



An artist's drawing of the Masonic Pavilion being financed and provided by the Masons of New York. It will occupy more than 25,000 square feet of space and is located at the Avenue of the Americas and Eurasia Avenue, a short distance from the Unisphere. Much of the construction cost is being financed by the sale of General Admission tickets to the World's Fair by New York Lodges. There will be no charge for admission to the Masonic Pavilion.

The Masonic Press

Time was when the principles and ideals of Freemasonry were spread by word of mouth, but the great growth and progress of the Craft has required more than this.

Masonic literary gems have contributed much to the expansion and advancement Freemasonry has enjoyed for over two centuries.

Few organizations have withstood the test of time as has Freemasonry—steeped as it is in the ancient legends of the Operative Craft whose traditions and fundamentals we have had the good fortune to inherit.

Freemasonry can well count among its members great leaders in science, art, industry, church and state. All have contributed to the sum total of Masonic Culture. Without the medium of the Masonic press, however, the teachings and philosophies of our learned Brethren would have remained

unknown, save to a few of their close associates.

The Masonic press, beyond all doubt, provides a wonderful means by which the wealth of cultural material may be broadcast and absorbed by Freemasons seeking more Masonic Light.

Chain Letters Are Prohibited

The recent epidemic of the so-called chain letters among Masons is unfortunate, indeed.

Members of Pennsylvania Lodges are not permitted to circulate chain letters.

This useless and time consuming practice is not only in violation of the United States Postal Regulations but is emphatically prohibited in Decisions No. 157 and 159 of our Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Masters as revised to May 1, 1956.

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Question: When and where was George Washington made a Mason?

Answer: On November 4, 1752, in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Question: What was the first printed reference to Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania?

Answer: In the issue of The Pennsylvania Gazette, dated December 8, 1730, its editor, Benjamin Franklin (not then a Mason) refers to "several Lodges of Freemasons" having been "Erected in this Province."

Question: What is the oldest Masonic Lodge record in America?

Answer: The account book (from 1731 to 1738) of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia, now owned by the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Question: What is lawful Masonic information when vouching for a Brother?

Answer: Lawful information that a person is a Mason may be secured by sitting in Lodge with him, by a known Mason vouching for him as such, and by his passing an examination by an Examining Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master.

Question: Name the five largest Grand Lodges in the United States giving their approximate memberships?

Answer: New York with approximately 290,500; Ohio with nearly 280,000; Pennsylvania with approximately 257,000; Texas and California with approximately 245,000 each.

Question: Will Freemasonry be represented in any way at the New York World's Fair in 1964-65?

Answer: Yes. The Masons of New York are financing and building a beautiful and spacious Masonic Pavilion.

Question: What do A.D. and A.L. mean and why?

Answer: A.D. means "Anno Domini," in the year of our Lord and is the Christian method of designating the number of years following the birth of Christ. Freemasons' nomenclature in this respect comes from the old belief (entirely erroneous) that the world was created 4,000 years before Christ and therefore indicates the date as 4,000 years plus the current year, for instance 1964 A.D. or 5964 A.L. (Anno Lucis—in the year of Light) the present year.

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

It costs ten cents each time you fail to give us your change of address.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the honor which you conferred upon me on December 27, 1963—affording me the opportunity to take my place in the long succession of Grand Masters of Masons in Pennsylvania.

I have accepted this tremendous undertaking and will meet the responsibilities of Grand Master to the best of my ability.

As Grand Master, I am governed by Usages, Customs and Landmarks. Therefore, there will be no major changes in policy. However, I do have some suggestions and directions.

It is my purpose, in the next year, to administer the affairs of Grand Lodge with due regard to economy, consistent with the dignity and high character of our Fraternity.

It is my desire that during this coming year true Masonic fellowship will be experienced throughout the Jurisdiction.

Recommenders and Committee of Inquiry

Recommenders should be more selective of the men they are willing to recommend. They should know the man, his reputation and his standing as a citizen. Do not put your signature to a recommendation for a man unless you would be proud to call him "My Brother."

No greater responsibility can be placed upon a member of a Lodge than a careful scrutiny of the fitness of those who knock at our door. The investigation of the Committee of Inquiry should be thorough, searching, all-embracing.

Use of the Blackball

I have no sympathy for the Brother who uses the blackball to accomplish a personal victory, or to reject an outstanding petitioner on non-Masonic reasoning.



Bro. Earl F. Herold
R. W. Grand Master

If I have definite proof of a Brother using the blackball unMasonically, I will do everything in my power as Grand Master to correct the problem.

Freemasonry must continue to seek, both by precept and example, to elevate and ennoble mankind. While it is not a religious organization, it is essentially religious in character.

Obedience to its precepts means much in our Masonic life—upright living—pure morals—and brotherhood. Let us be true to these precepts and practice in our daily lives the lessons we have learned at the sacred altar.

There is no prize today more cov-

eted by the Communist than the minds of youth. The Communist knows that he who controls the youth controls the future.

If every Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction sponsored and actually supported a DeMolay Chapter, I would have no fear about this country tomorrow, nor would I have any question about the future of Freemasonry.

I know that DeMolay work takes valuable time, dedicated leaders and some financial assistance. However, my Brethren, this is a cheap price to pay for the future of this country and Freemasonry.

Church and Freemasonry

In Freemasonry we have various religious beliefs, but, basically, we must all be religious to be Masons. Therefore, I now urge Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction to attend divine services as a Masonic body.

While we cannot be clothed in Masonic dress, I urge you, now, to make visits to various temples of worship as a Masonic group and thus bear testimony to our common belief and faith in God.

I also will permit the announcement
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A REMINDER

Contributions to the "Guest Fund" appeal for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., is in excess of \$240,000.00 at this writing.

If you have not made your contribution, please do, so that we may reach our goal of \$250,000.00 by March 15, 1964, the closing date of this annual appeal.

Make your contributions payable to the "Guest Fund" and mail to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

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Full Day Scheduled March 3 to Exemplify Authorized Work

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, announces a full day's agenda for Tuesday, March 3, 1964, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when instruction and exemplification of the Authorized Work will take place.

Registration will start at 8:30 A.M. Following a brief assembly in Corinthian Hall until 9:15 A.M., instruction on the business of the Lodge, the three degrees, election and installation of officers and conducting a Table Lodge will carry on until 4:00 P.M.

From 7:00 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. exemplification of the Esoteric Work will be conducted before the R. W. Grand Master. The evening program will cover the second phase of a three-year cycle and will include Opening of the Lodge, The Flag Ceremony, Examination of a Visitor, Election and Installation of Officers and so much of the Installation of a Worshipful Master as is permissible in a Master Mason's Lodge, the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree and Closing of the Lodge. Members of the Schools of Instruction of the 49th and 52nd Masonic Districts and the Temple School of Instruction will conduct this exemplification.

Scheduled Sectional Meetings for this year include Pittsburgh, April 4th; Johnstown, April 11th; Harrisburg, September 26th; Scranton, May 23rd, and Philadelphia, October 31st.

Grand Master's Message

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of such a visit in the Lodge Notice in order that all the Lodge Brethren might know of the plan.

I realize this is not now permitted because of several Decisions in the Digest of Decisions. However, just as soon as practical, the conflicting Decisions will be amended to permit such an activity by Masonic Lodges.

Masonic Lodge Rooms

We must do everything financially possible to build pride in our Craft by improving our meeting places.

After serving for two years as chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, I see no reason why improvements cannot be made where needed.

If we build pride in our meeting places, we also will be building pride in Freemasonry. To others, we are judged by the "home" we maintain.

Image of Freemasonry

I urge you to do everything in your power to maintain and improve the image of Freemasonry. We can afford no less.

We must pass on to the next generation the high ideals of Freemasonry if Freemasonry is to continue to be an important guiding force in the lives of those who follow.

We must understand that Masonry is a Brotherhood of Men, bound together by solemn, serious ties of morality and faith.

With our hearts filled with gratitude to Almighty God for the past, let us turn to the future, and with a firm faith in His Divine leadership address ourselves to the tasks which remain.

Fraternalty yours,

Earl F. Herold

R. W. Grand Master

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Sanford M. Chilcote Elected an 'Active' For Pennsylvania

At the meeting of the Supreme Council 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held in Boston, Mass., last September, Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master, was elected an Active Member for Pennsylvania.

The Masonic and civic career of Bro. Chilcote is most impressive. Born in Nanty-Glo, Cambria County, he was educated at Aspinwall High School, Allegheny College and later graduated from University of Pittsburgh Law School. He is now a partner in a large Pittsburgh law firm. Bro. Chilcote is regarded as an outstanding trial lawyer.



Bro. Chilcote,
P.G.M.

Bro. Chilcote is married to the former Mildred Gilmore and the father of a son, Sanford M. Chilcote, Jr., a Senior at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

and honors are all inclusive. A Past Master of Verona Lodge, No. 548, Allegheny County, he served as Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania in 1958 and 1959. He was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, at Detroit, Mich., in 1955. He is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and was recently appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial located at Alexandria, Virginia. He is Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Chilcote's election as an Active Member for Pennsylvania groups him with three other Past Grand Masters also serving as Active Members for Pennsylvania of the Supreme Council. They are Bro. Richard A. Kern, P.G.M., re-elected Grand Minister of State; Bro. William E. Yeager, P.G.M., who was elected Grand Chaplain General, and Bro. Scott S. Leiby, P.G.M., re-elected Deputy for Pennsylvania at the Supreme Council's meeting in Boston last September. These four, with Bro. Orrin E. Boyle of Wilkes-Barre, constitute the five Active Members for Pennsylvania, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication

The December Quarterly Communication held on December 4, 1963, was very well attended, with close to 800 Brethren present. All of our living R. W. Past Grand Masters and sixty-seven of the seventy District Deputy Grand Masters were in attendance. Four hundred and thirty-nine Lodges were represented.

The Annual election was conducted expeditiously with approximately 12,750 votes being cast. The following Brethren were duly elected to serve Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master
Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer
Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary

Committee on Masonic Homes

Bro. Scott C. Rea
Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr.
Bro. Scott S. Leiby, R. W. P. G. M.
Bro. C. Howard Witmer
Bro. William E. Yeager, R. W. P. G. M.
Bro. Ellis E. Stern
Bro. Willis R. Michael

A letter from the Grand Lodge of Belgium was read expressing deep sympathy over the tragic death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Bro. A. Culmer Schultz, Grand Chaplain, offered an impressive prayer, while all the Brethren stood in reverent silence.

Committee on By-Laws

The always busy Committee on By-Laws presented its report and offered resolutions, which were adopted, approving the following:

Complete By-Laws of 3 Lodges
Amendments proposed by 21 Lodges

Amendments, as revised, proposed by 6 Lodges.

The By-Laws of one Lodge were not approved and were returned to the Lodge for further information.

Committee on Finance

The Committee on Finance summarized the Budget Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1963, and presented the proposed Budget for the present fiscal year, indicating estimated Receipts and Expenditures of \$3,000,000. The Budget was approved.

Brief reports were presented by the following Committees or Trustees: Ma-



Bro. Ashby B. Paul
R. W. Grand Secretary

sonic Culture; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, and Masonic Temple.

The above complete reports will be printed in the Proceedings for 1963.
In Memoriam

Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, read the In Memoriam he had prepared for Bro. George H. Deike, R. W. Past Grand Master, who died on July 16, 1963.

Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Past Grand Master, read the In Memoriam he had prepared for Bro. John A. Bathwood, R. W. Past Grand Master, who died on September 17, 1963.

Grand Lodge closed at 2:50 P.M.

Annual Grand Communication— December 27, 1963

Included in the 317 Brethren, who were present, were Distinguished Brethren and Guests from Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Ohio, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, West Virginia, Ontario (Canada), the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania,

Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, the Scottish Rite and the Masonic Service Association.

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws of 3 Lodges were approved upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reviewed Freemasonry in various other Countries and our Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodges of Turkey and Colombia-Cartagena on the recommendation of this Committee.

Bro. Kern, who is also Chairman of the Committee on Future Planning for the Masonic Temple and Other Properties in Philadelphia, presented an interesting long-range view of the development of the Masonic Center in Philadelphia. Bro. Kern again recommended that some Lodges here consider holding their meetings in the late afternoon, in order that new Lodges can be accommodated in the Temple.

Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, briefly reviewed the Annual Report of this Committee. District Masonic Culture Chairmen have been appointed to

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Sanford M. Chilcote Now on the Board of National Memorial

Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master, has been appointed a member of the Board of Directors of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Bro. Chilcote was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. George H. Deike, Past Grand Master, who had served in that capacity for many years.

It was during his term as Grand Master that Bro. Chilcote helped design and introduced the "Pennsylvania Plan" which has been adopted by many Jurisdictions in support of the seven million dollar endowment program for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va.

Pennsylvania Masons should feel honored that another one of our Past Grand Masters has been so honored as a Director of this National Masonic Shrine.

Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Brother Hiram P. Ball, a resident of Butler County, was installed Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brother Ball has been active in Freemasonry since he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 1940 in Harmony Lodge No. 429. He served as Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge in 1943.

In 1959, he became Warrant Master of the Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787.

In Grand Lodge, Bro. Ball has served as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Finance since 1958. He was the general chairman of the Grand Lodge Celebration of the Pittsburgh Bi-Centennial in 1959. He also served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 48.

Bro. Ball is President and Chairman of the Board of the Ball Chemical Company, Glenshaw; immediate Past President of Coatings Research Group, Inc.; Secretary and Treasurer of the Cleanola Company; Council Member of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh; and active in a list of other business and civic activities in the Pittsburgh area.

He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He is a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College.

Brother Ball was nominated in Boston in 1963 to be coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member.

He is married to the former Florence H. Campbell and they have three children. He is a member of Glade Run United Presbyterian Church.



Bro. Hiram P. Ball
R. W. Junior Grand Warden

R. W. Grand Master Announces Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

The following have been appointed Grand Lodge Officers by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master:

Senior Grand Deacon
WILLIAM E. YEAGER, JR.
Lodge No. 726, Warren

Junior Grand Deacon
W. FREDERICK WARREN
Lodge No. 340, Paoli

Grand Stewards
DELBERT D. DENNISTON
Lodge No. 727, New Castle
BENSON G. HENDERSON
Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh

Grand Marshal
RALPH W. TEMPLE
Lodge No. 380, Philadelphia

Grand Sword Bearer
ROBERT W. DIETRICH
Lodge No. 292, Frankford

Grand Pursuivant
WILLIAM H. DAVIS
Lodge No. 466, Olyphant

Grand Tyler
CHARLES HIGGINS
Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia

New Grand Chaplains
DR. DAVID J. WYNNE
Lodge No. 759, Pittsburgh
REV. BENJAMIN C. HOLEMAN
Lodge No. 339, Scranton

From Grand Secretary's Office

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implement the Grand Lodge program. Seven regional Workshops were held at which many phases of the program were thoroughly discussed. Many other activities were also mentioned.

All the Committee Reports will be printed, in full, in the 1963 Proceedings.

A Resolution was adopted, as recommended by the Committee on Masonic Homes, whereby the Borough of Elizabethtown was granted an easement covering the installation of an additional sewer line on the property of the Masonic Homes. The Masonic Homes may connect into this sewer, if necessary.

Announcement was made that during the past fiscal year Grand Lodge had received Bequests and Gifts totaling slightly more than \$532,000.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, called upon Bro. Horace D. Carl, M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, to speak for the Distinguished Guests. Bro. Carl, an eloquent and gifted speaker, responded in a most inspiring manner.

Bro. McKinley outlined some of the accomplishments during the past year. His complete Report will be printed in the Proceedings.

Officers Installed

In accordance with ancient custom, the Grand Lodge Officers who had been elected at the December Quarterly Communication were separately installed at high-noon.

Bro. Max F. Balcom, R. W. Past Grand Master, in an impressive manner, presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel, Apron and Gavel to Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, the newly installed R. W. Grand Master, outlined his objectives for 1964. His complete address will be in the Proceedings.

Bro. Herold announced the appointment of the following new District Deputy Grand Masters:

	Lodge	District
Bro. Paul G. Gilmore	106	18
Bro. Oscar Dean Shoup	429	26
Bro. J. Harold Clayton	750	30
Bro. Evan H. Boden	382	33
Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr.	298	36
Bro. James A. Wieland	757	48
Bro. Franklin L. Broman	714	49

Grand Lodge closed at 2:00 P.M.

Faternally,

Ceshly B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary

Bro. Earl F. Herold Now Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons

Bro. Earl F. Herold was installed as Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on December 27, 1963, succeeding Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley of Philadelphia, who served as Grand Master for two years.

Bro. Herold is a native son of Butler, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of West Sunbury Academy in Butler County and also a graduate of Duffs Iron City College of Pittsburgh in 1912. Bro. Herold retired in 1961 as Vice-president and Director of the Butler Savings and Trust Company after 47 years of service. He serves on the Advisory Committee of the Butler Office of the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, with which the Butler Savings and Trust Company merged in 1961.

Extremely active in civic, welfare, and commercial activities in Butler, Bro. Herold is a member and a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Butler, a former Director and Treasurer of the Butler Chamber of Commerce; active in the Red Cross and Community Chest, and served as Area Chairman of the Cancer Society for nine counties in Western Pennsylvania. He is a life-long member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler, where he is a member of the Men's Bible Class; a member of the Duquesne Club, City Farmers Club of Pittsburgh and the Butler Country Club.

Masonically, Bro. Herold has been a member of Butler Lodge No. 272 for more than 40 years, having served as Worshipful Master in 1924. He was appointed a District Deputy Grand Master for the 27th District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1951 and served in that capacity until December 27, 1957, when he was installed Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He is a Past High Priest of the Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 273; a trustee of the Butler Council No. 61 and a Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery No. 87, in which he served as Recorder for 33 years. He is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in New Castle and Pittsburgh, and in 1951 was coroneted an Honorary Thirty-third Degree Mason. He also is a life-member of Syria Temple Shrine in Pittsburgh and a member of the Red Cross of Constantine and Royal Order of Scotland.



Bro. Max F. Balcom, P.G.M., right, presents a Past Grand Master's Jewel to Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley at the Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1963.

Seven District Deputy Grand Masters Named

Seven new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master. They include:

Bro. Paul George Gilmore, 18th Masonic District, vice Bro. J. N. Nekomor. Bro. Gilmore lives in Williamsport and is a newspaper editor.

Bro. Oscar Dean Shoup, 26th Masonic District, vice Bro. Francis D. McPheeters. Bro. Shoup lives in Evans City and is an assistant cashier with the Citizens National Bank.

Bro. J. Harold Clayton, 30th Masonic District, vice Bro. Otho H. Dunlap. Bro. Clayton lives in Jeannette and is a tabulating supervisor with the Alliot Company.

Bro. Evan Harold Boden, 33rd Masonic District, vice Bro. Harrison T. Beardsley. Bro. Boden is a research and design engineer, living in Emporium.

Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr., 36th Masonic District, vice Bro. Walter L. Moore. Bro. Cottrell is a resident of Media and a senior cost analyst for the Philadelphia Electric Company.

Bro. James Anderson Wieland, 48th Masonic District, vice Bro. Hiram P. Ball. Bro. Wieland lives in Pittsburgh and is the Recorder for Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Bro. Franklin L. Broman, 49th Masonic District, vice Bro. Elmer E. Mears. Bro. Broman is a resident of Clairton and is a foreman there with the United States Steel Corporation.

Special Meeting and Testimonial Banquet Honors Grand Master

More than 600 Masons attended the 27th Masonic District Testimonial Banquet honoring Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, held January 11, 1964, in Butler, Pa.

Prior to the banquet, the R. W. Grand Master and his officers were received at a Special Meeting held by Butler Lodge, No. 272.

The Special Meeting and Testimonial Banquet were arranged as a homecoming and reception for Bro. Herold, a Past Master of Butler Lodge.

Seventy-five Grand Lodge officers accompanied the Grand Master, including six of the eight Past Grand Masters. All of the elected officers of Frankford Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia, the Lodge of Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, immediate Past Grand Master, made the trip across the state to be present at this memorable occasion.

600 Attend 1st of 9 Statewide Workshops

The first of ten Masonic Workshops scheduled for this year, was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Saturday, January 18, 1964. Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, Secretaries and Chairmen of Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture from fifteen Masonic Districts in the Greater Philadelphia area attended.

The more than 600 assembled in Corinthian Hall at 2:15 P.M., where they were greeted by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R.W. Grand Master. Following this combined meeting, all went to their respective Workshops as follows:

The Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens joined in a Workshop conducted by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

The Lodge Secretaries retired to a room and shared in a Workshop under the direction of Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Chairmen of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture conducted a Workshop under the direction of Bro. William E. Yeager, P. G. M., and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

Additional Masonic Workshops are being scheduled for Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Scranton, Coudersport, Allentown, New Castle, Williamsport and Altoona.

Question & Answer Booklet Available

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 Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., 19107.

In Memoriam

George Herman Deike

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

Pennsylvania Masonry lost one of its most dedicated brethren when death came to George Herman Deike on July 16, 1963. Here was a brother who lived and worked Freemasonry for nearly 60 years, having labored at his Masonic profession to be elected Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1948 and 1949. As a Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Bro. Deike continued his tireless efforts for Freemasonry and to the time of his death served as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

But, to Bro. Deike, his Masonic duties extended even farther. No greater tribute can be recalled than a paragraph from the eulogy in Grand Lodge:

"To every cause that he espoused, he gave unstintingly of his time, his effort and his substance. High on the list of those causes was his beloved Masonic fraternity. This Grand Lodge can testify to his generosity, in which his wife heartily joined him, especially toward our Guests at Elizabethtown. The beautiful auditorium there, which bears his name, is tangible evidence of that generosity, and our Grand Lodge records abound with gifts which Bro. and Mrs. Deike unostentatiously made over the years. . . . The fine organ at the Homes in Elizabethtown is yet another example of his generosity."

Bro. Deike was graduated in 1903 from Pennsylvania State University earning a degree of Bachelor of Science from its School of Mines. Pennsylvania State University earned much of Bro. Deike's attention for he served his Alma Mater in later years as a Trustee, President of the Board of Trustees and finally President Emeritus of the Board.

Professionally, Bro. Deike followed his mining career in Pennsylvania and Ohio in the early years, then entered the United States Bureau of Mines as a mining engineer. This was the foundation for his many years of interest in mining safety and the basis for his forming a business, in association with the late John T. Ryan, Sr., known as Mine Safety Appliances Company.

Bro. Deike was a member of most every body affiliated with Freemasonry. He was Coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, September 24, 1947, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He began his Grand Lodge career with his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master in 1938.

The life of George Herman Deike was a full life. His interests were in many areas, but all had the common denominator of benefiting his fellow men. It would take a text to adequately report the accomplishments of Bro. Deike, but "Truly, the world is the better for George Deike having lived."



John Augustus Lathwood

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master



The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has lost a dedicated Mason in the death of Bro. John Augustus Lathwood, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master. The successful businessman, fine churchman and outstanding Mason died on September 17, 1963, at the age of 88.

Bro. Lathwood was born in Pittsburgh on November 9, 1874, and was graduated from Central High School.

He had been an ardent churchworker through the years as a member of Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh. During his activities in the church, Brother Lathwood had been a choir boy, Sunday School superintendent, vestryman and a member of his church Chapter, or governing body.

Bro. Lathwood was a member of the Episcopal Diocesan Council; he was vice president and lay evangelist in the Laymen's League, and was elected many times as a delegate to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of USA, meeting triennially.

Bro. Lathwood was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 219 on October 26, 1900. He served St. John's Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1911.

He withdrew from St. John's Lodge when Pittsburgh's present temple was dedicated and he helped to form Temple Lodge No. 678.

In 1933, Bro. Otto R. Heiligman, Right Worshipful Grand Master, named Bro. Lathwood to be his Grand Sword Bearer. In 1937, Bro. Lathwood was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. In 1941, he was elected Right Worshipful Grand Master and served during the difficult first two years of World War II.

Bro. Lathwood was most active in both York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies. He was exalted in Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter in 1902 and served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1911. He was a Royal and Select Master in Mt. Moriah Council and received the Order of Knighthood in Pittsburgh Commandery, Knights Templar, on April 24, 1903. He was elected Eminent Commander in 1922, at which time he directed a grandiose Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration. As part of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh, he served as Sovereign Prince of the Pennsylvania Council of Princes of Jerusalem in 1910 and as Treasurer of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh from 1918 to 1957.

Bro. Lathwood was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, on September 16, 1919, at Philadelphia.

William E. Yeager Heads G. L. Committee On Masonic Culture

Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master, has been appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture by the R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Yeager, a Past Master of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, of Warren, Pa., served as Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania in 1950 and 1951. He served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture from 1954 through 1959.

It was in his first year as Chairman that The Pennsylvania Freemason was conceived and the first issue published. It was during those six years from early 1954 through 1959 that many of the present booklets and pamphlets used in our Masonic Culture program were adopted.

A dynamic personality, Bro. Yeager's life has been one of constant service to his fellow men. His activities include positions of responsibility in YMCA work, in Scouting, Chamber of Commerce, service organizations, professional groups, the First Lutheran Church of Warren, and an endless list of Masonic affiliations. He was one of the founders of The Community Consumer Discount Company of Warren, Pa., he is now its president and treasurer.

His zealous participation in many worthy endeavors, especially Freemasonry, attest to the numerous recognitions and honors he has received in his full life. Active on many Grand Lodge Committees, his dedication to the cause of Freemasonry is reflected in the many offices and assignments he has and is still performing in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies. He was Coroneted an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°, in 1934 and was elected an Active Member for Pennsylvania in 1949.

Other members of Bro. Yeager's Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture include:

Bro. William E. Montgomery, Camp Hill, Vice-Chairman, member of Lodge No. 756 and Grand Recorder of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania.

Bro. W. Frederick Warren, Paoli, a



Bro. Yeager, P.G.M.

member of Lodge No. 340 and Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Irvine Wiest, Shamokin, a member of Lodge No. 255, and Most Excellent Grand King of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Paul C. Rodenhauer, York, a member of Lodge No. 286 and Right Eminent Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Blaine F. Fabian, West Lawn, Reading, now serving as Senior Warden of Lodge No. 665.

The seventh member of the Committee will be announced at a later date.

Bro. William A. Carpenter, Librarian and Curator for the Grand Lodge, a member of Lodge No. 236, has been appointed Editor of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Philadelphia Site of Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave

The 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be held in Philadelphia, August 22 to 27, 1964. Extensive plans for the meeting are being prepared under the supervision of a general committee of which Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, of Aliquippa, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, is honorary chairman, and of which Raymond F. Hoffmann, P.G.C. and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, of Pittsburgh, is among the members. Details of the program are being planned by 21 local committees composed largely of Brethren from the Philadelphia area.

The 49th will be only the second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in Philadelphia in the 148 years of its existence, and only the third to be held in this state.

Grand Encampment is noted for its two charities, the Educational Loan Fund, for students, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Grand Encampment which will meet in August in Philadelphia has risen from lowly beginnings 148 years ago to become the largest and finest organization of Knights Templar in the world, with 1628 constituent and subordinate Commanderies consisting of 318,500 members. Philadelphia is eagerly waiting to give them a Mason's welcome.

Distinguished Masons Attend Communication Of Grand Chapter

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, marking the end of its 168th year and 205 years of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, was held December 5, 1963, in Philadelphia, with 115 Chapters represented by 220 Companions.

Distinguished guests from the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia were received and welcomed. In addition, Companions Marvin Fowler, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland; Sydney Southby, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania; Paul C. Rodenhauer, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Raymond F. Hoffmann, Grand Treasurer, and John W. Laird, Grand Recorder, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, were also received.

Companion W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master; Earl F. Herold, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; John K. Young, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Ralph W. Temple, Grand Marshal, of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, took time out from the closing days of a Masonic administration to visit Grand Chapter. They were accompanied by Companions William E. Yeager, Albert T. Eyler and Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Masters. Companion Yeager was also received as one of the Active Members of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., representing that body and the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation. Companion McKinley delivered a splendid message to Grand Chapter.

The annual election of Grand Chapter resulted in the re-election of the following:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
RALPH J. FOGLE of Corry

Most Excellent Grand King
W. IRVINE WIEST of Shamokin

Most Excellent Grand Scribe
ARTHUR R. DIAMOND of Philadelphia

Most Excellent Grand Treasurer
DANIEL E. ROBERTS of Bala-Cynwyd

Most Excellent Grand Secretary
JOHN C. KITSELMAN of Philadelphia