

**In Memoriam**  
**BRO. WILLARD G. CUTLER**

Bro. Willard G. Cutler, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, died January 16 in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Bro. Cutler was Past Master of Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783, Export. He also was Grand Treasurer General and Active Member for Pennsylvania of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

His other Masonic affiliations included: Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Zerubabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 162, and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh.

He was Potentate of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, in 1956.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Williamson Michie Cutler, two sons, and four grandchildren.

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## Work-Saving Methods Now Optional for Lodge Secretaries

The Grand Master has approved a plan to eliminate many outmoded practices required of all Lodge Secretaries.

In making this announcement, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, said: "It is my desire to reduce as much as possible the amount of work now required to be done by Lodge Secretaries."

### Visitors' Register

To accomplish his objective, the Grand Master first authorized the use of a permanent, bound Visitors' Register. The visitor must write his name, the name, number and location of his Lodge and the date.

In addition, each visitor will be required to fill in the usual visitor's ticket or slip and present it to the Tyler before being admitted into the Lodge Room.

If a Lodge desires to use a loose-leaf Visitors' Register, it must be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval prior to its use.

With the use of the Visitors' Register, the Secretary will not be required to write the names of visitors in the Minute Book.

### Members' Attendance

A permanent card system for recording the attendance of Lodge Members is now authorized. This method consists of a separate 4" x 6" or 5" x 8" card for each member of the Lodge, arranged in alphabetical order in a suitable, portable file.

Each member will fill in the usual member's ticket or slip and present it to the Tyler prior to entering the Lodge Room. After the Lodge has been opened, the Tyler can arrange the members' tickets or slips in alphabetical

order, and then stamp, or write in ink, the date of the meeting on the cards of those members who are present.

The Lodge may select someone other than the Tyler to record the date. These cards must be retained as a permanent Lodge record.

The above methods eliminate the necessity of writing the names in the Minute Book, but the old system can be continued if the Lodge desires.

The Secretary must continue to record in the Minutes the separate number of Members and Visitors present at each meeting.

### New Minute Book

The Grand Master also authorized the use of a suitable, loose-leaf Minute Book for those Lodges which desire to have their Minutes typed rather than written.

The Minute Book must have a substantial, hard cover with flexible posts and a mechanical locking device which can be permanently locked when the Minute Book is filled.

### Auditing Committee Reports

The Grand Master said it is only necessary to copy the Receipts and Expenditures from the Report of the Auditing Committee in the Minute Book, provided a copy of the complete Report for each year is filed in a hard-cover binder, with substantial metal posts, and retained as a permanent Lodge record.

For further details on this program to lighten the work load of Secretaries, contact the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

## Schedule of Tours For Masonic Temple

Guided tours are conducted through the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on weekdays at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. On Saturdays there are tours at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Temple is closed on legal holidays and on Saturdays during July and August.

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The Colonial designed Masonic Hall has 100 permanent seats in Lodge Room.

### Detailed Plans Available

## Grand Lodge Suggests Four Basic Designs for New Lodge Halls

Grand Lodge has four complete plans for basic Masonic Lodge Buildings. The plans were developed in an effort to save money and to spur new construction.

The plans and designs are a result of studies made by the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

Lodges interested in obtaining further information on Masonic Halls as listed in The Pennsylvania Freemason can contact the office of the R.W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Broad

and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Detailed plans and specifications will be made available to Lodges interested in constructing a new building.

Scale models of the buildings, as listed in this paper, are on display in the Library of Grand Lodge, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Permission to display the models outside of Masonic Temple can be obtained by contacting the office of the R.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, is chairman of the Com-

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### In This Issue

This issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason is largely devoted to suggested plans for new Masonic Halls as prepared for Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

For the first time, Lodges can now select suitable plans and determine the construction costs before entering into any contracts.



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## Two New Deputies And Chaplains Added

The Grand Master has appointed two new Grand Chaplains and two additional District Deputy Grand Masters.

There are now 15 Grand Chaplains in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Aaron B. Ilson, a member of Oakland Lodge No. 535, Pittsburgh, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, and Bro. Pinchos J. Chazin, a member of Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia, spiritual leader of Temple Sholom, are the new Chaplains.

Bro. Edward A. Hagel, of Lodge No. 343, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 5th Masonic District, vice Bro. Andrew O. Friedrich.

Bro. Paul Thomas Feeser, of Lodge No. 270, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 11th Masonic District, vice Bro. Virgil C. Scott.

Bro. Ilson, a Pittsburgh community leader, has been very active in mental health work and serves as Chaplain of the Psychiatric Institute of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Chazin, also very active in community projects in the Philadelphia area, served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force during World War II.

Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

## Ahiman Rezon Now Permits Transfer and Protects Standing

Grand Lodge approved a new system for transfer of membership within this Jurisdiction at the Quarterly Communication on December 5, 1962.

Under the new plan, a member is not required to actually resign his membership in a Pennsylvania Lodge until after he has been accepted by another Lodge in this Jurisdiction to which he seeks membership.

To accomplish this, Grand Lodge had to approve a change to Section 2 of Article XX of The Ahiman Rezon, which reads as follows:

"Section 2. When a Brother petitions for membership only, he must present a Lodge Certificate under the seal of the Lodge of which he was last a member, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Lodge."

The above was amended to read:

"Section 2. When a Brother Master Mason desires to change his membership from one Lodge to another within this Jurisdiction, he shall present a notice of his desire and a conditional resignation in writing to the Secretary of his Lodge, setting forth therein the Lodge in which he desires to become a member and his resignation from his present Lodge conditioned upon his acceptance in the Lodge of his choice.

"If presented at a Stated Meeting it shall be read in open Lodge at that meeting, and, if presented between meetings, at the next Stated Meeting whereupon, if his dues are paid for at least six months in advance, and there are no charges pending against him, there shall be issued to him, under seal of the Lodge, a Transfer Certificate, in form provided.

"This Transfer Certificate shall be deposited with his petition in the Lodge which he desires to join and shall be regarded as the necessary documentary evidence to accompany a Petition for Membership.

"If elected, the Secretary of the petitioned Lodge shall immediately notify the Lodge of which the petitioner is a member and his resignation shall become effective and his membership therein shall cease as of the date of said election.

"If at the expiration of six months from the date of issuance of the Transfer Certificate the Petitioner has not been elected into membership in the petitioned Lodge, the Transfer Certificate shall become null and void and the Petitioner shall remain a member of his original Lodge with no interruption in his membership record by reason of

the issuance of the Transfer Certificate.

"When a Brother petitions for membership only, he must present a Lodge Certificate under the seal of the Lodge of which he was last a member, a Transfer Certificate as herein provided, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing and, except when a Transfer Certificate is submitted, that he is not a member of any Lodge."

Those seeking further information on the new Transfer Certificate should contact the Office of the Grand Secretary.

## Our Work 'Sublime From Its Simplicity'

Albert G. Mackey, in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, has seen it fitting and proper to use the very words of a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Brother Richard Vaux, as pertaining to the Ritualistic and Lodge Work of Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Brother Vaux, who served as Grand Master in 1868 and 1869, speaks of the Masonic Work of his Jurisdiction with pardonable, if not impartial, commendations:

"The Pennsylvania Ritualistic and Lodge Work is sublime from its simplicity. That it is the Ancient Work is best shown conclusively, however; from this single fact, it is so simple, so free from those displays of modern inventions to attract the attention, without enlightening, improving or cultivating the mind. In this Work every word has its significance. Its types and symbols are but the language in which truth is conveyed. These are to be studied to be understood. In the spoken language no synonyms are permitted. In the ceremonial no innovations are tolerated. In the Ritual no modern verbiage is allowed."

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodges of Belgium, Honduras, India, Nuevo Leon (Mexico) and South Africa at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, 1962.

## District Chairmen Appointed to Assist Culture Committee

The Grand Master is appointing District Chairmen to assist the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

In announcing the new plan, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, pointed out:

"The Committee on Masonic Culture has increased the emphasis being placed on our excellent Masonic Culture program.

"I also know that it is not practical to burden District Deputy Grand Masters with additional duties.

"However, if we can accelerate the emphasis of the Culture program, the result will be better Masonic education for candidates of our Lodges."

He said the sole duty of the District Chairmen will be to promote and co-ordinate the programs of the Committee on Masonic Culture in District Lodges.

Although the District Chairmen will be under the supervision of District Deputy Grand Masters, they actually will be serving under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Culture, headed by Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Bro. Nitsch and his committee will provide the training and materials for the District Chairmen.

The Committee on Masonic Culture has a three-part program that has been designed to create well-informed Masons.

Plan One involves a series of four booklets to be given to the candidate, with the first being presented before the candidate receives his Entered Apprentice Degree, and one of the others after each degree.

The second step involves a series of eight pamphlets developed for the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. The material in these booklets is to be given to the candidate orally, prior to his initiation and as he progresses through the three degrees.

The third step is geared to the man that is "Facing the East." This booklet is sent to all Senior Wardens months before they are elected to the East.

This booklet gives the prospective Worshipful Master suggestions on how to do a good job, including suggestions on leadership and planning.

The District Chairmen will actually serve as liaison officers between the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic



The Committee on Masonic Culture has thousands of pieces of literature to distribute to District Chairmen on Masonic Culture when the appointments are completed. Members of the staff of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum are shown preparing information packets. Left to right are: Bro. William A. Carpenter, Librarian and Curator; Bro. Harold M. Shoemaker, and Bro. Charles S. Baker, Jr.

## Stipulations for Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture

The duties of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture as stipulated in Article XIII, Section 33, of The Ahiman Rezon are as follows:

- (a) To maintain a Library for the use of Freemasons, consisting of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints and related material illustrative of the history, the work, the nature and the objectives of Freemasonry.
- (b) To establish and maintain a Museum for the display of re-

galia, jewelry, emblems and other items of whatever character, relating to Freemasonry.

- (c) To engage in Masonic research and to publish, from time to time, treatises illustrative of Freemasonry in general.
- (d) To disseminate Masonic Culture through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means.
- (e) To make an annual report to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December.

Culture and the Lodge Committees. The above steps are only examples of the type of activities in which the chairmen will be involved.

These chairmen will work with Lodges to promote the use of the Circulating Library of Grand Lodge and many other educational programs.

It will be the duty of the District Chairmen to assist the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture to be sure that every candidate in Lodges in this Jurisdiction are fully informed on the basic principles of Freemasonry.

Upon the completion of the appointments by the Grand Master, the Masonic Culture Committee will provide working tools for the District Chairmen.

### Q & A Booklet Popular

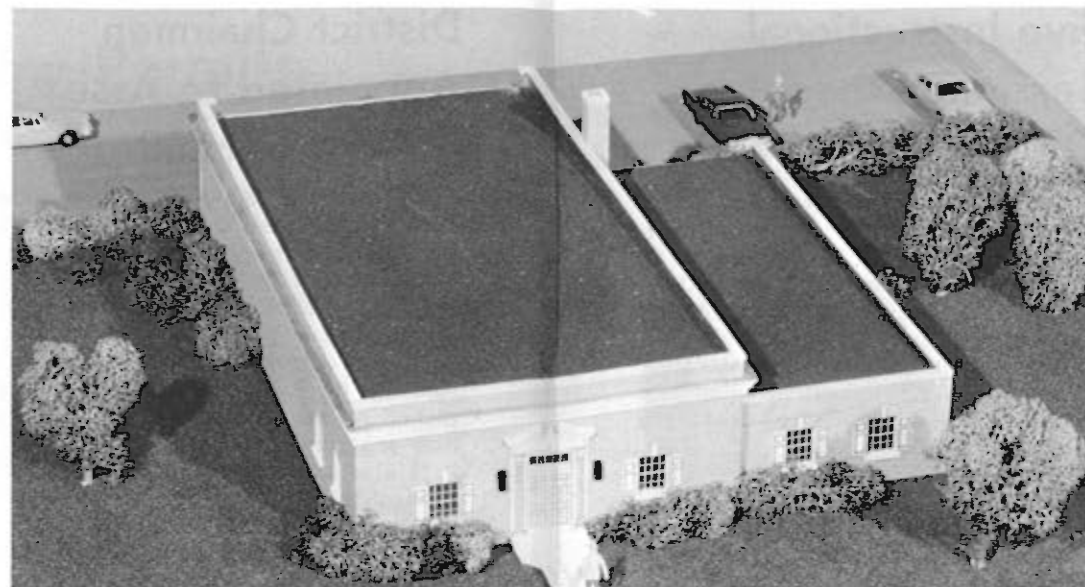
The 36-page pocket size Questions and Answers booklet is still available for purchase.

This booklet, containing 124 answers to questions frequently asked about Freemasonry, may be purchased in single copies or in quantity at ten cents each by writing to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

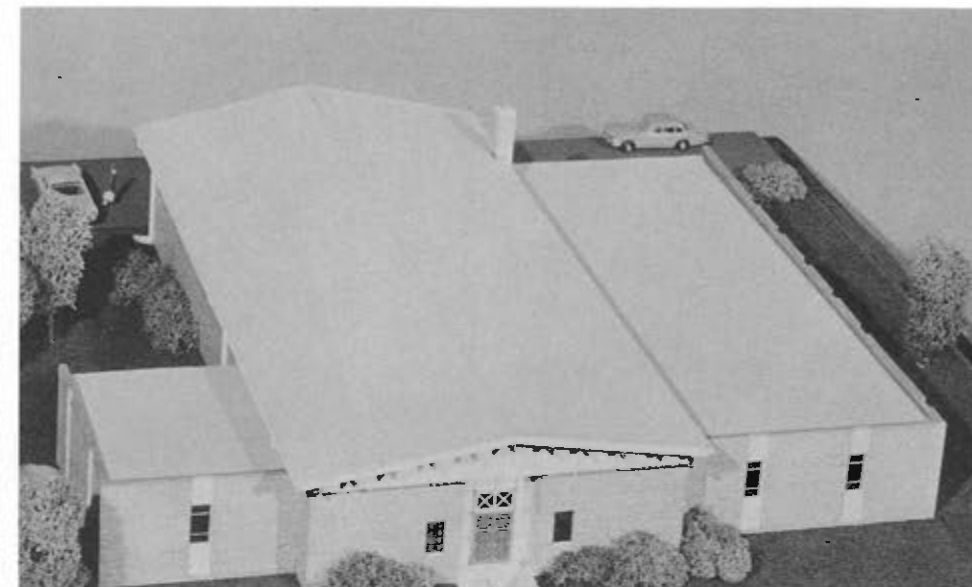




The Traditional designed Masonic Hall has 100 permanent seats.



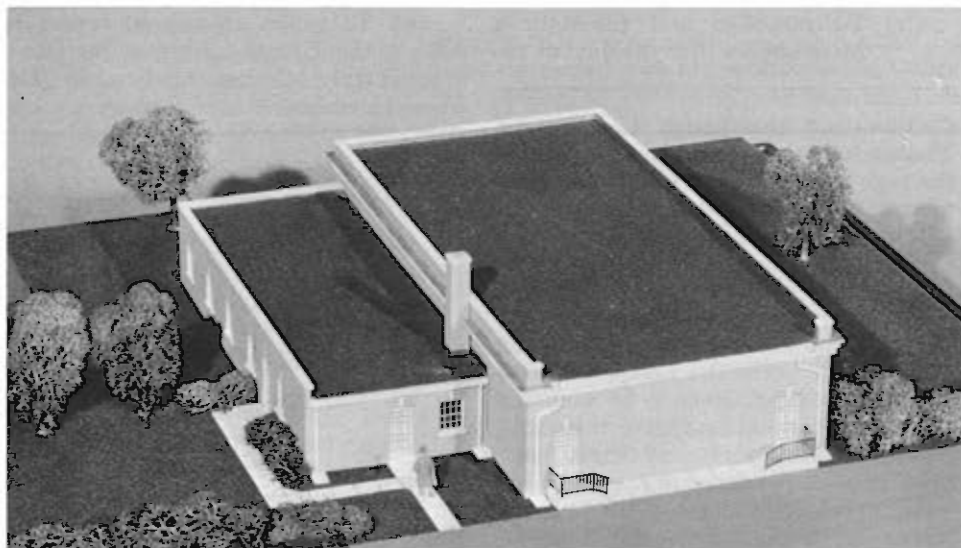
The Modified Colonial designed Masonic Hall has 72 permanent seats.



The Suburban designed Masonic Hall has 150 permanent seats.



The above is the rear view of the Traditional design.



The above is the rear view of the Modified Colonial design.

## Scale Models Displayed at Grand Lodge

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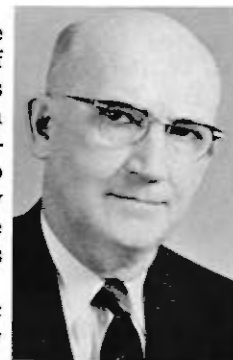
mittee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. His committee will give Lodges all the assistance possible.

This committee also has copies of suggested charters and by-laws for a Masonic Hall Association. They also can be obtained by contacting the Grand Master's Office.

The four basic plans for new Lodge rooms include four contrasting elevations — Modified Colonial, Colonial, Suburban and Traditional. Any one of the four elevations can be adapted to any one of the four different size Lodge Halls.

In all cases, the Lodge Hall is designed as a minimum requirement. The size of the various structures varies to suit the needs of the Lodge membership.

**Modified Colonial:** Designed for Lodges with approximately 150 members. It is considered the smallest basic type desirable for the Masonic work to be performed properly. All facilities are on the main floor, with the Lodge Room seating 72 members in permanent seats. Included in the design are



Bro. Herold

a secretary's room, lounge, social room, kitchen, storage room and heater room. Estimated basic cost is \$45,000 to \$50,000.

**Colonial:** Designed for Lodges with approximately 200 to 350 members. The Lodge Room is designed to contain 100 permanent seats. It has the same general floor plan as the Modified Colonial unit except that all rooms are larger. The estimated cost is \$65,000 to \$75,000.

**Suburban:** Designed for Lodges with approximately 500 to 600 members. The Lodge Hall is designed to contain 150 permanent seats. The plan is similar to the Modified Colonial and Colonial units except that all rooms are larger. The estimated cost is \$85,000 to \$100,000.

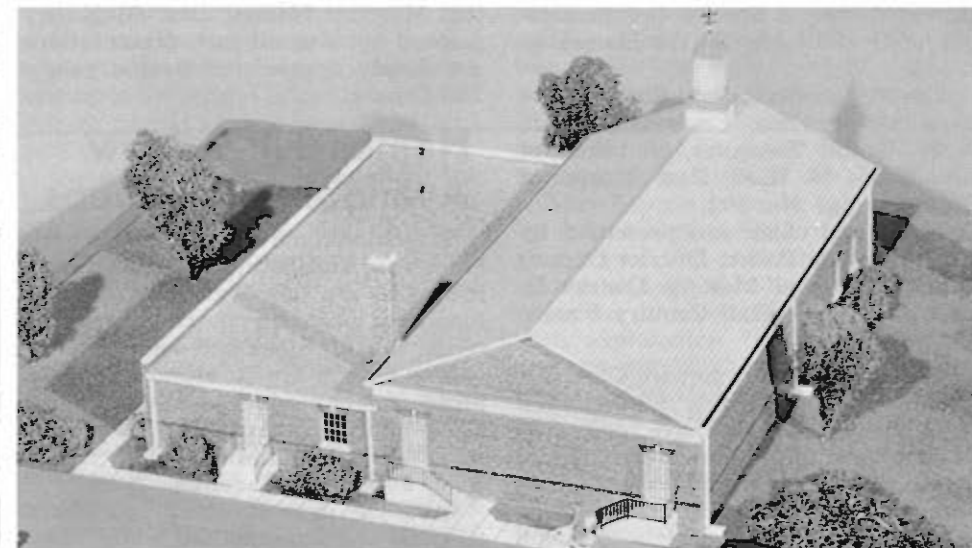
**Traditional:** Designed on two floor levels, one over the other, for Lodges with approximately 200 to 350 members. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

Lodges interested in obtaining further information on the new Masonic Hall plans, as listed in this paper, can obtain a complete brochure by writing to the Grand Master's Office.

It is suggested that Lodges obtain the brochure, then determine the desired size of the building need, before requesting copies of detailed plans and specifications.



The above is the rear view of the Suburban design.



The above is the rear view of the Colonial design as shown on Page 1.





Bro. Louis Bacharach, left, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Albert A. Bauer, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District D, make presentation of gifts to Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, for Guests at the Masonic Homes.

#### Gifts for Guests

## Accepted at Masonic Homes

The Grand Master received gifts of a wheel chair and Jewish Prayer Books and Shawls for Guests at the Masonic Homes during a Special Communication of Grand Lodge at the Homes on January 26.

The Prayer Books and Shawls were presented by Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer, on behalf of Bro. Lewis N. Kieff, Past Master of Equity Lodge No. 591.

The wheel chair was presented by Bro. Albert A. Bauer, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District D, on behalf of the Half Century Square Club.

The Half Century Square Club is a group of approximately 50 Brethren in Philadelphia who have dedicated their efforts to charitable purposes.

Presentation of the gifts was made to Bro. Bacharach and Bro. Bauer during the group's annual Brotherhood Night.

The Special Communication was held at the Homes to present new Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Masters to the officers of their respective Lodges.

In accepting the gifts on behalf of the Masonic Homes, Bro. McKinley pointed out that all such presentations are deeply appreciated by the nearly 750 Guests.

## Homes Films Now Available to Groups

The colored movies on the "Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown" and "Youth Program" are now available for all functions, including church groups, fraternal organizations and service clubs.

The movies are in sound and were professionally produced. Persons interested in obtaining the films should write to the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

State the date on which you desire to show the films and to whom they should be sent. Showing time is approximately 45 minutes.

## Five Instructional Sessions Scheduled On Ritualistic Work

The Instructor of Ritualistic Work has arranged for five sectional meetings of the Schools of Instruction in an effort to make available the authorized work to Masons in all sections of the Jurisdiction.

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, said the plan met with outstanding success last year. He pointed out:

"These sectional meetings are open to all Masons, not just the officers of the various Symbolic Lodges."

The schedule for 1963 follows:

April 5 and 6: Pittsburgh Masonic Temple, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, Pittsburgh.

April 19 and 20: Johnstown Masonic Temple, Valley Pike and Linton Street, Johnstown.

May 24 and 25: Scranton Masonic Temple, 420 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton.

September 27 and 28: Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, 2701 N. Third Street, Harrisburg.

October 25 and 26: Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia.

In all cases, the Friday evening sessions, starting at 7:30 p.m., are for the principals, senior instructors and other instructors in the Schools. The purpose of these meetings is to clear up any inconsistencies in the Esoteric Work.

The Saturday sessions will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 12 noon, and then from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Saturday sessions are for the rehearsal of the Esoteric Work. Any Master Mason is invited to be present. The Lodge officers in the various areas are urged to be present.

The Regional Instructors will be in charge of the various phases of the rehearsals.

## Library and Museum Rooms Open 9 to 9

The Library and Museum Rooms, located on the First Floor of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, are open on weekdays from 9 to 9 with the exception of Saturdays, when they are closed at noon, closed all day on legal holidays and all day Saturday during July and August.



The 66 Warrant Members of Paxton Lodge No. 798, Harrisburg, attend the Constitution of the Lodge, dressed in tuxedos. The officers of the new Lodge are in the front row, left to right: Bro. Kurt Moses, Secretary; Bro. Gilbert E. Otto,

Junior Warden; Bro. Jacob E. McColly, Worshipful Master; Bro. S. Lawrence Koplovitz, Senior Warden; and Bro. Samuel C. Yoffee, Treasurer.

## Paxton Lodge 798 Recently Constituted In State Capital

The Warrant Members of Paxton Lodge No. 798 have voted to make their Lodge a "tuxedo Lodge."

In other words, the members of the Lodge will attend Stated Meetings dressed in tuxedos.

The Constitution of the Lodge, the 605th Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction, was held on January 19 in Zembo Shrine Mosque, Harrisburg. Following the Constitution, a banquet was held in Zembo Mosque.

The Lodge was Constituted by Grand Lodge Officers, headed by Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. C. Lester Mathias, District Deputy Grand Master for the 2nd Masonic District, was responsible for the Constitution of the new Lodge.

The name Paxton was selected as the name for the Lodge because of its historic significance in the Harrisburg area. The historic Paxton Raiders originated in the Harrisburg area.

The Warrant members included 27 from Pennsylvania Lodges and 13 from other Jurisdictions, the most distant of which were Okinawa and Japan.

### Petition Procedures

## 2nd-3rd-4th Petitions Possible

At or after the expiration of six months from the date of his final rejection on the first petition, the rejected petitioner may present a second petition for initiation and membership in the Lodge that rejected him.

Such petition shall be subject to the same proceedings by the Lodge as in the case of the first petition, except that it cannot be withdrawn until a ballot has been taken and the petitioner approved. A second ballot cannot be taken on a second or subsequent petition.

At or after the expiration of one year from the rejection on a second petition, the petitioner may apply in writing to the same Lodge that rejected him to permit him to present a third petition for initiation and membership.

On receipt of this application, the Lodge shall order same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all members that at the next Stated Meeting the Lodge will act on said application.

At the next Stated Meeting the Worshipful Master shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and when the same is read the Worshipful Master shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous, it ends all action by the Lodge in the case for one year, after which the petitioner may again apply, when the application shall be subject to the same proceedings.

If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a third petition, subject to the same Rules and Regulations governing the proceedings in cases of the first and second petitions for initiation and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Lodge in the case.

The Ahiman Rezon makes no provisions for the presentation of fourth petitions for initiation and membership. Requests for permission to receive such petitions must be made of the Grand Lodge by resolution of the Lodge.

This request is to be accompanied by letters, setting forth the facts, and giving good and sufficient reasons and assurances why it is believed that the objection does not now exist. Without such explanation the Grand Master will not permit the request to go before the Grand Lodge.

When a petition for initiation and membership is received by a Lodge from one who has been rejected in this Jurisdiction at least ten years prior to the presentation of such petition, all action upon the same shall be subject to the direction of the Grand Master.