

Grand Chapter Adopts Several Amendments At December Meeting

The adoption of a large number of amendments to its constitution was the principal feature of the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held in Renaissance Hall in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, December 2, 1965. The amendments are designed to streamline some of the procedures of the subordinate chapters.

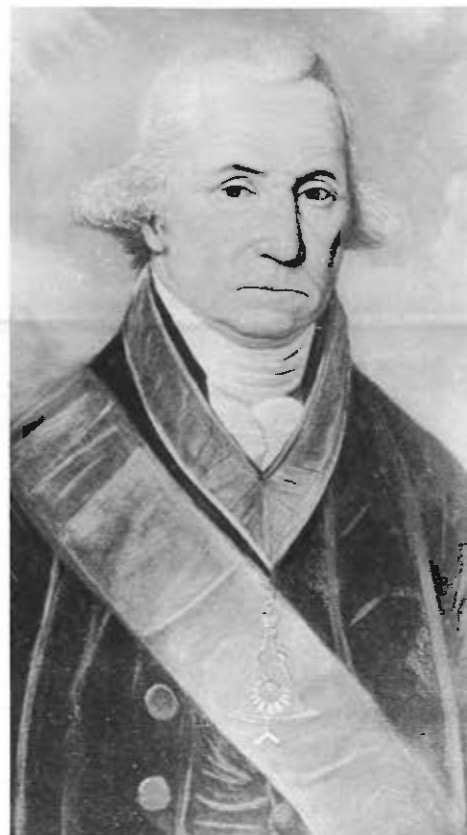
As is customary in odd numbered years; all the officers of Grand Chapter were re-elected. They are: W. Irvine Wiest, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Arthur R. Diamond, Most Excellent Grand King; James D. Smith, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Charles E. Tull, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; and John C. F. Kitselman, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was honored by visitors from the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Canada, District of Columbia, Delaware and West Virginia. In addition, the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, the presiding officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania and of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania were received.

Bro. and Companion Earl F. Herold, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, accompanied by a large number of his officers, visited the Grand Chapter and delivered an address.

One Man's Decision Made the Difference

No one needs to be reminded that the establishment of our Republic in large measure was created through the ability, resourcefulness, character and constancy of Bro. George Washington. Lesser known is the specific action of Washington in dealing with the urgent request of his officers that he become the monarch of the struggling young country. His response could be the reason we have a Republic, not a Monarchy.



The famous pastel portrait from life of Bro. George Washington by Bro. William Williams, a Philadelphia artist. Portrait was made in 1794 at the request of Alexandria Lodge, No. 39, A. Y. M., warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1783, and now Alexandria-Hamilton Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M. of Virginia.

Conditions in the Army reached a crisis after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. To the Congress, the war was over and the soldiers were practically forgotten.

The troops were ill-fed, ill-clothed, discouraged and bitter. The prospect of peace brought them small consolation, because it was evident that the Congress had little inclination to pay them or even thank them.

There were secret meetings and discussions. In April of 1782, Col. Lewis Nicola, one of Washington's ablest officers, wrote a confidential memorandum to the Commander in Chief setting forth in logical form the many advantages to be gained by forming a monarchy with Washington as king. It echoed the sentiments of the complete staff.

With the support of his officers and men, and with the prestige and respect he enjoyed everywhere, it would have been an easy matter for Washington to accept a crown. Many persons believed it was the only way to save the country.

But Washington possessed a deeper faith and a greater dedication to the principles for which he and his countrymen had fought. His letter of reply was direct and decisive. Although there was a second attempt to influence him to change his decision a year later—March, 1783—his original sentiments prevailed.

In part, the letter to Nicola reads: "Be assured, sir, no occurrence in the course of the war has given me more painful sensations than your information of there being such ideas existing in the army . . . I am much at a loss to conceive what part of my conduct could have given encouragement to an address which to me seems big with the greatest mischiefs that can befall my country. If I am not deceived in the knowledge of myself, you could not have found a person to whom your schemes are more disagreeable . . . If you have any regard for your country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect for me, . . . banish these thoughts from your mind, and never communicate, as from yourself or any one else a sentiment of like nature."

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Bro. Robert E. Deyoe Installed Grand Master of Masons in Penna.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, of Oil City, a retired florist and businessman, was installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1965.

The ancient installation ceremony was held at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Born in Oil City on February 5, 1899, Bro. Deyoe is a Past Master and Trustee of Petrolia Lodge No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons, Oil City.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-third Masonic District from 1949 until 1959 when he was installed into the Grand Lodge line as Junior Grand Warden.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a Past High Priest of the Oil City Royal Arch Chapter No. 236; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Keystone Council No. 42, Franklin; and Past Commander of Talbot Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar, Oil City.

For his work in the York Rite Bodies, Bro. Deyoe was elected into the Council of Anointed Kings of Pennsylvania, the Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; and the United States Premier Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Deyoe is a member of the Venango Lodge of Perfection, Oil City; and in the Valley of Coudersport, Princes of Jerusalem, Rose Croix and Consistory. He is Past Most Wise Master of the Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix.

For his years of Masonic work, Bro. Deyoe was coroneted an Honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

He is also a member of Zem Zem Temple, Erie, and an honorary mem-

R. W. Grand Master Seeks Help of Craft

Dear Brethren:

I am most appreciative of the high honor you have, in your confidence, bestowed upon me, when on December 27, at high noon, I was installed as your Grand Master.

Realizing my own limitations, I am humbled by the knowledge of the great responsibility I have assumed. I will do my best within the limits of my ability to give you an administration of dignity, quality and substance.

To that end I ask your help so that we together may continue this great institution in the manner in which it was handed down to us by those devoted Masons of the past whose faith in the Great Architect of the Universe and responsibility to their Fraternity and to their fellow man have made Masonry in this Jurisdiction such a force for good.

Fraternally yours,

Robert E. Deyoe

R. W. Grand Master



Bro. Robert E. Deyoe
Right Worshipful Grand Master

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ber of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, and Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia.

He is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, Oil City, where he has served as a Vestryman and Senior Warden.

A World War I veteran, Bro. Deyoe is past president of Oil City Lions Club.

The Deyoes, who have lived in Oil City all their lives, have a daughter, Mrs. James C. Cassidy, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and two grandchildren.

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'A Remarkable and Unique Institution ...'

Freemasonry is the most remarkable and altogether unique institution on earth.

Will you tell me of another that girdles the world with its fellowship and gathers all nations and the most ancient religions as well as our own into its brotherhood?

Will you tell me of any other that is as old or nobler; more brilliant in its history; more honored in its consistency; more picturesque in its traditions?

Today it lies in the hands of the modern man, largely an unused tool, capable of great achievements for God, for country, for mankind, but doing very little.

For one, I believe that circumstances may easily arise when the highest and most sacred of all freedoms, if threatened in this land will have Freemasonry as its most powerful defender, unifying all minds and commanding our best citizenship.

—BISHOP PORTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Recent Masonic Culture Workshops Most Successful—Others Urged

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is pleased to report that successful Masonic Culture Workshops have recently been conducted in Pittsburgh, Kane and Coatesville.

The Workshop held in Pittsburgh included officers and Masonic Culture Committees of Lodges in eight Masonic Districts in the Pittsburgh area. The Workshop at Kane included three Masonic Districts and the one in Coatesville was conducted for the 5th Masonic District only but was well attended.

A Masonic Culture Workshop is scheduled for March 12, 1966, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple at Harrisburg when the officers and interested Members of Lodges in four Masonic Districts will participate. Similar Workshops are now being planned for the Delaware County area and also the Wilkes-Barre area.

Districts that have not participated in these Masonic Culture Workshops

Bro. Earl F. Herold, P. G. M., Again Heads Committee on Temples, Halls, Lodge Rooms

Bro. Earl F. Herold, immediate R. W. Past Grand Master, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, a position he held prior to becoming Grand Master two years ago.

Also serving on this active Committee are Bro. W. Frederick Warren of Lodge No. 340, in the Philadelphia area; Bro. Raymond A. Myers, Sr., of Lodge No. 781, in the central area of the Jurisdiction, and Bro. Philip B. Driver, Jr., of Lodge No. 609, also of the Philadelphia area. Bro. Herold is a member of Lodge No. 272, held at Butler, Pa.

This Committee stands ready at all times to assist Lodges desiring to purchase real estate, plan new buildings or renovate present buildings and Lodge Rooms. All matters pertaining to such activities must have the approval of the Grand Master before work can proceed.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

during the past two or three years are urged to consider a Workshop either on a District level or possibly a joint effort of two or more Districts.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is always ready and willing to cooperate and participate. The initiative should be taken by the District Deputy Grand Master and his District Chairman to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious society with a purpose to teach by ritual and symbolism the building of good character.

It is charitable in that its income is not expended for private gain, but is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness and well being of mankind.

It is benevolent in that it reaches altruism—an unselfish concern for the welfare of others—as a duty and exemplifies it by relief of poor and distressed Brethren and their needy widows and orphans.

It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based on the Sacred Law. It emphasizes the duty of man to be curious about the world; to develop his intellect and skill; to be just; to follow precepts of conscience and exercise self-control; to be earnest and sincere. Freemasonry's Lodges, Temples and Libraries are aids to this end.

It is religious in that it teaches belief in one God, a belief prerequisite for membership, though without reference to dogma or creed—for Freemasonry is not concerned with creeds or theology. Every Lodge must have an altar, and on it, when the Lodge is in session, must be opened a Volume of the Sacred Law.

Freemasonry is secret only in its methods of recognition and of its symbolic instruction. It is not a secret society as many claim.

Freemasonry is social in that it fosters the natural friendliness and a true spirit of brotherly love and affection that should take place in the lives of men associated and united for noble purposes.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication

December 1, 1965

Well over 700 Brethren attended this very important Communication of Grand Lodge. All of our living R. W. Past Grand Masters and sixty-four District Deputy Grand Masters were present. Distinguished Guests were formally received from Virginia, New York, Maryland, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

The Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, which had been proposed at the June Quarterly Communication, were unanimously approved. These Amendments were discussed at length in the August and November Issues of this publication.

The Annual Election was held at which the following Brethren were duly elected to serve Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master
Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, 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

Committee Reports

The ever busy Committee on By-Laws offered resolutions recommending favorable action on all but 9 of the new or amended By-Laws submitted by 43 Lodges. The above resolutions were adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance summarized the Budget Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1965 and presented the proposed new Budget with estimated Receipts and Expenditures of \$3,292,500. The Budget was approved. It is interesting to note that over 70 per cent of the above Expenditures are for purely charitable purposes.

Brief reports were presented by the following Committees or Trustees: Masonic Culture; Masonic Homes; Patton School and Masonic Temple. The above complete reports will be included in the 1965 Proceedings.

Bro. Waldron C. Biggs, M. W. Grand Master of Vermont, spoke for the Distinguished Guests. His speech is also in the Proceedings.

Grand Lodge closed at 2:30 P.M.



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

Special Communication December 11th

At this Special Communication, held at Kittanning, Seneca Lodge No. 805 was Constituted with 33 Warrant Members. This brings the total number of Lodges in our Jurisdiction to 611.

Annual Grand Communication December 27, 1965

Included in the over 350 Brethren, who were present, were Distinguished Guests from South Carolina, New York, Maryland, Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Delaware, Ohio, Tennessee, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, West Virginia, Ontario, the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, the Scottish Rite and the Masonic Service Association.

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws of 6 Lodges were approved upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

New Grand Lodge Recognitions

Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reviewed Freemasonry in various other Countries and our Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the following Grand Lodges on the recommendation of this Committee: Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso, Brazil; Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul; Grand

Lodge of Colombia-Cali; United Grand Lodges of Germany; Grand Lodge of Iceland.

Annual Reports were also presented by the following Committees: Future Planning for the Masonic Temple and other Properties in Philadelphia; Masonic Culture; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; General Relief; Almoners, Bursars and Stewards. These complete Reports will be printed in the proceedings.

Bro. William Campbell, M. W. Grand Master of Connecticut, spoke for the Distinguished Visitors.

Bro. Herold commented briefly on his final Annual Report as R. W. Grand Master, which will be printed in full in the Proceedings.

Promptly at high noon, the Grand Lodge Officers were duly installed. Bro. Hiram P. Ball was unable to be present because of illness, and his installation was deferred until January 8, 1966.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Past Grand Master, in a most impressive manner, presented the Past Grand Masters Jewel, Apron and Gavel to Bro. Earl F. Herold.

Appointed Floor Officers

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, the newly installed R. W. Grand Master, addressed Grand Lodge briefly and announced the following newly appointed Grand Lodge Floor Officers:

Senior Grand Deacon

BRO. THEODORE OTTO HELBERG
Lodge No. 392

Junior Grand Deacon

BRO. WILLIAM CREIGH GRAHAM
Lodge No. 272

Grand Stewards

BRO. RAYMOND A. MYERS, SR., Lodge No. 781
BRO. WILLIS R. MICHAEL, Lodge No. 266

Grand Marshall

BRO. WILLIAM E. YEAGER, JR.
Lodge No. 726

Grand Sword Bearer

BRO. FLOYD W. HUGHES, Lodge No. 316

Grand Pursuivant

BRO. WILLIAM H. DAVIS, Lodge No. 466

Grand Tyler

BRO. CHARLES HIGGINS, Lodge No. 646

A resolution was adopted whereby the number of Trustees for the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, who are appointed by the R. W. Grand Master, may be increased from 9 to 15.

Grand Lodge closed at 1:15 P.M.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary

Introducing

Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, was installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania at the Annual Communication on December 27, 1965.

Bro. Kimmel was born in Harrisburg, Pa., on January 2, 1908. He is a Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, and a trustee of the Charles A. and Ellen C. Wilson Memorial Fund of Grand Lodge.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Kimmel is a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, Harrisburg Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templar, of Harrisburg.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Kimmel is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Harrisburg, and has served as Thrice Potent Master of the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection and Commander-in-Chief of the Harrisburg Consistory.

He continues to serve as a trustee of the Harrisburg Consistory and chairman of its Committee on Investments. He also is chairman of the building committee of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple in Harrisburg.

For his work in Freemasonry, Bro. Kimmel was coroneted an Honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1950.

He is also a member of Zembo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and served as president of the Zembo Luncheon Club.

Bro. Kimmel is married, and has a daughter and three grandchildren. A member of the Green Street Church of God, Harrisburg, he served as president of the church council, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, lay delegate to the General Eldership and chairman of the Winebrenner Seminary develop-



Bro. W. Orville Kimmel
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden

ment fund campaign. He is also a trustee of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio.

He served six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Harrisburg School District and was chairman of its Buildings and Ground Committee. He is a member of the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club and served as its president, and is a member of the National Selected Morticians of the United States.

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Rhode Island Medal Awarded Our Editor

Our Editor of The Pennsylvania Freemason was honored by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island at the Annual Grand Communication of our own Grand Lodge on December 27, 1965.

Bro. Charles R. Bonnemort, Past Grand Master of Rhode Island, asked permission of our Grand Master for the privilege of the floor and then proceeded to present the Christopher Champlin Medal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island to Bro. William A. Carpenter, Librarian and Curator of our Grand Lodge.

This medal is awarded by the Grand Master of Rhode Island to Masons of other Jurisdictions who have distinguished themselves in Masonic service. It is a round medallion of light bronze, suspended from a bar by a metal chain. Engraved on the front is the bust of the first Grand Master of Rhode Island, Bro. Christopher Champlin with his name and dates 1791-1793, and the words "For Outstanding Masonic Achievements." The seal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island is engraved on the reverse side of the medal.

To say Bro. Carpenter was surprised would be putting it mildly. Those present, many of whom know Bro. "Bill" from his travels around the Jurisdiction on speaking engagements or Masonic Culture Workshops, were somewhat amused to find him at a loss for words.

The Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry are simple and solely an intensive course of instruction in the ethics of thinking right, and consequently of living right, acting right and speaking right.

In Memoriam

BRO. MAX F. BALCOM

Right Worshipful Grand Master

Pennsylvania Masonry lost one of its dedicated members when death came to Bro. Max F. Balcom, R. W. Past Grand Master, at his home in Emporium on Monday, January 17, 1966. Death came as he was dressing to attend Lodge.

Bro. Balcom began his Masonic career on March 23, 1909 when he was initiated in Emporium Lodge, No. 382. He was elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge for the year 1925. A member of Emporium Chapter, No. 227, Royal Arch Masons, he served as High Priest in 1929. He was also a member of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar, Ridgway; the coordinate bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Coudersport, and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Altoona. He was crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council and coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1952.

He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master of the 33rd Masonic District from 1948 to 1954. Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden in December 1953, Bro. Balcom served in the Grand Line with skill and dignity, especially in 1960 and 1961 while serving as R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Balcom's pioneering in the radio tube industry was formally recognized in 1957, when the Electronics Industries Association awarded him its 1957 Medal of Honor for his outstanding contribution to the industry.

Bro. Balcom's wide knowledge of all aspects of the radio tube and electronics fields was developed over a period of forty-five years while he was associated with Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., and its predecessors.

Extremely active in civic, welfare and commercial activities in Emporium, Bro. Balcom was a Judge of the Cameron County Common Pleas Court.

An active church layman, Bro. Balcom was a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Emporium, Pa.

BRO. SCOTT S. LEIBY

Right Worshipful Grand Master

One of the most active and widely known Masons in Pennsylvania, Bro. Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master, died suddenly in his Harrisburg home on Tuesday, February 1, 1966, at the age of 85.

Bro. Leiby was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Masonic Homes and attended a meeting of the Homes Committee three days before his death.

He also was Deputy for the District of Pennsylvania and Grand Minister of State for the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A native of Marysville, Pa., Brother Leiby became a member of Perry Lodge No. 458 in 1904 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1907.

Bro. Leiby was appointed a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes on November 18, 1924, and with the exception of a few months in 1946 served continuously until his death.

He was elected R. W. Junior Warden in 1937, and served as R. W. Grand Master in 1944 and 1945.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Leiby was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Harrisburg Consistory in 1940.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Leiby was a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, Harrisburg Council No. 7, and Pilgrim Commandery No. 11.

He also was a member of Zembo Temple.

Admitted to the Dauphin County Bar in 1905, he was a member of the legal firm of Hull, Leiby and Metzger.

In 1916, he was elected State Senator from the 31st Senatorial District, serving until 1920.

Bro. Leiby had been a member of Trinity United Church of Christ of Marysville practically his entire life. At the death of his father, Bro. Leiby was named to succeed him as an elder. He was later named an elder emeritus of the church.

Joseph Fort Newton's Definition of a Mason

When is a Man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Freemasonry has wrought her sweet ministry! Such a man has found the only real secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

—JOSEPH FORT NEWTON, 1880-1950

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, universal in scope, teaching through symbols the garnered wisdom of the ages. It has as its purpose the gathering of men from all strata of life that they may meet on a common level, and strive to live together for the predominance in the human race of the ideals of brotherhood, trust, altruism, charity, honesty, morality and education, that the progress of man be onward and upward.

—J. H. HIGHSMITH

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Set of the Eight Pamphlets used in Grand Lodge Masonic Culture Program—\$1.00 per set plus 10 cents for mailing.

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Any of the items listed above may be ordered in single copies or in quantity—enclosing check—by writing to: William A. Carpenter, Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107



Mrs. Irene May Berry, a Guest at the Masonic Homes, celebrated her 100th birthday on November 25, 1965, and was presented the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Centenarian Award. On hand to help her observe the unusual occasion are, left to right, Bro. Willis R. Michael and Bro. Ellis E. Stern, members of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Masonic Homes; Bro. Paul S. Shank, Superintendent of the Masonic Homes, and Dr. and Bro. Paul R. Evans, Medical Director, Masonic Homes Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

Nine District Deputy Grand Masters Named

Nine new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. Glen T. Renegar, District "D", vice Bro. Albert A. Bauer, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Renegar, of Elkins Park, Pa., is production manager for the Container Corporation of America.

Bro. Robert W. Dietrich, District "T", vice Bro. William H. Van Voorhees, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Dietrich, of Philadelphia, Pa., is manager, Philadelphia Office, Retail Credit Company.

Bro. Paul F. Kunkel, 10th Masonic District, vice Bro. Myron P. Wehr, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Kunkel, of Emmaus, Pa., is a professional engineer for the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers.

Bro. John E. Luckman, 24th Masonic District, vice Bro. Theodore Otto Helberg, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Luckman, of Erie, Pa., is retired.

Bro. Judd N. Poffinberger, Jr., 28th Masonic District, vice Bro. J. Watson Harmeier, deceased. Bro. Poffinberger, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is an attorney.

Bro. Robert F. Morris, 35th Masonic District, vice Bro. Wilmer Schell, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Morris, of Danville, Pa., is general traffic manager for Follmer Trucking Company.

Bro. Isaac J. Tressler, 46th Masonic District, vice Bro. Dalzell M. Griffith, deceased. Bro. Tressler, of Herndon, Pa., is an attorney.

Bro. George R. Lines, 52nd Masonic District, vice Bro. Owen R. Hartman, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Lines, of DuBois, Pa., is with the United States Postal Service.

Bro. Henry O. Walker, 56th Masonic District, vice Bro. Arthur C. Van Nort, deceased. Brother Walker, of Warren, Pa., is retired.

taining the camp is borne by contributions. While not a project of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, that body some years ago recognized the worth of the camp and commended it to the generosity of all Masons.

Philadelphia Area Royal Arch Masons Sponsor Worthy Project, a Camp for Boys

A project sponsored by Royal Arch Masons of the Philadelphia area not well known to the Craft at large throughout the state is the Tri-Square Camp, located on Creek Road, Bucks County, near Chalfont.

Started in the depression ridden days of the mid-thirties by a group of dedicated Capitular Masons, with no money, no equipment, no ground, and nothing but a gleam of hope and a determination to give worthy boys a summer vacation in the great outdoors and at the same time guide them into the principles of religion, morality and self-discipline, the camp continues to follow those original plans.

The founders begged, borrowed and scrounged tents, cots and utensils and opened the first camp on borrowed land. From such humble beginnings, the camp has managed to survive and to grow little by little until now it owns over 21 acres of land, fully equipped for camping purposes. There are ten cabins for housing the boys, each donated and maintained by a Royal Arch Chapter. There is a combination mess and recreation hall, with a fully equipped kitchen, which can be used as a recreation and craft area during inclement weather. An infirmary is provided. There is a sanitary building with showers and toilet faci-

lities and other buildings housing the camp director, staff, and year-round custodian.

Non-sectarian religious services are conducted each Sunday by an able and inspiring Master Mason. Every effort is made to provide the boys with wholesome meals. The whole atmosphere of the camp is geared so that the boys go home better trained to grow up and accept their responsibilities as adults with the happy memory of healthy hours spent in the open and the certain knowledge that someone does care what they make of themselves.

The camp season regularly runs for six weeks, beginning about the middle of July. Any boy between the ages of eight and fourteen from Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Delaware is eligible to attend, provided he is sponsored by any Master Mason recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The camp charges a fee from those who can afford to pay, but for those unable to meet the fee, free scholarships are available through the generosity of a large number of interested Masons and of others whom they have enlisted. A goodly number of Royal Arch Chapters provide other scholarships. About half the cost of main-

History of the 'Table Lodge'

Back in the ages, when existence was perilous and life severe, and when Man was seeking some noble purpose to pursue, feasting became a major diversion. Its origin was in the demands of the physical body, but its prevalence was due to the social desires of his soul.

First there were family feasts, then religious feasts, then national feasts, and finally fraternal feasts. The feasts that are probably the oldest of all fraternal feasts, are the feasts of the "Mysteries" of Ancient Egypt, the so-called "Sons of Light." The oldest feasts of Masonic origin, of which we have any record, were the feasts upon being "entered," and being "passed to a Fellow of the Craft." How old these are, we cannot say, but they go back far beyond the records of organized Masonry.

In 1717, in order to revitalize the Lodges in and around London, a Grand Lodge was organized. The reason given, was: "To cement under a Grand Master as the center of union and harmony," and, "to revive the Quarterly Communication and hold the Annual Feast." The latter was the most important, and Masonic historians are pretty well agreed, that the move was especially designed to improve the "feast, fun and fellowship" of the Craft.

A few years later, at the direction of the Grand Master, there was installed the "old, regular and peculiar Toasts and Healths of Freemasons." In 1723 there was published "The Constitutions," in which feasts were further encouraged, and the rules and regulations which controlled them were in detail.

Lawrence Dermott, one of the leaders of early Masonry and the author of the first "Ahiman Rezon," remarked: "It was thought expedient to abolish the old custom of studying geometry in the Lodge, and some younger Brethren made it appear that a good knife and fork, in the hands of a dexterous Brother,

over proper materials, would give greater satisfaction and add more to the conviviality of the Lodge than the best scale and compasses in Europe."

From the idea of the feast, and the desire to promote a greater degree of fellowship and kinship in Masonry, was born the Table Lodge. Both the affection of friends and love for the Fraternity flourished within its walls. Its meetings were more like a reunion than a regular Lodge, and it became a center of relaxation, celebration and inspiration in Freemasonry.

The Table Lodge had a most unusual pattern. Its entire meeting was conducted around the table, and the helpings of food and beverage were served in such a way they did not interfere with the other concerns of the Lodge. The arrangement of tables resembled a giant horse-shoe, with the Worshipful Master in the East, at the center, and both Wardens in the West, at the opposite ends. The Lodge was opened with an invocation and closed with a song.

At first, there was an address, followed by many toasts and songs, but as time went by the lecture was omitted and the number of toasts and songs decreased. The final figure that was set for the toasts was seven, and in some jurisdictions that number is still retained today. Pennsylvania has designated three toasts: 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; to The Memory of Our Deceased Brother, George Washington, and to Freemasonry Around the Globe.

The Table Lodge is a tyled Entered Apprentice Masons Lodge. This had several advantages. One, it permitted the attendance of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft, and thus promoted their early fellowship in the Lodge. The other was, it provided waiters

to serve the food during the progress of the meeting. They were obtained from the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft who were present, a procedure which was in accord with the ancient custom, that initiates serve in that capacity during the period of "refreshment" in the Lodge.

In our Colonial days the Table Lodge was Freemasonry's greatest asset. It buoyed up the spirit of the Brethren when the spirit of the colonists were low. The repast may have been limited under these conditions, bread, cheese and wine perhaps, but the fervor was there. The moment the Table Lodge opened, there was added to the speech of those present an assortment of military terms.

Under its skillful formula the names of objects in the room were changed. The table was the Trestle Board, the cloth—the Stand-ard, the food—the materials, the glasses became cannons, the beverage—powder, the bottles—casks, the napkin a flag, forks were pickaxes, knives were swords, and spoons were trowels. To fill the glass was to "charge" it, and to drink it was to "fire."

Although Masonic records are brief, all indications are that the Table Lodge was an enjoyable experience. Dr. George Oliver, one of the most prolific writers of early Masonry, wrote in his memoirs of the effect of the Table Lodge upon those present. These are his words: "Their song appears to have more zest than in private company, the toast thrilled more vividly upon recollection, and the small medicum of punch with which it was honored, retained a higher flavor than the same potation if produced at a private board."

Alcoholic beverages were not a necessary adjunct to the Table Lodge, although they did contribute to the festivities in days of yore. Wine was the libation, but that changed in our land when the 18th Amendment was adopted. Then, out of respect for the Law, a substitute was selected, and although Prohibition was later repealed, Freemasonry did not follow suit. It retained the substitution, partly because it had always cautioned temperance in the behaviour of Masons, but more especially, as an expression of respect for the abstinent Brethren on its rolls. Today we use fruit punches, or juices, and one Jurisdiction has recently authorized a hot spiced punch. Grape juice is often used in Pennsylvania.

It is not what the glass contains, but the concept that it offers. That is the major idea behind every toast. Our Ancient Brethren recognized this fact, even in the early Table Lodge, for they approved of the use of water when a participant was so disposed. There is an old Masonic poem, entitled, "Come Quaff the Mason's Bowl," published in 1847, when wine was the custom. It emphasizes symbolism of the Cup in Freemasonry.

The Table Lodge is a heritage of our past. It has been stated that "the Table Lodge is the summary of Masonic doctrine." It prescribed reverence for Divinity and moral law. It strengthened the devotion that Masons held for Lodge and Country. It increased the unity and fellowship of the Craft.

Lodges in Pennsylvania planning and scheduling Table Lodges should first clear it with the District Deputy Grand Master and should also consult with the School of Instruction for procedure.



Picture taken on the occasion of the Official Visitation of the R. W. Grand Master to Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, held at Oil City, Pa., on Saturday, January 8, 1966, shows (left to right) Bro. Louis H. Osenider, Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Paul H. Fox, District Deputy Grand Master, of the 23rd Masonic District.