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Lodge Anniversaries

It has been the custom for many years for the Grand Lodge Officers to visit Lodges celebrating their Anniversaries on multiples of 25 years.

During 1960, such visitations were made to one Lodge on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary, three Lodges celebrating 150th Anniversaries, five which had reached the century mark, and four which had been constituted 50 years ago.

Many similar Anniversaries are planned for the present year.

Last year's events were as follows:

Lodge No.	Location	Date of Constitution	Date of Anniversary
175th			
43	Lancaster	Sept. 14, 1785	April 23
45	Pittsburgh	Dec. 27, 1785	Oct. 22
150th			
115	Philadelphia	Feb. 19, 1810	Feb. 20
121	Philadelphia	Nov. 30, 1810	Nov. 12
125	Philadelphia	Jan. 25, 1811	Dec. 5
100th			
336	Gettysburg	Feb. 23, 1860	April 20
337	Monongahela	May 15, 1860	May 16
340	Green Tree	July 23, 1860	June 4
339	Scranton	June 20, 1860	June 11
341	Factoryville	Aug. 6, 1860	Sept. 23
50th			
664	Moosic	Mar. 12, 1910	Mar. 19
663	Fawn Grove	Mar. 19, 1910	Mar. 30
666	Hershey	Oct. 1, 1910	Oct. 1
665	Ephrata	Sept. 9, 1910	Oct. 29

The age we live in threatens world-wide catastrophe, but it likewise holds forth unexpected hope and unexampled promise. The shadows that now fall across our path measure the height we have still to climb.—LEWIS MUMFORD

42 Masonic Districts Have Reached 100% Record in Support of "Pennsylvania Plan"

Forty-two Masonic Districts have 100 per cent of their Lodges complete in the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN" in support of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

The other 26 Masonic Districts are nearing completion.

There remain only 36 Masonic Lodges in

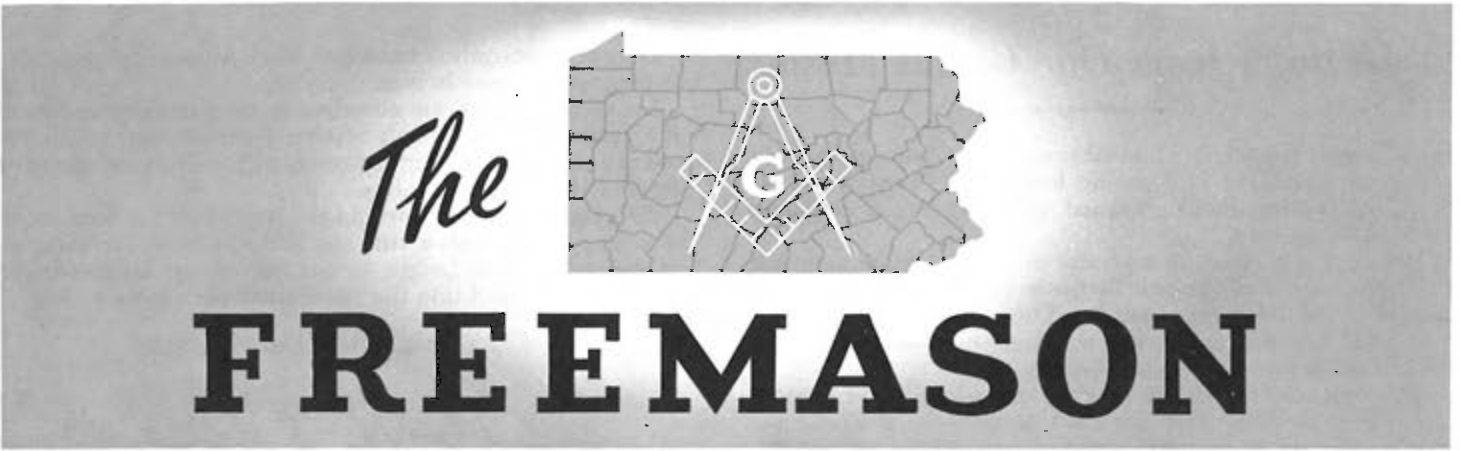
District	Lodges in District	LODGES
A	(10)	51, 295, 646, 493, 609, 636, 187, 59, 482
B ☆	(10)	748, 402, 723, 114, 654, 543, 450, 745, 529, 605
C	(9)	. 703, 135, 67, 3, 91, 271, 274
D ☆	(11)	292, 380, 715, 782, 81, 130, 52, 591, 158, 661, 624
E	(9)	125, 419, 19, 211, 359, 491, 527, 126
F ☆	(10)	368, 369, 728, 686, 230, 134, 441, 500, 481, 519
G	(10)	. 2, 72, 436, 718, 131, 121, 751
H	(9)	506, 296, 9, 717, 186, 385, 456, 690
I ☆	(9)	528, 432, 607, 610, 384, 671, 659, 246, 606
J	(10)	631, 724, 289, 773, 444, 732, 115, 487
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, 666, 226
3 ☆	(8)	260, 262, 302, 361, 443, 315, 197, 143,
4 ☆	(5)	. . . 336, 348, 423, 465, 586
5	(8)	569, 343, 340, 383, 564, 309, 322
6	(10)	558, 777, 719, 273, 581, 420, 190, 744, 620
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, 283, 567, 733, 637, 648, 152, 396
10 ☆	(9)	326, 689, 469, 284, 673, 561, 333, 440, 720
11	(10)	138, 216, 222, 409, 426, 285, 730, 238, 270
12	(15)	763, 770, 332, 474, 468, 499, 61, 541, 354, 233, 442, 655, 531, 721
13	(15)	504, 523, 466, 345, 579, 588, 464, 291, 323, 584, 339
14 ☆	(6)	. . 305, 344, 330, 218, 752, 542
15 ☆	(11)	328, 338, 445, 472, 507, 438, 248, 360, 439, 240, 341
16	(8)	306, 70, 108, 163, 418, 618, 263
17 ☆	(7)	350, 317, 351, 477, 247, 421, 373
18 ☆	(9)	335, 755, 232, 106, 707, 299, 401, 415, 397
19 ☆	(7)	203, 376, 458, 319, 324, 381, 371
20	(7)	. . 281, 490, 616, 282, 539, 494
21 ☆	(8)	391, 515, 480, 700, 268, 574, 537, 314
22 ☆	(7)	566, 627, 560, 749, 388, 555, 334

☆ Indicates District is 100%

Pennsylvania that have not completed the quota. The majority of the uncompleted Lodges has made substantial contributions toward the quota.

The 561 Lodges completing their quota, based on the checks received by the Grand Secretary as of January 25, are listed as follows:

District	Lodges in District	LODGES
23 ☆	(5)	. . . 316, 363, 710, 552, 483
24 ☆	(12)	304, 455, 362, 416, 399, 425, 366, 392, 347, 708, 695, 365
25 ☆	(8)	234, 754, 498, 372, 473, 408, 258, 790
26	(7)	. . 433, 642, 243, 599, 727, 411
27 ☆	(7)	239, 272, 540, 694, 769, 577, 244
28	(9)	650, 691, 735, 768, 45, 484, 287, 680
29 ☆	(8)	153, 164, 447, 454, 604, 623, 237, 297
30 ☆	(8)	225, 275, 750, 601, 568, 562, 331, 518
31 ☆	(7)	228, 459, 651, 346, 614, 252, 60
32	(10)	374, 430, 223, 676, 716, 530, 318, 525, 288
33 ☆	(8)	379, 382, 532, 639, 571, 495, 675, 199
34 ☆	(7)	572, 688, 774, 300, 320, 589, 524
35 ☆	(7)	265, 349, 462, 667, 516, 460, 224
36 ☆	(13)	772, 779, 767, 625, 353, 711, 236, 545, 578, 352, 298, 475, 709
37	(8)	478, 485, 672, 662, 701, 229, 457
38	(7)	. . 590, 683, 746, 647, 656, 757
39 ☆	(7)	313, 355, 431, 437, 534, 617, 753
40 ☆	(7)	595, 741, 553, 254, 585, 446, 75
41 ☆	(8)	538, 742, 658, 554, 278, 312, 692, 358
42 ☆	(6)	. . 266, 503, 706, 451, 649, 663
43	(7)	. . 615, 337, 461, 643, 638, 626
44 ☆	(6)	. . 580, 505, 602, 598, 342, 556
45 ☆	(8)	242, 327, 467, 611, 621, 677, 687, 771
46	(10)	144, 404, 702, 22, 713, 194, 632, 619, 370
47 ☆	(8)	269, 509, 608, 652, 684, 743, 761, 544
48	(10)	699, 783, 787, 766, 546, 725, 634, 635, 321
49 ☆	(11)	375, 526, 582, 714, 786, 583, 731, 765, 785, 641, 685
50 ☆	(8)	594, 413, 565, 622, 325, 780, 311, 628
51 ☆	(9)	231, 678, 762, 696, 705, 693, 736, 535, 390
52	(9)	521, 559, 640, 522, 520, 536, 550, 276
53 ☆	(9)	250, 290, 424, 517, 575, 603, 668, 389, 434
54	(10)	548, 612, 644, 613, 448, 502, 573, 784, 789
55	(8)	. . 253, 697, 508, 734, 760, 221
56 ☆	(6)	. . 241, 412, 726, 633, 557, 547
57	(8)	. . . 758, 674, 513, 669, 653
58	(8)	357, 378, 255, 737, 414, 294, 670



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A Message from Our Grand Master

Brethren, I personally thank you for your continued confidence. I shall devote another year of my life, God willing, to the services of Freemasonry.

Although the conditions of the world have not improved, we must hold fast to our Masonic principles and make them a vital part of our lives. We must not lose their significance.

They must shine as a beacon in a world that needs light.

Freemasonry in Pennsylvania continued to make progress in 1960. Some of the results include:

- Attendance at Lodge Stated meetings increased approximately six per cent due to Worshipful Masters planning their work in advance and presenting interesting Lodge programs.
- The color movies on "The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and "Youth Program" were shown in 356 Masonic Lodges, resulting in a greater appreciation of the benevolent projects of the Fraternity.
- New enthusiasm to improve the physical condition of Masonic meeting rooms was generated. The result was major improvements in approximately 60 Masonic meeting rooms.
- Twelve Masonic Lodges sponsored or assisted in forming Chapters of the Order of DeMolay. Other Masonic Lodges have expressed a desire to sponsor DeMolay Chapters.
- The program to help endow The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is nearing completion in Pennsylvania. The record shows that 561 Lodges have completed the project.

I feel sure that 1961 will bring even greater results.

Three new Masonic Lodges have been Constituted since I became Grand Master on December 28, 1959. Two more are scheduled. They include:

Monaca-Center Lodge No. 791, at Monaca, on March 11 and Emmaus Lodge No. 792, at Emmaus, on April 8.

We must continue to Constitute Community Lodges. If we are to progress, Freemasonry must be represented in new and growing communities.

Masonic Lodges planning new buildings, forming building corporations, or planning major changes in meeting facilities, must have the approval of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Masonic Halls and Masonic Lodge Rooms, and finally, of the Grand Master.

All such building inquiries are directed to the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Phila. 7, Pa.

The above Committee and the Grand Master's Office will give you all the assistance possible.

However, approval on any major building projects must be obtained to prevent Masonic Lodges from entering into agreements not financially sound, assuming responsibilities beyond the capabilities of the Lodge and to keep Lodge Rooms as uniform as possible.

In 1960, I felt it was desirable to revoke and amend several decisions in order to liberalize Lodge activities and the materials that may be included in Lodge Notices.

These changes were to stimulate more interest and promote better attendance.

As examples, such items as refreshments, mixed dinners sponsored by Lodges, Degree work and the names of Candidates on whom Degrees will be conferred may be included in Lodge Notices.

Now it becomes the duty of Worshipful Masters to use these new "tools" in planning Masonic meetings. Experience has shown that well-planned meetings stimulate attendance.

I took pride in dedicating three Masonic Lodge Rooms in 1960: Stroudsburg, Boyertown and Girard. In each instance the new meeting facilities were the product of outstanding Masonic cooperation. The Brethren donated freely of their time and money.

I am sure that the Masonic spirit will increase in these three communities as a result of these new facilities.

It is good to know that the Grand Master is surrounded by Masons dedicated and willing to accept any challenge. I thank all the Brethren who served Freemasonry in 1960 and urge you to continue this dedication in 1961.

This is a new year, but the challenges of tomorrow are still with us. Therefore, in 1961, I hope for the following:

- A continued effort to follow the Eight-Point Program to assure the growth of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.
- All Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania complete their obligation to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
- Investigate all possibilities to Constitute new Masonic Lodges in new and growing communities in Pennsylvania.
- Aides to the Committee on Masonic Culture continue to educate new initiates in the teachings of the Craft.
- Every Mason in Pennsylvania think of his less fortunate Brothers in The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, especially at Christmas.

On Saturday, April 29, a Masonic Congress will be held at

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the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Congress, the first state-wide gathering of Masonic leaders in Pennsylvania, is designed to bring about a mutual understanding of problems facing Freemasonry.

I hope it will result in a greater determination to continue the high ideals of all Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania. Masonry, as a whole, should profit from this Congress.

In 1961, and the years to follow, I urge you to carry the torch for Freemasonry—to live for Masonry.

This past year has shown that we will not be found wanting in our judgment that Masonry has a destiny. We are dedicated people, pledged to promote the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

### Two New Lodges Constituted— Two More Ready and Waiting

Two new Masonic Lodges—Bethel Lodge, No. 789 and Cochranton Lodge, No. 790—were constituted by Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Two other Lodges, Monaca-Center Lodge, No. 791 and Emmaus Lodge, No. 792, will be constituted in March and April.

Monaca-Center Lodge, No. 791 will be constituted on March 11 at Beaver Falls. Emmaus Lodge, No. 792 will be constituted on April 8 at Emmaus.

When the above two Lodges are constituted, it will mark five new Lodges constituted since Brother Balcom became Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Bethel Lodge, No. 789 was constituted on December 17, 1960, in the Junior High School, City of Lower Burrell, with 55 Warrant Members. Brother John W. Rawson, District Deputy Grand Master for the 54th Masonic District, was in charge of the constitution.

The Officers-Elect of Bethel Lodge are: Brother Richard C. Kennedy, Worshipful Master; Brother William W. Kapp, Senior Warden; Brother Earl A. Rose, Junior Warden; Brother Harry E. Ryan, Secretary, and Brother John H. Middlehurst, Treasurer.

The Trustees include: Brothers Frank F. Giger, Jr., Milton W. Ryan and Carl W. Acre.

The appointed Officers include: Brother Ardith H. Shaffer, Chaplain; Brother George C. Armitage, Senior Deacon; Brother Lefteri A. Despotakis, Junior Deacon; Brother Robert M. Connor, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Brother Harry A. Painter, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Brother John W. Taylor, Pursuivant; Brothers Stanley A. Kedzierski and Robert M. Koch, Stewards, and Brother Henry E. Myers, Tyler.

Cochranton Lodge, No. 790 was constituted on January 7, 1961, in the Cochranton High School, Cochranton, with 71 Warrant Members. Brother Domer J. Bailey, District Deputy

Ours is an obligation none may shirk without being recreant to the trust reposed in him.

Let us then rededicate ourselves to the principles and tenets of Freemasonry and humbly resolve to demonstrate in our lives and actions the beneficent influence of the Craft and the excellence of the Faith we profess.

The most important work on the trestleboard is to make the principles of the Craft a vital and living force by spreading our teachings from the Lodges to our hearts, our businesses, our social relations and into the communities in which we live.

Cordially and fraternally,

*Max F. Balcom*

MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master

Grand Master for the 25th Masonic District, was in charge of the constitution.

The Officers-Elect of Cochranton Lodge are: Brother David H. McCarl, Worshipful Master; Brother Karl W. Senn, Senior Warden; Brother Harold B. Hovis, Junior Warden; Brother Glenn A. Stockton, Treasurer, and Brother Merle C. Ridgeway, Secretary.

The Trustees include: Brothers Allen R. Moon, Carl T. Shaffer and Harmon G. Sillo-way. Brother Paul W. Anderson, P.M., was elected representative in Grand Lodge.

The appointed Officers include: Brother Theodore V. Power, Chaplain; Brother H. Edwin Moore, Senior Deacon; Brother Martin J. Schwartzbauer, Junior Deacon; Brother Elmer R. Barnes, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Brother Lewis C. Schaff, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Brother Francis H. Sexton, Pursuivant; Brother Stanley F. Lawhead, Tyler, and Brothers Domer M. Myers and John A. Jackson, Jr., Stewards.

### New Masonic District Formed; James R. Thomas and William A. Hodge, New District Deputies

The 12th Masonic District, which included 15 Masonic Lodges, was divided into two Masonic Districts by Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master.

Brother Wilbur H. Schang, District Deputy Grand Master for the 12th Masonic District for the past 13 years, received the honor of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

The 12th Masonic District now includes the following Lodges: Lodge No. 61; St. John's Lodge, No. 233; Landmark Lodge, No. 442; Coalville Lodge, No. 474; Valley Lodge, No. 499; Fidelity Lodge, No. 655; King Hiram Lodge, No. 721; and Tuscan Lodge, No. 770.

Brother James R. Thomas of Wilkes-Barre, Past Master of Lodge No. 61, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 12th Masonic District by the Grand Master.

The other Masonic Lodges, formerly in the 12th Masonic District, are in the new 59th Masonic District. They include: Plymouth Lodge, No. 332; Sylvania Lodge, No. 354; Kingston Lodge, No. 395; Wyoming Lodge, No. 468; George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531; Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541; and King David Lodge, No. 763.

Brother William A. Hodge of Wyoming, Past Master of Wyoming Lodge, No. 468, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 59th Masonic District by the Grand Master.

Brother Thomas and Brother Hodge will be presented by the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple in Wilkes-Barre on March 3.

### Three New Lodge Rooms Dedicated at Special Communications of Grand Lodge

Three new Masonic Lodge Rooms were dedicated to Freemasonry by Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers at Special Communications of Grand Lodge.

On September 21, 1960, the Lodge Room was dedicated for Barger Lodge, No. 325, Stroudsburg.

On November 19, 1960, the Lodge Room was dedicated for Boyertown Lodge, No. 741, Boyertown.

On December 3, 1960, the Lodge Room was dedicated for Lake Erie Lodge, No. 347, Girard.

In each instance Brother Balcom commended the Brethren for making an outstanding contribution to Freemasonry in their communities. He pointed out:

"I am convinced that Masons can achieve almost anything they agree to accomplish unitedly."

He said the new Lodge Rooms were a result of outstanding Masonic cooperation and devotion.

## 190 "Roll of Honor" Life Member Certificates Presented to Pennsylvania Freemasons

Since February 22, 1958, 190 Pennsylvania Masons and Masonic organizations have contributed \$100 or more to become Life Members in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

BRO. WILLIAM H. ABEL, JR., W.M., Apollo Lodge, No. 386, Philadelphia  
BRO. CHARLES J. BAKER, P.M., Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville  
BRO. GORDON L. BOOTE, George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Dallas  
BRO. MINOR M. DAIN, D.D.G.M., Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville  
BRO. J. CARLTON EDWARDS, Lucius H. Scott Lodge, No. 352, Chester  
BRO. HARRY M. KEEL, Penn Lodge, No. 709, Chester  
BRO. ROGER E. LEWIS, P.M., Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Ardmore  
BRO. GEORGE C. MECK, W.M., Ivy Lodge, No. 397, Williamsport  
BRO. DANIEL MINTZER, Fidelity Lodge, No. 655, Wilkes-Barre  
BRO. HARRY G. MORGANROTH, Union Lodge, No. 291, Scranton  
BRO. FLOYD RUDOLPH MUSSELMAN, Easton Lodge, No. 152, Easton  
BRO. BAYNARD W. OTTERMAN, P.M., Wilkinsburg Lodge, No. 683, Wilkinsburg  
BRO. DAVID J. REX, JR., P.M., Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Crafton  
BRO. HENRY F. ROLLMAN, Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia  
BRO. MORRIS J. ROOT, Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia  
BRO. ALBERT SANDERS, D.D.G.M., Industry Lodge, No. 131, Philadelphia  
BRO. HAROLD A. TAYLOR, Lake Erie Lodge, No. 347, Girard  
EUREKA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 167, Rochester

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

The following are additions as of January 25, 1961:

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Scranton, N.M.J., U.S.A., Scranton  
PITTSBURGH VISITATION CLUB, Pittsburgh  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Coudersport, N.M.J., U.S.A., Coudersport  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Oil City, N.M.J., U.S.A., Venango Lodge of Perfection, Oil City  
DUQUESNE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 193, Pittsburgh  
TEMPLE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 248, Philadelphia  
SHILOH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 257, Pittsburgh  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Harrisburg, N.M.J., U.S.A., Harrisburg  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, Valley of Reading, N.M.J., U.S.A., Reading  
CHARTERS COMMANDERY, No. 78, Knights Templar, Pittsburgh

#### IN MEMORIAM OF

Guy E. Mason, Past Master  
CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 573, Millvale  
James H. Dorman, Past Master  
EUCLID LODGE, No. 698, Harrisburg  
H. Earl Rixstine  
CHARLES M. SWAIN LODGE, No. 654, Philadelphia  
Morris Ruberg, Past Master  
COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 91, Philadelphia  
Charles Julius Johnson  
WESTMORELAND LODGE, No. 518, Greensburg and his wife, Katherine Johnson

### Attractive New Book in Color Describes History and Features of Masonic Temple in Philadelphia

A new book on the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia—the headquarters of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging—has been completed by the Committee on Masonic Culture.

The 40-page book has 12 color pictures, including all the Masonic Lodge Rooms in the Temple.

Books can be obtained from the Library, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa. The book with a soft-bound cover sells for \$1.00 and the hard-bound, \$1.50. Please add ten cents for mailing and handling costs.

### New "Questions and Answers" Booklet Now Available

The Committee on Masonic Culture has a new booklet, "Questions and Answers," that is being distributed for the nominal price of ten cents.

The 36-page booklet has the answers to 124 often-asked questions on Freemasonry. For example:

"Q. When and where was the first Grand Lodge established?"

"A. In London on June 24, 1717."

Booklets can be obtained from the Library, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa. Be sure to include ten cents for each desired copy. The price includes mailing and handling costs.

The flaw, in all systems based on seniority, is that no way has been found to dispose of the careful bungler, the man who never does anything right, and never does anything technically wrong.—ERIC LARRABEE

## William E. Montgomery Appointed Chairman of Committee on Masonic Culture

After many years of dedicated service, Brother William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, has resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture. Always interested in making authentic Masonic information readily available, especially for new initiates, Brother Yeager was largely responsible for our present Masonic educational program.

Brother Yeager has also been closely identified with the establishment and growth of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON. Started back in 1954, this publication has continued to grow in popularity and usefulness with each new issue.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed Brother William E. Montgomery to succeed Brother Yeager as Chairman of this important Committee. Brother Montgomery has been closely associated with Brother Yeager on this Committee, as well as the prior Committee on Library and Museum. Brother Montgomery is unusually well qualified for this assignment.

Some items of interest in Brother Montgomery's busy Masonic and Civic career are as follows:

#### Masonic

1. Originally a Member of George Washington Lodge, No. 143, Chambersburg.
2. Warrant Master of William S. Snyder Lodge, No. 756, Harrisburg.
3. Secretary, Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, and author of ten pamphlets issued by that Committee.
4. Author, "150 Years of Freemasonry In Chambersburg, Pennsylvania."
5. Grand Master of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, 1941-42; now Grand Recorder of that body.
6. Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania 1953-1954.
7. Second Pennsylvanian in last half-century to be presiding officer of more than one of the State-wide York Rite Bodies.
8. Thirty-third degree Member (1942) of Harrisburg Consistory and former Executive Director of Degree Work of that organization.
9. Grand Senior General of Knights of Red Cross of Constantine of the United States, Mexico and the Philippines.
10. Member of various other organizations, such as Zembo Temple, American Lodge of Research, Triune Tabernacle H.R.A.K.T.P., etc.

#### Civic

1. Former Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters.
2. Past President of Rotary Club of Harrisburg (1935) and Past President of Rotary Club of Chambersburg (1953).
3. Past President of Chambersburg Hospital.
4. Former Assistant Business Manager of Penn Hall Junior College, and later Field Representative of same.



# From Our Grand Secretary's Office

## Our December Communications

### December Quarterly Televised

In an effort to keep our Members, while casting their ballots, and the overflow attendance fully informed of the proceedings in Grand Lodge at the December Quarterly Communication on December 7, 1960, closed circuit television equipment was again used between Corinthian and Renaissance Halls in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Brother Waldo E. Baker, Chief Engineer at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, was in charge of installing and operating the equipment.

Over 700 Brethren, representing 435 Lodges, were in attendance. Distinguished Guests were present from Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, the Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada, and the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

### 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 ELLIS E. STERN  
Brother WILLIS R. MICHAEL

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

Communications from other Grand Lodges included expressions of good wishes from the Grand Lodges of Japan and Israel, and appreciation from the Grand Lodge of Chile for our financial assistance following the recent earthquakes in that country.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Cochranon, Crawford County, to be called Cochranon Lodge, No. 790.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Appeals presented reports on three appeals. The request of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126 for the removal of the expulsion of one of its former Members was

rejected by Grand Lodge upon the recommendation of this Committee, while similar requests by Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158 and Woodbury Lodge, No. 539 were approved.

The Budget Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1960, 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.

Two Resolutions recommended by this Committee and approved by Grand Lodge provided for:

1. Amending the Grand Lodge Pension Plan to permit increasing the capitalization of the Fund beyond the former limit of \$200,000.
2. Amending the provisions of the Higher Educational Fund to increase the limit of assistance, per annum, to each student to \$1,000.

The myriad details relative to the operation and maintenance of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown were fully covered in the fifty-second annual report of the Committee on Masonic Homes. A copy of this report and that of the Patton School will be sent to each Lodge in the near future.

The Employment Bureau Committee, in its forty-fourth year of operation, made 643 placements. The above positions meant an income to Masonic families of over \$1,000,000 annually.

An interesting booklet "Questions and Answers" has been published by the Committee on Masonic Culture and copies have been forwarded to each Lodge. This booklet can be purchased from the Library, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. The many activities of this Committee are covered in its annual report.

### Patton Masonic Institution for Boys

The annual report of the Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys included a detailed account of their activities during the past year. Nineteen boys graduated last Spring, many of whom are continuing their education in various colleges.

A résumé of the work completed during the year in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was included in the report of the Committee on Temple.

The R. W. Grand Master called upon Brother Charles M. Flintoff, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to represent and speak for all the Distinguished Guests. Brother Flintoff responded in a gracious and eloquent manner.

### Special Communication

Bethel Lodge, No. 789 was constituted at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge at Lower Burrell on December 17, 1960. This

newest Lodge, the 596th in our Jurisdiction, had 55 Warrant Members.

### Annual Grand Communication

The Annual Grand Communication was held on December 27, 1960, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Distinguished Guests were present from North Carolina, Maryland, Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, West Virginia and Ontario, Canada.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Monaca, Beaver County, to be called Monaca-Center Lodge, No. 791; a similar petition was received for a new Lodge to be held at Emmaus, Lehigh County, to be called Emmaus Lodge, No. 792.

Upon the recommendations of the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge adopted separate resolutions by which fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Greece, Venezuela and Sao Paulo, Brazil; another resolution which was also adopted, denied recognition to the Grand Lodge of Belgium. No action was recommended at this time relative to the United Grand Lodges of Germany, the Occidental Grand Lodge of Colombia, nor the Grand Lodge of France.

The Committee on Future Planning for the Masonic Temple and Other Properties in Philadelphia, in a detailed report, again pointed out the necessity for careful planning to meet future requirements.

The Committee on Masonic Temples, Masonic Halls and Masonic Lodge Rooms reported it had collaborated with 33 Lodges in their efforts to erect new buildings, or extend or alter existing quarters. Typical drawings of a modern Masonic Temple are being prepared.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that during the past fiscal year, Grand Lodge had received gifts and bequests amounting to \$339,996.13. He also announced that Brother George H. Deike, R.W.P.G.M., and Mrs. Deike had again made a generous gift to Grand Lodge. This gift is to be used to purchase and install a Hammond Organ in the George H. Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The R. W. Grand Master presented Brother Charles H. Strayer, M. W. Grand Master of Ohio, and Brother Clarence M. Pitts, M. W. Grand Master of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, to speak for all the Guests and each replied most appropriately.

Promptly at high noon the Grand Lodge Officers who had been elected at the December Quarterly were duly installed.

The Grand Master briefly summarized his Annual Address, which is reviewed elsewhere in this issue and which will be printed in its entirety in the Proceedings.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

## 561 Pennsylvania Lodges Appreciate Full Participation in "Pennsylvania Plan"

There are only 36 Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania that have not earned the Grand Master's Award for full participation in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, as of January 25, 1961.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, commended the Lodges for outstanding cooperation and urged the remaining Lodges to complete the project as rapidly as possible.

Brother Balcom pointed out:

"All Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania must

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 59, Philadelphia  
PHOENIX LODGE, No. 75, Phoenixville  
COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 91, Philadelphia  
ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 115, Philadelphia  
UNION LODGE, No. 121, Philadelphia

RISING STAR LODGE, No. 126, Philadelphia  
EASTON LODGE, No. 152, Easton  
MERIDIAN SUN LODGE, No. 158, Philadelphia  
EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 186, Philadelphia  
CHARITY LODGE, No. 190, Norristown

LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 199, Lock Haven  
DANVILLE LODGE, No. 224, Danville  
ROCHESTER LODGE, No. 229, Rochester  
SHEKINAH LODGE, No. 246, Philadelphia  
FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 263, Laceyville

KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 271, Philadelphia  
CASSIA LODGE, No. 273, Ardmore  
HAMILTON LODGE, No. 274, Philadelphia  
HOBAB LODGE, No. 276, Brookville  
CAMBRIA LODGE, No. 278, Johnstown

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 288, Pittsburgh  
ORIENT LODGE, No. 289, Philadelphia  
UNION LODGE, No. 291, Scranton  
GEO. W. BARTRAM LODGE, No. 298, Media  
WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 309, Downingtown

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 311, Portland  
SUMMIT LODGE, No. 312, Ebsensburg  
CLEARFIELD LODGE, No. 314, Clearfield  
MCKINLEY LODGE, No. 318, Pittsburgh  
WEST CHESTER LODGE, No. 322, West Chester

PETER WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 323, Scranton  
BARGER LODGE, No. 333, Allentown  
UNION LODGE, No. 334, Bradford  
HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 339, Scranton  
EULALIA LODGE, No. 342, Coudersport

LAKE ERIE LODGE, No. 347, Girard  
LUCIUS H. SCOTT LODGE, No. 352, Chester  
SOMERSET LODGE, No. 358, Somerset  
CORRY LODGE, No. 365, Corry  
MIFFLINBURG LODGE, No. 370, Mifflinburg

TENNIS LODGE, No. 371, Thompsonstown  
NEWPORT LODGE, No. 381, Newport  
ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 385, Philadelphia  
DALLAS LODGE, No. 396, Easton  
IVY LODGE, No. 397, Williamsport

WATSONTOWN LODGE, No. 401, Watonsontown  
MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 411, Enon Valley  
CANTON LODGE, No. 415, Canton  
FRITZ LODGE, No. 420, Conshohocken  
SLATINGTON LODGE, No. 440, Slatington

PHILO LODGE, No. 444, Philadelphia  
COVENANT LODGE, No. 456, Philadelphia  
ST. JAMES LODGE, No. 457, Beaver  
ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 460, Orangeville  
KENNETT LODGE, No. 475, Kennett Square

reach the 100 per cent participation goal before the program can be completed."

To complete the project, Lodges must contribute at least \$1.00 a Member and \$10.00 from the Lodge itself. Lodges completing the project are presented with the Grand Master's Award.

The May, August and November issues, 1960, listed 457 Masonic Lodges that earned the Grand Master's Award. The additional 104 Lodges, as of January 25, follow:

ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 482, Philadelphia  
ROBERT A. LAMBERTON LODGE, No. 487, Philadelphia  
TYRONE LODGE, No. 494, Tyrone  
GUYASUTA LODGE, No. 513, Pittsburgh  
EVERETT LODGE, No. 524, Everett

IONIC LODGE, No. 525, Pittsburgh  
PHILATES LODGE, No. 527, Philadelphia  
BELLEVUE LODGE, No. 530, Bellevue  
GEORGE M. DALLAS LODGE, No. 531, Dallas  
JOHN M. READ LODGE, No. 536, Reynoldsville

OLD FORT LODGE, No. 537, Centre Hall  
STILLWATER LODGE, No. 547, Youngsville  
EDENBURG LODGE, No. 550, Knox  
NORTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 555, Duke Center  
LEWISVILLE LODGE, No. 556, Ulysses

GREENLEAF LODGE, No. 561, Allentown  
PROSPECT LODGE, No. 578, Prospect Park  
WAYNE LODGE, No. 581, Wayne  
KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 584, Dunmore  
SHARON LODGE, No. 598, Shinglehouse

E. COPPEE MITCHELL LODGE, No. 605, Philadelphia  
RADIANT STAR LODGE, No. 606, Philadelphia  
NORRISTOWN LODGE, No. 620, Norristown  
HENRY W. WILLIAMS LODGE, No. 624, Philadelphia  
DONORA LODGE, No. 626, Donora

J. SIMPSON AFRICA LODGE, No. 628, E. Stroudsburg  
CRAFTON LODGE, No. 653, Crafton  
FIDELITY LODGE, No. 655, Wilkes-Barre  
THOMAS R. PATTON LODGE, No. 659, Philadelphia  
MAT. H. HENDERSON LODGE, No. 661, Philadelphia

MOOSIC LODGE, No. 664, Moosic  
OAKDALE LODGE, No. 669, Oakdale  
PETER A. B. WIDENER LODGE, No. 671, Philadelphia  
JAMES W. BROWN LODGE, No. 675; Johnsonburg  
G. W. KENDRICK, JR., LODGE, No. 690, Philadelphia

CONEMAUGH VALLEY LODGE, No. 692, Johnstown  
COMMONWEALTH LODGE, No. 695, Erie  
AMBRIDGE LODGE, No. 701, Ambbridge  
LAWRENCE LODGE, No. 708, Erie  
PENN LODGE, No. 709, Chester

NEW TEMPLE LODGE, No. 720, Allentown  
KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 721, Wilkes-Barre  
WILLIAM PENN LODGE, No. 732, Philadelphia  
COMMUNITY LODGE, No. 744, Manoa  
JOSEPH H. BROWN LODGE, No. 751, Philadelphia

JAMES I. BUCHANAN LODGE, No. 757, Pittsburgh  
BROTHERHOOD LODGE, No. 773, Philadelphia  
BETHEL LODGE, No. 789, Lower Burrell  
COCHRANTON LODGE, No. 790, Cochranon

## In Memoriam

BROTHER RALPH M. LEHR  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania lost one of its most active and useful Members in the death, on February 6, 1961, of Brother Ralph M. Lehr, R. W. Past Grand Master, at the age of 66.

Educated in the Harrisburg public schools and Lehigh University, Brother Lehr had engaged in the retail coal business for many years until his retirement in 1959. He served as District Coal Administrator during World War II.

He was Worshipful Master of Harrisburg Lodge, No. 629, in 1930; High Priest of Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, 1935; Thrice Illustrious Master of Harrisburg Council, No. 7, 1936; Eminent Commander of Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, 1932 and served as Division Commander, 1936-1942. He was a member of Penn Priory, No. 6, York Cross of Honor.

He was affiliated with the various Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Harrisburg and was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 1943 at Buffalo. During the past ten years he was Executive Director of Degree Work for these organizations. He was a member of Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brother Lehr was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a number of years prior to his election as R. W. Junior Grand Warden. He served as R. W. Grand Master in 1954 and 1955. It was during his term of office that THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON came into existence. He not only participated in the extensive building operations and renovation program at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown but since that time has been Chairman of the Committee on Future Planning for that great institution. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Masonic Halls and Masonic Lodge Rooms.

Locally, he was president of the Harrisburg Masonic Temple Association; vice-president of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple Association, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Funeral services were held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral with the Rev. J. Charles McKirachan, pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church and a Grand Chaplain, officiating. Brother Lehr's widow is his only survivor.

A public-spirited citizen, an ardent churchman, deeply interested in the welfare of youth, devoted to Freemasonry's principles and concerned in all its activities, Brother Lehr will be greatly missed in numerous areas of service.