

Architect's sketch of one of four designs for Masonic Halls being prepared for Grand Lodge. Lodges interested in building a new Masonic Hall should contact the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms through the Grand Master's Office.

Grand Lodge Has Plans for Four Basic Masonic Lodge Hall Buildings

Grand Lodge has commissioned an architect to design four basic Masonic Lodge buildings as a service to Subordinate Lodges.

The plans and specifications will be minimum requirements for Lodge buildings in this Jurisdiction.

The size of the structures will vary to meet the needs of Lodge membership. They will be designed as economical buildings.

Three basic exterior treatments will be presented—Colonial, modern and suburban.

Three of the designs will be one-floor structures, without basement. The fourth design will have the social room in the basement.

Plan one will have 72 permanent seats, plan two, 107 seats, plan three, 155 seats, and plan four, 107 seats. Each plan can be erected with the exterior treatment selected.

In all plans, ample space has been provided for Lodge work, normal social functions, kitchen facilities, washrooms, storage, heater and air-conditioning, and tool storage.

Plans Are To Guide

The plans are to serve as a guide. They can be altered, modified or changed to meet a specific need. However, all changes must have the approval of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

It is hoped that all four plans will

be available by September. Lodges interested in obtaining the plans should contact the Grand Master's Office.

The services of a local architect or engineer will be needed to adapt the plans to a lot and to obtain building permits.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, Deputy Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, said the plans are only suggestions and are not mandatory upon Lodges wishing to build new Masonic Halls.

When the plans are completed, Lodges will be able to determine the

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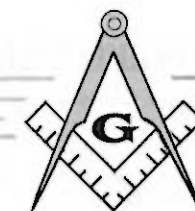
approximate cost of the various structures in their locality before committing the Lodge or Hall Association to unnecessary expenditures.

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Blue Lodges Invited To Hold Meetings in 'Home' of Grand Lodge

Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction can hold Special or Extra Meetings in the beautiful Lodge Rooms of Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Saturdays—free of charge.

In making the announcement, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, said:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is very fortunate to have such a beautiful Masonic Temple for its 'home.'

"Therefore, I believe every Mason in this Jurisdiction should have an opportunity to attend a meeting of his own Lodge in this Temple."

In addition, Bro. McKinley announced that ladies could be included in the Temple visitation and take part in a lunch or dinner that has been pre-arranged by the Lodge.

While the Brethren are attending their Lodge meeting, the ladies could arrange a sightseeing trip, shopping trip or theater party.

Lodges interested in taking advantage of this opportunity must reserve a date by writing to Bro. William J. (Continued on Page 6)



Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is the "Home" of Grand Lodge.

Most Beautiful Masonic Temple

Architecture 'Speaks' in the Language of Freemasonry

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia—the "home" of Grand Lodge—one of the outstanding Masonic temples in the world.

It is one of the most prominent structures in Philadelphia and is located at Broad and Filbert Streets,

facing the Parkway, adjacent to City Hall Plaza.

From the pavement to the turret, and all through its halls, the Temple "speaks" in the language of Masonic architecture.

One rarely sees so many interesting

interiors brought together in one building. The designs in Lodge Rooms are suggested from Egyptian, German, French, Italian, Scottish and English masters.

The site for the Masonic Temple (Continued on Page 3)

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Visit Your Guests

Dinner Can Be Served to Masonic Lodges at Homes

Masonic Lodges can now arrange for a special dinner in the spacious dining room of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In the past, Lodges visiting the Homes either had to obtain their own caterer to serve in the dining room beneath the Masonic Temple or arrange for food service off the Homes' ground.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, said he hopes the new arrangement will encourage more Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction to visit the Homes.

In addition, the Committee on Masonic Homes has eliminated the contribution payment requested when holding a Special or Extra Meeting in the Masonic Lodge Room at the Homes.

This also was arranged in an effort to encourage more Lodges to plan regular visits to the Masonic Homes.

Ladies Invited, Too

Bro. McKinley also invited ladies to accompany their husbands when visiting the Homes. He pointed out:

"While the Brethren are at their Lodge meeting, the ladies could tour



The dining room in Grand Lodge Hall is where Masonic Lodges will be served. The room is as impressive as facilities in most luxury hotels.

the grounds, visit with the Guests or attend a special movie in the Deike Auditorium, which Lodges can arrange.

Before Masonic Lodges can arrange for a dinner at the Homes, a guarantee of at least 40 must be made.

In addition, there are two menus to select from. They are:

Fried chicken, with all the trimmings, \$3.25 a person.

Prime ribs of beef, with all the trimmings, \$3.75 a person.

Although the price of the meals is below the price of similar dinners away from the Homes, it is adequate to include all the food and service costs."

Bro. McKinley said there is no intention to make a profit, but added:

"I can assure you that none of the Homes' money will be used to provide dinners for the Brethren from Masonic Lodges."

Can Arrange Movies

Masonic Lodges can also arrange for a movie in the Deike Auditorium for \$75.00. This fee covers the cost of a first run movie, operator, and a few dollars for extra custodial care.

The Masonic Temple In Philadelphia Is 'Most Beautiful'

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was purchased by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania on July 1, 1867. The plot, 147 by 245 feet, includes a complete block.

Bro. James H. Windrim, a member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, was the architect.

Cornerstone Ceremony

The cornerstone was laid on Saint John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1868, by Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master.

The gavel used for the cornerstone ceremony was the one Bro. George Washington used to lay, with Masonic ceremony, the cornerstone of the Nation's Capitol at Washington, D. C., in 1793.

The Temple was dedicated on September 26, 1873, by Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, R. W. Grand Master.

Building Exterior

The exterior of the building on Broad and Filbert Streets is of Cape Ann Syenite, which takes its name from Syne in Upper Egypt where it was quarried for monuments by the ancient Egyptians.

The Juniper and Cuthberts Street exteriors are of Fox Island granite from the coast of Maine. The Norman portico on Broad Street is built of Quincy granite.

In accordance with Masonic tradition, the stones were cut, squared, marked and numbered at the quarries and brought to the Temple site, ready for use.

Two Grand Towers are extremely prominent and are known as the Northwest and Southwest Towers. The height of the Southwest Tower, at Broad and Filbert Streets, is 250 feet.

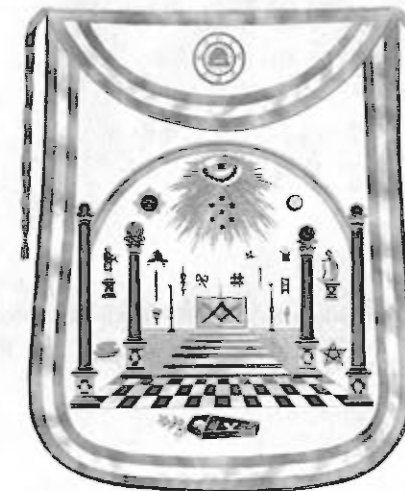
Elevations on Broad and Filbert Streets are perfect specimens of Norman architecture—bold and elaborate. The elevations on Juniper and Cuthbert Streets are beautiful and impressive, but plain, due to the narrow streets.

The main entrance to the Temple is through wide portals from Broad Street into a portico. This area is built into a projection of the front wall.

The Washington Apron

Historic Masonic Relic in Museum

The Washington Apron is one of the thousands of Masonic rarities and historical items on display in the Mu-



The Washington Apron

Picturesque Hallways

Along the inner steps of the Temple are two large bronze sphinxes, "commanding" the Grand Staircase which leads to Corinthian Hall, the meeting place of Grand Lodge.

A beautiful stained glass window, depicting "Holy Ground," overlooks the Grand Staircase.

A 20-foot wide foyer sweeps from the front entrance on Broad Street to the huge bronze doors of the Grand Lodge Museum. Doric architecture is exemplified throughout the foyer. The floors are black and white marble with ornate borders.

The first floor foyer is decorated with oil paintings of Past Grand Masters.

Building Facilities

The first floor contains Grand Lodge Library and Museum, offices of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, 600-capacity Grand Banquet Hall, and Oriental Hall.

On the second floor of the Temple are Corinthian, Renaissance, Ionic, Egyptian and Norman Halls.

Gothic Hall and a banquet room are on the third floor.

Four banquet rooms, a large kitchen, six committee rooms, Employment Bureau, and mechanical equipment are in the basement.

seum of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

This unique Masonic Apron, hand embroidered by Madam Lafayette, was presented to Bro. George Washington by Bro. Lafayette in August 1784.

Bearing the national colors around the border, this Apron is adorned with many Masonic emblems and is a work of art with exceptional hand stitching in every minute detail.

Bro. Washington wore the Apron on September 18, 1793, when he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol, Washington, D. C.

After the death of Bro. Washington, this famous Masonic Apron was presented by the legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society. On July 3, 1829, the Apron was presented to the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania by the Washington Benevolent Society. In making the presentation, the Society stated:

"The Legatees of Gen Washington, impressed with the most profound sentiments of respect for the Institution which they have the honor to address, beg leave to present to them the enclosed relic of the revered and lamented Father of his Country. They are persuaded that the Apron, which was once possessed by the man, whom the Philadelphians always delighted to honor, will be considered most precious to the Society distinguished by his name, and by the benevolent and grateful feelings to which it owes its foundations. That this perishable memento of a Hero whose Fame is 'more durable than Brass' may confer as much pleasure upon those to whom it is presented, as is experienced by the Donors, is the sincere wish of the Legatees—October 26, 1816."

New District Deputy

Bro. David R. Hoover, Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, was presented as District Deputy Grand Master for the 34th Masonic District at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in McConnellsburg on May 12, vice Bro. Richard E. Shaffer, retired.

Bro. Hoover is pastor of the McConnellsburg Lutheran Parish.



Patton Hall, the main building, contains the office, dining room, library and dormitory.

Eligibility

Patton School Founded for Orphans

The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa., is operated as a complete high school for orphans—boys who have lost one or both parents.

Sons of Master Masons have the first opportunity for admission.

However, the will of Brother Patton, the founder of the school, stipulates that the Trustees can accept male orphans without Masonic connection to fill the school quota.

Admission to the school is governed by the following:

- The boy must be an orphan—lost one or both parents.
- He must be of good character, and mentally and physically capable of taking part in the academic and trade courses.
- He must be between 14 and 18 and completed at least the eighth grade.
- He must have Masonic sponsorship.

The educational program at Patton Masonic School is parallel to that of the ninth through twelfth grades. It is fully accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction.

Curriculum includes basic subjects required for admission to college in addition to trade courses.

Applications, or further information, can be obtained from the Superintendent of Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Education, room and board are provided free of charge.

Brother William J. Wallace, chairman of the Trustees, urged:

"We have a few vacancies for the September Class. This is your opportunity to help an orphan boy become the good citizen of tomorrow."



Aerial view shows Patton Hall, left, Ranken Hall, center, and Memorial Hall to the right.

Bro. Patton's 'Love for His Son' Inspired the Founding of School

A tragedy in the life of Bro. Thomas Ranken Patton was the incentive for the establishment of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa.

The tragedy was the death of his son, Thomas Graham Patton, at the age of 8 in 1877.

The school was established as a memorial to the youngster.



Bro. Patton

Given Two Directives

In the will of Bro. Patton, who died in 1907, Grand Lodge was given two directives.

First, it was directed that ground must be obtained, buildings erected, and the school started by 1925.

Second, it was ordered that the sacred truths contained in the Holy Bible must be taught to all boys enrolled in the school.

One of the few Masonic Schools in the United States, Patton Masonic School is located on the south side of Bainbridge Road, opposite from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Curriculum offered is a combined vocational and academic course on a high school level.

Born in Ireland

Bro. Patton was born in Crindle, County of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1824. Emigrating to the United States at an early age, he settled in Philadelphia where he became an importer and dealer in fine family groceries.

Later, he was one of three persons who founded The Union Trust Company in 1882, of which he was a director and an officer.

For 33 years Bro. Patton was the R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. He also held many other Masonic offices.

The Patton Masonic School, founded from a "portion" of his estate, was but one of his many charities.

Today, Patton Masonic School lives in the pattern Bro. Patton envisioned.

Varied Athletic Program

The program at the school is further rounded in that sportsmanship and fair play are taught through a varied program of athletics.

Masons in Pennsylvania have been assisting these youth through the Christmas, Recreation and Entertainment contributions.



Electronics class



Academic class



Vocational class

Masonic Homes Now The Distribution Center For Mailing Publications

The Pennsylvania Freemason Distribution Office is now located at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. This facility has been granted by the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The actual area is a spacious section in the basement of The McKee Memorial Cottage adjacent to the parking area of the Masonic Temple at the Homes. Access to this room can be gained both from an outside entrance and through one of the many underground tunnels.

In converting the room, the Committee on Masonic Culture has installed automatic addressing machinery, a machine for tying bulk mail, several filing cabinets for storing the more than 258,000 address stencils, a special electric typewriter for cutting new address stencils, mailbag racks and sorting bins plus basic office equipment.

The Distribution Office has been a beehive of activity for the past several months with the various installations and the mountains of cases of address



Cross section view of the new Distribution Office for The Pennsylvania Freemason located in the basement level of the McKee Memorial Cottage at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

stencils that have been proofread, sorted and filed in readiness for this first mailing of the new format of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

One of the highlights of all the ac-

tivity for the past several weeks has been the faithful attendance and dedicated efforts each day of many of the Guests at The Homes. These Guests have been assisting in proofreading the address stencils and then sorting them geographically for filing purposes.

Next time you visit The Homes take time to visit the new installation.

Invitations to Meet (Continued from Page 1)

Wallace, Chairman of the Committee on Temple, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

After a date has been obtained, the Grand Master's Office must be notified in order that a Dispensation can be issued.

The above does not apply to Lodges regularly meeting in Masonic Temple. They will continue to follow normal procedures.

Bro. McKinley also reported that guides will be available for conducted tours through the Temple.

In addition, Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, announced that the Library and Museum can be kept open for Lodges visiting the Temple.

Detailed information on caterers and entertainment for the ladies can be obtained from Bro. Wallace.



The Appointed Floor Officers of Grand Lodge are: Seated, left to right: Bro. Willard G. Cutler, P.M., Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783, Export, Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. Ralph W. Temple, P.M., Pennsylvania Lodge No. 380, Philadelphia, Grand Marshal; and Bro. W. Frederick Warren, P.M., Thomson Lodge No. 340, Green Tree, Delaware County, Junior Grand Deacon. Standing, left to right: Bro. Raymond A. Myers, Sr., P.M., Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill, Grand Steward; Bro. William H. Davis, P.M., Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant, Grand Pursuivant; Bro. Robert W. Dietrich, P.M., Frankford Lodge No. 292, Philadelphia, Grand Sword Bearer; and Bro. Claude A. Campbell, P.M., Emporium Lodge No. 382, Emporium, Grand Steward. Missing from the picture are Bro. Charles Higgins, P.M., William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia, Grand Tyler, and 14 Grand Chaplains.

Many Masonic Books Available in Your Circulating Library

By a Resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September 1951, the now famous Circulating Library of your Grand Lodge was established, thus creating a special service to all Pennsylvania Masons. You can now borrow two Masonic books at a time, either by mail or in person, and keep them for a period of three weeks free of charge, except for return postage, if needed.

We are pleased to report that the Circulating Library has, since that date, enjoyed activity and growth providing reading pleasure and Masonic inspiration to several thousand Pennsylvania Masons.

This unique Circulating Library is equipped with several copies each of 230 Masonic titles, all by outstanding authors. They include Masonic books on History, Biographies, Landmarks, Philosophy, Mysteries, Symbolism, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Military Lodges and many other categories.

The original supply of brochures, elaborating on the Circulating Library, is now exhausted. A new brochure, listing the general rules and regulations and the many different Masonic titles available, is now being prepared for general distribution. Meanwhile, if you have not been aware of the Circulating Library and are anxious to borrow books, write for a Form of Application and a partial list of books available. Send your requests to the Librarian, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Partial List of Books Available in Circulating Library

The following is but a few of the many books available and recommended for Freemasons to read. Perhaps you would be interested in one or two as you get started with your Masonic reading.

The Holy Bible .. Holman Masonic Edition
Introduction to Freemasonry Claudy
The Builders Newton
Great Teachings of Freemasonry .. Haywood
These Were Brethren Claudy
Facts for Freemasons Voorhis
The Master's Book Claudy
Our Ancient Brethren de P. Castells
Symbolism of Freemasonry Mackey
Masonic Jurisprudence Lawrence
The Men's House Newton

The following informative booklet, pamphlets, brochure and albums are available for purchase and may be ordered in single copies or in quantity:

A most popular Question and Answers Booklet of pocket size and containing 124 questions and answers on Freemasonry at 10 cents per copy.

A Set of Eight Pamphlets on Our Grand Lodge Masonic Culture Program at \$1.00 per set.

Beautiful Color Brochure of Masonic Homes and Patton School for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa., at 50 cents per copy plus 10 cents for mailing charges.

Colorful 40-page Souvenir Album describing history and features of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., the headquarters of Grand Lodge, at \$1.00 for soft-bound copy and \$1.50 for hard-bound copy, plus 10 cents each for mailing charges.

Any of the items listed above may be ordered, enclosing check, by writing to William A. Carpenter, Librarian, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Employment Bureau

Supplying Service to Masonic Families

Employers—and those in need of employment—are urged to take full advantage of the Masonic Employment Bureaus in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Masons—their mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sons—are eligible for registration. There is no fee.

The Pittsburgh Bureau is located in the Empire Building, Liberty Avenue and Stanwix Street. The Philadelphia Bureau is in Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Sts.

Grand Lodge Committee on Employment Bureau reported:

"Reports from employers show that applicants which we placed with them are employees of a superior type.

"This reputation is gradually increasing the list of employers who patronize the bureau offices and regularly give us

opportunities to place eligible registrants."

There is no fee charged to employers seeking employees.

The Committee pointed out that the service of the bureaus is not restricted to employers and applicants in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas.

Many of the applicants are willing to move their residence to meet the needs of the employer.

Both the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Bureaus said they could handle more registrants. The committee said:

"It will greatly enhance the work of the bureau offices if the list of qualified registrants is expanded so that we can serve a larger percentage of the employers who come to us for help."

In the annual report of the Committee on Employment Bureau, it was stated:

"We believe we can say in all propriety that the Employment Bureau offices are contributing to the prestige and standing of the fraternity so far as employers are concerned."

In 1961, the two offices of the Bureau found employment for 471 applicants. So far this year, the positions located and filled are in excess of those for the same period last year.

Employers can obtain further information by contacting the Pittsburgh Office, Atlantic 1-6960, or Philadelphia, Locust 7-4370. The offices are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.