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## Questions & Answers

Question: Why are we called "Freemasons?"

Answer: There are many theories: A man was a Freemason because his ancestors were not slaves nor was he a slave. He was so called because he was free within his Guild, or free of the Guild's laws and could travel and work where he desired. He was a Freemason because he worked in freestone—any stone which can be cut, smoothed, carved in any direction. He was free when he passed his apprenticeship and became a Fellow of the Craft. He was free when he left the status of serf or villein and legally became free. The consensus leans to the theory that the Freemason was such because of his skill, knowledge and abilities which set him free of those conditions, laws, rules and customs which circumscribed masons of lesser abilities in the cathedral building age.

Question: How should I wear my Masonic ring?

Answer: No Grand Lodge has legislated upon this subject except North Carolina whose law suggests that a Master Mason wear the ring so the tips of the compasses are pointed towards him. The consensus is that if a Masonic ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a Master Mason, the tips of the compasses should be pointed toward the tips of the fingers. However, if the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, the ring should be worn with the tips of the compasses pointed toward the wrist.

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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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## 'Image of Freemasonry' Should Be Constant Concern of All Members

In another month, practically all of the 609 Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania will call off from labor and prepare for the so-called vacation periods.

However, before our members become scattered and relaxed, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the wonderful response to my appeal for the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Brethren, I asked Pennsylvania Masons to provide more than \$250,000 to permit the Committee on Masonic Homes to continue to make Elizabethtown a "Home" and not just another institution.

March 15, 1965, ended the 1964 appeal. I am very happy to report the total collection was \$253,456.00. I deeply appreciate this response, and to those Brethren who participated I again extend a personal "thank you, my Brethren."

For the past several years, it has been the hope of Grand Lodge Officers that the contributions be increased to a sum equal to at least one dollar for every Mason in Pennsylvania.

Our membership figures now show that, as of December 27, 1964, we have 253,712 Masons in this Jurisdiction. This is before the examination of the General Returns by the Grand Secretary.

I feel sure that in the next request Masons in Pennsylvania will bridge the gap and send the total contributions far beyond the goal of an average of one dollar per member.

If you open your Holy Bible to I Corinthians 13:13, you would read:

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

My Brethren, you have my everlasting gratitude for your generosity.

In another article in this edition of

the "Freemason" you will note that the June Quarterly Communication will be held in Harrisburg, and, on the day before, two men will be made Masons at Sight.

I extend a cordial invitation to all Masons to attend these two very important communications of Grand Lodge.

Many Masons have the belief that only members of Grand Lodge can attend Grand Lodge Communications. This is not the fact. All sessions of Grand Lodge, regardless of where they are held, are open to all Masons.

Brethren, as we approach the summer season, I again would appreciate your giving some consideration to the "Image of Freemasonry."

Don't consider our fraternity as a secret society. Certainly we have secrets, just as you have in your family group. You don't openly discuss family secrets.

A secret society in most people's minds, is a group of individuals, meeting in secret, conspiring against our government, whose members are known only to themselves, whose aims and purposes are secret, and whose membership is composed of schemers, plotters, atheists, and those who have views opposite from 'right-thinking, God-fearing men.

Freemasonry is a private society, based on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Its tenets, its cardinal virtues and its teachings are not secret, and are open for inspection.

Freemasonry has existed through the ages because it emphasizes the observance of the moral law. We must admit to the existence of the Great Architect and the immortality of the soul.

Contrary to the ideas of some people, not members of the Craft, Ma-



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

sonry is not a religion and never has claimed to be. It teaches that our first responsibility is to our church of our own choice.

I have often been told by church leaders, "A good Mason is a good church worker. I look to men who belong to the Masonic Fraternity for leadership."

Brethren, our private society has earned the respect of thinking men throughout the world. Because of this, we are not permitted behind the iron curtain.

In considering the image of Freemasonry, my Brethren, keep in mind that each one of us is the custodian of that respect. Then Freemasonry can be judged on what we are and what we do as Masons.

Fraternally yours,

Earl F. Herold  
R. W. Grand Master



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### Two June Communications To Be Held at Harrisburg

Two Communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple in Harrisburg on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 and 2, 1965.

On Tuesday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m., a Special Communication will be held to make a religious leader and a banker Masons at Sight.

The Master Mason degrees will be conferred at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 2, at 7 p.m., the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held. This meeting is normally held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

This will be the second time the Grand Master has held a Quarterly Communication away from Philadelphia. The other meeting was held in New Castle.

The Grand Master said he followed this practice in an effort to give more Pennsylvania Masons an opportunity to attend a Communication of Grand Lodge.

Both meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, 2701 North Third Street, Harrisburg.

All Masons have been invited by the Grand Master to attend both Communications.

All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.

—EDMUND BURKE



Shown above are the Warrant Officers and Members of Gen. James Chambers Lodge, No. 801, held at Chambersburg, Pa., and Constituted on October 24, 1964.

### Albert A. Weaver is Appointed Instructor For Western Region

Bro. Albert A. Weaver, Past Master of Verona Lodge, No. 548, held at Verona, Pa., has been appointed Western Regional Instructor for the Schools of Instruction by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master. Bro. Weaver succeeds Bro. John W. Long.

Other Regional Instructors, serving under Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of the Ritualistic Work, are as follows:

Bro. H. Alvan Sallack of Lodge No. 675 for the Northwestern Region; Bro. John M. Smouse of Lodge No. 524 for the Central Region; Bro. William S. Heicher of Lodge No. 486 for the Eastern Region; Bro. William Zacharells of Lodge No. 339 for the Northeastern Region and Bro. Maurice A. Singer of Lodge No. 402 for the Philadelphia Region.

A recent revision in the assignments of the fifty-six Schools of Instructions to the various Regional Instructors has been made by Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master.

Well over 300 attended the Exemplification of the Ritualistic Work conducted in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, March 2, 1965.

In addition to a Sectional Meeting held April 24, 1965, in Johnstown, Sectional Meetings for the Schools of Instruction are scheduled for Meadville on October 2, 1965 and at Philadelphia on October 16, 1965.

### Bro. Corson Honored By Catholic College

Bro. and Bishop Fred Corson, president of the World Methodist Council and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania, has been awarded the Petrean Medal for Leadership from St. Peter's Roman Catholic College, Jersey City, N. J.

In presenting the award, the president of the college said Bro. Corson was cited as a "reminder that the prospect of Christian unity is not unimaginable and unattainable."

Lecturing some 600 students gathered for the ceremony, Bro. Corson said that man's instinctive intolerance has caused much of the hate and disunity in the world today.

He called for a unity in Christ, beginning in fellowship, adding:

"There is a unity that makes a place for diversity in expressing our devotion and our oneness in Christ. That unity does not destroy differences. It transcends them."

### Our Grand Lodge Library and Museum Rooms Open 9 to 9

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

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

### March Quarterly Communication

The March Quarterly Communication culminated two extremely busy days, including the Ritualistic Work, which was exemplified the previous evening, an interesting meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the usual meetings of the Committee on Finance and Committee on Masonic Culture.

Letters were received from the Grand Lodge of Austria and the Grand Lodge of Peru expressing deep appreciation for the fraternal recognition which had been extended by our Grand Lodge.

### Petition for New Lodge

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at New Wilmington, in Lawrence County, to be called Wilmington Lodge No. 804. It is expected that this Lodge will be Constituted in June.

As Tuscan Lodge No. 770, at Wilkes-Barre, had surrendered its Warrant on December 28, 1964, a resolution was approved which authorized the Grand Secretary to issue a certificate of Good Masonic Standing to former Members of the above Lodge upon the payment of their indebtedness at the time of the surrender of the Warrant.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, resolutions were adopted whereby the proposed By-Laws of one Lodge and the proposed amendments of 13 Lodges were approved. The By-Laws of one Lodge and the proposed amendments submitted by 3 Lodges were not approved.

### Committee on Finance

Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, Past Grand Master, and Assistant Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reviewed the receipts and expenditures for the first fiscal Quarter, ending February 15, 1965, showing Receipts of \$1,917,600 and Expenditures of \$1,100,000.

Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, reported that the Masonic Culture program is being carried out very well in some Lodges and Districts, but is lagging in others. District Masonic Culture workshops are planned for this year.

### Guest Fund

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, announced that the Guest Fund receipts for the fiscal period now amount to over \$252,000.

Bro. William J. Wallace, Chairman



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

of the Trustees of the Patton School, stated that room for 15 or 16 Boys will be available for next Fall's term. He urged the Brethren to visit the School.

Brother Wallace, who is also Chairman of the Committee on Temple, reported that expenditures for the past fiscal Quarter amounted to \$30,500.

Three new Lodges were constituted during 1964, while one Lodge surrendered its Warrant, resulting in a total of 609 Lodges as of December 28, 1964.

### 1964 Membership Statistics

The preliminary Membership Statistics follow:

Membership, Dec. 27, 1963	254,613
Admitted during 1964	918
Initiated during 1964	5,801
Gain	6,719
Suspended during 1964	1,230
Resigned during 1964	794
Deceased during 1964	5,596
Loss	7,620
Decrease (net) for 1964	901
Membership, Dec. 28, 1964	253,712

Reports were presented covering the various Meetings, held in conjunction with the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., late last

## The Masonic Temple At Masonic Homes Now Air-conditioned

Masonic Lodges can now meet in air-conditioned comfort and arrange for special, catered lunches and dinners at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Masonic Temple has been air-conditioned by the Committee on Masonic Homes in an effort to encourage more Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction to hold special and extra meetings during the summer months.

In addition, the kitchen of the dining room beneath the Masonic Temple has been rearranged to make it possible to obtain a caterer to serve Masonic groups.

This is a very large dining room and will be made available on a reservation basis.

Lodges desiring to hold special or extra meetings at the Homes, and to have a catered luncheon or dinner, should first contact Brother Paul S. Shank, Superintendent, to obtain a clearance on the desired date.

After reaching an agreement on a date, the Lodge must write to the Grand Master to obtain a Dispensation to hold the meeting. When writing for a Dispensation, give the date, the type of meeting, whether or not a degree will be conferred, and state that the date has been approved by the superintendent.

Bro. Shank said that Lodges desiring a catered luncheon or dinner should let him know their wishes when contacting him for the approval of the date. Be sure to let Bro. Shank know the desired time.

February. These Reports are reviewed elsewhere in this Issue.

The "In Memoriam" for Bro. Albert T. Eyler, Past Grand Master, who died on January 18, 1965, prepared by Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master, was read.

The Grand Master announced that the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Grand Lodge closed at 8:50 P.M.

Fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

R. W. Grand Secretary



## Grand Master's Conference Covers Current and Vital Issues of Craft

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., on February 23 and 24, 1965. This Conference is the keystone of a series of meetings, which takes place annually at the time of Washington's Birthday. The annual meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association of the United States take place just before and after the Grand Master's Conference.

The Conference of Grand Masters affords an opportunity for the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions in North America to come together to exchange ideas, information and opinions. The Conference has no legislative, executive or judicial powers and cannot infringe upon the sovereignty of the Grand Lodges either individually or severally.

After formal opening ceremonies, which included an address of welcome by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia and a response to the same by the Grand Master of New Brunswick, the report of the Conference Committee and of the Executive Secretary was given. A new Conference Committee was chosen for the next Conference. This group is the Planning and Agenda Committee. It consists of eight Deputy Grand Masters or others who will be serving as Grand Masters next year plus the Executive Secretary of the Conference. These eight brethren are usually nominated by the present Conference Committee and chosen by the Grand Masters. The principal factor in their selection is geography to insure the rotation of this service and responsibility among all the Grand Lodges whose Grand Masters participate in the Conference.

A second committee, known as the Time and Place Committee, composed of eight Deputy Grand Masters was also chosen at the opening session of the Conference and since its work must be completed by the following day this Committee is required to receive and act upon all suggestions about the time and place of the next succeeding Conference.

The early portion of the afternoon session was given over to reports of the officers of the Commission on Infor-

mation for Recognition, following which the first of three subjects was introduced by the presentation of two papers followed by discussion. The first subject, which was adequately covered by the Grand Masters of Michigan and Wisconsin was: "What is Right with Masonry?" Following the discussion period the Conference adjourned till Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, the Grand Masters' Banquet was held in the Regency Ballroom at which time those present were addressed by Dr. Carl Winters, an author, lecturer and world traveler and a retired Baptist Minister.

Two subjects of interest were presented, developed and discussed on Wednesday morning. The first: "How Can We Develop a Masonic Educational Program, Which Will Really Reach the Membership of Our Constituent Lodges?" was handled by the Grand Masters of Louisiana and Nebraska. The second: "By What Means Can We Overcome the Antagonism of Many Ministers and Churches to Masonry?" was handled by the Grand Masters of Wyoming and New Mexico. Much discussion followed the presentation of the latter subject.

The afternoon was devoted to reports of the Committee on Time and Place and of the Committee on Unity. It was decided to hold the 1966 Conference in Washington, D. C., at the Shoreham Hotel on the 23rd and 24th of February. Distinguished visitors from Belgium, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico were introduced and delivered their greetings, and the Conference was adjourned with a benediction.

The Grand Masters attending the Conference were made up of lawyers, bankers, farmers and men from all walks of life. Their average age was 60 and the youngest Grand Master present was 46. It is to be regretted that the contents of all of the papers presented cannot be reproduced here, but the proceedings of the Conference of Grand Masters will be available a few months hence and copies may be obtained in our Grand Lodge Library for those who are interested in reading the various reports and papers as they were presented.

## A Mason for 69 Years A Past Master 63 Years Still Active at Age 91



Bro. George S. Holmes

Another of our senior Master Masons who has distinguished himself in terms of Masonic longevity and service is Bro. George S. Holmes of Richmond Lodge, No. 230, held at Philadelphia.

Bro. Holmes was Entered on February 12, 1896. Bro. Holmes served as Worshipful Master of Richmond Lodge in 1902. He has served as an Appointed Officer or Elected Officer of his Lodge for sixty-eight years. For the past twenty-two years he has been the Representative in the Grand Lodge for his Lodge.

Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on March 18, 1874, he later moved to Pennsylvania and after attending public schools graduated from the former Temple College of Philadelphia, now Temple University, having studied mechanical engineering, a profession he followed for many years.

Bro. Holmes and his wife, Emma, now reside in Upper Darby, Pa., and he just itches to get to his Lodge when it meets; or his Chapter, Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243, where he has been a member for 67 years; or his Commandery, Kadash Commandery, No. 29, where he has been a member for 57 years; or his Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia, where he has been a member for 45 years; or the Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, when they meet, where he has been a member for 48 years.

## The New Fall Class Is Now Being Formed at Patton School for Boys

The Thirty-eighth Commencement of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 5, 1965 at which time sixteen orphan boys will graduate.

This will provide the opportunity for admission to a number of worthy male orphans for the September classes. Education, room and board are provided free of charge.

The Patton School curriculum is that of the comprehensive high school and requirements for college admission are met as well as a fine vocational training program. This dual objective affords the students a wide range of selectivity.

The educational program covers the ninth to twelfth grades and is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction.

Admission to the school is governed by the following requirements:

- The boy must be an orphan with either one or both parents deceased.
- Sons of Master Masons receive first consideration under the will of Brother Patton although the Trustees may accept other male orphans if the school quota is not filled.
- The boy must be between fourteen and eighteen years of age and have completed at least the eighth grade.
- He must be of good character and mentally and physically capable of participating in the academic and vocational courses.
- All applicants must be sponsored by a recognized Masonic Lodge.

As a Master Mason you are urged to recommend to your Lodge the sponsorship of an orphan boy toward the attainment of a better education which might not otherwise be possible.

"Help an orphan boy become a good citizen of tomorrow."

Applications can be obtained by contacting Dr. David H. Stewart, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School for Boys, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

## Learn to Live It

We cannot practice our Freemasonry until we have first learned to know it. Once we have learned Freemasonry, we will clearly see that there is not one of our modern perplexities that can't be solved by a faithful application of Masonic principles and precepts.



An aerial view of The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, located on the south side of Bainbridge Road directly across the road from the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

## Examination of the Candidate Permitted In the Open Lodge

The proof of a Brother's proficiency to be advanced to the next degree can either be in the Lodge or by a Committee of Examination.

Article XIX, Section 3, of the Ahim Rezon states:

"... And it is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft, either by examination in the Lodge or by the report of a Committee of Examination, before he is advanced."

Decision 22 in the Digest of Decisions states:

"The Master of the Lodge should select competent Brethren of his Lodge, whose duty it should be to instruct candidates in the several degrees, so that they may give evidence of proficiency before advancement."

Bro. Earl F. Herold, Grand Master, said he has received several inquiries as to whether a candidate can be examined in the Lodge before advancement. He added:

"Our Masonic law clearly permits

the examination of a candidate in the Lodge. I see nothing wrong with this practice, providing the Lodge is open in the degree which the candidate has received.

"If the examination is in the Lodge, the candidate should not be embarrassed or humiliated."

## New Decision 440-A Designates Use of 'Temple' and 'Hall'

The Grand Master has materially liberalized a Decision that will permit the wider use of the designation, "Masonic Temple."

He said it was done to permit the new type of Masonic buildings to be called "Temples."

The new Decision is 440-A, which states:

"Masonic Buildings that house a Lodge Room (or Rooms), with associated quarters which may be utilized as authorized, can be designated 'Masonic Temples.' Masonic Buildings which include stores, offices or other commercial space may be designated 'Masonic Halls.'"



# New Decisions Cover Masonic Dress, Use Of Ancient Charges

The Grand Master has issued two Decisions for the Digest of Decisions, dealing with Masonic Dress and Ancient Charges.

## Masonic Dress

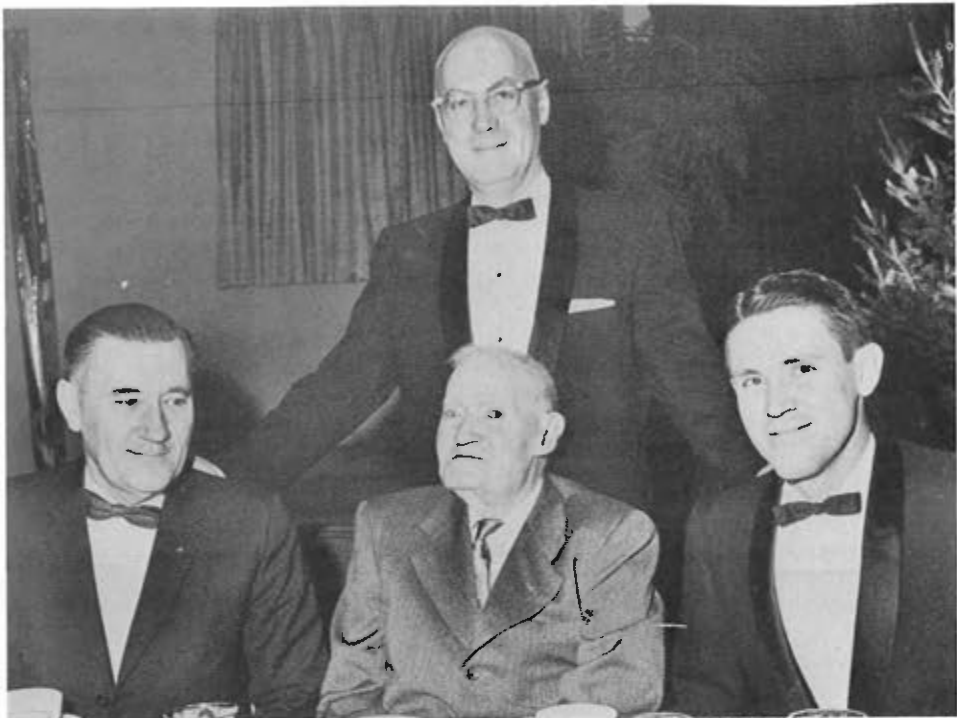
Decision No. 792: "The Masonic Dress of Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Worshipful Master (or Acting Worshipful Master), can be tuxedo coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves; or it can be tail coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves. The dress of Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Appointed Officers (other than Grand Chaplains), District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters (or Acting Worshipful Masters), will be tail coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves. The Grand Master and Worshipful Masters (or Acting Worshipful Masters) will wear the high black silk hat (opera hats are not permitted) when appropriate.

"The normal dress for Masonic Funerals is black clothes, black necktie, black shoes and white gloves for participating Lodge Officers, or those serving in their place instead. It is recommended that those attending Brethren wear dark clothes. This is in accordance with Article XIV, Section 2, and Page 151 (Masonic Funerals) in the Ahiman Rezon. However, if a Masonic Lodge elects to have a Lodge Service, in accordance with Page 147 of the Ahiman Rezon, Masonic Dress must be worn by Lodge Officers. If a visit to the Funeral Home, church or cemetery follows the Lodge Room Service or Lodge Meeting, Masonic Dress (without collars and aprons) may be worn by Lodge Officers."

"All Decisions in conflict with Decision No. 792, or that may appear to rule contrary to this Decision, are hereby amended or revoked."

## Ancient Charges

Decision No. 27-A: "The Ancient Charges are not a part of the esoteric work. Therefore, I decree that the Charges at the Opening and the Closing of a Lodge at all stated meetings, and the Charge at the conclusion of degrees, are not mandatory, and their use is left to the discretion of the Wor-



Bro. Gerald H. Woerner, District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District, is shown standing behind three generations of the Righter family of Fritz Lodge, No. 420, held at Conshohocken, Pa. Bro. Paul D. Righter, Past Master, in the center, was Worshipful Master in 1929. Bro. Paul D. Righter, Jr., Past Master, on the left, was Worshipful Master in 1960 and Paul D. Righter, III, is serving as Worshipful Master this year.

# Washington Family Memorabilia Presented to National Memorial

The annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held on February 22, 1965, in the National Masonic Memorial building, Alexandria, Va.

The meeting was well attended and much interest and enthusiasm was evident.

Contributions received from the various Grand Lodges included \$30,100.00 for the Building Fund; \$119,636.56 for the Endowment Fund; \$30,023.00 for the Maintenance and Operations, which included \$5,801.00 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in accordance with our plan to contribute one dollar per initiate each year. Contributions amounting to \$30,636.70 not designated for any

shipful Master. If the Charges are used, they can be recited from memory or read. If the Charges are used at the conclusion of degrees, it is not required that the Worshipful Master (or the Acting Worshipful Master) personally give them."

"Decision No. 27 is hereby revoked."

specific fund, were also received. The grand total of contributions received at this annual meeting amounted to \$210,396.26.

The highlight of the meeting this year was the announcement of the acceptance of the Washington Family Memorabilia from two ladies attending the meeting, Miss Ann Washington and Miss Pattie Washington, fifth generation descendants of John Augustine Washington, brother of George Washington. Among the valued gifts presented to the Association, was the Washington Family Bible, containing on the fly-leaf the signature of George Washington and on the pages between the Old and New Testaments the family statistical data.

The officers of the Association were elected to serve another year. Bro. John H. Jefferson of Indiana and Bro. C. Fuller Dorr of Michigan, were elected to fill vacancies, due to deaths, on the Board of Directors.

The annual meeting of 1966 will also be held at the National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Va.

# March Communication Of Grand Chapter Well Attended and Active

The March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held March 6, 1965, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, Harrisburg, Pa., was the best attended Quarterly Communication in many years, except for the December Quarterly Communications held in Philadelphia. Eighty Chapters were represented by 381 members.

A feature of the Communication was the conferring of all three of the Chapter Degrees on a class of 90 candidates. Members of the class were petitioners for initiation and membership in Chapters in Bedford, Bloomsburg, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Columbia, Danville, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lewistown, Mechanicsburg, Milton, Philadelphia, Pottsville, Sunbury and Watsontown and the two Chapters in each of the cities of Reading and York.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred by the Officers of Samuel C. Perkins Royal Arch Chapter, No. 209, Mechanicsburg. Officers of Warrior Run Royal Arch Chapter, No. 246, Watsontown, conferred the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason. Officers and members of Howell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 199, York, conferred the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a loss of 859 Members in the 148 Subordinate Chapters. Despite this loss, some Chapters showed gains. Kane Royal Arch Chapter, No. 279, was presented with pedestal Bibles for leading the state by obtaining the highest percentage gross increase in membership for the year 1964. The percentage was 11.66. McKeesport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 282, received an alter Bible for obtaining the greatest numerical gross gain (35) in membership. A red meritorious award certificate was presented to Monroe Royal Arch Chapter, No. 281, for obtaining a 10.28 per cent gross gain during last year.

Companion James Fairbairn Smith, of Detroit, a Past Grand High Priest of the State of Michigan, was the guest of Grand Chapter.

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter will be held June 5 in Wilkes-Barre.

# In Memoriam

BRO. RALPH WILSON TEMPLE  
Grand Marshal

Bro. Ralph W. Temple, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, died on Tuesday, April 6, 1965, in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia.

Long active in Freemasonry, Bro. Temple has served as Grand Marshal since December 27, 1953. He was

a Past Master of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 380, held at Philadelphia. He was a member of Joppa Council, Royal and Select Masters; a Past High Priest of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, and a member of Philadelphia, St. John's, Corinthian Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, all of Philadelphia.

Most active in the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia, he was

Coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1959. Bro. Temple was also active in the Pennsylvania College, Societas Rosicruciana; Ye Host Square Club of New York, and was an honorary member of the National Sojourners.

Associated with the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, for many years, Bro. Temple was a member of the Hotel Sales Banquet Association, the Hotel Greeters, Central Lions Club of Philadelphia, and the Fairview Village Methodist Church of Camden, New Jersey where he resided.

Masonic Services were held Friday evening, April 9, 1965, by Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 380, in the Oliver H. Bair Funeral Home, Philadelphia, and attended by a great number of his Masonic friends and associates.

Bro. Ralph W. Temple will long be remembered for his many services to Members of the Craft in general.



The Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., is one of the largest in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic use. This Masonic Temple, located within the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, on Fifth Avenue and between Tennyson and Lytton Avenues, was opened for use on February 26, 1915. Containing four floors, three mezzanines and a basement, it provides excellent facilities for the meetings and activities of thirty-two Blue Lodges, the Pittsburgh School of Instruction, five Royal Arch Chapters, a Chapter School of Instruction, one Council of Royal and Select Masters, four Commanderies, one Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine and the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh. A spacious auditorium and stage, several office areas, a library and recreational facilities are also features of this famous Masonic Temple.