



The George Washington Bible, opened at the page on which Bro. George Washington rested his hand when he took the Oath of Office as President of the United States of America on April 30, 1789. This precious book will be shown to the public for the first time at the Masonic Center sponsored by the Masons of New York State at the World's Fair. Included in the endless list of rare Masonic items on display in this Masonic Center are several items on loan from the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Reading and Research Always Recommended

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will lend itself to investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated and accepted.

The man who merely takes the degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and who remains a mere spectator at Lodge meetings, and then considers the customary refreshments after Lodge is closed as the best part of the proceedings, may well think that Freemasonry differs very little from other organizations.

On the other hand, the Member who

delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes an interest in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, attempts to learn the origin and meaning and moral bearing of the symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him, Freemasonry has refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations or societies.

To bring this type of influence to bear on every Member of the Craft, and to direct them to the systematic study of Freemasonry, should be the great aim of every true Master Mason who has the welfare of the Fraternity and his Brethren at heart.

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Questions & Answers

Question: How did Operative Masonry develop into Speculative Masonry?

Answer: Beginning about 1600, men of prominence in other lines of work who were not particularly interested in architecture and building, became members of some of the lodges of Operative Masons and finally assumed leadership therein. They used the tools, language and principles of Operative Masonry to teach the rules of life.

Question: What was the original code of laws in early English Masonry?

Answer: The Constitutions of 1723 compiled by James Anderson. This was followed by a revised edition in 1738.

Question: What was the Ahiman Rezon?

Answer: The Constitution of the Ancient Grand Lodge as compiled by Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary. The name is Hebrew in origin, but has no true and concise equivalent, although it was supposed to mean "A Help to a Brother." It is the name for the Book of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

Question: Who was the first Provincial Grand Master in America?

Answer: Daniel Coxe who was appointed in 1730 for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Question: What are the qualifications of a petitioner for Freemasonry?

Answer: That he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being by whatever name He may be called. That he applies for initiation and membership of his own free will and accord. That he is recommended by two Master Masons, Members of the Lodge to which he desires to petition. That he is of good character. He must, of course, be a man, freeborn, and of mature age.

Question: Is the Masonic Fraternity a secret society?

Answer: It is not. A secret society is one which does not openly acknowledge its existence, keeps its membership secret and meets in secret. Masonry has some secrets but as an organization is well known to the general public.

Question: What does "So mote it be" mean?

Answer: "Amen" or "So may it be." These are the last words in the Regius Poem, the oldest of the so-called Old Constitutions dating from approximately 1395.

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.

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Family and Church Emphasized In New Decisions of Grand Master

Cornerstone Is Placed And New Lodge Room Dedicated at Kane, Pa.

One of the most important obligations of a Mason is his family.

Equally important is his obligation to church and country.

In Freemasonry we weld these three obligations into our fraternalism, which has as its basic teaching, "The Brotherhood of Man Under the Fatherhood of God."

This being our belief, then it becomes our duty to do everything within our power to strengthen family relationships, and to provide what tools we can to create a Masonic understanding in the daily lives of our families.

First, we must encourage Masons—and their families—to take part in the religion of their own choice.

Freemasonry is religious in that it teaches monotheism; the Holy Bible is open upon its altars whenever a Lodge is in session. Reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial, and its Brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality. Yet it is not sectarian or theological.

In an effort to encourage Masons to attend church, I have issued Decision No. 807 in the Digest of Decisions, which permits Masonic Lodges to attend church services as Masons, and to so announce in Lodge Notices.

Now, in a further effort to strengthen family ties in Freemasonry, I have issued Decision No. 238-D, which states:

"Members of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are hereby permitted to attend meetings, dinners, banquets, entertainments, installations and similar occasions held or sponsored by the Order of the Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters, whether such occasions are closed or open to the general public. Members of Lodges may also address such occasions, provided that prior, written



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

approval of the Grand Master has been obtained in each instance.

"Members of our Lodges may also attend dinners, banquets, entertainments, installations and similar occasions of other female organizations, membership in which is based upon Masonic affiliation, provided such events are open to the general public. Members of our Lodges may address such affairs only upon the specific, written approval of the Grand Master in each instance.

"All Decisions or rulings that may appear inconsistent with Decision No. 238-D are hereby amended."

This Decision was not issued on the spur of the moment. It was given serious consideration and thought over a long period.

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Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers, laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Hall in Kane, Pa., at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Saturday, April 18, 1964, and then dedicated the new Lodge Room that same evening.

The area in front of the building was set up similar to a Lodge Room and the ceremonies for the cornerstone laying were open to the public. At 5:00 o'clock p.m., a banquet was held, for the Freemasons attending the cornerstone laying, in the cafeteria of the Kane Area Union Joint High School. Following the banquet, the new Lodge Room was dedicated in ceremonies beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The officers of the seven Lodges in the 22nd Masonic District, located in Bradford, Smethport, Duke Center, Eldred, Mount Jewett and, of course, Kane were present and had appropriate places in the Lodge Room during the meeting.

The building was constructed by Thomas Askey, a contractor from Conneautville. It is similar to the Colonial style of the four suggested in the Grand Lodge program for new Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. The overall floor space of the building is 5,766 square feet. In addition to the Lodge Room which is 25 feet by 51 feet in dimension, it contains a large dining room, lounge, office, kitchen, men's and women's rest rooms, adequate property rooms and hot water baseboard heating.

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Our Real Secrets

The real secrets of Freemasonry can be realized only in a Member's own heart. Perfect realization of Freemasonry is governed by a Mason's own conduct and habits of mind.

Merely receiving the Degrees in Freemasonry does not make a man a Freemason. The various Degrees do, however, point and direct the way and provide that way and means by which one can secure the most noble and valuable secrets of the Craft.

In reality, the Symbolic Degrees are the keys to the door and the Member must determine for himself whether or not he will pursue the ways that open up those vast stores of wisdom preserved for those desirous, diligent and determined.

How to Arrange Special Meetings at Homes

Procedures are clearly defined to enable Lodges in scheduling Special Meetings at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., and to entertain their families at the Homes.

To conduct a Lodge meeting, a letter must first be written to the Superintendent of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., asking for a date on which the Lodge could schedule a meeting. After a date has been arranged at the Masonic Homes, it is then necessary for the Lodge to write to the Grand Master's Office, with the approval of the respective District Deputy Grand Master, to seek a Dispensation granting permission for the Lodge to meet outside of its own Lodge meeting place.

Quarterly Communication
To Be Held at New Castle

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, Pa., on Wednesday, June 3, 1964, beginning at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Daylight Saving Time.

All Lodges Receiving
Short Talk Bulletins

The Secretary and the Chairman of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in every Lodge in Pennsylvania receives each month a copy of the current Short Talk Bulletin published by the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

These Short Talk Bulletins are provided by our Grand Lodge as material for information and inspiration in the important work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

When received by the Lodge Secretary and the Chairman of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture these Short Talk Bulletins should be shared with the Brethren. They are the property of the Lodge and can become valuable tools for our over-all Masonic Culture program.

Nearly 500 Short Talk Bulletins have been published since 1923. There is a wealth of material in these booklets, all of which are kept in stock by the Masonic Service Association of Washington, D. C. Catalogs of the Short Talk Bulletins that have been published are available upon request.

When the Masonic Homes receives a copy of the Dispensation, details relative to the Rules and Regulations for the Use of the Masonic Temple at Elizabethtown will be sent to the Lodge desiring to meet there.

In addition, the Superintendent will provide the names and addresses of two caterers who may be contacted by the Lodge to provide refreshments after the meeting.

If families are to join the Brethren on a trip to Elizabethtown, arrangements can be made for showing motion pictures in the auditorium. A charge is made for the film rental, equipment use, etc. All details on custodian, parking and other services will be supplied to a Lodge upon request.

Grand Master's Message

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Further, I had no intention to change our law in regard to becoming members of the so-called "ladies' organizations" that have Masonic affiliation as a membership requirement.

I am sure the majority of our ladies will agree with this. They cannot become members of our Masonic Lodges. And, according to our law, we cannot become members of their organizations.

However, now Masons can join their wives and daughters in many of the activities that have been denied them in the past. I feel sure this Decision will meet with the approval of the majority of our Members. I know it will increase the opportunities for Masonic families to be together.

In the first four months as Grand Master, I have had to face many situations, most of them very pleasant.

I have made a sincere effort to encourage Masonic Lodges to plan church visitations, to hold family programs, and to improve Lodge attendance by improving Lodge programs.

In an all-out effort to assist Masonic Lodges, we are conducting Masonic Workshops throughout the state. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary and Chairmen of Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture are urged to attend.

This program will not be concluded until next fall, but the start has been good and we have had better than a 90 per cent attendance at the first three Workshops, in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

It is my belief that we must have inspired leadership, sound plans and renewed dedication if we expect to see Freemasonry continue to grow—if we are to attract young men into our Fraternity.

Freemasonry is a relationship of kindred souls—dedicated to sincere understanding for the benefit of all humanity—bound together by an all-pervading love of one Father, the Creator of Life and Master Craftsmen.

Freemasonry functions like a great balance wheel. It lends stability to human life. It gives purpose to the human mind, and it gives assurance to the human heart.

It has lived through many ages—and it will grow through many more.

It secures for men today a new significance of life for those who seek the Truth.

Fraternally yours,
Earl F. Herold
R. W. Grand Master

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

March Quarterly Communication

The March Quarterly Communication was unusually well attended with 600 Brethren present, many of whom had witnessed the Ritualistic Work which had been exemplified the previous evening.

A letter of appreciation was received from the Grand Lodge of Turkey which had been extended fraternal recognition recently by our Grand Lodge.

The Committee on By-Laws offered resolutions, which were adopted, whereby a full code of By-Laws of one Lodge and the amendments proposed by eleven Lodges were approved. The proposed amendment submitted by one Lodge was rejected.

Committee on Finance

Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Finance, not only reviewed the receipts and expenditures for the first fiscal Quarter, but also presented four Resolutions covering the sale of two properties and authorizing required registration of certain stocks. The Resolutions were separately approved.

Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, appealed to each Lodge to make full use of all the Masonic Culture material that is now available.

Guest Fund

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, announced that the Guest Fund had reached a new high, now totalling over \$248,000.

Reports were received covering the various meetings held in conjunction with the Grand Master's Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, late last February. These Reports are reviewed elsewhere in this Issue.

Patton School

Bro. William J. Wallace, Chairman of the Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, pointed out that there are only three such Masonic Schools for Boys in the United States. He requested that applications for next Fall's class be submitted as promptly as possible.

Two new Lodges were constituted during 1963, bringing the total up to 606 with a Membership, as of December 27, 1963, of 254,644.

1963 Membership Statistics

The preliminary Membership Statistics are as follows:

Membership Dec. 27, 1962 ..	256,133
Admitted during 1963	809
Initiated during 1963	5,662
	6,471
Suspended during 1963	1,384
Resigned during 1963	702
Deceased during 1963	5,874
	7,960
Decrease (net) for 1963 ...	1,489
Membership Dec. 27, 1963 ..	254,644

Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of Bro. Robert A. Spangler, who will be 104 years of age on June 2, 1964, and Bro. Alexander Alexander, who has been an employee in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia for 50 years.

Grand Lodge closed at 9:35 P.M.

Fraternally,
Cashly B. Paul
R. W. Grand Secretary

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54th Annual Meeting
Of National Memorial
Held at Kansas City

This year the 54th annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association of Alexandria, Va., was held in Kansas City, Mo. Without the added attraction of the Memorial, the meeting was confined to reports and discussions.

Contributions for the Memorial amounted to approximately \$169,250 of which \$49,000 was allotted to Maintenance, and \$105,250 was added to Endowment, increasing that fund to approximately two million dollars. A gift of \$15,000 was received from the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, which is one-third of the amount pledged by it to help create and furnish a museum room in conjunction with the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, one of our Past Grand Masters, was elected to the Board of Directors.

The Association will hold its 1965 meeting in the Memorial Building at Alexandria, Va., on February 22nd.

Sanford M. Chilcote
Named Chairman of
Committee on Finance

The following have been appointed to the Committee on Finance of Grand Lodge by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master:

- Chairman
BRO. SANFORD M. CHILCOTE, P.G.M.,
Lodge No. 548, Verona
- Vice Chairman
BRO. CHARLES H. NITSCH, P.G.M.,
Lodge No. 493, Philadelphia
- Secretary
BRO. ROBERT U. FREY
Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia
- BRO. ARCHIBALD W. NORMAN
Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia
- BRO. ARTHUR H. WILHARM
Lodge No. 676, Pittsburgh
- BRO. C. LESTER MATHIAS
Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg
- BRO. MAX F. BALCOM, P.G.M.
Lodge No. 382, Emporium

The R. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and R. W. Junior Grand Warden also serve on this Committee.



Bro. Charles S. Baker, Jr., of the Library and Museum Staff, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, selecting one of the many Masonic books available for Pennsylvania Masons to borrow, free-of-charge from our Grand Lodge Circulating Library.

Many Masonic Books Available in Grand Lodge Circulating Library

Our new 32-page Circulating Library brochure, containing the rules, regulations and listings of over 200 Masonic books now available for Masons of Pennsylvania Lodges to borrow, is now ready for distribution.

The Masonic books available are classified in sixteen groups and a brief description of each book is given to assist the borrower in locating the particular books of his choice.

Members of Pennsylvania Lodges may borrow books from the Circulating Library of Grand Lodge either in person or by mail. Two books are permitted at a time and may be held for a three-week period free of charge, except for the return postage, if needed.

This new Circulating Library brochure will be mailed upon request by writing to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

July 1st Is Deadline For Application to Patton School for Boys

The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys is located at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. It was established to provide opportunity, without cost or at nominal cost to the boy or his sponsor, for orphan boys to obtain a type of education designed to qualify for responsible citizenship.

The School offers two programs of study—the academic or college preparatory program and a vocational program which provides training in carpentry, electronics, and machine shop. Both programs, when successfully completed, qualify the boy for a high school diploma. The success of the school's graduates attests to the fine quality of the school's program.

To be admitted, a boy must qualify as follows—an orphan; 14–18 years of age; successful completion of not less than eighth grade; endorsed by the local Masonic Lodge; free from marked physical defects; evidence of good character. Orphans of Masons receive preference but non-Masonic orphans may also be admitted.

It is of the greatest importance that applications for admission be filed on or before July 1, 1964.

There is a decided advantage in presenting applications before July 1, 1964. Application forms may be obtained from David H. Stewart, Superintendent, Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

If you know of an eligible orphan boy interested in further education, immediate processing is necessary so that your Lodge can take action prior to the customary June "call-off."

who were accompanied by Bro. Ray H. Crane and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel.

Following the presentation of the dispensation by Bro. Scott S. Leiby, the following officers were installed: Bro. Albert A. Bauer, Thrice Potent Master; Bro. Mac Sanders, Deputy Master; Bro. John Morgan Davis, Senior Warden; Bro. Emanuel Iglesias, Junior Warden; Bro. George J. Trachtenberg, Treasurer, and Bro. Harold C. Sharp, Secretary.

This new Lodge of Perfection, 14°, is located in the Valley of Montgomery County, Pa.



Shown above are the elected officers of Grand Lodge, and include: Left to right, front: Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Senior Grand Warden. Left to right, rear: Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary; Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Does Your Lodge Need New Temple?

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master has said on many occasions that we should make our meeting places more attractive so that the public, particularly the kind of men we want as members, will have a better opinion of our fraternity. It has been an invariable experience that when new temples are built or when old ones have been remodeled or renovated, Lodge membership and attendance have increased and the whole tone of the Lodge has brightened and accelerated.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms acts as a clearing house between Lodges and the Grand Master for the building, remodeling, reconstructing or changing of Temples, Halls or Lodge Rooms. Also the Grand Lodge Committee must act on and approve the purchase of all land and old buildings to be used for Masonic purposes before the purchase is actually consummated.

A Lodge that is considering the possibility of building or remodeling should communicate through the District Deputy Grand Master to the

Grand Master's office and thereby secure the assistance of the Grand Lodge Committee, before any action is taken. By doing this your Lodge will save much time and expense and avoid many annoyances.

The Grand Lodge Committee will advise you in forming a Temple Association and adopting By-Laws and obtaining a charter for it. They will also advise you in connection with a fund raising plan and other actions so as to avoid costly mistakes. In addition, the Grand Lodge Committee will furnish, free of charge, detailed drawings and specifications for any one of four different sizes and types of Temples. These drawings may be followed with the advance assurance of Grand Lodge approval or they may be used as basic guides and approved variations made. In either case they will save your Lodge considerable expense.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee and, in order to better serve the lodges, the Right Worshipful Grand Master has appointed Co-Chairmen lo-

Seven New District Deputy Grand Masters Formally Presented

At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 31, 1964, Bro. Oscar Dean Shoup, District Deputy Grand Master of the 26th Masonic District; Bro. J. Harold Clayton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District; Bro. James A. Wieland, District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District, and Bro. Franklin L. Broman, District Deputy Grand Master of the 49th Masonic District, were formally presented to the Officers and Members of the Lodges in their respective Districts.

At a Special Meeting of George W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, held at Media, Pa., on February 7, 1964, on the occasion of an Informal Visitation of Grand Lodge, Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the 36th Masonic District, was formally presented to the Lodges in his District.

On the occasion of an Informal Visitation of Grand Lodge to the Special Meeting of Lodge No. 106, held at Williamsport, Pa., on February 8, 1964, Bro. Paul G. Gilmore District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District, was formally presented to the Lodges in his District.

At a Special Meeting of Emporium Lodge, No. 382, held at Emporium, Pa., on February 14, 1964, and during an Informal Visitation of Grand Lodge, Bro. Evan H. Boden, District Deputy Grand Master of the 33rd Masonic District, was formally presented to the Lodges in his District.

cated at Berwyn, Lemoyne and Beaver, for the Eastern, Central and Western territories respectively. In addition, there are four other Members on the Committee who, by training and experience, are especially qualified to render valuable advice and assistance.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master urges every Lodge that now meets in a dilapidated building or an unattractive neighborhood to consider the advantages of a new or a remodeled Temple. If your Lodge is in a position to seriously consider building or remodeling, a letter to the Grand Master's office through your District Deputy Grand Master is the proper first step.

Grand Masters of North America Hold Annual Conference

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was called to order on Thursday, February 20, 1964, at 9:30 A.M., in the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo., the first time the Conference met outside of Washington, D. C., since 1926.

The Grand Masters' Conference has a most interesting history. The Conferences held in the 19th Century were in fact the forerunners of the current series of Conferences. Two Conferences of Grand Masters were held in 1909 and it is of interest to us to note that the first was called by Bro. George B. Orlady, then Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in June of that year. The first of the current series of Conferences met in Chicago in 1925 and again in 1926. From 1927 through 1963, the Conference was held in Washington, D. C. The general purpose of the Conference was defined in 1928 by the then Secretary of the Conference, Bro. J. Claude Keiper, as a meeting "for the exchange of views, for fellowship, for the development of the ties that bind us together."

At each Conference, a few of the Grand Masters are chosen to present papers on topics of interest. A history of the Conferences and a list of the papers presented by the various Grand Masters from 1925 to 1963 was compiled by Bro. Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, and published by The Masonic Service Association in September of 1963. (Bro. Hahn now serves as Executive Secretary of The Masonic Service Association.) This chronicle and its appendices are recommended as most interesting reading.

Those attending the 1964 Conference were welcomed in an address by Bro. Arthur U. Goodman, Jr., the Grand Master of Missouri, which was responded to by Bro. Harry Ostrov, the Grand Master of New York. Bro. Horace D. Carl, the Grand Master of New Jersey and Chairman of the Conference Committee, made his report as did the Executive Secretary, Bro. Samuel W. McIntosh, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia. The Conference then proceeded to the election of officers and Bro. John T. Rose, Jr., Grand Master of Florida, was elected Chairman and Bro. Arthur A. Osburn, Grand Master of Indiana, Vice Chairman.



Flanking Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, are Bro. Robert A. Spangler (left) a Member of York Lodge, No. 266, York, Pa., and Bro. Alexander Alexander of Conrad B. Day Lodge, No. 645, Philadelphia. Both of these Brethren were extended special recognition by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held March 4, 1964, in Philadelphia. Bro. Spangler, an active Member of his Lodge, will be 104 years old on June 2, 1964. Bro. Alexander, also an active Member of his Lodge, is to retire soon, after having been a faithful employee at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia for 50 years.

There were representatives from France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Belgium and Mexico. The morning session concluded with the keynote address by Bro. Colin B. Montis, the Grand Master of Ohio. After lunch, the Conference included the reports of the Chairman and of the Treasurer of the Commission on Information for Recognition and at approximately 3:00 P.M., the first of three subjects for discussion was introduced by Bro. Robert Clifford Levy, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and further elaborated on by Bro. Albert N. Bradford, Grand Master of Washington. The subject matter, broad in scope, was "WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE AHEAD FOR MASONRY?"

The Conference adjourned until Friday morning at which time the second subject for discussion was introduced by Bro. Ernest L. Poyner, Grand Master of Maryland, and further discussed by Bro. Frank Allen Smith, the Grand Master of Arkansas. The subject matter was "HOW MAY WE OVERCOME THE PASSIVE AND COMPLACENT AT-

TITUDE OF SO MANY OF THE CRAFT?". The balance of the morning was devoted to a discussion of "WHAT IS THE MOST DESIRABLE SIZE OF A MASONIC LODGE AND HOW MAY WE ATTAIN IT?". This was introduced by Bro. George Bradford Ward, Grand Master of New Hampshire, and was concluded by a further discussion by Bro. Ben W. Graybill, Grand Master of Kansas. A recess was declared until 2:00 P.M., at which time the Committee on Time and Place reported that the 1965 Conference would again be held in Washington, D. C. A summary of the papers presented would be difficult for all were lengthy. The minutes of the Conferences and the papers presented can be read in the Grand Lodge Library at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

From all of the discussions held at the 1964 Conference, it would appear that there are no problems confronting Freemasonry today which cannot be met and overcome by developing enthusiastic and able leadership for our Blue Lodges.

Triennial Conclave Set for Philadelphia August 22nd to 27th

The City of Philadelphia will be the target for a friendly invasion of thousands of Knights Templar from representative sections of the nation August 22-27 when the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America convenes for its 49th Triennial Conclave.

Presiding over the Grand Encampment sessions will be Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Aliquippa, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Sir Knight Moore, long a leader of York Rite Masonry and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member, will be completing his final year of a three-year term as Most Eminent Grand Master.

Headquarters for the Triennial Conclave will be the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, with all sessions of the Grand Encampment scheduled in the hotel's Main Ballroom. The list of Triennial highlights will include a Templar Parade Saturday evening, August 22nd, at 7:00 P.M. over the downtown streets of Philadelphia, culminating at Independence Square where the reviewing stand will be located. Sir Knight G. Wilbur Bell, Illinois, the Right Eminent Grand Captain General, is Grand Marshal for the parade.

The August 23rd Divine Service will be held in Convention Hall at 4:00 P.M. under the leadership of Sir Knight and Reverend G. Mason Cochran, D.D., Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, Grand Prelate, who will deliver the sermon.

The Triennial Conclave Committee members under the local Chairman, Sir Knight George A. Williams, Past Grand Commander, and the Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee, Sir Knight Earl T. Armesy, Ohio, have been working for several years to provide outstanding Triennial events in 1964.

Sir Knight Moore particularly emphasizes the importance and value of the Saturday parade. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment exhorts all Sir Knights to "let the sound of many marching feet and the echo of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' ring clear and true around Independence Hall. With sword, plume and helmet, let us stand up and be counted."



Bro. Paul Miller Moore
Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of United States of America

Suggested Books for Your Masonic Library

The following is a suggested list of books for establishing your own Masonic Library. Although this list is but a fraction of the Masonic books available, it represents those found most popular and which may readily be obtained without great expense:

The Holy Bible
Mackey's Encyclopedia (Three Volumes)
Little Masonic Library (Five Volumes)
The Builders—Newton
Introduction to Freemasonry—Claudy
Masonic Jurisprudence—Mackey
Symbolism of the Three Degrees—Street
Beginning of Freemasonry in America—Johnson
Symbolism—Mackey
Old Tiler Talks—Claudy
Short Talks on Masonry—Newton
Great Teachings of Masonry—Haywood
Freemasonry in the Thirteen Colonies—Tatsch
Freemasonry, Its Hidden Meaning—Steinmetz
Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry (Two Volumes)—Oliver

Our Grand Lodge Library does not sell the books listed above but will advise on where these books may be purchased upon request.

Another suggestion for your personal Masonic Library are books that have been published by the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania and are available for purchase. This listing will also be provided upon request.

Grand Secretaries' Conference Held At Kansas City, Mo.

The thirty-sixth Annual Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was held in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 20 and 21, 1964, with most of the Grand Lodges represented.

After the usual Committee and business reports had been received and approved, papers were presented and fully discussed on the following subjects:

1. Masonic Trials: How, when, where and by whom should they be conducted?

Presented by
Bro. Andrew J. White, Jr., Ohio

2. Should uniform Forms to be used in Requests for Courtesy Degrees, Requests for Demits, Transfer of Membership, Requests for Waiver of Jurisdiction, be encouraged by action of this Conference of Grand Secretaries?

Presented by
Bro. Charles T. Sherman, Michigan

3. The Problem of the Sojourning Mason

Presented by
Bro. Archer B. Gay, Virginia

4. Should the Masonic Funeral Service be revised to meet the requirements of the present-day situation in view of the fact that fewer Officers and Members are providing the attention that should be given to this particular part of Masonic Procedure.

Presented by
Bro. Edward H. Rivers, Alberta

The following officers were unanimously elected and installed to serve for the ensuing year:

President . . Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach
Wisconsin

Vice President . . Bro. Henry F. Collins
South Carolina

Secretary-Treasurer
Bro. Dwight L. Smith, Indiana

The Grand Secretaries' Banquet was held on Friday evening, February 21, at which Bro. and Archbishop William L. Wright, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, delivered a most inspiring and enjoyable address.

The 1965 Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.