

Proposed Amendments To The Ahiman Rezon

The proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were presented to Grand Lodge in June will be acted upon at the December Quarterly.

Article XIII, Section 39 now provides that the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be used for "charitable relief to the widows, mothers, sisters, and orphan children of worthy deceased Master Masons."

Away back in 1783, the regulations provided that this Fund be restricted to the relief of "regular Masons . . . who are members of a Warranted Lodge."

In 1847, when another Fund became available for the relief of "worthy Master Masons only," the regulations of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund were amended to limit its benefits to the female relatives and children of deceased worthy Masons. This limitation is still in effect.

The Fund now used only for the relief of Master Masons is much smaller than the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and is not large enough to meet the requests for this assistance.

The proposed amendment would eliminate the present exclusion of Master Masons, and would permit the Grand Lodge Charity Fund to be used as required to meet the needs that exist at any particular time.

The other proposal would amend Article III, Section 4 and Article XVII, Section 10 to permit the Members of our Lodges who now live in other Jurisdictions to be elected and serve as Officers in our Lodges; also to permit elected Officers who move to other Jurisdictions to continue to serve



An exact reproduction of the standard, or banner, adopted by Grand Lodge on December 6, 1939. More frequently known as the Grand Master's Flag, the specified size is four and one-half feet by five and one-half feet. The adopted seal of Grand Lodge, with the omission of the name Grand Lodge, is emblazoned in gold colored silk on government flag silk, purple in color. The Latin motto reads Virtue, Silence and Love.

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in their respective stations. The only restriction is that "such non-residence will not prevent the performance of the duties of his office."

The above proposed amendments have been thoroughly reviewed and are believed to warrant favorable consideration.

Questions & Answers

Question: Is Freemasonry a religion?

Answer: No. Freemasonry is not a religion. Freemasons should not think of their Lodge as a Church or as a secondary Church. Least of all, Freemasons should not think of their Lodge as a substitute for the Church. Freemasonry is not in conflict with any religion, denomination or sect, nor is it allied to any one of them. There are no theological tests for membership. The Volume of the Sacred Law is opened on the altar of a Masonic Lodge and all those who petition a Lodge for initiation and membership must declare a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

Question: When does a candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry become a Member of the Lodge?

Answer: Contrary to the erroneous understanding or belief of many, a candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania becomes a Member of the Lodge at the time he receives his Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree. He is not entitled to all rights and privileges of the Lodge but nevertheless he is a Member. Many Lodge Secretaries have been waiting until a candidate receives his Master Mason's Degree before placing the name and address of the Member on the mailing list for The Pennsylvania Freemason. This only denies the candidate one or two issues to which he is entitled.

Question: What can be related about the experience of Freemasonry in Russia?

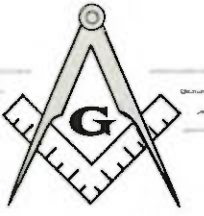
Answer: Freemasonry was introduced in Russia early in the Eighteenth Century. There was an English Provincial Grand Master for Russia in 1731 and the first Lodge is supposed to have been established there in 1740. Freemasonry prospered in Russia under Catherine the Great from about 1762 to about 1794 and again under Alexander I from 1801 to 1822. Count Leo Tolstoi has much to say about Freemasonry in his great story, "War and Peace," and describes a Masonic Degree. Early in the Nineteenth Century there were several Lodges in Paris, France, conferring the Masonic Ritual in the Russian language. Although Freemasonry has been under ban for several years in Russia it is the opinion of many that there are Brethren in Russia and that they are still living their Freemasonry.

Question: Is it proper to vouch for another as a Master Mason if you have sat with him in a Masonic meeting or gathering other than a Symbolic Lodge?

Answer: Decision No. 9 of the Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Masters states that "to sit with a person somewhere else than in a regular Blue Lodge is not lawful Masonic information that he is a Master Mason in good standing."

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Grand Master Stresses Ideals and Image Needed For Freemasonry's Future

As my term as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania draws to a close, I look back on the past two years with pride and misgivings.

The pride is based on the thought that some progress has been made.

The misgivings are for the things that I would like to have accomplished, but time and circumstances would not permit.

I express a deep gratitude to the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers for their two years of dedicated service to Freemasonry. It was a great pleasure to serve with them.

I also thank the thousands of dedicated Lodge Officers for their devotion and service to Freemasonry. Without this dedication, the Grand Master could not have carried out his program.

I am sure that every Mason in this Jurisdiction did not fully agree with all my ideas. If I erred, it was an error of the mind and not the heart.

Looking to the future, I am very much concerned about the apathy and indifference that exists in some of our Lodges. Too many of us are satisfied to continue the same ideas—offering nothing new, following the same old pattern, and giving little or nothing in the way of progress.

At high noon on December 27, I will have joined the ranks of Past Grand Masters. In this position, my services will always be available to my successors so long as the Great Architect of the Universe sees fit.

When I was installed as Grand Master on December 27, 1963, I urged an all-out effort to improve the image of Freemasonry.

I am very happy to report that in the past two years great strides have been made toward this goal. However, this is a never ending project. We must continue to build our image with humility and pride.

Many of our Lodges have sponsored special church programs. These have been increasing, and I pray will continue to increase in the future. Lodges attending divine services as a group bear testimony to our common belief and faith in God.

The DeMolay work in the Jurisdiction has been re-



The above portrait of Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, was painted by Ralph Pallen Coleman, a Jenkintown artist. On December 27, the painting will be hung in the Grand Master's Reception Room in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, with the portraits of other living Past Grand Masters.

ceiving Masonic Lodge assistance. Many DeMolay Chapters are now meeting in Masonic Lodge Rooms. My Brethren, assisting the DeMolay is a cheap price to pay to assure the future of this country and Freemasonry.

With a great deal of pride, I look upon the improvement to Masonic meeting facilities as one of the highlights of my two-year term. We have made a great start, but there remain many Lodges who have not responded. In the years ahead, I hope a new spark of interest will be forthcoming.

During my term, I approved Lodge officers wearing tuxedos as Masonic Dress, with the exception of the Worshipful Master. I am pleased to know that the vast

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Four Dedications Held, Three Cornerstones Laid During Recent Months

In the past three months, Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held to dedicate four Masonic Lodge Rooms and to lay three cornerstones.

On September 18, the cornerstone was laid and the Lodge Room dedicated for the Tacony Masonic Temple, 4400 Magee Avenue, Tacony, Philadelphia.

This is the new home of Tacony Lodge, No. 600. It marks the first construction of a Masonic Lodge facility in Philadelphia since 1870 when Grand Lodge built Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street.

On October 30 the cornerstone was laid and the Lodge Room dedicated at the Media Masonic Temple, Front Street, Media, Delaware County.

On November 20, the Lodge Room at the Irwin Masonic Hall, Main Street, Irwin, Westmoreland County, was dedicated. This is the home of Shidle Lodge, No. 601.

The new Masonic Hall in Irwin was formerly a movie picture theater. The Brethren completed extensive remodeling and have incorporated in the building a limited amount of commercial space.

On November 27 the cornerstone was laid and the Lodge Room dedicated for the new Oxford Masonic Temple, located in Oxford, Chester County.

Lodges Urged to Make All-out Effort In Reducing Suspensions for N-P-D

The Grand Master has urged Masonic Lodges to start an all-out effort to reduce suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues.

In the past ten years, more than 11,000 Masons have been suspended.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, Grand Master, has directed that no Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction can suspend a 50-Year Member without the approval of the Grand Master.

He also urged Lodges not to suspend other Members until every possible effort has been made to bring the Brother back into good standing.

Worshipful Masters can assist Lodge Secretaries by appointing a committee to contact personally those Members who are about to be suspended. Bro. Herold said:

"We all have a responsibility to reduce the large loss of Members through suspensions.

"The loss is needless. If we do not correct this serious problem, Masonry cannot go forward."

Bro. Herold also requested District Deputy Grand Masters to take a personal interest in Lodge suspensions. He urged the District Deputies to examine possible suspensions to be sure every effort is exhausted before suspension.

While not much time remains before the night of the Annual Election, when action on suspensions will be taken, a telephone call, a short personal note or a visit to these Brethren by the Worshipful Master, other officers, Past Masters or close Masonic friends, will undoubtedly reduce the number of suspensions.

In cases where loss of income or unusual financial burdens make payment of dues almost impossible, a thorough investigation should be made. If finances prove to be the

problem, consideration should be given for Lodge assistance. The Grand Master said:

"No Mason faced with financial burdens should be dropped from membership. This Brother needs our assistance, not our suspension."

The Grand Master also pointed out that many Members who have been suspended would welcome an opportunity to be restored to good Masonic standing.

If a suspended Brother pays the delinquent dues within eleven months of the date of suspension, he can be restored to membership by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at the stated meeting at which action is had on the motion to restore him.

Such restoration to membership must be consummated by vote of the Lodge within one Masonic year of the date of suspension.

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

After being restored to good Masonic standing, the Member then may present a petition for membership to the Lodge from which he was suspended, or to any other Lodge of his choice in this or any recognized Jurisdiction.

A unanimous ballot is necessary for his election to membership, at least so far as Pennsylvania Lodges are concerned.

Brother Herold commented:

"Lodges should point out to Members facing suspension what is required to be restored to Lodge membership.

"If we all do our part, suspensions would not be a problem."

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

The September Quarterly Communication was well attended despite an unusually hot and humid night. Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, expressed his deep appreciation for the fine attendance and now that most of the vacations were over he hoped that the Brethren would renew their Masonic activities.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, Grand Lodge approved the full code of By-Laws of one Lodge and the proposed amendments of nine Lodges. The amendments submitted by two Lodges were not approved.

The report of the Committee on Finance indicated receipts of slightly over \$1,242,000. and expenditures of \$1,170,000, for the third fiscal quarter. Upon the recommendation of this Committee, Grand Lodge authorized the Committee on Masonic Homes to proceed with the following projects:

1. To erect a new poultry house at a total cost not to exceed \$19,500.
2. To install a buzzer and fire alarm system in the Guests' bedrooms at a cost not to exceed \$27,500. This system will provide additional safety features for our Guests at the Homes.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master, reminded the Brethren that he has issued his appeal for contributions to the Guest Fund and he hopes for a generous response. The number of Guests has reached an all-time high.

The Committee on Masonic Culture is continuing its various activities and is holding Workshops throughout the Jurisdiction. If any area desires such a meeting, get in touch with your District Chairman or a Member of the Grand Lodge Committee.

Progress continues to be made in

erecting new Masonic Temples and improving Lodge Rooms and associated quarters under the guidance of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. The cornerstone was placed and the Lodge Room dedicated in the new Tacony Masonic Temple on September 18th.

Similar ceremonies are scheduled for October 30th for George W. Bart-ram Lodge, No. 298, at Media. On November 20th, the Shidle Lodge Room at Irwin, will be dedicated, while the cornerstone and Lodge Room dedication ceremonies for the new Oxford Masonic Temple will be held on November 27th.

The Trustees of the Patton School announced the Fall Semester had opened and invited the Brethren to visit the School at Elizabethtown.

The Committee on Temple reported expenditures of slightly over \$40,000 for the third fiscal quarter.

The Committee on Printing and

ARE YOUR DUES PAID ?

If YOUR Dues have not been paid, please send a check NOW to the Secretary of your Lodge.

If your 1964 Dues are unpaid, prompt payment should be made to avoid any embarrassment.

We hope you will always maintain your interest in Freemasonry.

Publishing has awarded the contract for printing the 1965 Annual Proceedings.

Grand Lodge was saddened by the sudden death of two of its officers. Bro. Arthur C. Van Nort, District Deputy Grand Master of the 56th District, died on August 13th, and Bro. and Reverend A. Culmer Schultz, Grand Chaplain, succumbed on August 21st. Both were dedicated and devoted Masons.

Grand Lodge closed at 8:30 P. M.

Fraternally,

Cashly B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary

District Deputy Grand Master Made a Royal Arch Mason at Sight

The September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held September 11, 1965, in the Masonic Temple in Altoona with 186 in attendance.

The three Capitular Degrees were conferred upon a class of 46. Bro. Theodore R. Bolger, District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th Masonic District, was made a Royal Arch Mason at Sight in the presence of Companion W. Irvine Wiest, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

A number of amendments to the Constitution of Grand Chapter, having to do with balloting on candidates, district meetings, transfer of membership and other matters were introduced. They will be voted upon at the December Quarterly Communication December 2 in Philadelphia.



The Elected and Appointed Officers of Wilmington Lodge, No. 804, held at New Wilmington, Pa., shown with Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Grand Master following the constituting of this new Lodge in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, New Castle, Pa., on Saturday, June 19, 1965. The Warrant Officers shown in the front row are (left to right) Bro. James W. Miller, Secretary; Bro. Samuel I. Haines, Junior Warden; Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, Worshipful Master; the Grand Master; Bro. Robert E. Lee, Senior Warden and Bro. Paul L. Quinby, Treasurer.



The John S. Sell Memorial Chapel is a sacred retreat for the Guests at the Masonic Homes. Here they have the opportunity to continue their worship of Almighty God under the leadership of many outstanding guest pastors.



A view of the sanctuary of the John S. Sell Chapel at the Masonic Homes. The furnishings include a four-manual pipe organ and a ten-bell chime. The woodwork is of solid oak and the sanctuary has a seating capacity of 400.

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majority of our Lodges have at least adopted the minimum requirement. There are still a few Lodges that have not complied. I hope this will be corrected in the future.

New Masonic Lodges in new and expanding communities are really the life-blood of Freemasonry. Five new Lodges have been Constituted during my term, with a sixth to be Constituted on December 11 at Kittanning.

There are many communities in Pennsylvania where the only Masonic Lodge in the area has more than 500 Members. Brethren, these communities should look to the advancement of Freemasonry and not selfish interests. I have advocated the formation of the second Lodge in such communities, with both Lodges working in complete harmony.

In the next two years, the Grand Lodge should have at least 10 new Lodges. I know your new Grand Master would welcome this opportunity.

One of our great concerns is finding capable men to assume Masonic leadership. This is not true in all our Lodges, but I know of several large

Lodges that are currently faced with this problem. I am firmly convinced that a Masonic Lodge is only as progressive as the capabilities of its leaders.

During the past two years, I have been concerned with the finances of your Grand Lodge. I have appointed progressive trustees who are familiar with investments and market trends. Perhaps adjustments will not show up this year, but in the future our investments will be on a sound and logical pattern.

As we look forward to 1966, we must keep in mind that we are in an area of enlightenment. In building our Temple for the future, we must continue to improve the image of Freemasonry if we expect Masonry to continue in the coming century.

We must retain the heritage of the past, but we also must adjust this heritage into our everyday thinking.

However, most of all, in all our changes in the future we must keep our sights high, protect our Landmarks, and look upward in furthering our Masonic way of life.

Fraternally yours,

Earl F. Herold

R. W. Grand Master

Circulating Library Provides Wealth of Masonic Information

Pennsylvania Masons are again reminded of the special service provided by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture whereby Masonic books may be borrowed from the Grand Lodge Circulating Library free of charge except for the few cents required for return postage.

Five books recently added to the Circulating Library are:

SWORD and TROWEL—A story of Travel and Military Lodges compiled by John Black Vrooman and Allen E. Roberts.

HOUSE UNDIVIDED—The story of Freemasonry and the Civil War by Allen E. Roberts.

THE SECRET TEACHING OF ALL AGES—An encyclopedia outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Quabbalistic and Rosicrucian Symbolical Philosophy. This book gives an interpretation of the secret teachings concealed within the rituals, allegories and mysteries of all ages by Manley P. Hall.

A HANDBOOK FOR ROYAL ARCH MASONS—A book including some of the requisites for building a fine, aggressive Chapter and for creating enthusiasm and pride of membership in Royal Arch Masonry by Ray V. Denslow.

HISTORY OF KNIGHTS' TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA—A history of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania 1797 to 1949 by George Hay Kain.



A view of an area of our Distribution Office for The Pennsylvania Freemason, located in the McKee Cottage, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. Here you see Mrs. Betty J. Shank, (standing center, in blue) Manager of the office, surrounded by her staff and several of the Guests who assist daily in the many tasks between issues and during mailing time. An average of 10,000 new name and address stencils are processed here between issues of our quarterly publication. At mailing time, copies of The Pennsylvania Freemason are addressed at the rate of 120 a minute. Over 500 mail sacks are required to carry our average mailing of 253,000. In addition to Mrs. Shank, one full-time employee, one part-time employee and nearly thirty Guests work daily to keep this general mailing list current and accurate so that you will receive your copy of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Supreme Council, NMJ, Honors Two of Our Past Grand Masters

Two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have been honored by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Bro. Richard A. Kern, Grand Master in 1946-47, was appointed to serve as Grand Lieutenant Commander. Bro. Scott S. Leiby, Grand Master in 1944-45, was appointed to serve as Grand Minister of State.

The appointments were made by Bro. George A. Newbury, former Grand Lieutenant Commander, who succeeded to the responsibilities of Sovereign Grand Commander and who will serve in that capacity until the next annual meeting in September, 1966.

Seneca Lodge, No. 805, Held at Kittanning, Pa. Is Our Newest Lodge

A new Masonic Lodge will be Constituted on Saturday, December 11, in Kittanning, at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

It will be known as Seneca Lodge, No. 805 and will meet in the home of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, Masonic Hall, Market and McKean Streets, Kittanning.

The formation of the new Lodge is under the direction of Bro. Harry F. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master for the 27th Masonic District. Lodge No. 805 will be the ninth Lodge in the 27th Masonic District and the sixth Lodge constituted during the term of Bro. Earl F. Herold, Grand Master.

The Officers elect include:

Bro. Charles E. Gregory, Worshipful Master; Bro. Robert H. Kifer, Senior Warden; Bro. Oscar J. Lamey, Junior Warden; Bro. Paul A. Painter, Treasurer; and Bro. Robert H. Doerr, Secretary.



Architect's sketch of the new Masonic Temple recently completed at Media, Pa. Located on a plot 145 x 110 feet, the building is 60 feet wide and 88 feet in depth. Colonial in design, it has a seating capacity of over 200 in the Lodge Room and also has a Social Room that will seat over 300. Ample parking facilities are provided. A fully equipped stainless steel kitchen, a large stage area, office space, lounge rooms and public address system throughout, are other features of the building. George W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298; Media Royal Arch Chapter, No. 234 and Riblah Council, No. 59, will meet in this new Masonic Temple. The total cost is estimated at \$100,000. The Grand Master, accompanied by several Grand Lodge Officers, laid the cornerstone and dedicated the Lodge Room on October 30, 1965.



Looking to the East in the recently remodeled Lodge Room of Ambridge Lodge, No. 701, held at Ambridge, Pa. This remodeling was part of an extensive restoration and revision of the building used by the Lodge. Arrangements have been made for the installation of air-conditioning at a later date.

Two Lodges Improve Facilities With Major Remodeling Projects

Many Masonic Lodges throughout Pennsylvania have accepted the Grand Master's challenge to improve meeting facilities.

Some Lodges have erected new buildings, while others have completed major remodeling projects.

Two good examples of remodeling old facilities are Sharon Lodge No. 598 at Shinglehouse, and Ambridge Lodge No. 701 at Ambridge.

The Brethren in Sharon Lodge donated money and free labor to complete the following over the past summer:

- Repaired and painted Lodge building.
- Put on a new roof.
- Leveled and braced floor of Lodge Room.
- Purchased a new rug for Lodge Room.
- New Washroom facilities.

Funds to defray the cost of the entire project were raised through donations of members. As of December 27, 1964, Sharon Lodge had 122 members.

Bro. Lowell S. Carpenter, District Deputy Grand Master for the 44th Masonic District, highly commended the work of Sharon Lodge. He said:

"Many of the Brethren worked evenings and Saturdays to complete the work. Sharon Lodge is to be congratulated on their fine achievements."

Ambridge Lodge also completed major restoration and revision of its meeting facilities. It completed the following:

- Lowered the Lodge ceiling and installed recessed lighting and ventilating ducts.
- Paneled the Lodge Room, Ante Room, Examining Room and Preparing Room with walnut siding.
- Erected a storage area for officers' clothing.

Provision was made to install air-conditioning at a later date, if needed. Within the past several years, the Lodge also installed a new rug in the Lodge Room and completely remodeled the social room and kitchen.

Bro. Robert Batto, District Deputy Grand Master for the 37th Masonic District, cited the Brethren of Ambridge Lodge for their dedication. He said:

"This Lodge has had progressive leadership and the Temple Association deserves much credit for its concern down through the years."

Appeal to the Craft

By Earl F. Herold
R. W. Grand Master

With the approach of the Holiday Season, I am reminded of the passage in the Holy Bible:

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

Last year, 18 per cent of the Masons in Pennsylvania contributed to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

However, this small percentage contributed \$253,000 a total equal to \$1 for every Mason in this Jurisdiction.

This year I have urged for a greater participation.

I am hoping to at least double the number of donors.

A Grand Master hesitates to place himself in a position of soliciting or constantly talking about the great need at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

However, we must realize that each year our Committee on Masonic Homes is faced with the problem of maintaining an adequate standard in an inflationary economy.

In the past twelve years the budget at the Masonic Homes has soared from \$750,000 to more than \$2,000,000 annually.

It is interesting to note that twelve years ago you had 623 guests at the Masonic Homes. As of this date, the total number of Guests is 780, an increase of more than 150 in twelve years.

Monies received as contributions for the Guest Fund are not included in the budget figures. This is necessary money, far and beyond the budget.

I have constantly stated that the Guest Fund makes it possible for you to operate your Masonic Homes as a "home" and not just another institution.

For example, each guest at the Homes is given \$10 a month spending money.

It is not possible to list all the expenditures from the Fund, but in general it pays for religious services, hearing aids, radios and televisions, entertainments, Christmas gifts and parties, and many other projects.

This year, each guest will be given an extra \$10 as a Christmas present from the Masons in Pennsylvania.

I am deeply appreciative of the contributions the Brethren have made to this Fund, and I personally thank you for your dedication.

Designed for Giving . . .

In an effort to assist those desiring to make bequests to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the following suggested forms are provided as a matter of convenience. The forms are recommended to assure the tax free character of gifts in all states.

BEQUESTS of PERSONAL PROPERTY

"I give and bequeath to The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of Dollars, free and clear of all estate, transfer, succession, inheritance or other similar tax or charge, it being my express intention that said bequest be received by the named legatee in full without reduction for taxes or contribution for taxes, to be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

NOTE 1: The Testator may, if desired, provide that the gift be held perpetually, and the income used for maintenance, by the following language:

If for the Masonic Homes, "I direct that this gift shall be added to and form a part of the Endowment Fund established by said Grand Lodge for the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by it and under its control."

If for the Patton School, "I direct that this gift shall be added to and form a part of the fund held by the Trustees of

DEVISE of REAL ESTATE

"I give and devise unto The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, free and clear of all estate, transfer, succession, inheritance or other similar tax or charge, it being my express intention that said devise be received by the named devisee in full and without reduction for taxes or contribution for taxes, ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with the improvements thereon erected, described as follows: (here describe the real estate).

"I direct that the said real estate and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof, shall be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, the income thereof to be used for the upkeep, maintenance and operation of said Institution."

NOTE 2: Although subscribing witnesses are no longer required under Pennsylvania Law on a Will containing a charitable gift, such witnesses are required in many other States and, since a Testator may die domiciled in another State or devise real estate situated outside of Pennsylvania, it is recommended in all cases that the Will be signed in the presence of three credible witnesses where

BEQUEST and DEVISE of RESIDUARY ESTATE

If the gift is of the balance or the residue of the estate, the following language is recommended:

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, of every nature and wheresoever situate, I give, devise and bequeath unto The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

ever possible, and that they subscribe their names and addresses to the Will in the presence of the Testator.

NOTE 3: The death of the Testator within thirty days after executing his Will may, under certain circumstances make the charitable gift void. It is therefore recommended that if an older Will, containing a charitable gift, be in existence when the new Will is executed, the old Will be preserved for a period of thirty days after the execution of the new Will.