

Pennsylvania Mason Outlives Own Insurance

One of Pennsylvania's oldest Masons in terms of continuous membership, became \$1,000.00 richer on his 96th birthday on October 13, 1965, when he outlived his own "death claim" for a life type of fraternal insurance.

We refer to Bro. John F. Weaver of Armstrong Lodge, No. 239, who was written up in our November 1964 issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Bro. Weaver became a charter member of Local No. 2 of The Mutual Beneficial Association of Pennsylvania Railroad Employees, Inc., back in 1914.

It was through the article appearing in The Pennsylvania Freemason that the officers of the association were able to locate Bro. Weaver who now lives in Sharpsburg, Pa.

Many Masonic Books In Circulating Library

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

A 32-page Circulating Library Brochure, containing the rules, regulations and listings of the more than 200 Masonic titles, will be mailed upon request. Write to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Pennsylvania Masons are urged to avail themselves of this unusual service provided by your Grand Lodge.



Getting a "lift" to Lodge is Bro. Alvin Schietroma, Member of Ambridge Lodge, No. 701, held at Ambridge, Pa., in the 37th Masonic District. Shown with Bro. Schietroma is Bro. Herbert L. Marti, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. This chair lift has been installed to encourage those unable to negotiate many steps to come to Lodge. The chair lift may be operated by the person using the lift or by the Tyler from a set of wall switches.

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R. W. Grand Master Acknowledges Gifts to A Record 'Guest Fund'

Dear Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I express to you the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of your Grand Lodge and those of your Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for your generous gift of \$265,000.00 to the Guest Fund this past year.

The amount which you have so generously provided will furnish those extras that make living there truly a home. It brings us closer to our Masonic family there, and I am sure each one of us receives much personal satisfaction from our sharing with them.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert E. Deyoe

R. W. Grand Master



Ranken Hall, containing many of the classrooms, lends itself to the beautiful and spacious campus of The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa.

Openings Available in Fall Classes At Patton Masonic School for Boys

Patton Masonic School for boys, at Elizabethtown, Pa., has 25 vacancies in all high school grades, starting with the September school year.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, has asked Pennsylvania Masons to assist in an effort to fill the vacancies with qualified applicants.

Patton Masonic School is a comprehensive, secondary boarding school that offers academic and technical or vocational education in grades nine through twelve.

There are no charges for tuition, board and room. This is paid by Grand Lodge. Students are only required to pay travel, clothing and spending money.

The admission requirements are:

1. Orphaned boy with one or both parents deceased.
2. Age 14 through 18, and having satisfactorily completed at least the eighth grade.
3. Good character and sound health.
4. Must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge, but applicant need not have Masonic connection.

Brochures and applications for Patton Masonic School can be obtained by writing to: Superintendent, Patton

Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

The Grand Master urged:

"I hope every Mason in this Jurisdiction will do everything possible to interest worthy orphaned boys in your Patton Masonic School.

"Please check your community for eligible applicants, make a personal visit to their homes and explain the outstanding educational opportunities at Patton. I also suggest a visit to Patton School with prospective applicants.

"Patton Masonic School is a preparatory school that every Mason should be proud of. Help to keep it operating at capacity with qualified students."

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Bro. Robert A. Spangler, Centenarian Mason, Dies at the Age of 106

Bro. Robert A. Spangler, who was extended special recognition at the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in 1964, died on March 5, 1966. He would have been 106 years old on June 2, 1966.

Bro. Spangler was a Member of York Lodge, No. 66, and was most active even up to a few days before his death.

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Quarterly Communication
To Be Held at Coudersport

The June Quarterly Communication
of Grand Lodge is being held in the
Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport,
Pa., on Wednesday, June 1, 1966.

The Coudersport Cathedral is lo-
cated 120 miles northeast of Oil City,
Pa., home of Bro. Robert E. Deyoe,
R. W. Grand Master. Coudersport is a
small community in Potter County in
the beautiful mountainous region of
North Central Pennsylvania.

Elaborate arrangements have been
made for this event. This will be the
first time in history that a Quarterly
Communication has been held in this
section of the Jurisdiction.



The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport, Pa., located in Potter County in North
Central Pennsylvania, the site of the June Quarterly Communication of Grand
Lodge, Wednesday, June 1, 1966.



Elected Officers of Grand Lodge include: left to right, front row, Bro. John K.
Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master;
Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; rear row, left to right, Bro.
Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary; Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Junior
Grand Warden, and Bro. Louis Bacharach, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Masonic Culture Program Is Being
Explained, Promoted at Workshops

The several Masonic Culture Work-
shops conducted in recent months have
accomplished much in the way of ex-
plaining and promoting the over-all
Masonic Culture program of Grand
Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Committee on
Masonic Culture is appreciative of the

initiative and dedication of many of
the District Deputy Grand Masters
and their District Chairmen in arrang-
ing Masonic Culture Workshops for the
benefit of their respective Lodge Offi-
cers and Masonic Culture Committees.

Since the last issue of The Pennsyl-
vania Freemason, successful Work-
shops have been conducted in the
Harrisburg area, Milton, the Wilkes-
Barre-Scranton area, Delaware County,
Johnstown and Uniontown.

Your Grand Lodge Committee on
Masonic Culture is always ready and
willing to cooperate and participate in
these Masonic Culture Workshops.
Masonic Culture Packets, sets of Ma-
sonic books for establishing Lodge
Masonic Libraries, and other items of
literature are provided for these Work-
shops by the Grand Lodge Committee
on Masonic Culture in addition to the
explanations and techniques adopted
and recommended.

The initiative in arranging and
scheduling a Masonic Culture Work-
shop should be taken by the District
Deputy Grand Master and his District
Chairman to the Grand Lodge Com-
mittee on Masonic Culture. The com-
bined efforts of two or more Districts
have proven very successful.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

March Quarterly Communication

As usual a great deal of Masonic activity centered around the March Quar-
terly Communication. The Ritualistic group was busily engaged for two days
preceding the Exemplification of the Work on Tuesday evening. Important
Meetings of the Committees on Finance and Masonic Culture as well as an
interesting discussion session with the District Deputy Grand Masters kept
many of the Brethren continuously occupied prior to the Quarterly on Wednes-
day evening, March 2nd, which was
well attended.

Committee Reports

The Committee on By-Laws had
carefully reviewed the By-Laws or
amendments submitted by 16 Lodges
and recommended the approval of 12,
the disapproval of 1 and that action
on 3 be deferred for further informa-
tion. These recommendations were
approved by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Earl F. Herold, Past Grand
Master and Vice Chairman of the
Committee on Finance, briefly re-
viewed the budget receipts and ex-
penditures for the first fiscal Quarter,
ending February 15, 1966, the Re-
ceipts being \$1,895,415 and the Ex-
penditures \$1,035,415. Two Resolu-
tions were adopted whereby the
Committee on Masonic Homes was
authorized to purchase Ophthalmic
Equipment for the Hospital at a cost
not to exceed \$4,500, while the Grand
Treasurer and Grand Secretary were
directed to act and sign for Grand
Lodge in connection with an account
with the Jirama Ore Co.

Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand
Master and Chairman of the Commit-
tee on Masonic Culture, announced
that approximately 12% of the Lodges
had not submitted the name of the
Chairman of the Lodge Committee on
Culture; also that all of the Lodges are
still not making full use of the Grand
Lodge program.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Senior
Grand Warden and a Trustee of the
Patton School for Boys, stated there
will be openings for quite a few addi-
tional Boys for next Fall's term. Also
that Bro. David H. Stewart has sub-
mitted his resignation as Superintend-
ent of the School.

Bro. Glen T. Renegar, Chairman of
the Committee on Temple, reported
expenditures for the past Quarter of
\$30,115.

Statue of Bro. George Washington

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand
Master, outlined his proposed plans
for the erection of a statue of Bro.
George Washington, at Valley Forge.

This proposal is detailed elsewhere in
this issue.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand
Master and Chairman of the Commit-
tee on Masonic Homes, announced
that the Guest Fund receipts for the
fiscal year now amount to over
\$260,000.

In Memoriams

Bro. William E. Yeager, R. W. Past
Grand Master, read the "In Memo-
riam" he had prepared for Bro. Max
F. Balcom, R. W. Past Grand Master,
who died suddenly on January 17,
1966. Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W.
Past Grand Master, has been request-
ed to prepare an "In Memoriam" for
Bro. Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand
Master, who died on February 1, 1966.

Conference of Grand Masters

Reports were presented covering the
various Meetings held in conjunction

with the Grand Masters' Conference in
Washington, D. C., late last February.

1965 Membership Statistics

The preliminary Membership Sta-
tistics are as follows:

Membership, Dec. 27, 1964	253,674
Admitted during 1965	868
Initiated during 1965	5,940
Gain	6,808
Suspended during 1965	1,104
Resigned during 1965	719
Deceased during 1965	5,835
Unaffiliated during 1965*	117
Loss	7,775
Decrease (net) for 1965	967
Membership, December 27, 1965	252,707

* Lodge No. 770 Surrendered Warrant

The R. W. Grand Master announced
that the June Quarterly Communica-
tion of Grand Lodge will be held in
the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Couders-
port on June 1st.

Grand Lodge closed at 8:55 P.M.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary



The team of Officers of the 45th Masonic District who participated in the exempli-
fication of the Work before the Right Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand
Lodge Officers on March 1, 1966 in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
This, the group from the Hazleton area, who excelled in the exemplification of
the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree, are: (front row, left to right) Bro.
Maurice R. Albee, Lodge 467; Bro. Christian Reinmiller, Lodge 687; Bro. Gerald
Alex, Lodge No. 238; Bro. Robert Frye, Jr., Lodge 327 and Bro. Herman A.
Dotter, District Deputy Grand Master of the 45th Masonic District. Rear row, left
to right, Bro. Robert Patterson, Lodge 238; Bro. Victor C. Shaffer, Lodge 327;
Bro. Walter S. Metzger, Lodge 621; Bro. Vernon C. Stecker, Lodge 327; Bro.
George Taylor, Lodge 238; Bro. Russell Walck, Lodge 238 and Bro. Howard C.
Pfeiffer, Lodge 242.

Another Great Undertaking

Grand Master Appeals for Funds To Erect a Nine-foot Statue of Brother Washington at Prayer

The Grand Master has urged Pennsylvania Masons, Lodges and appendant Bodies to contribute \$80,000 to erect a nine-foot bronze statue of Bro. George Washington at Prayer for Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, Grand Master, pointed out that Masons in other Grand Lodges have erected statues of Bro. Washington, adding:

"Knowing the dedication of Masons in Pennsylvania, I have authorized the erection of the statue, to stand at the entrance to The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation.

"It was at Valley Forge that Bro. Washington and the remnants of his army suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78 in order to obtain our freedom.

"The heroic spirit and devotion to freedom which burned in the hearts of Bro. Washington's Army must again be aroused in the hearts of our people to overcome the present apathy and unconcern for the danger which threatens our way of life and free institutions such as Freemasonry."

The statue will be erected on top of a hill, overlooking 52 acres of historic Valley Forge, known as The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove.

In this area, a tree will be marked in perpetuity for each patriot who received the Medal of Honor.

A complete history of recipients of the Medal of Honor will be contained in a memorial building that has been erected near the site for the statue of Bro. Washington.

Elaborate Dedication Program Planned

The Grand Master said that when the statue is completed a huge Masonic dedication program, along with a suitable banquet, will be held at Valley Forge.

It will take from twelve to eighteen months to complete the casting of the statue. Therefore, no fixed date has been set at this time for the dedication. Bro. Deyoe added:

"If every Mason in Pennsylvania would contribute twenty-five cents, it truly could be said that it was presented by Masons in Pennsylvania.

"However, experience has shown that this is practically impossible.

"Therefore, I am urging every Masonic Body in Pennsylvania, particularly our 611 Masonic Lodges, to do everything possible to help me obtain the \$80,000."

Bro. Deyoe said that Masons who contribute \$100 or more would be invited to the dedication program and banquet as his personal guests.

Contributions to Freedoms Foundation are tax exempt for income tax purposes. The exemption number is C10484.

Individual contributors should make check payable to "Grand Secretary for Freedoms Foundation." This will assure the right for tax exemption. These checks should be sent to the Secretary of your Lodge.

Lodge Secretaries should send all contributions, noting individual contributions of \$100 or more, to Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.



Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, shown with the plaster model of the nine-foot statue of Bro. George Washington at Prayer which he has authorized erected on a hill overlooking The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

Famous Sculptor Commissioned To Create Statue of Washington

Donald DeLue, of Leonard, N. J., past president and fellow of The National Sculpture Society, was commissioned to create the "George Washington at Prayer Statue" to stand at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Mr. DeLue, world recognized sculptor, has been the recipient of many awards for his outstanding work, including a gold medal from the National Sculpture Society, Guggenheim Fellowship, and gold medal from the Allied Artists of America.

Some of his outstanding works include: "The Rocket Thrower" for the New York World's Fair; "Boy Scout Memorial Tribute," located between the Washington Monument and the White House at the capital; "Confederate Memorial" at Gettysburg; "Law and Justice" at Federal Court House in Philadelphia; "Triton Fountain" for the gardens of the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia; "Benjamin Franklin and Josiah Willard Gibbs" on the Science and Engineering Building at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh; "Lions of Judah" at the Germantown Jewish Center in Philadelphia; "The Alchemist" for the Chemistry Building at the University of Pennsylvania; and many others throughout the world.



A picture, taken several weeks ago, of The Medal of Honor Archives Building, located in the rustic woodlands of the vast track of land of The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. This building will soon house the records and heroic deeds of our Nation's Medal of Honor recipients.

Freedom Foundation Established to Encourage American Way of Life

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge was founded to undergird our constitutional Republic and to combat the increasing threat of Socialistic Communism to the American Way of Life.

Nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpartisan and nonpolitical, the Foundation's primary purpose is to encourage all Americans to understand and defend the rights, freedoms and responsibilities they enjoy as Americans under our constitutional form of government.

Using the free enterprise principle of incentive and reward, the Foundation's annual National Award program, based on the credo of the American Way of Life, reaches into practically every community and every school in this nation.

Freedoms Foundation has proved itself the most effective means of re-dedicating our youth and understanding of the American Heritage.

Now, to provide a fitting memorial to those valiant men who, in conflict with the enemy, have distinguished themselves far beyond the call of duty, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has established The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove.

Overlooking this grove will be the nine-foot heroic statue of Bro. Washington at Prayer, erected by the patriotic dedication of Freemasons of Pennsylvania.

The conception of Freemasonry gained by the non-Mason comes largely from what he sees in us as Freemasons.

Help Wanted—At Masonic Homes

The tight labor market is beginning to affect the operation of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

There is an immediate need for men and women employees in the following positions: nurses, practical nurses, nurses' aides, hospital attendants, waitresses and porters.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, has urged Masons to do everything possible to point out this immediate need to persons who can be recommended by Masonic Lodges.

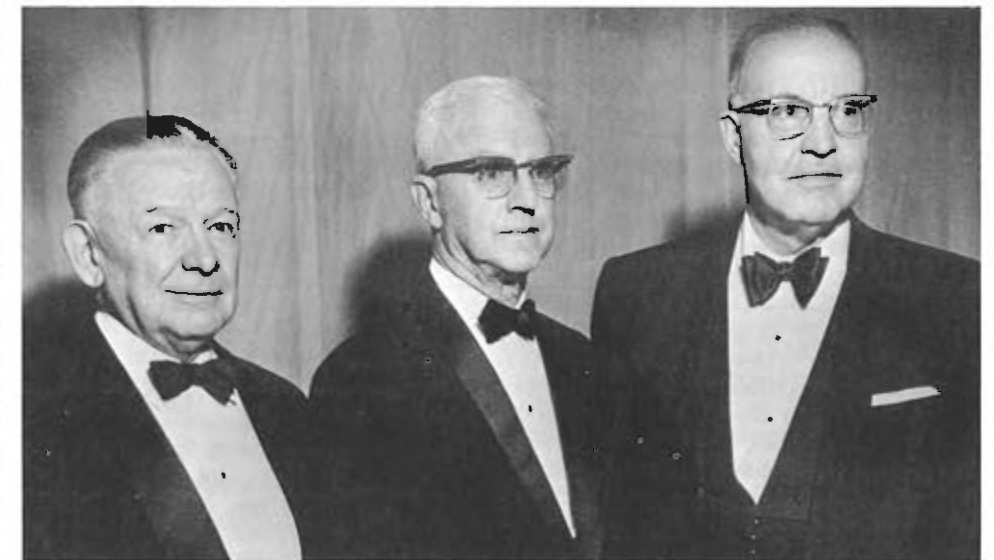
The pay includes room, board and laundry.

Interested persons should contact Bro. Paul S. Shank, Superintendent of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022, or call for an appointment, (Area Code 717) 367-1121.

Methodist Ministers Confer Third Degrees

A group of Methodist ministers conferred the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason upon two fellow ministers in Eulalia Lodge, No. 342, held at Coudersport, Pa., April 13, 1966.

Bro. and Rev. Rollin Taylor conferred the degrees and was supported by clergymen of the Craft who came from such widely separated cities as Williamsport, Towanda and Altoona.



Picture taken on the occasion of the testimonial dinner given Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, Right Worshipful Grand Master, by members of the Supreme Council, of Coudersport Consistory on Saturday, April 2, 1966. Shown, left to right, are Bro. William E. Yeager, Sr., Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture and an Active Member of Supreme Council from Pennsylvania; Bro. Deyoe, and Bro. Walter P. Wells, a Potter County Judge and Commander-in-Chief of Coudersport Consistory.

Merely to Know Is Not Enough

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

These words, from one of the most familiar portions of the Scriptures, the thirteenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, express a truth which all Freemasons should constantly bear in mind. How nicely they fit into the pattern of our philosophy immediately becomes apparent when the meaning of the term "Mysteries" is understood.

The deeper feelings of the ancient Greeks early found expression in the practice of certain religious and semi-religious rites which were kept secret from all except the initiated. These were known as Mysteries, and corresponded to the secret societies of our day.

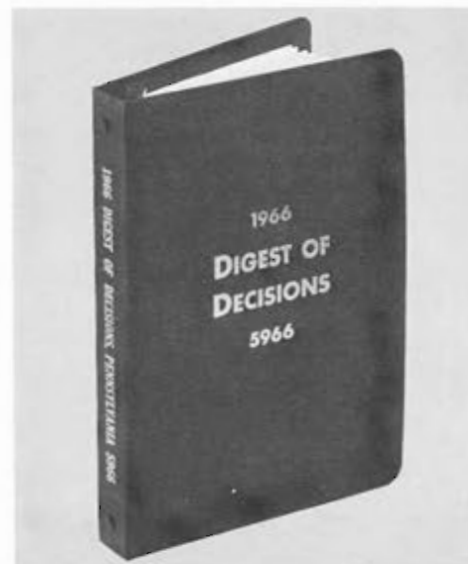
Initiation included an oath of secrecy. It further consisted of various stages or degrees, made up of lectures, elements of sacred drama, and other ceremonies. To confer the four degrees of the Eleusinian Mysteries took a period of nine full days.

The similarities between the Mysteries and modern Freemasonry have given rise, from time to time, to attempts by overzealous Masonic scholars, desiring to establish the antiquity of the Craft, to trace an unbroken connection between the Mysteries and Freemasonry. Such efforts, however, have always proved wholly unsuccessful.

The Mysteries gained great popularity; first among the Greeks, and, at a later period, among the Romans as well. Undoubtedly Paul knew of them. Indeed, he may have been an initiate, although there is little evidence to support such an assumption. However, it seems logical to conclude that when he speaks of "understanding all mysteries," he is referring to these secret societies which flourished in his day.

If this be so, then there can be no doubt about his meaning: "Though I have been initiated into the Mysteries, and know their ritual, their symbolism, and the high and ennobling principles of religion and morality they teach, but have not charity, I am nothing!"

What Paul said about the Mysteries may be said with equal truth about Freemasonry. As Masons, it is of vital importance that we know all we can about Freemasonry. But if we merely know, it is not enough! We cannot



Picture showing the new Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Masters recently revised. Now, in a loose leaf arrangement, the binder is dark blue with gold lettering embossed on cover.

New Edition of Digest Of Decisions Available

The recently revised Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Masters is now available. Each Lodge has been provided with three copies of this revised edition.

Now, in the form of a loose leaf edition, this Digest of Decisions is arranged more systematically and the new index makes it more practical and useful for ready reference.

This new edition, with its three-ring binder, 6 7/8 inches by 9 7/8 inches, sells for \$1.50 each plus .15 cents to cover mailing charges. Consult page 84 of the Lodge Secretary's Form for Recording Minutes for mailing charges if more than one copy is ordered.

Orders may be made by writing to Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Check or money order covering cost of book and mailing charges must accompany order.

measure our stature by the rule of the mind. We must use the yardstick of the heart!

Do we live what we know? Do we love both God and man? Do we serve as best we can? Our answers to these questions give us the true measure of what we are as Masons.

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Banquet Night

By BROTHER RUDYARD KIPLING

"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
"We will club our garlic and wine and bread
And banquet together beneath my Throne.
And all the Brethren shall come to that mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,
Felling and floating our beautiful trees,
Say that the Brethren and I desire
Talk with the Brethren who use the seas.
And we shall be happy to meet them at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"Carry this message to Hiram Abif—
Excellent Master of forge and mine—
I and the Brethren would like it if
He and the Brethren will come to dine
(Garments from Bozrah or morning-dress)
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"God gave the Hyssop and Cedar their place—
Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn—
But that is no reason to black a man's face
Because he is not what he hasn't been born,
And, as touching the Temple, I hold and profess
We are Fellow-Craftsmen — no more and no less."

The quarries are hotter than Hiram's forge,
No man is safe from the dog-whip's reach
It's mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge.
And it's always blowing off Joppa beach;
But once in so often the messenger brings
Solomon's mandates "Forget these things!"
Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings,
Companion of Princes—forget these things!
Fellow-Craftsmen, forget these things!

So it was ordered and so it was done,
And the hewers of wood and the Masons of Mark,
With fustle hands of the Sidon run
And Navy Lords from the "Royal Ark,"
Came and sat down and were merry at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

Two More Deaths Hit District Deputies

Pennsylvania Masonry was saddened by the sudden death of two more District Deputy Grand Masters since the last mailing of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Bro. Forrest W. Hunt, District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District, died on March 29, 1966, and Bro. Clyde M. Canouse, District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District, died on April 15, 1966.

This brings to five the number of District Deputy Grand Masters who have died in the past nine months. The previous three were Bro. J. Watson Harmer of the 28th District; Bro. Dalzell M. Griffith of the 46th District and Bro. Arthur C. VanNort of the 56th District.

Grand Encampment to Observe 150th Anniversary On June 18th

The 150th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be observed June 18, 1966, in New York City. It will mark the 113th year of affiliation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania with the grand body.

Notations and records of the Grand Encampment's official formation reveal that Pennsylvania Knights Templar were hosts on June 11, 1816 for a convention at Philadelphia for the avowed purpose of joining all the Encampments of the United States under one General Grand Encampment. However, Pennsylvania had strong differences of organizational and ritualistic opinion and, after several fruitless days of discussion, the meeting was terminated.

The New England and New York representatives adjourned to New York City to continue the subject. At sessions on June 20 and 21, a constitution was "formed, adopted and ratified" by delegates from Boston, Providence, New York City, Albany, Stillwater, Newburyport, Newport and Portland. The dream of a General Grand Encampment became a reality.

The visitors' view on the failure of the convention at Philadelphia is expressed in the report, partially quoted, of one of the New England representatives:

"The delegates think it unnecessary to state more than two obstacles . . . the first of which is, that the Encampment in Pennsylvania avowed themselves as being in subordination to and under the Grand Lodge of Master Masons; the second is their unwillingness to the arrangement or order of succession in conferring the degrees as practiced by us."

The Pennsylvania committee, in a report to its own Encampment on June 14, 1816, stated that they "have met with the delegates from New England and New York . . . and discovered that it was impossible to carry their designs into execution without making a sacrifice upon the part of the Grand Encampment and its subordinate Encampments, which was considered to be unwarranted by every principle of Masonry . . ."

Dr. Francis J. Scully, in his "History of the Grand Encampment," says the basic differences stemmed from Pennsylvania's view that they were not independent, but subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Masons, while the other states had formed their Grand

Dedicated Masons and Teachers Is Our Answer

In a sense every Master Mason who understands the real purposes of Freemasonry is a leader and a teacher. There is always something of value one Mason can impart to another.

We must bear in mind that in teaching Freemasonry, we advance a cause, not ourselves. We must remember, too, that Freemasonry must be taught according to Masonic principles, in a spirit of patience and love.

The candidate, or the young Master Mason, may have opinions which differ from those who are his teachers. Yet in dealing with Members of various stations in life, men of varied degrees of training and education, we must always respect the personality and opinions of others.

Our over-all Masonic Culture program calls for leaders who are dedicated Masons and teachers.

The Members of your Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have the responsibility of imparting not only the wealth of material contained in the several publications available, but also the duty of presenting a complete picture of Freemasonry in all its meaning and beauty.

Every Mason, we believe, is cognizant of the need for Masonic training.

The Masonic Light that we possess becomes even brighter as we bring it to other Members of the Craft.

May we always approach this vital phase of Freemasonry in a spirit of humility and dedication, knowing well that our efforts, great or small, will in time bear the fruits.

Making Members is one thing. Making Masons is another. Freemasonry can't help but benefit when its membership is composed of Master Masons inspired with the real meaning of Freemasonry.

and public servant, the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, of Detroit. Grand Master Brucker, the 41st Knight Templar so elected, has a record of achievement few can approach.

The intervening years between the regimes of the Grand Encampment's first and present Grand Master have seen the Order grow in size and influence. Now numbering approximately 390,000, Knight Templary remains a uniformed and militant Order dedicated to Christian Masonry.

Encampments generally without delegated authority from any other body; also, Rhode Island and Massachusetts insisted that the degrees of Mark and Most Excellent Master were prerequisites for the Order of Knighthood. Pennsylvania considered these "unnecessarily engrafted upon ancient craft Masonry." The Order of the Red Cross was another controversial subject among them.

Pennsylvania, after three tries at Grand Encampments under Grand Lodge sanction, organized a Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Encampment in 1854. It is today's Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, comprising eighty-nine Constituent Commanderies throughout the Commonwealth with a membership of 26,000.

At the 1816 formation convention in New York, the distinguished DeWitt Clinton was elected the first Most Eminent General Grand Master. Successively he served in the State Senate, the United States Senate, as the Mayor of New York for ten years, and was elected Governor for three terms.

When attacks on Freemasonry began in the early 19th century, the onslaught brought this public response from Governor Clinton:

"I know that Freemasonry, properly understood, and faithfully attended to, is friendly to religion, morality, liberty and good government; and I shall never shrink under any state of excitement, or any extent of misapprehension, from hearing testimony in favor of an institution which can boast of a Washington and a Franklin, and a Lafayette, as distinguished members; which inculcates no principles, and authorizes no acts that are not in accordance with good morals, civil liberty, and entire obedience to the government and the laws."

Today, the Templar serving a three year term as Most Eminent Grand Master is another distinguished Mason