

What Can We Say?

Freemasonry Is a Way of Life

What should we tell our non-Masonic friends when they ask questions about Freemasonry?

When these questions arise, and they often do, our response will undoubtedly influence the mental attitude of our friends toward ourselves and the Craft in general.

We should not take a timid approach to our answers. We should not indicate a desire to "change the subject." We should not reflect a "mum's-the-word" attitude.

Instead, we should be prepared to speak with ease, pride and authority. What do we have to hide? Make it known that Freemasonry is a way of life.

Freemasonry is fraternal in organization, religious in character, based on the belief in the Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul.

Be prompt to make known that Freemasonry is not a "secret society" as many surmise. Freemasonry is a voluntary association wherein the interested one comes of his own free will and accord.

Indicate that Freemasonry is not a religion as many claim. Discussions on religion or politics have no place in our proceedings.

Proclaim that Freemasonry, in its every effort and purpose, strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society, and through its teachings, seeks to make good men better men.

You can proudly state that basic ethical principles, as exemplified in our Ritual and Lodge Work, are such as are most acceptable to all good men. They are lessons based on the Golden Rule, tolerance toward men, respect for one's family, charity towards all and

being true to God for His gracious and numerous blessings.

Be proud to proclaim that Freemasonry is a band of men bound together in the bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection that extends throughout the World.

And to sum it all up, Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

These and many other answers can be applied to questions your friends may ask about Freemasonry.

We have nothing to hide—save that which pertains to our estoteric Work. Freemasonry is a way of life.

Wages of a Mason

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in his dealings with others. Sympathy begets sympathy; helpfulness begets helpfulness—these are the wages of a Mason.

Cooper a Mason

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Question: When and where was the first Grand Lodge established?

Answer: In London on June 24, 1717.

Question: What was the first Grand Lodge in America?

Answer: The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Question: What Pennsylvania Past Master and Past District Deputy Grand Master became President of the United States?

Answer: James Buchanan of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

Question: How many Lodges are there in Pennsylvania at present?

Answer: As of June 1963 there are 605 Lodges. A new Lodge, Plum Creek Lodge, No. 799, will be constituted October 12, 1963.

Question: What is the total membership of the Lodges in Pennsylvania?

Answer: As of December 27, 1962, the total membership of the Lodges in Pennsylvania was 256,133.

Question: What were Military Lodges?

Answer: Duly constituted Lodges which had no permanent place of meeting but traveled with regiments or other military organizations to which they were attached.

Editor's Note: If you have a question on Freemasonry, share it with us. We will make every effort to answer it. If permissible, we will include both the question and the answer in this Question and Answer column for others to read.

CORRECT ADDRESS MOST IMPORTANT

Once again we remind you that it actually costs us ten cents each time you allow the Post Office Department to notify us of your change of address.

You can save us that unnecessary expense by notifying your Lodge Secretary immediately when you change your address. Your Secretary has special forms for keeping our Distribution Office notified of new Members, Deaths, Changes, etc.

Your cooperation in this respect will also assure you of staying on our mailing list for future issues of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

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Looking East in Corinthian Hall, the meeting place of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Corinthian Hall

One of the Most Beautiful Lodge Rooms in the World

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds its Quarterly and Annual Communications in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Masonic scholars claim it is one of the most beautiful Masonic rooms in the world.

The features of this magnificent room are in strict conformity with the principles of Grecian classical architecture and the best known examples of the Greek Corinthian Order.

Columns and capitals are molded

after the perfect type found in the historic monument of Lysicrates at Athens.

The paneled ceiling in the apse of the east end of the room, together with the Caryatides supporting it, depicts the Portico of the Caryatides of the Erechtheum at Athens.

Seats on the circular platform in the east are in accordance with those in the Theater of Dionysus, also at Athens.

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Be sure to read about the Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania.

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Grand Master's Message

In an effort to clearly point out to the Brethren that moneys sent to the Masonic Homes in the Christmas appeal are for many things, I designated your gifts as the "Guest Fund."

This change was made since every dollar donated is applied for the benefit of our Guests—the older folks and the children at the Homes and the boys at our Patton School.

This fund was formerly known as, or called, "Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund."

The change was made because many Brethren thought it merely bought presents at Christmas.

This fund provides many wonderful things—little pleasures that could not be supplied without your generosity.

For instance, last year it bought a bus for the use of our Guests. It gave each of them \$8.00 per month spending money, which means an annual need of approximately \$72,000.

It does many more fine things, including purchasing hearing aids, supplying funds for the religious services, music lessons for children, hospitality cart for Guests in the hospital, athletic program at Patton School and many more needed activities.

Every Mason in this Jurisdiction will receive an appeal in September.

When making out your check, or money order, please keep in mind that your gift will be used throughout the year—not just for Christmas.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. LeRoy McKinley
Grand Master

All Lodges Must Have Clearance For Construction or Remodeling

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms acts as a "clearing house" between Lodges and the Grand Master for building, remodeling, reconstruction or changing of Temples, Halls or Lodge Rooms.

The Grand Lodge Committee must act on and approve the purchase of all land and old buildings to be used for Masonic purposes before purchase is actually consummated.

The following procedure must be followed by all Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction, the Grand Master has ruled:

1. Adopt a fund raising plan, or show adequate financing to handle the entire project, including all furnishings. No specific requirements in this regard have been set up. As in all other matters, fund raising methods must be in keeping with good taste and with the high and ennobling principles of Freemasonry. In no case will fund raising methods involving speculation or games of chance be sanctioned or condoned. This includes the purchase of old buildings.

2. Adopt By-Laws for a Temple or Hall Association to suit all conditions of management and the operation of said association. It is suggested that the Board of Directors consist of nine or more members, including three elected Lodge Trustees.

Note: A model set of By-Laws, to be used as a guide, can be obtained from the Grand Lodge Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

3. Adopt Application for Charter for a Temple or Hall Association in compliance with the requirements of the non-profit corporation laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Note: A Model Application for a Charter of a non-profit corporation, to be used as a guide by an attorney, can be obtained from the Grand Lodge Committee.

4. When the By-Laws of the Temple or Hall Association and the Application for a Charter are approved by the Grand Lodge Committee and the Grand Master, apply to the local court for a charter to operate as a non-profit corporation.

5. The Grand Lodge Committee must approve plans and specifications for a new Masonic Temple or Hall and alterations to an old building before a contract can be entered into or any building work started.

Note: To assist Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodge has completed plans and specifications for four sizes of Masonic Halls. They are the minimum requirements. If changes, additions or deletions are made, approval

must be obtained from the Grand Lodge Committee.

6. The District Deputy Grand Master must be kept fully informed and approve all undertakings before they are submitted to the Grand Lodge Committee.

7. When final approval is obtained from the Grand Lodge Committee, the complete plans will be forwarded to the Grand Master for his inspection and personal approval.

8. Mail all inquiries to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Who Is the DeMolay?

Many Masons have asked: "Who is the DeMolay?"

The short explanation that follows will give a good insight into this outstanding organization for young men:

He's the young man between the ages of 14 and 21 who has dedicated himself to God, his Country, and to his Parents.

He's the young man who believes in spiritual values, and has the courage to live them every day.

He's the young man we ask to fight for our country when it is in danger, and the measure of his service is the measure of our security.

He's the young man who reverences Mother, and who is never happier than when his Dad is his pal.

He's the young man who seeks to serve others and aspires to leadership, as prerequisites to good citizenship.

He's the young man for whom you are working, and he will carry on what you have started.

He's the young man into whose hands we will deliver the fate of our nation, and perhaps the fate of all humanity.

He's a real young man—our sons.



More than 100 members of the Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania—Masons with 50 years or more service to Freemasonry—attend their semi-annual meeting in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania

Exclusive Group for 50-Year Brethren of Fraternity

The Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania is one of the most unique Masonic organizations in the country.

The first requirement is that you must be a Master Mason for at least 50 years—and in good Masonic standing.

The purpose of the organization is to endeavor to add to the enjoyment of old age and to further cement the bonds of friendship and fraternal regard.

The meetings are now held twice a year—the fourth Thursday in April and October—in the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia.

Membership fee is \$5.00 and the dues are \$3.00 a year. The Life Membership fee is \$10.00.

There are now 230 members in this exclusive organization, and at the last April meeting petitions were received from 35 candidates. This was the largest number of candidates received at any one meeting.

Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer, is the president of the Masonic Ancients. Bro. Louis G. Feitig is the secretary-treasurer.

More than 100 members attend the meetings. Others, unable to attend for various reasons, send Masonic greetings.



Bro. Louis Bacharach

The first meeting of the Masonic Ancients was held on January 31, 1912, when Bro. Mark Richards Muckle was elected as first president. Bro. Muckle remained as president until he died on March 30, 1915.

Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr. was elected the second president on No-

vember 15, 1915. He died several months later.

Many men who actively served Masonry have served as officers of the Masonic Ancients, such as the late Brothers Abraham M. Beitler and Edgar A. Tennis, both R. W. Past Grand Masters.

The meetings start at 5:30 p.m. After a short business meeting a dinner is served. The meetings usually adjourn between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Membership in the club is scattered throughout the country, with many in Florida, New Jersey and New York.

Those wishing to obtain further information on this organization should contact Bro. Louis Bacharach, Grand Treasurer, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Suggestion for Excess Lodge Charity Funds

Many Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction have a much greater income in their Charity Funds than the Lodge needs to carry on its work.

The Grand Master suggests that Lodges in this position could change their By-Laws to permit payment of the excess to the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

New District Chairmen for Masonic Culture Committee

Appointment Certificates and Identification Cards, signed by Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Right Worshipful Grand Master, have been issued to the new District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, under the leadership of Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master and Chairman, is most pleased with the enthusiasm evidenced in the appointment of this new office in each District.

Within the very near future additional directions and "working tools" will be shared with these new District Chairmen and we are looking forward with great anticipation to having a rewarding and lasting experience in the promotion of our over-all Masonic Culture program throughout the Jurisdiction.

Those Past Masters recently appointed to serve as District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture are listed as follows:

- MASONIC DISTRICT "A"—Bro. Newton B. Morrell, Jr., Washington Lodge, No. 59
 MASONIC DISTRICT "B"—Bro. Joseph J. Myers, St. Alban Lodge, No. 529
 MASONIC DISTRICT "C"—Bro. Daniel Marcu, Hamilton Lodge, No. 274
 MASONIC DISTRICT "D"—Bro. Joseph E. McQueen, Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 380
 MASONIC DISTRICT "E"—Bro. Thomas J. Achuff, Philates Lodge, No. 527
 MASONIC DISTRICT "F"—Bro. J. Russell Davey, William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500
 MASONIC DISTRICT "G"—Bro. Leonard F. LoBiondo, Mozart Lodge, No. 436
 MASONIC DISTRICT "H"—Bro. Robert J. Wood, Lodge No. 9
 MASONIC DISTRICT "I"—Bro. Harvey J. Coon, Lodge No. 432
 MASONIC DISTRICT "J"—Bro. Mac Sanders, Brotherhood Lodge, No. 773
 1st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Bernard R. Donnelly, Lambertson Lodge, No. 476
 2nd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. James D. Miller, Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464
 3rd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. William F. Kennedy, Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197
 4th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Edward N. Stine, Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 336
 5th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. John H. Johnson, Williamson Lodge, No. 309
 6th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Richard L. Winger, Community Lodge, No. 744
 7th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Lloyd R. Enoch, Reading Lodge, No. 549
 8th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. C. Grant Brittingham, Levittown Lodge, No. 788
 9th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. E. Ellsworth Deemer, Prosperity Lodge, No. 567
 10th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Wallace L. Davis, Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561

- 11th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Frank A. Jacobs, Pulaski Lodge, No. 216
 12th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Harry E. Jones, Lodge No. 61
 13th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Melville I. Davis, Acacia Lodge, No. 579
 14th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Troy D. Sims, Milford Lodge, No. 344
 15th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Edward J. Austin, Great Bend Lodge, No. 338
 16th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Robert Maltz, Union Lodge, No. 108
 17th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Thurman Gross, Ossea Lodge, No. 317
 18th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Paul L. Seeling, Lodge No. 106
 19th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Albert W. Houser, Lewistown Lodge, No. 203
 20th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. S. Dean Campbell, Woodbury Lodge, No. 539
 21st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Charles G. Cruse, Clearfield Lodge, No. 314
 23rd MASONIC DISTRICT—Chester A. Putman, Petrolia Lodge, No. 363
 24th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Clarence M. Thayer, North East Lodge, No. 399
 25th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Karl W. Senn, Cochran Lodge, No. 790
 26th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Amos Myer, Mahoning Lodge, No. 243
 27th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Lynn C. Burtner, Argyle Lodge, No. 540
 28th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. John L. McCain, Milnor Lodge, No. 287
 29th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Eugene G. Painter, Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454
 30th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Clair L. Bushyager, Jeanette Lodge, No. 750
 31st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Edwin A. Smeal, Fayette Lodge, No. 228
 32nd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Robert E. Daume, Jr., Bellevue Lodge, No. 530
 33rd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. James L. Lindsay, Elk Lodge, No. 379
 34th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. W. Earl Troutwein, Cromwell Lodge, No. 572
 35th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. W. Jack Lewis, Washington Lodge, No. 265
 36th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Carl S. Boettger, Penn Lodge, No. 709
 37th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. William E. Black, Ambridge Lodge, No. 701
 38th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Donald R. Friedman, Swissvale Lodge, No. 656
 39th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. John G. Nelson, John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 534



The above picture, taken in Zembo Mosque, Harrisburg, is a typical group of Masonic Lodge Officers that attended the seven Grand Lodge Workshops. The Workshops included representatives from all 605 Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Workshops held on Saturday concluded with a dinner. Those held on Friday nights ended with refreshments.

- 40th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Martin R. Kiggins, Royersford Lodge, No. 585
 41st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. J. Homer Wonders, Johnstown Lodge, No. 538
 42nd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Nevin J. Blum, Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451

- 43rd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. David E. Taylor, Henry M. Phillips Lodge, No. 337
 44th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Loring H. Grant, Galeton Lodge, No. 602
 45th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Stogdell S. Lesh, Azalea Lodge, No. 687



The four Grand Lodge officers who headed up the Workshops throughout Pennsylvania are welcomed to Harrisburg. Left to right are: Bro. Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary; Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master and Chairman of Committee on Masonic Culture; Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master; T. Dale Taylor, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Potentate of Zembo Shrine Temple; and Bro. Earl F. Herold, Deputy Grand Master.

Seven Masonic Workshops Completed in Jurisdiction

Grand Lodge has completed seven Workshops that included officers from all 605 Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

The purpose of the Workshops was to stimulate interest, to urge better planning for Lodge meetings, to inform Secretaries of new changes, and to instruct Lodge Chairmen of the Committee on Masonic Culture.

All the Workshops started with a combined meeting under the supervision of Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master. They were then divided into the following work groups:

- Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens, under direction of Bro. Earl F. Herold, Deputy Grand Master.

- Secretaries, under direction of Bro. Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary.

- Chairmen of the Committee on Masonic Culture, under direction of Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

The Workshops were held in the following locations:

Philadelphia, January 12, Masonic Temple. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, 5, 6, 8, 36 and 40.

- 46th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Charles F. Snyder, Lodge No. 22
 47th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Almer C. Hemans, Sr., Monongahela Lodge, No. 269
 48th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Charles A. Ganes, Fort Pitt Lodge, No. 634
 49th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Hodgson F. Geltz, Youghiogeny Lodge, No. 583
 50th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Edward J. Linnaberry, Bangor Lodge, No. 565
 51st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Stephen Yurco, Jr., Trinity Lodge, No. 736
 52nd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Loyd D. Noel, Parker City Lodge, No. 521
 53rd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Richard E. Buchanan, Kedron Lodge, No. 389
 54th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Charles F. Roberts, Zaradatha Lodge, No. 448
 55th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Eric B. Beckeman, Dallas Lodge, No. 508
 56th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Henry O. Walker, Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726
 57th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. William J. Dunlap, Oakdale Lodge, No. 669
 58th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Thomas F. Becker, Shenandoah Lodge, No. 511
 59th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Everett Williams, King David Lodge, No. 763
 60th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Otto H. Ferrari, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge, No. 682

Pittsburgh, February 2, Masonic Temple. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55 and 57.

Altoona, May 3, Jaffa Mosque. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 20, 21, 34, 39 and 41.

Harrisburg, May 4, Zembo Mosque. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 19, 42 and 60.

Williamsport, May 17, Scottish Rite Temple. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 16, 17, 18, 35, 44, 46 and 58.

Wilkes-Barre, June 14, Irem Mosque and Masonic Temple. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 45, 50 and 59.

Warren, June 21, Beatty Junior High School. Included Lodges in Masonic Districts 22, 23, 24, 25, 33, 53 and 56.

Following the Workshop in Philadelphia, those in attendance were guests of LuLu Shrine Temple for dinner.

Following the Workshop in Pittsburgh, those in attendance were guests of Syria Shrine Temple.

Following the Workshop in Harrisburg, those in attendance were guests of Zembo Shrine Temple.

The other four Workshops were held on Friday nights at which a refreshment period followed the work sessions.

District Chairmen to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture attended the last five Workshops. They were not appointed when the Workshops were held in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Charges Available

The five Charges used for the opening and closing of Lodge and following the three degrees are now available in a convenient printed pocket folder upon request. These printed Charges may be had in single copy or in quantities.

Write to Librarian, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Your Temple Welcomes Lodges

Many Masonic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction have accepted the Grand Master's invitation to hold Special or Extra Meetings in the beautiful Lodge Rooms of Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The visits have been restricted to Saturdays since the Lodge Rooms are in use throughout the week.

In addition, most of the Lodges visiting the Temple have made it a "day out" for their ladies.

They have toured the Temple with expert guides. They have held banquets at which their ladies attended.

Bro. Joseph C. Wear, Secretary of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, wrote to the Grand Master:

"On behalf of the Officers and Members of Azalea Lodge and their wives and sweethearts, I want to express their appreciation, also that of my own, for being able to visit the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Saturday, May 18.

"We also thank you for the dispensation to hold an Extra Meeting in Corinthian Hall for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree.

"It was a pleasant surprise for most of the people in the party to see the various rooms and how they are furnished, and how clean and presentable it was every place you went.

"Everyone that was in the Temple that day was most courteous and obliging and tried to help our party in every way possible.

"I also want to say a word about the guide who explained everything in detail and was able to answer all the questions that different people asked of him.

"We also had a fine dinner in the Grand Banquet Hall and a snack after the Lodge meeting.

"Again thanks for a most pleasant day at the Temple."

Other Lodges wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must reserve a date by writing to Bro. William J. Wallace, chairman of the Committee on Temple, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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

If the Lodge does not plan to hold a meeting, just tour the Masonic Temple, and have a dinner, no Dispensation is necessary.

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

Corinthian Hall

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medallions over the entrance hall and on the pilasters, north and south walls, were taken from antique Grecian coins and medallions.

Pictorial representations in the panels, on the large frieze running around the four enclosing walls of the room, are copies of historical fragments from Grecian mythology relating mostly to spiritual life.

The general scheme of the architectural motif, from floor to cornice, is dull ivory with gold to accentuate all relief and figure details.

The large cove and ceiling are treated in shades of deep blue, studded with gold stars. This creates a sky effect above the line of lattice balustrade, and gives an atmosphere of an open hall in an ancient Grecian Temple.

The picture shown looks toward the East. There are five murals on this wall. They depict "The Rising Sun," "Pouring Dew," "Weighing of Souls," "Fine Arts" and "Preparing to Journey."

Corinthian Hall is 106 feet long, 53 feet wide and 52 feet high.

It is almost impossible to show the beauty of this room by pictures. It takes a personal inspection.

Guided tours are conducted through Masonic Temple 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.

Masonic Lodges, or groups wishing to arrange for a special, conducted tour through Masonic Temple, should make advance arrangements with Bro. William J. Wallace, chairman of the Committee on Temple, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Restoration for Non-Payment of Dues Is Possible

A member of a Lodge in Pennsylvania who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and desires to reaffiliate with the Lodge in which he stands suspended may, if he pays the delinquent dues within eleven months of the date of his suspension, be restored to membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the stated meeting at which action is had on the motion to restore him.

Such Restoration to Membership must be consummated by vote of the Lodge within one Masonic year of the date of suspension. Inasmuch as the motion to restore must be laid over for one month before action can be taken on it, the delinquent dues must be paid and the motion made within eleven months of the date of suspension.

A suspended member who has not been restored to membership within the year, but subsequently desires to reaffiliate, must first pay the delinquent dues owed at the time of his suspension, whereupon he may be restored to good Masonic standing by a majority vote of the Lodge.

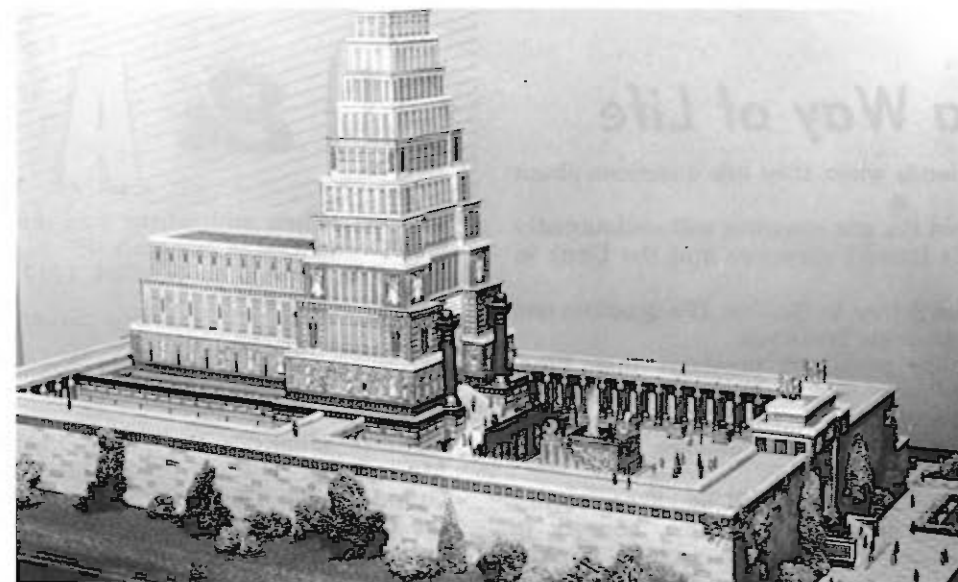
He may then present a petition for membership to the Lodge from which he was suspended, or to any other Lodge of his choice in this or any recognized jurisdiction. A unanimous ballot is necessary for his election to membership, at least so far as Pennsylvania Lodges are concerned.

1963 Ahiman Rezon Is Now Available

A new edition of the Ahiman Rezon, 1963-5963, is now available for purchase.

Cost of copies of the Ahiman Rezon are as follows: 1 Book, \$1.50 plus .15 cents mailing charge; 2 Books, \$3.00 plus .20 cents; 3 Books, \$4.50 plus .25 cents; 4 Books, \$6.00 plus .35 cents; 5 Books, \$7.50 plus .40 cents and 6 Books, \$9.00 plus .45 cents.

Check or money order must be drawn to order of Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary. Address your order to Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa. Cite your name, address and Lodge number.



An amazingly exact description of King Solomon's Temple has been carried down from the mists of antiquity by the Scriptures.

After many years of research, this scale model was created in 1923 by John Wesley Kelchner. All lineal measurements, ornamental scheme and decorative techniques of the time of King Solomon are rendered accurately.

In ancient times a cubit equalled the length of the arm from elbow to the tip of the middle finger. It was customary for the Master of the work to use his own arm as a standard. Roman cubits were about 17 and 2/5 inches; that of the Hebrew 22 inches.

This model is scaled to the Hebrew cubit as recorded in 1st Kings and 2nd Chronicles.

It is on display in the Library and Museum Rooms of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Freemasonry Can Be a Family Affair

Meridian Sun Lodge

The Gough family is a Masonic family. Last June, when Richard Gough was Raised in Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, there were eight members of the Gough family taking part in the Work.

Brother George, Sr. proudly states that his brother, his son-in-law and one of his grandsons are members of the Craft.

Thomas R. Patton Lodge

At an Extra Meeting of Thomas R. Patton Lodge, No. 659, of Philadelphia, in December 1959, Brother Horace F. Richter and eight of his sons joined in conferring the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree upon the youngest son, making it ten Richters on the floor at one time.

Cressona Lodge

In 1962, Cressona Lodge, No. 426, of Cressona, Pa., had the pleasure of accepting three brothers, Charles George Fehr, Richard Donald Fehr and Arthur Robert Fehr. These brothers were Entered, Crafted and Raised at the same meetings.



Bro. George H. Gough, third from left, and his five sons, all members of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, of Philadelphia. Reading left to right, George, Jr., Robert, George, Sr., Harold, Richard and Norman.

Earlier this year, Cressona Lodge accepted the Hoover triplets who had petitioned at the same time. In like fashion, Brothers Bryan McKinley Hoover, Bruce McKinley Hoover and Brent McKinley Hoover were Entered, Crafted and Raised at the same meetings.

Pennsylvania Masons Are Scattered All Around the World

Our Distribution Office for The Pennsylvania Freemason, located in the basement of the McKee Memorial Cottage at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., has provided us with some rather revealing figures as to where Pennsylvania Masons reside.

Now that our rather large mailing list is established, we learn that better than 35,000 of our members live outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Using round figures, 6,500 live in Florida, 3,200 live in California, 6,000 live in New Jersey, 3,500 live in New York, 1,800 live in Maryland, 3,000 live in Ohio and 1,200 live in Virginia.

We have members living in every state in the Union and in practically all countries of the Free World.

A Philosophy of Life

Freemasonry is a philosophy of life for the development of character . . . a fraternity of character in which virtue, goodness and knowledge are prescribed and practiced precepts.

Summer Office Hours

The Office of the Grand Secretary will be closed on Saturdays during the months of July and August.

This was approved by Grand Lodge at the December Quarterly Communication on December 5, 1962.