

# Historical Marker Placed Near the Masonic Temple at Chambersburg

On July 30, 1964, an impressive and inspiring ceremony marked the unveiling of an historical marker placed in front of the Masonic Temple, Chambersburg, Pa. The marker was placed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and carried the following inscription:

### MASONIC TEMPLE

Built 1823-1824. Oldest Pennsylvania building erected solely for Masonic use and now used exclusively for that purpose. Spared when Confederates burned town on July 30, 1864.

The Masonic Bodies that meet in this historic building include: George Washington Lodge, No. 143; General James Chambers Lodge, No. 801; George Washington Chapter, No. 176; George Washington Council, No. 66; Royal and Select Masters, and Continental Commandery, No. 56, Knights Templar.

Bro. Paul G. Pensinger, District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District, expressed his gratitude to the Commission for the erection of the marker, stating: "It stands as a symbol of the community."

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall be happy to advance the interest of the society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother.

—GEORGE WASHINGTON



Participants in ceremonies marking the unveiling of an historical marker near the Masonic Temple, Chambersburg, Pa., are (left to right) Bro. Paul G. Pensinger, District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District; Irwin Richman, Acting Curator of History of the State Historical and Museum Commission; Bro. James A. Strite and Bro. Horace M. Grayson, Trustees of George Washington Lodge, No. 143, and Bro. Thomas G. Burkey, immediate Past Master of George Washington Lodge, No. 143.

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## Questions & Answers

**Question:** Was Sir Winston Churchill a Master Mason?

**Answer:** Yes, Sir Winston Churchill was a Master Mason. He was initiated into Freemasonry as a young man but never took an active part. He was Entered in United Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, London, and received his Master Mason's Degree on March 25, 1902, in Rosemary Lodge, No. 2851, London.

**Question:** Is President Lyndon B. Johnson a Mason?

**Answer:** President Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree in Johnson City Lodge, No. 561, A. F. & A. M., Johnson City, Texas, on October 31, 1937. Although he was elected to receive all three Degrees, he never advanced beyond the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree.

**Question:** Is Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey a Master Mason?

**Answer:** Yes, Vice President Humphrey is a Master Mason. He is a Member of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, held at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Question:** What is the difference between a "square" and an "oblong square?"

**Answer:** A "square" is a rectangle with all four sides equal while an "oblong square" is a rectangle with two pairs of sides which may not be equal.

**Question:** Explain briefly the number of Masonic Lodges in Japan and what Grand Lodge Jurisdictions govern these Lodges.

**Answer:** There are a total of twenty-three Masonic Lodges in Japan with a total membership of approximately 3500. Fifteen of these Lodges are under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Japan; four are under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines; two under the Grand Lodge of Scotland; one under the Grand Lodge of England and one under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge of Japan is now in good fraternal relations with fifty-eight leading Grand Lodges of the world and is expected to be honored by others to follow, thanks to the worldwide Fraternity of Freemasonry.

**Question:** What is the total number of Freemasons in the lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodges of the World?

**Answer:** An approximate figure for this question would be six million Members.

**Question:** What would be the total membership of the forty-nine Grand Lodges of the United States of America?

**Answer:** The total membership of the forty-nine Grand Lodges of the United States is slightly more than four million which is two-thirds of the total population of Freemasons in the world.

**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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## Grand Master's Message

The Pennsylvania Freemason has afforded me a unique opportunity to discuss Freemasonry in Pennsylvania with all the Brethren in this Jurisdiction.

I have appreciated this opportunity to give you my ideas and to request your full cooperation on various Grand Lodge projects.

For instance, I urged Masons in Pennsylvania to contribute more than \$250,000 to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. This I am now assured will become a reality. I deeply appreciate your generosity. I will give a more detailed report in the next issue.

In this issue, I am foregoing my usual column in order that Pennsylvania Brethren will have the unusual opportunity of being the first to read an outstanding article, "A Factual View of Freemasonry," by Bro. Fred Pierce Corson, a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bishop of the Methodist Church of the Philadelphia area, and President of the World Methodist Council.

As President of the World Methodist Council, Bro. Corson has attained the summit of global Methodism and is the titular head of 50,000,000 Methodists throughout the world.

Bro. Corson was a delegate-observer to the Vatican Council in Rome.

Last year he was decorated by the King of Norway with the medal of the Order of St. Olav, and was the recipient of the Gourgas Medal, the highest honor of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

In 1963 he received the World Outlook Award, "Methodist of the Year," and was the first Protestant clergyman to receive an honorary degree from St. Joseph's College.

Bro. Corson is not a swivel chair leader; he has logged hundreds of thousands of miles representing the Methodist Church or the United States government.

It would not be possible in the space available to give all the accomplishments of Bro. Corson. However, I am deeply appreciative of the time he has taken to express his feelings about Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

*Earl F. Herold*

R. W. Grand Master

## A Factual View of Freemasonry

BY THE REV. BISHOP FRED PIERCE CORSON  
A Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania

Freemasonry has many friends and some enemies. Those who oppose it are to be found among Protestants, Catholics, atheists, fascists and communists. Much of the opposition is the result of half truths or untruths about Freemasonry. Many, especially among the Roman Catholics, are seeking a true image of Freemasonry and because they now see it as it really is, that is, not a "religion" or in opposition to any religion, are coming to appreciate it. One of the fine expressions of the new ecumenical movement is the united efforts of Freemasonry and the Knights of Columbus in human welfare projects.



Bro. Fred Pierce Corson  
Grand Chaplain

Freemasonry is not on trial except within itself. The abortive movements of the past to destroy Freemasonry when not inspired by unreasonable and illiterate emotionalism were made possible by movements within the world-wide Lodge which were a denial of the precepts of the Lodge. Among these were Masonic Jurisdictions which were humanistic and not theistic, and groups who used the Lodge to promote anti-clericalism rather than a common brotherhood. In fact, on the record, Freemasonry has been more sinned against than it has sinned.

Some very hopeful changes are coming about in the broadening and understanding of brotherhood which are causing all of us to take a new look at each other. When this takes places with Freemasonry, some new and better insights of appraisal and appreciation are bound to appear.

Freemasonry is not a religion. It has never claimed to be and has always corrected those of the brotherhood who unthoughtedly would say "Freemasonry is my religion." Freemasonry has always been a friend and ally of religion. Religious people have found a congenial fellowship within the Lodge and have not been embarrassed by what takes place there. In many respects, Freemasonry may be called

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## Founder of Famous "White Cane" Now A Mason Fifty Years

Bro. Robert C. Haven, a Member of Beta Lodge, No. 647, held at Wilkinsburg, Pa., proudly wears his new Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem recently presented to him.

Bro. Haven, 82 years of age and a retired safety executive, now lives in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was the one who conceived and founded the famous "White Cane," now a national symbol for the safety of blind persons walking near and across highways.

An impressive and touching ceremony took place recently when Bro. Glenn L. Alt, M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, accompanied by the Worshipful Master and several Officers and Members of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159 of Ann Arbor, was pleased to visit with Bro. Haven at his home and presented the gold Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem to him in behalf of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

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a religious institution owing its "origin and morality to the religious element." But this is something different from being a religion. A hospital can be a religious institution but not a religion.

Freemasonry is a patriotic fraternity. Its secrecy is not maintained in order that it might be subversive. In fact, all the "secrets" of Freemasonry are available to anyone who goes to the trouble of finding out about them. Just recently Catholic scholars have been invited to investigate Freemasonry as it relates to some of the positions taken by the Catholic Church and Masonic officials are cooperating through conferences and the provision of literature.

Contrary to the popular notion, especially among Catholics, Freemasonry is not anti-Catholic. It allows every member full freedom to exercise the right of private judgment in the fulfillment of his citizenship. Freemasonry took no position in the recent national election which would require a denominational preference for the Presidency of the United States. To be sure, some Masons opposed Mr. Kennedy because he was a Catholic but we do not condemn the Catholic church because some of its members are outspoken against what is taking place with the Protestants in the Vatican Councils.

Freemasonry teaches that the soul of man is eternal; that if a man dies he shall live again. Its whole code of morals, ethics, citizenship and brotherhood is based on that fact. When the ritual of the Lodge says that to be "received into Thine (God's) Everlasting Kingdom is the joy and the just reward of a pious and virtuous life," no defense of these words is needed because this is the Lodge's open belief regarding eternal life. Freemasonry rightly puts the requirement of membership on conduct and not "conversion" which is an experience of religion and not of fraternity.

The Masonic oath has been attacked as an unwarranted contract in brotherhood. The promise to observe the moral claims inviolate between brother Masons is, however, to be commended and not condemned. And treating secrets exchanged in trust and confidence with the integrity of the confessional is a practice which, if universally observed, would greatly improve human relations. An honorable man who voluntarily keeps a pact would also keep the oath taken in the court "to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Good Masons make good churchmen. Every clergyman can testify to the truth of this. They make loyal and sacrificing patriots. Our colonial history supplies the proof for this assertion. All Masons are not ardent church members but neither are all church members ardent for the church either. Yet the proof is clearly and abundantly evident that the Masonic Fraternity is an influence for good in personal and community life.

If we are going to judge Freemasonry or the church or any other institution of society on selected incidents only of its worst, what institution would survive condemnation? Out of such a presentation comes only quarreling and misrepresentation. Pope John XXIII called all people of good will "to forget the bitter quarrelings of the past" and to strive for better relations in the future. Often people of character and high mentality do not take the trouble to find out the facts before they condemn. Masonic conduct, ritual and precepts are available for any observer. They clearly prove that Freemasonry is not atheistic, nor is it a religion, nor does it deny the supernatural. The periods of governmental proscription have not been confined to edicts against Freemasonry nor do they prove Freemasonry to be worthy of ostracism. The Protestant Church has suffered from such mass hysteria politically induced and so has the Roman Catholic Church. And it would be difficult to prove Freemasonry's hostility to the church—any church—after Mr. Kennedy's election to the Presidency. So far as I know, no Mason was excommunicated for supporting President Kennedy's candidacy.

All of this leads me to say that God has given us a new opportunity to promote the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Heaven knows full well how much we need to do this. Let us not destroy each other's attempt and right to worship God and to strengthen our brotherhood through listening to unsubstantiated assertions, past shortcomings and current ignorance. Rather, let us prove worthy of each other's confidence even though we have different approaches to the fulfillment of our obligations to God and our fellow man by the improvement of ourselves and our institutions and by a union of our collective fraternal efforts when there are no Biblical prohibitions to prevent it.

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

### December Quarterly Communication

The December Quarterly Communication held on December 2, 1964, was very well attended with Corinthian Hall filled to overflowing.

Distinguished Guests were welcomed from Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Belgium, the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Scottish Rite, the Masonic Service Association, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Immediately after the presentation of our Guests, the annual election was held in Renaissance Hall. The present Grand Lodge Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes were re-elected to serve another term as follows:

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

Requests for fraternal recognition were received from the Grand Lodge of Austria and the Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso, Brazil, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

#### Committee Reports

The Committee on By-Laws presented its report including resolutions whereby the following were approved: Complete By-Laws of 1 Lodge  
Amendments proposed by 21 Lodges  
Amendments as revised by Committee for 1 Lodge.

The proposed amendment submitted by 1 Lodge was not approved.

The Committee on Finance reviewed the Budget Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1964, and presented the proposed Budget for the present fiscal year, indicating estimated Receipts and Expenditures of \$3,100,000. The proposed Budget was approved as submitted.

Brief reports were presented by the following Committees or Trustees: Masonic Culture, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Patton School, Masonic Temple, Pension Fund and Employment Bureau.



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

The complete reports will be printed in the Proceedings for 1964.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, called upon Bro. A. Neill Osgood, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, to represent and speak for the Distinguished Guests from the other Jurisdictions. Bro. Osgood responded eloquently and commented on our Fraternity and its challenges.

The Grand Master also introduced Bro. Daniel W. Hamm, who is the only living Warrant Member of Jordan Lodge No. 673 in Allentown. Bro. Hamm has served as Representative in Grand Lodge from the above Lodge for 46 years, and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge 50 years ago.

Grand Lodge closed at 3:10 P.M.

#### Annual Grand Communication

As St. John the Evangelist's Day fell on Sunday, the Annual Grand Communication was held on the following day, December 28, 1964.

Included in the attendance of approximately 250 Brethren, were Distinguished Guests from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Delaware, Indiana, Mississippi, Maine, Illinois, West Virginia, Ontario (Canada), Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Grand Encamp-

ment Knights Templar of the United States, and the Scottish Rite.

Lodge No. 346 was granted permission to receive and act upon a fourth petition for initiation and membership.

#### Committee Reports

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 304 was approved upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge adopted separate resolutions whereby fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Austria and Peru.

Bro. Richard A. Kern, Chairman of the above Committee, also presented a comprehensive report on the Sixth Conference of the Inter-American Masonic Confederation which was held in Lima, Peru.

Annual Reports were also presented by the following Committees: Future Planning for the Masonic Temple and other Properties in Philadelphia, Masonic Culture, General Relief, Almoners, Bursars and Stewards.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Homes, a resolution was adopted whereby authority was granted to transfer some radium and associated equipment from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to St. Joseph's Hospital at Lancaster.

The R. W. Grand Master called upon Bro. Irving E. Partridge, M. W. Grand Master of Connecticut, to speak for the Distinguished Guests. Bro. Partridge responded in a most gracious and inspiring manner.

Bro. Herold also presented Brothers Harry L. Martyn, William H. Cantwell, W. Irvine Wiest, John S. Royer and F. Parsons Kepler, Sr., each of whom made brief remarks.

#### Officers Installed

Promptly at high Noon, the Grand Lodge Officers who had been elected at the December Quarterly Communication were duly installed.

Bro. Herold announced the appointment of eight new District Deputy Grand Masters which are listed on Page 4 of this issue.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1:15 P.M.

Fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

R. W. Grand Secretary



Eight District Deputy Grand Masters Named

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

Bro. Joseph J. Myers, District "B," vice Bro. Rochester B. Woodall. Bro. Myers resides in Havertown, Pa., and is an industrial engineer in building maintenance of The Atlantic Refining Company, Philadelphia.

Bro. Wallace H. Alexander, 2nd Masonic District, vice C. Lester Mathias. Bro. Alexander lives in Harrisburg and is owner of the H. B. Alexander & Sons, Inc., contracting firm.

Bro. Forrest W. Hunt, 9th Masonic District, vice Bro. David C. Adams. Bro. Hunt lives in Northampton and is cashier and trust officer of the Cement National Bank.

Bro. William Brady Hetrick, 19th Masonic District, vice Bro. Richard A. Rosenberry. Bro. Hetrick lives in Lewistown. He is a salesman and member of State House of Representatives.

Bro. John D. Haines, Jr., 21st Masonic District, vice Bro. William M. Townsend. Bro. Haines, residing in Curwensville, is a registered engineer and superintendent of North American Refractories Company for mining operations.

Bro. Robert Batto, 37th Masonic District, vice Bro. Jonas Cordingley. Bro. Batto lives in Rochester, Pa., and is a commercial photographer.

Bro. Guy E. Walker, 41st Masonic District, vice Orland A. Kipp. Bro. Walker lives in Somerset and is President and manager of the Somerset Thrift Finance Company.

Bro. John L. McCain, 55th Masonic District, vice Joseph McChesney. Bro. McCain is a former vice-president in charge of production for the Hachmeister, Inc., of Pittsburgh.

Questions & Answers Booklet Is Still 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, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107.



Bro. Charles S. Baker, Jr., of the Library and Museum Staff, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is shown "pulling out" several Masonic books ordered by the Brethren from our Grand Lodge Circulating Library. This special service is available to all Pennsylvania Masons who may borrow two Masonic books at a time, free of charge, from the more than 250 Masonic titles listed in the new Circulating Library Brochure also free upon request.

Many Masonic Books Are Available In Grand Lodge Circulating Library

Our new 32-page Circulating Library brochure, containing the rules, regulations and listings of over 250 Masonic books now available for Masons of Pennsylvania Lodges to borrow, is available for distribution in quantities to Lodges.

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.

The following is another partial listing of the many available and highly recommended books for Freemasons to read:

- The Story of The Craft ..... Vibert
- The Newly-Made Mason ..... Haywood
- Brother and Builders ..... Newton
- The Speculative Mason ..... MacBride
- English Speaking Masonry ..... Robbins
- The Cathedral Builders ..... Scott
- Masonic Symbolism ..... Hunt
- The Genesis of Freemasonry ..... Knoop
- Hand to Back ..... Staurt
- Masonic Harvest ..... Claudy
- Short Readings in Masonic History .. Tatsch
- The Story of Freemasonry ..... Sibley
- Washington, the Man and Mason .. Callahan
- Concise History of Freemasonry .... Gould

- Jurisprudence of Freemasonry .... Mackey
- Religion of Freemasonry ..... Whympier
- History of Cryptic Rite ..... Macoy
- Military Lodges ..... Gould
- Beginnings of Freemasonry in America ..... Johnson

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.

Charity Above All

Freemasonry is by no means a finished product. Its history is still unwritten. It is the process of growth and development, and so it must ever continue until sympathy shall blossom, hatred die away, prejudice disappear and charity possess the earth.

ANOTHER REMINDER

Contributions to the "Guest Fund" appeal for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., are in excess of \$246,000.00 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, 1965, the closing date of this annual appeal.

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

Masonic Cultures Workshops Held In Shenandoah and Danville Areas

Masonic Culture Workshops recently conducted at Shenandoah and Danville were well attended and, from all reports, have been most successful.

In accordance with the R. W. Grand Master's pleasure that Workshops be held on a District level, Bro. Thomas F. Becker, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in the 58th Masonic District, arranged for a Masonic Culture Workshop held in the Masonic Hall, Shenandoah, Pa. Over 70 of the Brethren, including Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Committees on Masonic Culture of the eight Lodges in the 58th Masonic District attended.

The Masonic Culture Workshop conducted in Danville on January 25, 1965, was a joint effort of two Masonic Districts. Bro. W. Jack Lewis, District Chairman for the 35th Masonic District, and Bro. Charles F. Snyder, District Chairman for the 46th Masonic District, arranged for this particular Workshop. Over 85 of the Lodge Officers and Members of the Lodge Committees of the Lodges in these two Masonic Districts attended this Workshop.

These Masonic Culture Workshops are now being conducted on a week-day evening and take approximately three hours. The sessions afford an excellent opportunity to discuss the Masonic Culture program, exchange

ideas and experiences and distribute materials used in this program.

Similar Masonic Culture Workshops are soon to be conducted in the 6th Masonic District, the 40th Masonic District in March. Plans are in the making for Workshops in the Harrisburg and Hazleton areas, Allentown, Delaware County and Chester County.

It is the hope and desire that other Districts will give consideration to this activity and arrange similar Workshops. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture will cooperate and participate in every way possible.

Past Master 63 Years

Bro. Earl H. Beshlin, 94 years of age and still active as an attorney at law, has the distinction of being a Past Master for 63 years.

Bro. Beshlin was Entered in North Star Lodge, No. 241, held at Warren, Pa., and served as Worshipful Master in 1902.

The men of First Presbyterian Church of Warren recently honored Bro. Beshlin with a testimonial dinner. He has been active in the local church since 1892.



Bro. Earl H. Beshlin

36th Masonic District Has Active Visitation Between Its Lodges

The "Wayfarers" of the 36th Masonic District have a most active and closely-knit organization.

For many years several of the Lodges in and around Delaware County have enjoyed an organization for the purpose of visitations between the respective Lodges and other fraternal activities.

Meeting at the earliest date possible in the year, the Worshipful Masters of the 36th Masonic District and several neighboring Lodges get together and arrange a visitation schedule between their Lodges for the balance of the year.

When the visitation schedule is completed a folder is printed carrying the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of each Lodge and the dates of the respective visitations. Also listed are the dates of the annual banquets of each Lodge with an effort to avoid conflicting dates.

Another highlight in the year's activity of the "Wayfarers" is an annual Noontime luncheon of the Worshipful Masters, the Worshipful Masters-elect and past officers of each lodge on the 27th of December. This luncheon is often attended by 100 or more of the Brethren.

Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr., District Deputy of the 36th Masonic District, is most active in this organization.

Must Be in the Heart

A Freemason's true Masonic value cannot be determined by the number of degrees he may obtain. Degrees are conferred on men, but unless Freemasonry is instilled in their hearts, no amount of degree work will produce Freemasons.

The great principles of our ancient and honorable Fraternity may be summed up as a philosophy of life, designed to promote a greater feeling of brotherhood among men.

A Lodge can well be judged a school of Freemasonry. Whether the Fraternity has fulfilled its lofty purposes and ideals depends largely upon the powers of assimilation and application of those who become Members of our Lodges.

The lessons learned by the initiates of our Symbolic Degrees must be put to use in their daily contacts with others. Then, and only then, will Freemasonry have achieved its real purpose.



Shown above is a portable display of the several pieces of literature available for the use of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture. This display and quantities of the various folders, booklets and papers are taken to the Masonic Culture Workshops now being conducted on a District level.



## In Memoriam

**BRO. ALBERT T. EYLER**

**Right Worshipful Past Grand Master**

Pennsylvania Masonry lost an active and useful Member in the death of Bro. Albert T. Eyler, R. W. Past Grand Master, on January 18, 1965. Bro. Eyler was at his winter residence in Lake Worth, Florida, at the time of his death.

Born in Irwin, Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1889, Bro. Eyler was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and was a graduate of the American Institute of Banking. He later went into the insurance business for himself, and handled all types of insurance through the Aetna Company.

He had been a resident of the Borough of Dormont, Pittsburgh, Pa., since 1922, and was most active in the public school system of Dormont.

He had been a life-long member of the Methodist Church and had taught a Bible Class in the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, from 1922 until 1948.

He was one of the original Dads of Templar Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Pittsburgh, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Mt. Lebanon-Dormont Y. M. C. A., Pittsburgh.

Bro. Eyler was a Member of Homewood Lodge, No. 635, held at Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was Entered

in 1911 and served as Worshipful Master in 1921. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District from 1936 to 1947.

Bro. Eyler was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden in December, 1947. Serving his two years as R. W. Junior Grand Warden and then as R. W. Senior Grand Warden, he became Acting Deputy Grand Master in August, 1951, upon the death of Bro. Edward F. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master. Brother Eyler was installed R. W. Grand Master on December 27, 1951.

In addition to his active church life, Bro. Eyler found time to affiliate and participate in practically all of the Masonic bodies. A member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in 1950. He was High Priest of Homewood Royal Arch Chapter; Thrice Illustrious Master of Liberty Valley Council, and Commander of Duquesne Commandery. He was a member of Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., a member of Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders and the National Sojourners.

A public-spirited citizen, an ardent churchman, deeply interested in the welfare of youth, devoted to Freemasonry's principles and concerned in all its activities, Bro. Eyler will be greatly missed in numerous areas of services.



## A Mason For 72 Years



**Bro. George L. Roberts**

Another Pennsylvania Mason with a record of continuous membership exceeding seventy or more years, is Bro. George L. Roberts of Temple Lodge, No. 248.

Bro. Roberts, now living in Tunkhannock, Pa., was born June 16, 1868, in Falls Township, Wyoming County, Pa. He was Entered in Temple Lodge, No. 248, on January 11, 1892.

## Bro. Silbaugh, P.M., Belle Vernon Lodge, Nationally Honored

Bro. Lawrence Silbaugh, Past Master of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 643, held at Belle Vernon, Pa., has distinguished himself as the recipient of the National Safety Council Award and also the Certificate of Merit, the highest award possible from the American National Red Cross.

A veteran West Penn Power Company linesman, Bro. Silbaugh was so honored for saving the life of a 13-month-old child by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in an emergency situation last August while he was working near the child's home.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Kenna fell while playing. She swallowed her tongue and went into convulsion, shutting off her breathing. Her mother picked her up and ran outdoors where she summoned a neighbor. The neighbor took the child and ran up the road to where Bro. Silbaugh was working. Bro. Silbaugh applied the immediate mouth-to-mouth resuscitation bringing the child out of the convulsion state. Little Terry Jo Kenna was then taken to a hospital and soon was back home playing again.

## Gr. Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Penna. Oldest on Continent

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held Thursday, December 3, 1964, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the following Companions were elected and installed:

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest*  
**W. IRVINE WIEST** of Shamokin

*Most Excellent Grand King*  
**ARTHUR R. DIAMOND** of Philadelphia

*Most Excellent Grand Scribe*  
**JAMES D. SMITH** of Washington

*Most Excellent Grand Treasurer*  
**CHARLES E. TULL** of Philadelphia

*Most Excellent Grand Secretary*  
**JOHN C. F. KITSELMAN** of Philadelphia

Royal Arch Masonry, as a separate and independent organization, is of comparatively modern date. The Royal Arch is founded upon and is but a part of the Master's Degree, as the Mark is but an appendage of the Fellow Craft. The separation grew out of, and was one of the results of the schism in England, which occurred in the forepart of the 18th century. This schism was not completely harmonized there until 1813. The remembrance of it is embedded in the phraseology of our ritual, in the term "Ancient York Mason."

The earliest mention of the Royal Arch as a separate degree, is in 1740. It is noticed as one of the results of the schism in England, and as a difference between the work of the two opposing bodies. The seceders from the Grand Lodge of England called themselves "Ancients," and stigmatized the Grand Lodge and its adherents as "Moderns." They organized as "The Grand Lodge of All England," and cut off the Royal Arch from the Master's Degree.

The first Royal Arch Chapter ever opened in America, of which any account has been published, is that of No. 3, in Philadelphia, meeting under the Lodge Warrant, about the year 1758. The Grand Chapter of Virginia records the first documentary evidence of the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree to be found in the world as being in possession of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and bears the date of December 22, 1753.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania



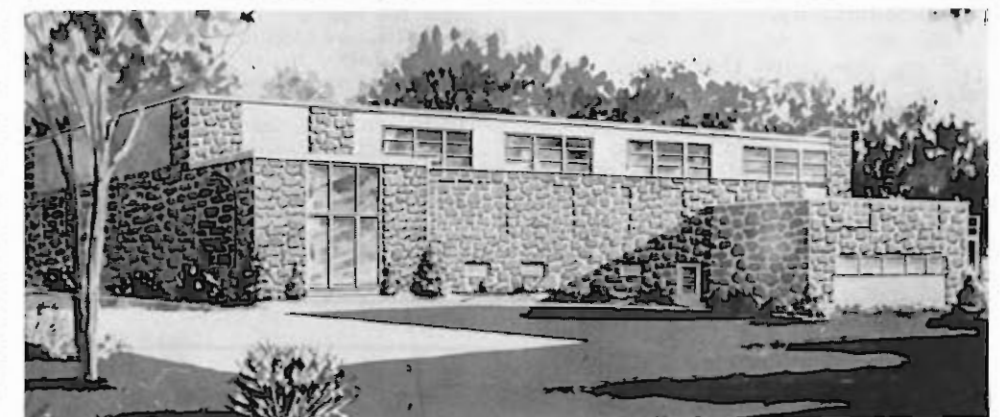
The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, Scranton, Pa. This Temple was opened in 1930. The mortgage burning ceremony was accomplished last year. Six Lodges are held here in addition to a Royal Arch Chapter, Council, Commandery and the four Scottish Rite Bodies of Valley of Scranton. It is located at 420 North Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa.

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The new Masonic Hall of Community Lodge, No. 744, located on the West Chester Pike near Broomall, Pa. Built on a two acre plot this Masonic Hall was converted from a two-story type dwelling. Completed and used for the first time on September 12, 1963, the building provides a Lodge Room 66 x 33 feet, a Social Room 70 x 32 feet and the necessary lobby, kitchen, boiler room, wash rooms, etc. Converted and furnished at a cost of \$60,000.00, the unit also provides adequate parking facilities adjacent to the building.

is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge on November 23, 1795, with William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of All England and a reply from that

body was received and read in our Grand Lodge May 30, 1796. The Grand Chapter continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge until 1824, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent body, electing its own officers as at present.



A reproduction of an etching showing the Old Tun Tavern, situated at Water Street and Tun Alley, 100 feet south of Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It was on the second floor of this building where the first Lodge of Freemasons was organized in North America.