No. 594, Pen Argyl  
MACCALLA LODGE, No. 596, Sellersville  
ELLWOOD LODGE, No. 599, Ellwood City

SHIDLE LODGE, No. 601, Irwin  
OLIVET LODGE, No. 607, Philadelphia  
ARBUTUS LODGE, No. 611, Freeland  
VALLEY LODGE, No. 613, Turtle Creek  
JAMES COCHRAN LODGE, No. 614, Dawson

MIDDLEBURG LODGE, No. 619, Middleburg  
LEIGHTON LODGE, No. 621, Leighton  
WHITFIELD LODGE, No. 622, Nazareth  
CONCORD LODGE, No. 625, Concordville  
MOUNT JEWETT LODGE, No. 627, Mount Jewett

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MCKEESPORT LODGE, No. 641, McKeesport  
NEW CASTLE LODGE, No. 642, New Castle  
BELLE VERNON LODGE, No. 643, Belle Vernon

RED LION LODGE, No. 649, Red Lion  
CHARLES M. SWAIN LODGE, No. 654, Philadelphia  
PATTON LODGE, No. 658, Patton  
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 663, Fawn Grove  
EPRATA LODGE, No. 665, Ephrata

PANTHER VALLEY LODGE, No. 677, Lansford  
ABR. C. TREICHLER LODGE, No. 682, Elizabethtown

WILKINSBURG LODGE, No. 683, Wilkinsburg  
AMITY LODGE, No. 685, Homestead  
ROBERT R. BRINGHURST LODGE, No. 686, Philadelphia

AZALEA LODGE, No. 687, Hazleton  
EDWIN G. MARTIN LODGE, No. 689, Allentown  
SOJOURNERS LODGE, No. 693, Pittsburgh  
LOYALTY LODGE, No. 696, Pittsburgh  
EUCLID LODGE, No. 698, Harrisburg

STATE COLLEGE LODGE, No. 700, State College  
HERNDON LODGE, No. 702, Herndon  
WM. B. HACKENBURG LODGE, No. 703, Philadelphia

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 705, Pittsburgh  
OIL CITY LODGE, No. 710, Oil City

LANSLOWNE LODGE, No. 711, Lansdowne  
SUNBURY LODGE, No. 713, Sunbury  
INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 723, Philadelphia  
QUAKER LODGE, No. 724, Philadelphia  
EAST LIBERTY LODGE, No. 725, Pittsburgh

WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 727, New Castle  
POTTSVILLE LODGE, No. 730, Pottsville  
DUQUESNE LODGE, No. 731, Duquesne  
JOHN MARSHALL LODGE, No. 734, Pittsburgh  
JUSTICE LODGE, No. 735, Pittsburgh

TRINITY LODGE, No. 736, Pittsburgh  
FRACKVILLE LODGE, No. 737, Frackville  
PURITAN LODGE, No. 740, Reading  
BOYERTOWN LODGE, No. 741, Boyertown  
SUNNEHANA LODGE, No. 742, Johnstown

MATAMORAS LODGE, No. 752, Matamoras  
DIETRICK LAMADE LODGE, No. 755, Williamsport  
WILLIAM D. McILROY LODGE, No. 758, Mt. Lebanon

WILLIAM B. TIPTON LODGE, No. 760, Pittsburgh  
ANDREW H. HERSHEY LODGE, No. 764, Lancaster

EAST MCKEESPORT LODGE, No. 765, East McKeesport  
PENN LODGE, No. 766, Pittsburgh  
HUGH THOMSON KERR LODGE, No. 768, Pittsburgh

TUSCAN LODGE, No. 770, Wilkes-Barre  
FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 771, Hazleton

STEELTON-SWATARA LODGE, No. 775, Steelton  
FAIRLESS HILLS LODGE, No. 776, Fairless Hills  
SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 777, Upper Darby  
PENN-MORRIS LODGE, No. 778, Morrisville  
ACCORD LODGE, No. 785, McKeesport

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

### The June Quarterly Communication

The first Wednesday in June was an exceedingly active day in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The Grand Lodge Officers, all of whom were present, met with many of the Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters and Appointive Officers in an interesting and informative meeting that morning. Many important items were thoroughly discussed.

The results of the appeal for contributions to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Endowment Fund were reviewed by each District Deputy. As of this meeting, 256 Lodges had reached their quota; all the Lodges in 10 Districts had met their goals. More information about this worthwhile project will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The formation of new Lodges in various parts of the Jurisdiction were mentioned. It now appears definite that two new Lodges will be constituted before the end of the year.

Interest continues high in DeMolay and new Chapters are being organized.

Many Lodges are planning new Lodge Halls or improvements to their present quarters.

Approved petitions in the first five months have increased eight per cent over last year.

The Committee on Masonic Culture held its Quarterly Meeting that afternoon, while the Finance Committee and the Committee on Landmarks had met on the previous day.

## Suspensions for NPD Can Be Avoided If We Make It Our Concern

Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues have been increasing at an alarming rate during recent years. In the last three years 3497 Brethren have been dropped from membership for this reason.

In 1959, 1196 were suspended. Add this figure to the 5260 deaths and the combined total was only slightly less than the number of new initiates. We cannot do anything about the deaths, but we should be able to reduce materially the number of those suspended.

The three largest Lodges in our Jurisdiction have a combined membership of over 5450. It would not be surprising if their suspensions would be fairly high, but that was not the case, as the total suspensions of those three Lodges were only 12.

On the other hand, some Lodges with a comparatively small membership saw fit to suspend many of their members. Three Lodges suspended a total of 90.

There are some communities in our Jurisdiction in which unemployment was considerably higher than others, and above average suspensions might be anticipated. The record, however, does not bear out that supposition.

The Quarterly Communication opened at 7:00 P.M. with 178 Lodges represented.

As usual, quite a few Communications were received from our Lodges. Proposed amendments to By-Laws were submitted by 17 Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Lodge No. 229 requested Grand Lodge to remit the Grand Lodge dues of one of its Life Members now confined to a mental hospital, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lodge No. 158 requested Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of one of its former members, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The request of Lodge No. 397 for permission to receive a fifth petition for initiation and membership was approved.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Levittown, Bucks County, to be called Levittown Lodge No. 788. It was recommended by Brother Charles S. Reyner, District Deputy Grand Master, and by Bristol Lodge No. 25. This was referred to the Grand Lodge Officers for approval.

The Committee on Finance presented its report for the Quarter ending May 15th, and Brother George H. Deike, Sr., P. G. M., Chairman, offered a Resolution authorizing the construction of a one-story addition to the Allegheny County Memorial Building at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, including equipment, which was adopted.

While one Lodge with approximately 1000 Members suspended over 25, another Lodge of the same size located not too far away suspended only one Member.

Much of the responsibility for the collection of dues falls upon the Lodge Secretary, and certainly many Secretaries have done an outstanding job in this respect.

Those who merely send their Members a statement showing their indebtedness and then follow up with a routine summons cannot expect the same results as those who use a more personal approach. A short note, letter, telephone call, etc., by many Secretaries has greatly reduced their suspensions.

The Lodge Officers, especially the Worshipful Master, can greatly assist by personally contacting those Members about to be suspended.

The Past Masters, in many Lodges, have also been most helpful in this endeavor.

Failure of Members to keep their Secretary informed of their change of address has resulted in quite a few suspensions. Here again, a little extra effort on the part of the Secretary and Lodge Officers can locate many of those

The present dining room space in the basement of the above building is unsatisfactory and the proposed addition will provide more suitable dining room facilities for the Guests who reside in the Allegheny County Memorial Building. Accumulated income in the Allegheny County Memorial Fund is available to use for the above project.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of 13 Lodges and those of two Lodges as amended were approved and the proposed amendments of two other Lodges were rejected.

The Committee on Temple presented its report for the Quarter ending May 15th, indicating expenditures of \$40,671.73.

The R. W. Grand Master, Brother Max F. Balcom, gave a comprehensive report on the status of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Endowment Fund, and urged that an active summer program be adopted by those Lodges that have not as yet met their quota. He also commented on the progress being made on his Eight-Point Program.

Brother Balcom also announced that the new Levittown Lodge No. 788 would be constituted in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on September 10, 1960 at 3:30 P.M. He urged a large attendance.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8:05 P.M.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

Members whose mail has been returned unclaimed. The Grand Secretary's Office has assisted Secretaries in locating Members in other Jurisdictions.

All of us have a responsibility in reducing the large loss of Members through suspensions. The Worshipful Master can help materially by making his meetings so interesting that Members will maintain a keener desire to continue their membership. The Members, themselves, by creating a more friendly atmosphere in the meetings can aid considerably. We can all show more interest in our fellow Members, in and out of the Lodge, and thus furnish another incentive for continuing their membership in Freemasonry.

In those cases where loss of income or unusual financial burdens make it practically impossible to pay their dues, a thorough investigation will develop the advisability of Lodge assistance for the most deserving cases.

Now is the time for the Officers of every Lodge to study this problem and establish a definite program to be followed in an effort to reduce their losses as much as possible. Close to 100 Members have been suspended thus far this year; unless definite action is taken, this number will be needlessly multiplied manyfold before the end of the year.

## Grand Master's Award Earned by 367 Lodges for 100 per cent Participation in "Pennsylvania Plan"

The Grand Master's Award has been earned by 367 Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania for 100 per cent participation in the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" as of August 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.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, has urged every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania to reach its quota before the end of the year. He said:

"I feel sure that every Mason in Pennsylvania wants to see this Memorial operated in a manner

LODGE No. 9, Philadelphia  
MONTGOMERY LODGE, No. 19, Philadelphia  
PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 21, Harrisburg  
LODGE No. 22, Sunbury  
BRISTOL LODGE, No. 25, Bristol

LODGE No. 43, Lancaster  
LODGE No. 45, Pittsburgh  
LODGE No. 51, Philadelphia  
LODGE No. 62, Reading  
CONCORDIA LODGE, No. 67, Philadelphia

RURAL AMITY LODGE, No. 70, Athens  
PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 72, Philadelphia  
HIRAM LODGE, No. 81, Philadelphia  
UNION LODGE, No. 108, Towanda  
SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 114, Philadelphia

PHOENIX LODGE, No. 130, Philadelphia  
FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 134, Philadelphia  
ROXBOROUGH LODGE, No. 135, Philadelphia  
GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 143, Chambersburg  
WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 156, Quarryville

EVERGREEN LODGE, No. 163, Monroeton  
LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 194, Selingsgrove  
CUMBERLAND STAR LODGE, No. 197, Carlisle  
KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 211, Philadelphia  
HONESDALE LODGE, No. 218, Honesdale

ALLEGHENY LODGE, No. 223, Pittsburgh  
CHANDLER LODGE, No. 227, Reading  
RICHMOND LODGE, No. 230, Philadelphia  
BEALLSVILLE LODGE, No. 237, Beallsville  
TAMAQUA LODGE, No. 238, Tamaqua

CARBON LODGE, No. 242, Jim Thorpe  
MAHONING LODGE, No. 243, New Castle  
KITTANNING LODGE, No. 244, Kittanning  
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 247, Mansfield  
TEMPLE LODGE, No. 248, Tunkhannock

GUMMERT LODGE, No. 252, Fayette City  
STICHTER LODGE, No. 254, Pottstown  
SHAMOKIN LODGE, No. 255, Shamokin  
WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 265, Bloomsburg  
BELLEFONTE LODGE, No. 268, Bellefonte

PAGE LODGE, No. 270, Schuylkill Haven  
JUNIATA LODGE, No. 282, Hollidaysburg  
COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 286, Columbia  
MELITA LODGE, No. 295, Philadelphia  
MITCHELL LODGE, No. 296, Philadelphia

CHARTIERS LODGE, No. 297, Canonsburg  
MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 300, Huntingdon  
TROJAN LODGE, No. 306, Troy  
CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE, No. 315, Shippensburg  
OSSEA LODGE, No. 317, Wellsboro

to reflect credit upon Freemasonry everywhere. "Experience has proved this point.

"I know that Pennsylvania Masons will be proud of their contributions to this outstanding Masonic structure for years to come."

All Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania that reach the 100 per cent participation goal will receive the Grand Master's Award.

All Lodges that receive the Grand Master's Award will be recognized by THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

The May issue of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON listed 146 Masonic Lodges that earned the Grand Master's Award. The additional 221 Lodges follow:

ADAMS LODGE, No. 319, New Bloomfield  
BEDFORD LODGE, No. 320, Bedford  
UNION LODGE, No. 324, Mifflintown  
LEHIGH LODGE, No. 326, Trexlertown  
HAZLE LODGE, No. 327, Hazleton

SALEM LODGE, No. 330, Hamlin  
LIGONIER LODGE, No. 331, Ligonier  
PLYMOUTH LODGE, No. 332, Plymouth  
EUREKA LODGE, No. 335, Montoursville  
HENRY M. PHILLIPS LODGE, No. 337, Monongahela

THOMSON LODGE, No. 340, Green Tree  
SKERETT LODGE, No. 343, Cochranville  
SCHILLER LODGE, No. 345, Scranton  
KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 346, Connelville  
CATAWISSA LODGE, No. 349, Catawissa

COWANESQUE LODGE, No. 351, Knoxville  
OXFORD LODGE, No. 353, Oxford  
HUMBOLDT LODGE, No. 359, Philadelphia  
CANAWACTA LODGE, No. 360, Susquehanna  
TYRIAN LODGE, No. 362, Erie

SUSQUEHANNA LODGE, No. 364, Millersburg  
SPARTAN LODGE, No. 372, Spartansburg  
TIOGA LODGE, No. 373, Tioga  
DAVAGE LODGE, No. 374, Pittsburgh  
HUGENOT LODGE, No. 377, Kutztown

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE, No. 378, Mount Carmel  
GODDARD LODGE, No. 383, Coatesville  
KEDRON LODGE, No. 389, West Middlesex  
ASHARA LODGE, No. 398, Marietta  
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 400, Jenkintown

PERKINS LODGE, No. 402, Philadelphia  
LODGE No. 408, Meadville  
MANOQUESY LODGE, No. 413, Bath  
OASIS LODGE, No. 416, Edinboro  
CHRISTIANA LODGE, No. 417, Christiana

WM. B. SCHNIDER LODGE, No. 419, Philadelphia  
OSCEOLA LODGE, No. 421, Elkind  
NEWTON LODGE, No. 427, Newtown  
STUCKRATH LODGE, No. 430, Pittsburgh  
LODGE No. 432, Philadelphia

LAKE LODGE, No. 434, Sandy Lake  
MOZART LODGE, No. 436, Philadelphia  
NICHOLSON LODGE, No. 438, Nicholson  
FOREST CITY LODGE, No. 439, Forest City  
POTTER LODGE, No. 441, Philadelphia

MOUNT PICKERING LODGE, No. 446, Upper Uwchlan  
ZARADATHA LODGE, No. 448, Sharpsburg  
ZEREDATHA LODGE, No. 451, York  
MONONGAHELA VALLEY LODGE, No. 461, California  
KNAPP LODGE, No. 462, Berwick

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## Annual Grand Assembly Royal and Select Masters Meet and Elect at Erie

At the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, held in Erie on April 10, 11 and 12, 1960, the following officers were elected:

Grand Master  
REGINALD E. WOODWARD, Reading  
Deputy Grand Master  
ELMER J. EGGERT, Wilkes-Barre  
Grand Principal Conductor of Work  
HERBERT C. SMITH, Pittsburgh  
Grand Treasurer  
W. LAWRENCE KOLMEYER, P.G.M., Pittsburgh  
Grand Recorder  
WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY, P.G.M., Harrisburg  
Grand Trustees  
CHARLES M. JOHNSTONE, P.G.M., Pittsburgh  
PERRY L. LABARR, Pittsburgh  
JAMES D. SMITH, Washington

All District Deputies were re-appointed except in District No. 1 where Herman G. Wilson of Pittsburgh was selected to take the place of Herbert C. Smith who had been elected to the Grand Line.—W.E.M.

## Knights Templar of Pennsylvania Hold Annual Conclave at Altoona

At the Annual Conclave of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania which was held in Altoona on May 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1960, the following officers were elected:

Grand Commander  
HARRISON C. HARTLINE, Erie  
Deputy Grand Commander  
PERRY L. LABARR, Pittsburgh  
Grand Generalissimo  
JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR., Ardmore  
Grand Captain-General  
PAUL C. RODENHAUSER, Columbia  
Grand Senior Warden  
F. PARSON KEPLER, Sr., Sunbury  
Grand Junior Warden  
S. BLAIR SPONEYBARGER, Jr., Altoona  
Grand Treasurer  
RAYMOND F. HOFFMAN, P.G.C., Pittsburgh  
Grand Recorder  
JOHN W. LAIRD, Philadelphia  
Grand Trustees  
CHARLES E. TULL, Philadelphia  
G. CALVIN DYSON, Philadelphia  
DAVID J. GODSCHALL, Lansdale

Eight new Division Commanders were appointed as follows:

Division No. 1  
FRANKLIN K. UNGER, Jenkintown  
Division No. 6  
CHARLES A. LAMIN, Bellefonte  
Division No. 7  
FRANK A. JACOBS, Pottsville  
Division No. 9  
EDWARD B. MEINHARDT, Reading  
Division No. 12  
FRED J. KRAFT, Franklin  
Division No. 14  
REUBEN H. LEARN, Bloomsburg  
Division No. 15  
CHARLES H. EURICH, Chambersburg  
Division No. 17  
CHARLES R. HARER, Williamsport