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### 850 Masons Honor Grand Master at "Homecoming"

More than 850 Masons attended a Special Meeting and banquet of Frankford Lodge, No. 292 on December 28 to honor Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. McKinley is a member and Past Master of Frankford Lodge.

Following the Special Meeting in Frankford Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, a banquet was served in the Four Chefs.

Representatives from many Masonic Lodges and Masonic Bodies in the Philadelphia area attended the meeting and banquet.

Bro. Robert W. Dietrich, Past Master of Frankford Lodge and Grand Sword Bearer, was the toastmaster at the banquet. The Potentate's Men from Irem Shrine Temple provided the musical entertainment.

All those who attended the banquet were given an official certificate of attendance from Frankford Lodge, signed by Bro. Louis J. Winter, Worshipful Master, and Bro. George Soltis, Secretary.



Bro. William H. Tyson, Past Master of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, the man who signed the petition for the Grand Master to become a Mason, gives a few instructions to the Grand Master.

### Bro. Nitsch, P. G. M., Heads Reorganized Committee on Masonic Culture

Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture by the Grand Master.

Bro. Nitsch, a Past Master of Crescent Lodge, No. 493, Philadelphia, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1956 and 1957.

He succeeds Bro. William E. Montgomery, a Past Master of William S. Snyder Lodge, No. 756, Harrisburg, who served as chairman of the committee for the past year. Bro. Montgomery was appointed vice-chairman of the Culture Committee.

The other members of the committee include:

Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Past Master of Fort Washington Lodge, No. 308, Fort Washington, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Minor M. Dain, Past Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville, and District Deputy Grand Master for the 40th Masonic District.

Bro. Russell Davis, a member of Emmaus Lodge, No. 792, Emmaus.

Bro. W. Frederick Warren, a Past Master of Thomson Lodge, No. 340, Green Tree, and Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. George Wollrath, Past Master of Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Ardmore.

Bro. J. Warren McKinley, a member of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia.

In announcing the reorganization of the

### 19 New District Deputies Named by Grand Master

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in the creation by this Grand Lodge of the Office of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

The following Brothers have received the honor of Past District Deputy Grand Master:

Herbert S. Muller, Arthur A. Hackman, J. Merrill Oswald, Charles S. Reyner, H. Donald Major, William P. Miller, Domer J. Bailey, James W. Sembower, John C. Pillow, George H. Deike, Jr., Hugh M. Bell, Edward E. Johnson, Benjamin S. Barbour, Paul T. Shive, Lawrence L. Allen, and John W. Rawson.

The Grand Master continued:

"I am convinced that office was created as one of honor—a promotion—an office where the recipient remains a part of the Grand Lodge family, retains a title, retains his apron and is to be recognized officially, but is relieved of the detailed duties and obligations of a Deputy after ten years of service."



Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, P. G. M., left, presents Past Grand Master's Jewel to Bro. Max F. Balcom at Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1961.

Committee on Masonic Culture at Grand Lodge on December 27, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"Our Committee on Masonic Culture has done an outstanding job since its inception, first under the leadership of R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. William E. Yeager, and since his resignation, under that of Bro. Montgomery, both in the field of extending Masonic Education and in the creation and development of our publication under the name of THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

"For some time I have had the feeling that the chairman of this Committee should be a Past Grand Master and I am happy to report two things in this connection.

"First, that R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Nitsch, has agreed to serve as chairman, and, second, that Bro. Montgomery has agreed to work with Bro. Nitsch and to continue as a member of the Committee.

"One important change which will be made in the activities of the Committee relates to THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON.

"That publication will take on a different form, as you will see after the March issue. It will be mailed to all Pennsylvania Masons instead of to the limited number receiving it at present, and will be distributed from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, where space has already been provided and where some of our Guests will assist as part of an occupational therapy program."

This is the first issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* in which illustrations have been used to project Masonic information.

The use of illustrations will be continued. The paper will be expanded to 8 pages and sent to every Pennsylvania Mason in the near future.

It will be mailed from the Masonic Homes where Guests will be given the opportunity to assist in its distribution.

Send your comments to the Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, Phila. 7, Pa.

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Bro. McKinley is the senior partner of the law firm of McKinley and Anthony, the legal counsel for Grand Lodge.

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"I further direct that it is not permissible for Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to be Members of either of the above organizations, nor to serve on their Advisory Boards or Committees."

The Decision was signed by the Grand Master on December 1, 1961.



## Jurisdiction Divided into Six Regions for Ritualistic Work

Pennsylvania has been divided into six Regions for Ritualistic Work, an increase of two Regions over last year.

The announcement of the increase was made by the Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication.

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Past Master of William D. McIlroy Lodge, No. 758, Mt. Lebanon, and a former District Deputy Grand Master, was reappointed Instructor of the Ritualistic Work.

The Regional Instructors and their Districts are:

Western Region: Bro. John W. Long, Past Master of Bethel Lodge, No. 761, Dormont; District Schools at New Castle, Butler, Washington, Uniontown, New Brighton, Charleroi, McKeesport, Clairton, Sharon, Tarentum, Pittsburgh and North Side Pittsburgh.

Northwestern Region: Bro. H. Alvan Sallack, Past Master of James W. Brown Lodge, No. 675, Johnsonburg; District Schools at Bradford, Oil City, Erie, Meadville, St. Mary's and Warren.

Central Region: Bro. John M. Smouse, Past Master of Everett Lodge, No. 524, Everett; District Schools at Gettysburg, Mifflintown, Altoona, Bellefonte, Clearfield, Greensburg, Bedford, Mt. Union, Indiana and Johnstown.

Eastern Region: Bro. William S. Heicher, Past Master of Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 486, Middletown; District Schools at Lancaster, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Carlisle, Coatesville, Reading, Pottsville, Pottstown, York, Sunbury and Mt. Carmel.

Northeastern Region: Bro. William Zacharellis, Past Master of Hyde Park Lodge, No. 339, Scranton; District Schools at Bethlehem, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Hop Bottom, Towanda, Wellsboro, Williamsport, Bloomsburg, Coudersport, Hazleton and Pen Argyl.

Philadelphia Region: Bro. Maurice A. Singer, Past Master of Perkins Lodge, No. 402, Philadelphia; District Schools at Philadelphia (Temple School), Northwest Philadelphia, Germantown, Norristown, Doylestown and Chester.

In announcing the new Regions, the Grand Master said:

"Two years ago, after having served magnificently for a long time, Brother Andrew Schroder found it necessary to retire and Brother Grimm was appointed to succeed him.

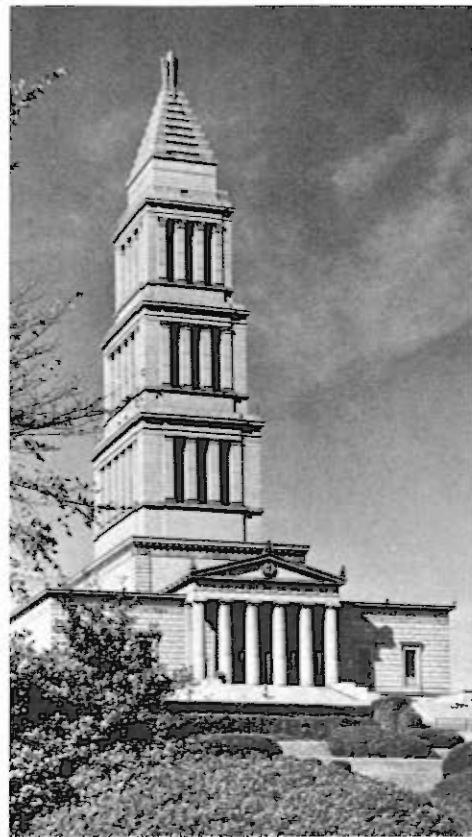
"We in the Grand Lodge Line have found Brother Grimm exceptionally well qualified for this work and he has been doing an outstanding job since the day of his appointment.

"I am happy that he is going to continue in this work and have arranged with him for the creation of two additional Regions or Districts under his jurisdiction.

"We have been operating with four Regional

## "Pennsylvania Plan"

## Endowment Project for Memorial Completed



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

### Quotes from Grand Master's Address

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therefore his personal representatives to perform the many duties of that office.

"As one who served as a District Deputy, I am familiar with the innumerable tasks they perform and am convinced that our Grand Lodge today could not function without them, but a man who has served for ten years, he is entitled to relief and to be honored by being elevated to the Office of Past District Deputy Grand Master. . . ."

"There are many Masons serving our Grand Lodge in varying capacities as members of Committees and Boards of Trustees, too numerous for individual reference here. Let me assure you and them that their services are

Instructors, each in charge of Schools of Instruction in a geographic area, and now we have six. In this way, I am convinced, the Schools of Instruction operating throughout the state will be far better serviced and the result will be much better."

The program to help endow the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the "PENNSYLVANIA PLAN", has been brought to a successful conclusion in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Max F. Balcom, R. W. Past Grand Master, reported at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27:

"Pennsylvania Masonic Lodges have more than met the goal of \$10 from every Masonic Lodge and an average of \$1 from every Mason.

"In fact, the quota has been received for every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania."

The only part of the program to be continued is the \$1 from every initiate. Brother Balcom pointed out:

"We must continue the program for \$1 an initiate. I pledged to the Memorial Association that Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania would continue to meet this challenge."

On February 22, the Grand Lodge presented to the Memorial Association three checks, totaling \$272,811.

Since February 22, 1961 the quota from all Lodges has been received. Because of this collection, the Grand Master will have the opportunity to present an additional sum of approximately \$7,500 to the Memorial Association on February 22 at its annual meeting in the Memorial.

Bro. Balcom thanked Pennsylvania Masons for their dedication and work that enabled the program to be concluded while he was Grand Master.

not passing and will not pass without proper recognition of the invaluable work they are doing.

"It is being done, my Brethren, for one reason, and for one reason only—their love of the Fraternity, and since that is the incentive, I have high hopes for the future of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and for the advancement of this Grand Lodge.

"In conclusion, I want to assure you that I am deeply appreciative of the honor you have conferred upon me.

"I stand at that point in my life where but a comparatively few of my Pennsylvania Masonic Brethren have been privileged to stand—a point where I have had conferred upon me the highest office and most outstanding honor which it is in your power to confer.

"I assure you that I will do everything in my power to occupy that office with creditable dignity and to conduct the affairs of the Grand Lodge with efficiency, to the best of my ability.

"I will need your help, assistance and cooperation, and that I request, but my prayer is that I may have the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe."



Aerial view of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The view shows the Grand Lodge Hall and other structures in the central section. It only shows a few acres of the 1500 acres that make up the Masonic Homes.

## Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

## Maintenance Costs Increase Out of Proportion to Endowment

Three thousand meals are served every day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, pointed out:

"One of the most serious problems facing this Grand Lodge today, and, in fact, facing every fraternal organization in this country, is that of financing.

"Experience has shown, through the last decade, a continuing reduction in receipts and a constant increase in expenditures.

"When the budget of our Grand Lodge is analyzed, it is clearly evident that our problem is to find ways to help Subordinate Lodges, for by helping these we will help Grand Lodge. And our second problem is to find ways to control expenditures.

"In any undertaking of this kind it is natural to look first to that portion of a budget which encompasses the major expenditures, and here we find that to be the cost of maintenance of our Masonic Homes.

"It is not the intention to curtail the services to our Guests there nor to limit the number of Guests, but some additional controls must be placed on the cost of such maintenance.

"In 1952 the cost of maintaining our Masonic Homes was \$840,000. The main-

tenance budget for 1962 is, in round figures, \$1,800,000—an increase in ten years of almost a million dollars."

Some of the interesting statistics on the operation of the Masonic Homes in 1961 include:

- 167 Guests were admitted.
- The greatest number of Guests was 720 of which 663 were adults of an average age of 81 years, 5 months.
- There was a decrease of 60 in the number of deaths as compared with the previous year.
- The number of Guests at the Homes on November 15, 1961, the end of the fiscal year, was 709, an all time high.
- As of November 15, 1961, 82 adults were receiving home assistance. They represented 58 Lodges, each of which is matching the assistance given.
- As of November 15, 1961, there were 57 children at the Masonic Homes, of which 17 were girls and 40 boys.
- During 1961, 7,675 visitors registered at the Homes.
- 52 Masonic Bodies visited the Homes during the year.

The endowment fund for the Homes has

now reached \$11,000,000, which under normal conditions would produce a revenue of approximately \$450,000 annually.

This \$450,000 from the endowment fund only produces 25 per cent of the cost of maintenance. The remainder of the budget must be supplied from current income.

The Grand Master pointed out that the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreation Fund is one method to help Guests at the Homes.

You may wish to make an outright gift to the Homes during your lifetime—and have the pleasure of seeing the results of your generosity—or you may wish by your Will or Deed of Trust, to leave a legacy to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Homes.

When you consider this problem, keep in mind that all gifts of this nature are deductible for income tax purposes, and if made by Will or Deed of Trust are not subject to Federal Estate Tax or Pennsylvania Transfer Inheritance Tax.

Brethren interested in securing more detailed information on the Homes, or the correct wording to use in Wills or Deeds of Trust, please contact the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.



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of "D" Masonic District, Philadelphia, from 1948 until he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1955.

Bro. McKinley's Masonic affiliations include:

Siloam Royal Arch Chapter, No. 226, Philadelphia; Frankford Commandery, No. 92, Philadelphia; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia; and LuLu Shrine Temple. He was crowned an Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1958.

He served as secretary of trustees of one of Grand Lodge's larger trust funds for 30 years, from 1926 to 1956.

Bro. McKinley and his wife, Margaret, have a son, J. Warren McKinley, also a member of Frankford Lodge, No. 292.

His son, brother, father, five uncles and grandfather were all members of Frankford Lodge. His brother and grandfather also served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

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Nineteen new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by the Grand Master, including the creation of a new district, the 60th Masonic District.

They include:

Bro. James W. Fry, of Lodge No. 610, for "A" Masonic District, vice Bro. John K. Young, resigned to be installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. C. Max Ivins, of Lodge No. 591, "E" Masonic District, vice Bro. Herbert S. Muller.

Bro. Paul F. Hoffer, of Lodge No. 496, 1st Masonic District, vice Bro. Arthur A. Hackman.

Bro. Carl A. Focht, of Lodge No. 227, 7th Masonic District, vice Bro. J. Merrill Oswald.

Bro. Robert W. Hassell, of Lodge No. 427, 8th Masonic District, vice Bro. Charles S. Reyner.

Bro. Clark W. Howell, of Lodge No. 507, 15th Masonic District, vice Bro. H. Donald Major.

Bro. Theodore R. Bolger, of Lodge No. 539, 20th Masonic District, vice Bro. William P. Miller.

Bro. John J. Allio, of Lodge No. 408, 25th Masonic District, vice Bro. Domer J. Bailey.

Bro. Ira Burdette Coldren, of Lodge No. 228, 31st Masonic District, vice Bro. James W. Sembower.

Bro. J. Robert S. Aufderheide, of Lodge No. 223, 32nd Masonic District, vice Bro. John C. Pillow.

Bro. Andrew Louchner, of Lodge No. 510, 38th Masonic District, vice Bro. George H. Deike, Jr.

Bro. Charles H. McGee, of Lodge No. 534, 39th Masonic District, vice Bro. Hugh M. Bell.

Bro. Ralph D. Horsman, of Lodge No. 743, 47th Masonic District, vice Bro. Edward E. Johnson.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, of Lodge No. 787, 48th Masonic District, vice Bro. Benjamin S. Barbour.

Bro. Theodore M. Hatter, of Lodge No. 565, 50th Masonic District, vice Bro. Paul T. Shive.

Bro. John G. Johnson, of Lodge No. 575, 53rd Masonic District, vice Bro. Lawrence L. Allen.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, of Lodge No. 612, 54th Masonic District, vice Bro. John W. Rawson.

Bro. E. Blaine Hungerman, of Lodge No. 759, 57th Masonic District, vice Bro. Maurice P. Evans, resigned.

Bro. Allen J. Hicks, of Lodge No. 704, 60th Masonic District, a new District that includes the following Masonic Lodges: 226, 307, 409, 570, 666, 682 and 704.

In making the announcement on the new District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Master said:

"I have appointed an unusually large number of new District Deputy Grand Masters. This was done very deliberately in carrying out what I firmly believe was the principle involved

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Elected Officers of Grand Lodge. Left to right, front: Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master; and Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Senior Grand Warden. Left to right, rear: Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary; Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; and Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

## Appointed Officers

## Grand Master Selects Grand Lodge Floor Officers

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, made the following Grand Lodge appointments, following his installation as Grand Master:

Senior Grand Deacon: Bro. WILLARD G. CUTLER, P. M., Forbes Trail Lodge, No. 783, Export.

Junior Grand Deacon: Bro. W. FREDERICK WARREN, P. M., Thomson Lodge, No. 340, Green Tree.

Grand Steward: Bro. RAYMOND A. MYERS, SR., P. M., Lowther Manor Lodge, No. 781, Camp Hill.

Grand Pursuivant: Bro. CLAUDE A. CAMPBELL, P. M., Emporium Lodge, No. 382, Emporium.

Grand Marshal: Bro. RALPH W. TEMPLE, P. M., Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 380, Philadelphia.

Grand Sword Bearer: Bro. ROBERT W. DIETRICH, P. M., Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia.

Grand Tyler: Bro. CHARLES HIGGINS, P. M., William L. Elkins Lodge, No. 646.

Grand Chaplains:

Bro. ARTHUR MURRAY, Lodge No. 436, Philadelphia.

Bro. FRED PIERCE CORSON, Lodge No. 197, Philadelphia.

Bro. G. MASON COCHRAN, Lodge No. 552, Glenshaw.

Bro. BEECHER M. RUTLEDGE, Lodge No. 726, Warren.

Bro. ALFRED NEVIN SAYRES, Lodge No. 476, Lancaster.

Bro. CARL C. RASMUSSEN, Lodge No. 629, Gettysburg.

Bro. JOSEPH E. LAW, Lodge No. 232, Williamsport.

Bro. BERTRAM W. KORN, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.

Bro. RICHARD RADCLIFFE, Lodge No. 528, Philadelphia.

Bro. MARSHALL D. BERRYHILL, Lodge No. 290, Greenville.

Bro. A. CULMER SCHULTZ, Lodge No. 433, Warren.

Bro. DONALD B. BALDWIN, Lodge No. 382, Emporium.

Bro. HARRY W. PEDICORD, Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh.

Bro. WESLEY N. WRIGHT, Lodge No. 458, Marysville.