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Restriction on Use of Films Soon To Be Lifted

The restriction on the films, "Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and "Youth Program," will end on July 1, Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, announced.

Until that date, the films will continue to be restricted to Masonic Lodges.

The Grand Master urged Masons to schedule showings for church and social groups, civic organizations and similar groups.

For reservations, write to the Grand Master's Office, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa. When writing, give the name of the group, the date the films are desired and the name of the individual to whom they are to be sent.

Upon a receipt of a request, a confirming letter will be sent at once to allow ample time to plan the program. Films will be sent well in advance of the showing to assure delivery.

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

Fifty-four 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 15 Masonic Districts are nearing completion.

There remain only 19 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, 449
H	☆ (9)	506, 296, 9, 717, 186, 385, 456, 690, 600
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	☆	336, 348, 423, 465, 586
5	☆ (8)	569, 343, 340, 383, 564, 309, 322, 405
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, 303, 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	☆ (8)	770, 474, 499, 61, 233, 442, 655, 721
13	(15)	504, 523, 466, 345, 579, 588, 464, 291, 323, 584, 339, 597, 301
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, 220
21	☆ (8)	391, 515, 480, 700, 268, 574, 537, 314
22	☆ (7)	566, 627, 560, 749, 388, 555, 334
23	☆ (5)	. . . 316, 363, 710, 552, 483

☆ 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 579 Lodges completing their quota, based on the checks received by the Grand Secretary as of May 1, are listed as follows:

District	Lodges in District	LODGES
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, 429
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, 657
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	(9)	478, 485, 672, 662, 701, 229, 457, 791
38	☆ (7)	590, 683, 746, 647, 656, 757, 510
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, 256
47	☆ (8)	269, 509, 608, 652, 684, 743, 761, 544
48	☆ (10)	699, 783, 787, 766, 546, 725, 634, 635, 321, 739
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, 277
53	☆ (9)	250, 290, 424, 517, 575, 603, 668, 389, 434
54	☆ (10)	548, 612, 644, 613, 448, 502, 573, 784, 789, 729
55	(8)	253, 697, 508, 734, 760, 221, 576
56	☆ (6)	. . . 241, 412, 726, 633, 557, 547
57	(8)	758, 674, 513, 669, 653, 759, 630
58	(8)	357, 378, 255, 737, 414, 294, 670
59	☆ (7)	763, 332, 468, 541, 354, 531, 395



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A Message from Our Grand Master

I express my sincere appreciation to the Masons in Pennsylvania for their outstanding cooperation in the endowment program for The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va.

You made it possible for me to present three checks, totaling \$272,811, to the Memorial Association at its annual meeting on February 22, 1961.

Brethren, it was a great opportunity for me to stand before Grand Lodge representatives from all parts of the country and proudly announce for you:

"Pennsylvania Masons have completed what they started out to do. They have completed the 'Pennsylvania Plan' to help endow the Memorial."

The first check was for \$5,970, representing \$10 from every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania.

The second check was for \$6,841, representing \$1 for each initiate in 1960.

The third check was for \$260,000, representing \$1 for every Mason in Pennsylvania, as of February 22. There was a couple of thousand dollars extra in the third check for the members we wished we had.

I assured the Memorial Association that every penny contributed represented gifts from Masons and Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania. Not one penny was taken from the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

The following are facts on the program for the Memorial in Pennsylvania:

- Every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania contributed toward the fund.
- The Scottish Rite, York Rite and other Masonic Bodies gave financial assistance.
- 579 Masonic Lodges have participated in the program 100 per cent. The remaining 19 Lodges have made substantial progress.
- 204 Masons and Masonic organizations in Pennsylvania purchased \$100 Life Memberships in the Memorial Association.

Brethren, I expect the 19 Masonic Lodges that have not completed the program to do so as soon as possible. Then, and only then, can we say that all Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania are 100 per cent.

When the program to endow the Memorial started in Pennsylvania, I assured you that it was a one-time effort with one exception.

I made it clear the \$1 for each initiate would be continued as long as necessary. In announcing the start of the endowment program in March, 1960, I said:

"The only exception is the \$1 contribution required for each initiate. This will be continued. It gives the new Masonic Member a personal share in the Memorial."

The Grand Master's Office will keep complete records on the program for \$1 an initiate. Every Masonic Lodge should keep current and not wait until the end of the year to catch up.

The Watres Memorial Library in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is dedicated to Brother Louis A. Watres, R. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He served as Grand Master in 1916 and 1917. He became president of the Memorial Association in 1918 and served in that capacity for twenty years.

I have asked Brother Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master, to undertake the assignment of opening the Library. I am very happy that he has agreed to do so. It involves a great deal of work and Masonic understanding.

The Library Room on the sixth floor of the Memorial was installed at a cost of approximately \$100,000. It has never been open to the Brethren.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has assumed the responsibility to make this Library Room a Library—a room that Pennsylvania Masons can be proud of.

Brethren, I appreciate your continued generosity to the Christmas and Entertainment Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

This money not only provides a wonderful Christmas for our less fortunate, but entertainment and pocket money for the Guests throughout the year.

I can assure you this Fund is very important to the operation of the Masonic Homes.

I am not advocating another fund-raising campaign. I am merely pointing out that every Mason in Pennsylvania should make a Christmas contribution to our Guests, regardless of the amount.

The films on the Masonic Homes, "Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and "Youth Program," have been shown in nearly 500 Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania. However, only approximately 40,000 Masons have seen them. This is only 15 per cent of the membership.

Therefore, starting July 1, the Masonic Lodge restriction on the movies will be removed. They will be available to other Masonic Bodies, church groups, civic and service clubs and others.

Showing dates can be obtained from the Grand Master's Office. I hope everything possible is done to keep these movies in circulation.

This is an excellent opportunity to show our outstanding Masonic Homes to the general public.

To further help in the program to have more Masons become acquainted with the Masonic Homes, I urge as many Masonic Lodges as possible to arrange to have Special Meetings in the beautiful Masonic Temple at the Homes.

The contribution has been reduced from \$100 to \$50 by the Committee on Masonic Homes in order that more Masonic Lodges will be encouraged to use these facilities.

Your contribution is used to defray expenses, such as heat, light and cleaning.

You are always welcome to visit the Homes. Guides are available for your convenience. I am sure that we all have a great pride in what we are doing for our less fortunate.

Cordially and fraternally,

Max F. Balcom

MAX F. BALCOM, R. W. Grand Master

First Masonic Congress Attended by Over 300 Leaders of the Craft

More than 300 Masonic leaders from various Masonic organizations attended the first Masonic Congress ever held in Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 29, at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, called the Masonic Congress.

The purpose of the Congress was to discuss Symbolic Masonry and its constructive growth.

In the Panel Discussion, many pertinent questions were brought up. The following is an example:

"Should Masons be prohibited from joining organizations requiring the Blue Lodge as a prerequisite of membership until one year after being Raised?"

Many Masonic leaders felt that some period should be imposed.

For example, Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Active for Pennsylvania and Grand Minister of State, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, made the following suggestion:

That a one-month waiting period be imposed for the next year, two months the following year, and continue until six years from now when the waiting period would be six months.

In his opening address, Brother Balcom said: "The program also will point out the philanthropies of Freemasonry along with those of other Masonic Bodies.

"And before the day is concluded, I'm sure you will all agree that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania isn't as rich as many seem to think—and that its obligation to provide a Home for the less fortunate is a staggering liability."

He asked the Masonic leaders to unite forces in their efforts for Freemasonry. However, he pointed out:

"When one Body reflects un-Masonic thinking, then all Masonic Bodies suffer. On the other hand, the good deeds of all Masonic Bodies help Symbolic Masonry.

"Continue to talk about Symbolic Masonry and I can assure you that all Bodies requiring the Blue Lodge as a prerequisite will share the benefits."

Representatives from the following Masonic organizations attended the Congress:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania
Red Cross of Constantine

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm
Order of DeMolay

In addition to the Grand Master, the speakers included:

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Past Grand Master; Brother Scott S. Leihy, R. W. Past Grand Master; Brother William J. Wallace, Chairman of the Trustees, Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; Brother Hiram P. Ball, Vice Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

Brother Maurice T. White, M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter; Brother Elmer J. Eggert, M. P. Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Brother Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master; Brother O. Carlyle Brock, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Brother Paul D. Bodwell, Jr., Supreme Tall Cedar, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and Ralph W. Axthelm, Grand Standard Bearer, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

Brother W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, was the Panel Discussion moderator, and gave the summation address.

Brother G. Mason Cochran, Grand Chaplain, delivered the banquet address. Other Grand Chaplains taking part in the program included: Brother Alfred N. Sayres, Brother Joseph E. Law, Brother Donald Baldwin, and Brother Arthur Murray.

One of the highlights of the Congress was a forty-five minute bus tour of the 1,500 acres of the Masonic Homes. Guests at the Homes served as Guides.

Youth from the Children's Home played the organ before the Congress started in the morning and afternoon. The Youth Chorus from the Masonic Homes sang "America" at the start of the Congress.

A student from the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Patton School chorus entertained at the Banquet.

Youth from the Masonic Homes and Patton School served as ushers, aided registration and assisted with the parking.

In a personal letter to all those attending the Congress, Brother Balcom said:

"When you return home, I urge you to sponsor Masonic Conferences on local levels. In this way, all Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania would work toward one goal—the constructive growth of Freemasonry.

"This growth will afford all Bodies requiring Blue Lodge membership as a prerequisite a greater opportunity for service and expansion."

In summarizing the financial problems of Grand Lodge, Brother Ball said:

"Many of our Brethren consider Grand Lodge to be a very wealthy Institution, free from financial worry. Without question, Grand Lodge is

in very good, sound financial condition and operating in the black.

"However, Grand Lodge is beset with the same problems as any business or individual. Costs are rising, and inflation is increasingly taking its toll."

In pointing out that the expenditures of Grand Lodge are very closely budgeted, Brother Ball said: "The most serious long-range problem affecting the income of Grand Lodge is the continuation of income from Gifts, Wills and Bequests. In the past, large sums of money have come from the benevolence of our members and friends."

He said that in the past Grand Lodge re-invested income from endowment funds, but today the income is used in the operation of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In closing, Brother Ball reminded: "Charity is one of the Basic Tenets and Purposes of Freemasonry. The welfare of our fellowman is one of the responsibilities of a good Mason. "Masonic Bodies and attendant organizations have led the way for every Mason to participate in charities and philanthropies of his particular choosing."

Brother Balcom said he was very pleased with the Congress and hoped that many Masonic Congresses would be held in local communities in the months ahead.

Annual Grand Assembly Royal and Select Masters Meet and Elect at Reading

At the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, held in Reading on Tuesday, April 25, 1961, the following officers were elected:

Grand Master
ELMER J. EGGERT, Forty Fort
Deputy Grand Master
HERBERT C. SMITH, Greensburg
Grand Principal Conductor of Work
SYDNEY SOUTHBY, Media
Grand Treasurer
W. LAWRENCE KOLMEYER, P.G.M., Pittsburgh
Grand Recorder
WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY, P.G.M.,
1900 Cooper Circle, Camp Hill, Pa.
Grand Trustees
CHARLES M. JOHNSTONE, P.G.M., Pittsburgh
PERRY L. LABARR, Pittsburgh
JAMES D. SMITH, Washington

All of the present District Deputies were reappointed except B. Everett Lord, Kingston, who resigned and Sydney Southby, Media, who was elected as a Throne Officer. They were replaced by Hudson L. Sherman, Tunkhannock and John A. Roth, Cheltenham.

Lodges Urged to Hold Special Meetings at the Homes

Masonic Lodges have been urged to hold Special Meetings in the beautiful Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

To encourage this program, the Committee on Masonic Homes cut the contribution requirement from \$100 to \$50.

The \$50 donation will help to defray overhead expenses, such as heat, light and cleaning.

203 "Roll of Honor" Certificates Have Been Purchased by Pennsylvanians

Since February 22, 1958, 203 Pennsylvania Masons and Masonic organizations have contributed \$100 or more to become Life Members in The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

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

The following are additions as of May 2, 1961:

BRO. DURWARD J. BALL, Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Ardmore
BRO. ROBERT N. BOERNER, Acacia Lodge, No. 586, Waynesboro
BRO. REESE R. DEHAVEN, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 449, Philadelphia
BRO. SQUIRE T. MAIR, P.M., John E. Mair Lodge, No. 729, Mars
BRO. JOSEPH MCCHESNEY, D.D.G.M., Crescent Lodge, No. 576, Pittsburgh
BRO. JACK PALKOVITZ, Oakland Lodge, No. 535, Pittsburgh
BRO. LEWIS D. RICHARDS, Waverly Lodge, No. 301, Clarks Summit
BRO. GILBERT M. SCOFIELD, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 449, Philadelphia
BRO. PAUL G. WAGONER, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 346, Connellsville
ALGERINE HUNTING CLUB INC., Compliments of a Member, Lodge No. 238, F. & A.M., Tamaqua
YORK COUNTY SHRINE CLUB, York
ISLAM GROTTTO, Pittsburgh
HARRISBURG FOREST, No. 43, Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Monaca-Center Lodge, No. 791 and Emmaus Lodge, No. 792 Constituted

The recent constitution of Monaca-Center Lodge, No. 791 and Emmaus Lodge, No. 792 by the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Max F. Balcom, has increased the number of Lodges working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to 599.

Monaca-Center Lodge No. 791 was constituted at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in Beaver Falls on March 11, 1961, with 59 Warrant Members, two of whom were formerly Members in Louisiana and Texas. This new Lodge will meet temporarily in the Masonic Temple in Rochester, with its Stated Meeting on the Third Tuesday.

The elected Warrant Officers are:

FRANK A. LYNCH *Worshipful Master*
GEORGE W. ROWSE *Senior Warden*
CALVIN M. SWINK *Junior Warden*
JOHN J. STUEHLING *Treasurer*
FRED A. AIKEN, JR. *Secretary*
FRANK BISKUP *Trustee*
GEORGE E. MCKEEL *Trustee*
R. ERIC SIMONS *Trustee*

Emmaus Lodge, No. 792 was constituted on April 8, 1961 at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in Emmaus with 157 Warrant

All But 19 Lodges Have Full Participation in "Pennsylvania Plan"

There are only 19 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 May 2, 1961.

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 following 18 Lodges completed the project since the last issue of THE FREEMASON:

BRADDOCK'S FIELD LODGE, No. 510, *Braddock*
KINGSTON LODGE, No. 395, *Kingston*
HOWELL LODGE, No. 405, *Honey Brook*
PORTAGE LODGE, No. 220, *Holidaysburg*
AVALON LODGE, No. 657, *Bellevue*
GREEN RIDGE LODGE, No. 597, *Scranton*
PLEASANT HILLS LODGE, No. 759, *Knoxville, Pittsburgh*
HARMONY LODGE, No. 429, *Zelienople*
ARCHIE K. HENDERSON LODGE, No. 739, *Pittsburgh*
CLARION LODGE, No. 277, *Clarion*
JOHN E. MAIR LODGE, No. 729, *Mars*
MONACA-CENTER LODGE, No. 791, *Rochester*
MILTON LODGE, No. 256, *Milton*
TACONY LODGE, No. 600, *Tacony, Philadelphia*
DORIC LODGE, No. 630, *Seewickley*

IVANHOE LODGE, No. 449, *Philadelphia*
CRESCENT LODGE, No. 576, *Pittsburgh*
WAVERLY LODGE, No. 301, *Clarks Summit*

Members, including Brethren who were formerly Members of Lodges in Maryland, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, North Carolina, Illinois, New Jersey, Virginia, District of Columbia, Ohio, Georgia, Indiana and Massachusetts. This newest Lodge will temporarily meet in St. John's United Church of Christ Church in Emmaus. Its Stated Meeting will also be on the Third Tuesday.

The elected Warrant Officers are:

PAUL C. E. BRAUCH *Worshipful Master*
JAMES M. MINNICH *Senior Warden*
CLAYTON C. OLEWINE *Junior Warden*
ROBERT S. STONEBACK *Treasurer*
ROBERT L. GUNTHER *Secretary*
HARRY M. PHILLIPS *Trustee*
WILMER R. SCHULTZ *Trustee*
JOSEF S. WENDLING *Trustee*
FRED S. SHAFFER

Representative in Grand Lodge

Brother Jonas Cordingley, District Deputy Grand Master of the 37th District, was active in the formation and constitution of Monaca-Center Lodge, while Brother Myron P. Wehr, District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th District, was instrumental in the formation and constitution of Emmaus Lodge.

Dr. William J. Paterson, 33° Dean of Librarians, Retires After Distinguished Career

On his retirement as Librarian and Curator of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania as of April 30, 1961, Dr. William J. Paterson terminated a long and distinguished service to Freemasonry.

Long recognized as the Dean of Masonic Librarians in North America and an authority on Benjamin Franklin, Brother Paterson began his service with the Grand Lodge Library in 1914.

A Master Mason since 1907, he served as Worshipful Master of Gothic Lodge No. 519 in 1919 and also served as Secretary of this Lodge for nearly 20 years. Since 1907 his activity in the Masonic fraternity has never ended. To list the affiliations and honors conferred upon him during the past 54 years would require many columns of this issue.

The author of many Masonic publications, he was also well known for his speaking ability. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. Henry Darrach, a Genealogist and authority on library science. Brother Paterson received an honorary doctorate from the College of Sciences, Washington, D. C., in 1923.

Gracious and friendly to all, Brother "Billy" Paterson (as he is known to a host of Masons and friends) will forever command the respect and love of those who have visited or communicated with the Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Best wishes were expressed in behalf of the Craft in general at a dinner attended by the Grand Lodge Officers and many of Brother Paterson's associates on Thursday, April 27, 1961.

Brother William A. Carpenter, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236 and Editor of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON, has been appointed to succeed Brother Paterson.

Brother Herman A. Dotter Appointed New District Deputy

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Grand Master, recently announced the appointment of Brother Herman A. Dotter as District Deputy Grand Master of the 45th Masonic District. He succeeds Brother Harry W. Lewis, who resigned after having served as District Deputy for the past eleven years.

Brother Dotter is a Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687 and is a Member of the Hazleton Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Mt. Vernon Commandery, the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Lehigh, and Irem Temple of the Shrine.

He is associated with the Motor Transportation Co., Inc., and is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Hazleton Rotary Club and the Y.M.C.A.

Brother Dotter was formally presented to his District on May 6th at a special meeting of Azalea Lodge No. 687.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Exemplification of Three Degrees

Intense interest in all phases of our Ritualistic Work was manifested by a large number of Members from all areas of our Jurisdiction on the day prior to the March Quarterly. Starting early in the morning, Brother Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work and his Regional Instructors, reviewed all facets of this most important subject.

Then in the evening, as is customary, the three degrees were splendidly exemplified in Corinthian Hall in the presence of the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Max F. Balcom, and the other Grand Lodge Officers.

The following Brethren occupied the East:

Opening and closing—BROTHER JOSEPH MEDINA, Lodge No. 626

E. A. Degree—BROTHER ROY HANCOCK, Lodge No. 337

F. C. Degree—BROTHER CARL E. WAGNER, Lodge No. 203

M. M. Degree—BROTHER MAYNARD GORDON, Lodge No. 774

Similar Ritualistic Meetings are being held in various sections of our Jurisdiction by Brother Grimm and his assistants.

On Wednesday morning, the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters held a highly informative and interesting meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters. Only a very few Deputies were unable to be present.

The meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on Washington's Birthday in Washington was thoroughly discussed by the R. W. Grand Master. This is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

Brother William E. Montgomery, new Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, suggested that the District Deputies make sure each Lodge has an Aide, and a Committee on Culture; also that each Lodge is using the many booklets that have been made available.

Improved Lodge attendance and more interesting meetings were reviewed by Brother Earl F. Herold, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden. Definite advance planning is essential to the success of this program, and the Lodge Notices should be used to inform the Members of the programs.

The Membership statistics for 1960 were outlined by the Grand Secretary who also commented on the high number of suspensions for non-payment of dues and abnormal rejections in some Lodges. More prompt forwarding of Annual and Monthly Returns, Auditing Committee Reports and 50-Year Masonic Service Emblem data was requested.

The Committee on Finance and the Committee on Masonic Culture held their usual quarterly meetings. Many other conferences had been arranged with the Grand Master and the other Officers.

March Quarterly Communication

The March Quarterly Communication on March 1st, was attended by 525 Members representing 242 Lodges.

Among the communications from other Grand Lodges were requests for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Finland and the Grand Lodge of Luxemburg, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, as was further information relative to similar previous requests from the Grand Lodge of Belgium and the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

The Committee on Finance outlined the Receipts and Expenditures for the quarter ending February 15, 1961.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws of eight Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws. The Resolutions submitted by this Committee were adopted whereby the proposed amendments of six Lodges were approved while those of four Lodges were not approved.

Quite a few Lodges are holding extra meetings in the beautiful Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The R. W. Grand Master announced that the contribution from the Lodges holding such meetings has now been reduced from \$100 to \$50.

The R. W. Grand Master also announced that the very popular and interesting color movies on the "Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and the "Youth Program," which are now shown only in our Lodges will be available to other groups after next July 1. Any group desiring these films should contact Brother Arthur T. Moore in the Grand Master's Office in Philadelphia.

The Committee on Temple, which is in charge of the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, reported expenditures of slightly over \$31,000 for the first quarter.

Annual Grand Masters' Conference

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Washington on February 20 and 21. It was very well attended by Grand Masters from other countries as well as our own, along with many Distinguished Visitors.

Brother W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in his comprehensive report, pointed out that each Grand Lodge in the United States is a sovereign body, supreme unto itself.

Many problems confronting Masonry were discussed by the Grand Masters. Papers were presented on the following three subjects:

1. Has a Grand Lodge now in amity with a Grand Lodge within a national sovereignty the right to recognize another Grand Lodge within that same country with which the Grand Lodge already recognized is not in amity?

2. Should this Conference endeavor to organize an International Masonic Conference?
3. Should Lodges of Research be encouraged in our Grand Lodges?

The Grand Masters commented on the above subjects, but no voting indicative of the feeling of the individual Grand Masters was taken.

Brother McKinley, who is Program Chairman for next February's Conference, remarked that two most important problems continue to be:

1. How can we interest more young men in Freemasonry?
2. How can we increase attendance at Lodge Meetings?

Recent Membership Statistics

A summary of the preliminary Membership statistics is as follows:

Membership, December 27, 1959	257,711
Admitted during 1960	603
Initiated during 1960	6,841
	<u>7,444</u>
Suspended during 1960	1,023
Resigned during 1960	632*
Deceased during 1960	5,565
	<u>7,220</u>
Increase (net) for 1960	224
Membership, December 27, 1960	257,935

*Includes 112 Resignations of Warrant Members of New Lodges to be constituted early in 1961.

Two new Lodges (Levittown Lodge No. 788 and Bethel Lodge No. 789) were constituted during 1960, increasing the total to 596 as of the end of 1960. While the preliminary figures indicate 6,841 were initiated in 1960, the net gain for the year was only 224.

The George Washington Masonic National Association Meeting held in Washington on February 22, 1961 was discussed at length by the R. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that Brother Herman Andrew Dotter, of Lodge No. 687, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District 45 to succeed Brother Harry W. Lewis, who becomes a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

A fitting "In Memoriam," prepared by Brother C. Lester Mathias, District Deputy Grand Master, was read by Brother Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master, both of whom had been close associates of Brother Lehr, who died suddenly on February 6, 1961.

The Grand Master gave an up-to-the-minute report on the progress of his Eight Point Program before Grand Lodge closed at 8:55 P.M.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

ASHBY B. PAUL, R. W. Grand Secretary

Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital Now Recognized as Geriatric Unit

By C. HOWARD WITMER, *Chairman of the Hospital Committee, Committee on Masonic Homes*

We feel that 1961 will be considered a new milestone for Freemasonry at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

The American Hospital Association has listed the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital as a geriatric unit, and rightfully so.

The hospital care constitutes a four-phase method of treating and handling geriatric cases. They are:

1. Observation Admitting Floor	15 beds
2. Definitive Acute Treatment	105 beds
3. Prolonged Convalescent Care	90 beds
4. Permanent 24-hour Custodial Care	90 beds
	(Total available beds—300)

The first stage in admitting Guests to the Hospital is performed on the observation floor, to take care of illnesses for approximately three-day periods.

If a Guest has an illness that extends beyond this point, he or she will be transferred to the central definitive area where all the cases of acute, subacute and chronic illnesses, together with surgical cases, are cared for and maintained.

The entire consulting staff of 100 visiting physicians utilizes and spends professional efforts to reconstitute their illnesses, and/or recommend surgery to be performed by three cooperating institutions—the Lancaster General Hospital, Harrisburg Hospital and the Polyclinic Hospital of Harrisburg.

The Dispensary Department takes care of all ambulatory Guests and new admissions, also including dental care, chiropody and physiotherapy.

Why Not Take Time for Some Reading

To busy Masons who have not the time to read many books, the Committee on Masonic Culture recommends the following:

THE BUILDERS *Joseph Fort Newton*
INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY *Carl H. Claudy*
THE NEWLY MADE MASON *H. L. Haywood*
SYMBOLISM OF THE THREE DEGREES

Oliver Day Street
FREEMASONRY IN THE THIRTEEN COLONIES

J. Hugo Tatsch
FAMOUS MASONS AND MASONIC PRESIDENTS

H. L. Haywood
SHORT TALKS ON MASONRY *Joseph Fort Newton*

Any of these books may be borrowed for a period of three weeks at no expense except for return postage upon application to:

WILLIAM A. CARPENTER, *Librarian and Curator*
Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Circulation Department Transferred to Philadelphia

The first edition of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON provided two great surprises for the Committee on Masonic Culture. Instead of approximately twenty to twenty-five thousand subscribers we received over seventy thousand and following the second issue we had several thousand returns for change of address. Not having anticipated either so great a number of subscribers or returns we had not provided the Library Staff, in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, with sufficient help to deal with these conditions. In order that a study could be made and an efficient system of caring for these problems developed, the circulation department was moved to Warren.

The handling of these matters has now been systematized. The key to the situation lay in the appointment of an Aide to the Committee on Masonic Culture, who with the co-operation of the Secretary, forwards to the Committee all new subscriptions, change of addresses and withdrawals. Procedures having been developed which in the future will enable the staff in the Library in Philadelphia to care for this phase of publishing THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON the department was transferred on January 1, 1961.

Aides to the Committee and Secretaries of Lodges are requested hereafter to address all communications pertaining to THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON to:

THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON
Library, Masonic Temple
Broad and Filbert Streets
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

During 1960 there were 6,904 new subscribers, 10,754 changes of addresses and 3,234 names of subscribers withdrawn. The number of subscribers now totals approximately 107,000.

Informative Pamphlets Now Available to Membership

The eight pamphlets published by the Committee on Masonic Culture are now available and can be purchased by the members. These interesting pamphlets include important phases of Freemasonry not covered by the ritual and will be instructive to members as well as initiates.

Their titles are:

1. Fraternalism Through the Ages
2. The Old Charges
3. From an Operative Art to a Speculative Science
4. Symbolism—Part I
5. Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania
6. Major Benevolences of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
7. Symbolism—Part II
8. The Committee on Masonic Culture

These pamphlets can be purchased for \$1.00 by writing to:

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