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The Compasses and Square united, with the irradiated Sun, in the center, setting behind clouds, and with the Gavel pendent between the legs of the Compasses. The Jewel is gold, set with a diamond and suspended by a purple ribbon.

### LOST and FOUND

A Masonic ring has been found in Ashland, Pa. This ring was found during the Labor Day week-end and turned over to the Worshipful Master of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, Bro. Harry N. Horback. Initials inside the ring read L. E. B. Ring can be returned to its rightful owner by contacting the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph L. Stabler, R. D. No. 1, Box 143, Ashland, Pa. 17921.

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## Who Was Hiram, King of Tyre?

*Editor's Note—The following article was written by Bro. Lewis M. Parker, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and one of their Grand Instructors.*

Our Masonic tradition tells us that our Craft had three original Grand Masters. The first of these, Solomon the King of Israel, figures prominently in our Masonic story and is still known as a great personage thirty centuries after his time. The third of this trio is the center and source of our deepest teaching and to him all Masons are bound by a unique tie. But the second of our Grand Masters has only a passing reference in our Ritual and outside of a Masonic Lodge is known only to a few specialists in history. Hiram of Tyre was a monarch who ruled over a powerful kingdom at the peak of its greatness. He and his people deserve to be known better by the Masonic fraternity.

The kingdom of Tyre, or Phoenicia, as it was more generally known, was located on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean north of Palestine. Its principal city was the seaport of Tyre, which because of its geographical location became a converging point on the great trade routes. Tyre became one of the foremost commercial centers of the ancient world and grew rich and powerful.

### 'GUEST FUND' Reminder

If you have misplaced, or have not received, a self-addressed envelope for your annual contribution to the Guest Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, send your check direct to: Superintendent, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Be sure to note your Lodge Number in order that your Lodge will be credited with your contribution.

Phoenicia has two just claims to high achievement.

In the first place, the Phoenicians were among the first known sailors of the world. It is said that they were the first to navigate upon the open sea and to chart their course by means of the stars. Thus to the men of Tyre goes the distinction of being the fathers of modern navigation. They must indeed have been an alert and venturesome race. It is known that Phoenician sailors traveled all over the Mediterranean—sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar, down the coast of Africa, up the coast of Spain and even as far as England. If we wish to romanticize history a little we can see in our mind's eye a sea captain of Hiram of Tyre sailing through the Pillars of Hercules and gazing out upon a vast ocean—not knowing that 3000 miles beyond his sight lay a land where 3000 years later the name of his royal master would be perpetuated in Masonic Lodges.

As the Phoenicians went about the Mediterranean they founded colonies in various places, the most famous of which was Carthage on the northern coast of Africa. Carthage flourished, and as the parent Tyre began to decline, Carthage carried on the Phoenician tradition. It came into conflict with the rising power of Rome, and after years of furious struggles known as the Punic Wars, Rome was triumphant and Carthage was destroyed. But Carthage almost prevailed—her general, Hannibal, one of the greatest military commanders of all time, took an army across northern Africa, through Spain and southern France, over the Alps and down to the very gates of Rome before he was stopped. It is interesting to speculate that if Carthage had conquered Rome, our civilization, which so largely bears the imprint of the Romans, might instead have been influenced by the people of Hiram of Tyre.

In the second place, the Phoenicians may claim to a high place in the history of mankind because they were the inventors of one of the first known alphabets. We take the alphabet so much for granted that it is hard for us to conceive of the time when it did not exist. Hiram's people were certainly possessed of intellectual curiosity and skill to formulate a way whereby the thoughts of men could be transmitted through other than oral means. The Phoenician alphabet influenced the Greek, and the Greek the Roman. In reading these lines you are bearing a certain mute testimony to the genius of the people over whom our second Grand Master once ruled.

Solomon's name and fame are still remembered today while that of his neighbor to the north has been largely forgotten. Solomon was fortunate in having adequate chroniclers (himself included) which Hiram lacked. Solomon did not equal Hiram in wealth and in worldly power, but he did surpass him in the greater and more enduring values of wisdom and of the spirit.

King Hiram of Tyre has been saved from complete oblivion in the dusty tombs of history and is remembered by Freemasons because he gave freely of his resources to help, aid and assist a neighbor in a great and important undertaking.

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## Grand Officers Serving in Bermuda Visit Our Grand Lodge Quarterly

Three Masonic leaders from Bermuda, representing the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, were guests of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the September Quarterly Communication, September 7.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, invited the Bermuda Brethren as his special guests in an effort to recognize the courtesies they have extended to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. They were formally received in Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and given an opportunity to speak.

While in Philadelphia, the visiting

Brethren and their ladies were taken on a guided tour of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Before leaving the states, Bro. Talbot, V. W. Grand Inspector for English Lodges in Bermuda, wrote a note to the Grand Master, saying:

"I cannot leave this country without trying to express to you our appreciation. The whole visit was staggering to us because of the warmhearted friendship, cordiality and hospitality beyond description. To say 'thank you' is entirely inadequate."



Picture showing Grand Officers representing Grand Lodge in Bermuda and our Grand Lodge Officers. From left to right are Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. C. H. V. Talbot, V. W. Grand Inspector for English Lodges in Bermuda; Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Past Grand Master; Bro. T. F. F. Wyatt, R. W. District Superintendent for the Scottish Lodges in Bermuda; Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Bro. T. M. du B. Godet, R. W. Grand Inspector of the Irish Lodges in Bermuda.

## Freemasonry Is Not a Religion

While Freemasonry is religious, our purpose as Freemasons is not that of a religion. We seek no converts. We raise no money for religious purposes. We do not ask our members to subscribe to any religious tenet or dogma.

There are some who would make it so in order that they personally might rationalize and excuse their own escape from the claims of religion. Being completely a tolerant organization, there is nothing in Freemasonry that is opposed to the religion a man brings with him into the Lodge. We have none of the marks of a religion. We have prayers, it is true—invocations to Deity, but we have no ritual of worship. We have no symbols that are religious in the sense of the symbols found in Church or Synagogue. Our symbols are related to the development of Character and of the relationship of man to man. They are our working tools—used in the building of life.

Freemasonry does not assert and does not teach that one religion is better than another. We do not say that all religions are equal because we admit men of all religions. We do ask a man if he believes in God and that is a religious test only. Belief in God is faith; belief about God is theology. We are interested in faith only and not in theology.

When Freemasonry accepts a Christian, or a Jew, or a Mohammedan, it does not accept him as such, but as a man—worthy to be received into the Craft. Freemasonry is a teaching through exemplification in its degrees, of the highest ethical and moral principles known to mankind. There it stops, and there it must stop, else it would become a revolution or a religion.



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## Past Masters' Assn. Active in Philadelphia

Established for serving Masons and Lodges in particular and Freemasonry in general, the Past Masters' Association of Philadelphia has become both active and useful.

This group was organized in 1957 by Past Masters of Lodges in Masonic District "A" while Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, was their District Deputy Grand Master. Since then they have grown to include Past Masters of other Lodges in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Their activities take in many worthwhile services in and around Philadelphia. They will conduct Masonic Funeral Services for deceased Brethren of other Jurisdictions as often requested through the office of our R. W. Grand Secretary. They will make visitations and investigations as requested by other Jurisdictions. On occasions they have provided tourist guides for visiting sojourners.

Geared with a set of practical By-Laws and enthusiasm for Brotherly love and affection, they meet regularly to enjoy an evening of Masonic fellowship and discuss ways and means by which they can remain active by using their time and talents to serve the Craft.

Bro. George Washington drew his last breath in the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the last year of a century. He died at midnight on Saturday, December 31, 1799.



An aerial view of the growing complex of the American Freedom Center the Freedoms Foundation is developing at Valley Forge, Pa., which will comprise ten buildings and ample parking facilities when completed. The large bronze statue of Bro. George Washington at Prayer, a contribution from the Masons of Pennsylvania, will be erected in the open area shown in the upper left-hand portion of this picture and overlooking the 52-acre Congressional Medal of Honor Grove. Dedication of this statue will take place on September 9, 1967, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

## Washington at Prayer Statue Dedication Set for Sept. 9, 1967; Committee Appointed

The Bro. George Washington at Prayer Statue will be dedicated at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pa., on Saturday, September 9, 1967.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, has urged Masonry throughout the state not to plan any other function for this day. He said:

"It is my hope that Masons throughout this Jurisdiction make a special effort to be present for this very important public Masonic dedication.

"Since this is a public dedication,

Masons are urged to have their ladies accompany them."

The Grand Master said that details of the dedication will be provided at a later date. He announced the appointment of the following general committee for the dedication:

General Chairman

BRO. ROBERT W. DIETRICH  
District Deputy, Masonic District "I"

BRO. GEORGE A. WILLIAMS  
Past Master of Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751 and Representative in Grand Lodge

BRO. GLEN T. RENEGAR  
District Deputy, Masonic District "D"

BRO. JOHN B. COTTRELL, JR.  
District Deputy, 36th Masonic District

BRO. HERMAN WITTE  
District Deputy, Masonic District "F"

BRO. BRUCE C. CLARKE  
U. S. General, Retired and Representing Freedoms Foundation

BRO. ARTHUR T. MOORE  
Assistant to the Grand Master

The Grand Master has approved the final model of the statue, created by Donald DeLue, sculptor.

The general committee has started its work and will keep Masons informed on details of the dedication.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Your Lodge Dues for 1966 should be paid on or before the Annual Meeting of your Lodge.

Why not forward your check to your Lodge Secretary and preserve your good Masonic standing?

If your 1965 Dues are still unpaid, avoid suspension by prompt payment. We do not want to lose YOU.

Freemasonry needs the support of all of us!

## From Our Grand Secretary's Office

September Quarterly Communication

The September Quarterly Communication was honored and pleased by the presence of three distinguished visitors from Bermuda. Bro. T. F. F. Wyatt, R. W. District Superintendent for the Scottish Lodges in Bermuda; Bro. Thomas M. du B. Godet, R. W. Grand Inspector of the Irish Lodges in Bermuda, and Bro. C. H. V. Talbot, V. W. Grand Inspector for the English Lodges in Bermuda, had also attended the District Deputy Grand Master's meeting earlier in the day and thus learned much about Freemasonry in our Grand Jurisdiction. Their comments at both sessions were most interesting and instructive.

### Committee Reports

On the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, Grand Lodge approved the proposed amendments submitted by nine Lodges and those of three Lodges as amended in the copy, and rejected one section. This Committee is always available to assist the Lodges contemplating changes in their By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance report indicated receipts of approximately \$1,091,600 and expenditures of \$1,089,450 for the fiscal Quarter ending August 15th. This Committee, as usual, devoted the previous afternoon to discussing the many Grand Lodge financial matters.

The Committee on Masonic Culture, which met during the afternoon just prior to the Quarterly, emphasized the need for good leadership in the Lodges. The Officers should be selected for their ability and not just for friendship. Masonic Culture Workshops continue to be held throughout the State. Any District or area that desires such a Workshop can have one upon request.

The Masonic Homes Committee called attention to the recent articles in The Pennsylvania Freemason and in the Lodge Notices relative to the Guest Fund, which warrants the full support of all our Members. The Fund means so much to the happiness and enjoyment of our Guests at Elizabethtown.

At least 15 Lodges are now working on improvements to their meeting place facilities and the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms

is always ready to aid the Lodges in such programs.

Bro. John W. Kopp, of Ashlar Lodge, No. 570, has been appointed Superintendent of the Patton School for Boys to succeed Bro. David H. Stewart who retired recently and moved to Florida. There is still room for a few additional boys at the school which adjoins the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Much renovation work was completed by the Masonic Temple Committee in Philadelphia during the past Summer, including considerable repainting and carpeting.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing has awarded the contract for the printing of the 1966 Proceedings as approved by Grand Lodge.

The distinguished Brethren from Bermuda were presented and each responded in an interesting and gracious manner.

Grand Lodge closed at 9:00 P.M.

Fraternally,

*Cashly B. Paul*

R. W. Grand Secretary

## Fifty-year Emblems Presented to Twins



Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, shown with Bro. Leon J. Smith (left) and Bro. Ardo C. Smith (right) twin Brothers and Members of Robert R. Bringham Lodge, No. 686.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, had the distinction and honor of presenting Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems to Bro. Ardo C. Smith and Bro. Leon J. Smith, twin Brothers. The occasion was the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of Robert R. Bringham Lodge, No. 686, held at Philadelphia, Saturday, Oct. 1, 1966.

## Grand Lodge Circulating Library Has Many Masonic Books to Loan

Once again, you are reminded of the rather unusual services afforded Pennsylvania Masons in our Grand Lodge Circulating Library conducted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

In the Library Room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is a collection of several hundred Masonic books—260 different titles in all—waiting at all times for Pennsylvania Masons to borrow, free of charge, except for the return postage.

A 32-page Circulating Library Brochure, containing the rules, regulations and listing of these 260 Masonic books, will be mailed upon request by writing to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

As the rules and regulations will cite, any Pennsylvania Mason can borrow two of these books at a time and may

use them for a three-week period, or longer, if necessary.

You will find books covering all phases of Freemasonry in this Circulating Library. Any Member will soon realize that reading Masonic books can be most interesting and rewarding.

Several copies of the following books have been added recently to satisfy the many requests we have received:

House Undivided ..... Allen E. Roberts  
The History of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania ..... George Hay Kain  
A Masonic Stamp Collection ..... George B. Clark  
A Handbook for Royal Arch Masons ..... Ray V. Denslow  
Benjamin Franklin, The First Civilized American ..... Philips Russell  
Masonic Soldiers of Fortune ..... William M. Stuart  
An Interpretation of Our Masonic Symbols ..... J. S. M. Ward  
The Secret Teachings of All Ages ..... Manly P. Hall





View of the rare collection of Masonic glassware on display in the Museum Room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Many of the toast glasses date back to the year 1750. Several



pieces of rare china and crockery, all with a rich Masonic heritage, are shown here as displayed in the Museum Room.

## Districts Urged to Conduct a Workshop

The success and general reaction realized from the several Masonic Culture Workshops already conducted in various Districts, encourages a continuation of this worthy activity.

Renewed interest in Masonic education and added enthusiasm in Lodges has been evidenced in Districts where Masonic Culture Workshops have been conducted. Several of the Districts have arranged to have a Masonic Culture Workshop at least once each year.

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is always ready and willing to cooperate and even participate in a Workshop. Packets of literature and other supplies are made available in large quantities.

The initiative in arranging a Workshop should come from the District Deputy Grand Master and his District Chairman to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

Although a Workshop can be arranged and successfully conducted in a single District, we have found that the combined efforts of two or three Districts has proven to be more practical.

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture encourages interest in these Workshops, particularly among those Districts who have not had a Workshop. Procedure, suggestions and advice in arranging a Workshop are always available upon request.

## A Mason 75 Years, a Past Master 56 Years



Bro. James Brown, P. M.  
McKeesport Lodge, No. 641

Bro. James Brown, Past Master of McKeesport Lodge, No. 641, has recently completed 75 years of Masonic service.

Born in Coatbridge, Scotland, on December 2, 1871, he became a Mason of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 544, A. F. & A. M., Scotland, in August, 1891. As a "Lewie" he was eligible to become a Member of his father's Lodge at 18.

In 1905, Bro. Brown, then a Life

Member of St. Andrew's Lodge, became enthused with the progress of Freemasonry in his chosen city of McKeesport, Pa., and resigned to become a Warrant Member of the new Lodge being formed. He is the oldest, living Past Master of McKeesport Lodge, having served as Worshipful Master in 1910.

Residing in Mt. Lebanon, 15 miles from his Lodge, Bro. Brown still looks forward to attending his "Blue Lodge" meetings and reminds the Brethren that: "God willing, I shall be back to see you at another meeting soon."

He is also a Member of Duquesne Chapter, No. 193; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2, McKeesport Commandery, No. 86, and Syria Temple.

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## Reading and Research Is Good for All Masons

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will lend itself to investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and secret mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated and accepted.

The man who merely takes the degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and who remains a mere spectator at Lodge meetings, and then considers the customary refreshments after Lodge is closed as the best part of the proceedings, may well think that Freemasonry differs very little from other fraternities.

On the other hand, the Member who dives deeply into Masonic literature, takes an interest in the Ritualistic and Work of the Lodge, attempts to learn the origin and meaning and moral bearing of the symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error.

To bring this type of influence to bear on every Member of the Craft, and to direct them to the systematic study of Freemasonry, should be the great aim of every true Master Mason who has the welfare of the Fraternity and his Brethren at heart.



A view of Egyptian Hall, one of the seven Lodge Rooms in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The Worshipful Master's chair is made of gilded ebony. Archeological accuracy has been used in all the decorations.



Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where Grand Lodge Meets. Considered one of the most beautiful Lodge Rooms in the world, it features strict conformity with the principles of Grecian classical architecture.

## Valley Lodge Master Performs Heroic Deed

Much praise and commendation is due Bro. Roy E. Wilson, Worshipful Master of Valley Lodge, No. 459, held at Masontown, Pa., for an heroic deed performed on June 25, 1966.

While landing his boat near Jordon's Harbor on Cheat Lake in southwestern Pennsylvania, Bro. Wilson noted Mr. R. L. Everets suffer some type of seizure while fishing and fall from a dock into deep water.

Bro. Wilson immediately leaped into the water and, after diving several times, was able to locate Mr. Everets and pull him to shore. Bro. Wilson then administered artificial respiration until a fire company's rescue squad arrived and administered oxygen while the victim was rushed to West Virginia University Medical Center at Morgantown.

Mr. Everets was up and around within a few days.

Under a 148-year-old lease, a Masonic Lodge in Bermuda rents the Old State House in St. George for one dried peppercorn a year.



## Dr. Richard A. Kern Is Honored As Recipient of Gourgas Medal

The Gourgas Medal of Scottish Rite Masonry, a rarely conferred honor, was awarded to Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, during the closing sessions of the 154th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held at Boston, the week of September 26, 1966.

This medal is conferred "in recognition of notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity, or country." Dr. Kern is the twelfth recipient of this medal.

Dr. Kern has been a prominent Philadelphia physician and a nationally-known medical educator and administrator. Among the posts he has held are: Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Hospital and Temple University, Philadelphia; Rear Admiral United States Medical Corps; president, American College of Physicians, and president, Pennsylvania State Medical Society. He is Professor Emeritus at Temple University Medical School.

Having been most active in our Grand Lodge for many years, Dr. Kern is presently Grand Lieutenant Commander of Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Deputy for Pennsylvania, and has for many years been the Chief Director of Scottish Rite's research program into the cause of schizophrenia.

## Bro. Kimmel Elected 'Active' for Penna. in Supreme Council, NMJ

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, joins the top administrative group of Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, having been elected an Active Member for Pennsylvania at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

Bro. Kimmel joins Bro. Richard A. Kern, Past Grand Master and Deputy for Pennsylvania and Grand Lieutenant Commander of Supreme Council; Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master and Grand Captain General, Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master, and Bro. Charles F. Greevy, President Judge of Courts of Lycoming County, Pa., all Active Members for Pennsylvania.



Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, is decorated with the Gourgas Medal by Bro. George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.



Picture taken following the June Stated Meeting of Park Lodge, No. 676, Pittsburgh, showing Bro. Arthur H. Wilharm, long a Member of the Committee on Finance of Grand Lodge, receiving a plaque commemorating his 50 years as a Past Master of Park Lodge, No. 676. Bro. J. Robert S. Aufderheide, District Deputy Grand Master of the 32nd Masonic District, and Bro. R. Paul Goebel, Worshipful Master, are shown in the rear center.

## Lodges Need Leaders

There is an old saying that every organization is the lengthened shadow of one man. Dig into the history of any company. Some man—an individual not a committee, had a dream, and that one man turned that dream into a reality by fighting, by exercising the kind of single-minded leadership that drives through to a goal no matter what the obstacles may be. In the process, no doubt, he ruffled some feathers, but he got the job done.

The quality of leadership is the determining factor in every institution that makes up our society. Whether it's a Rotary Club, a Church, or a Masonic Lodge, if you have the right person heading it up, it gets some place. If you don't—it just doesn't.

If you don't have leadership, you can appoint committees and draw organization charts and make speeches until you're blue in the face, but nothing happens. Leadership is a personal thing inevitably focused in one man. What a wonderful thing for Freemasonry it would be if every Worshipful Master were willing to face up to this fact.

*A Freemason may be at fault if he remains a stranger in his own Lodge, but the Craft is at fault if that same Brother is allowed to remain a stranger in another Lodge.*

## NEEDED! Knowledge of Freemasonry

At no time in Masonic history has there been a greater need for an understanding of what Freemasonry is and what it stands for than there is today. Much has been left undone in the education of Members of our Lodges.

The first essential in Masonic education is that desire to become interested and enthused in Freemasonry followed by a thirst for knowledge as to what Freemasonry is all about. Here is where the instructors, working under the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, can serve well and can influence the candidate in a continuous search for more Masonic Light.

The qualifications for instructing are less exacting than may be imagined. What is essential is a basic knowledge of Freemasonry by the instructor. In this day and age, with so many counter attractions, it becomes more evident that greater efforts must be put forth to instruct our new Members in the ideals and fundamentals of Freemasonry.

Every Lodge should have a definite program along authentic Masonic educational lines. We must understand what Freemasonry really is before we can practice Freemasonry in our lives. We must remember that Freemasonry is judged by the actions of its individual Members. We must set an example to those outside the Craft at all times.

The need for Masonic knowledge is

often evidenced in our Lodges. This need can be alleviated where dedicated Members qualify as instructors and then serve in teaching the principles and fundamentals of Freemasonry to all who will listen.

## A Mason and a Man

*My Brother, Masonry means much more Than the wearing of a pin, Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt So the Lodge will let you in.*

*You may wear the emblem on your coat From your finger flash a ring, But if you're not sincere at heart This doesn't mean a thing.*

*It's merely an outward sign to show The world that you belong To this great Fraternal Brotherhood That teaches right from wrong.*

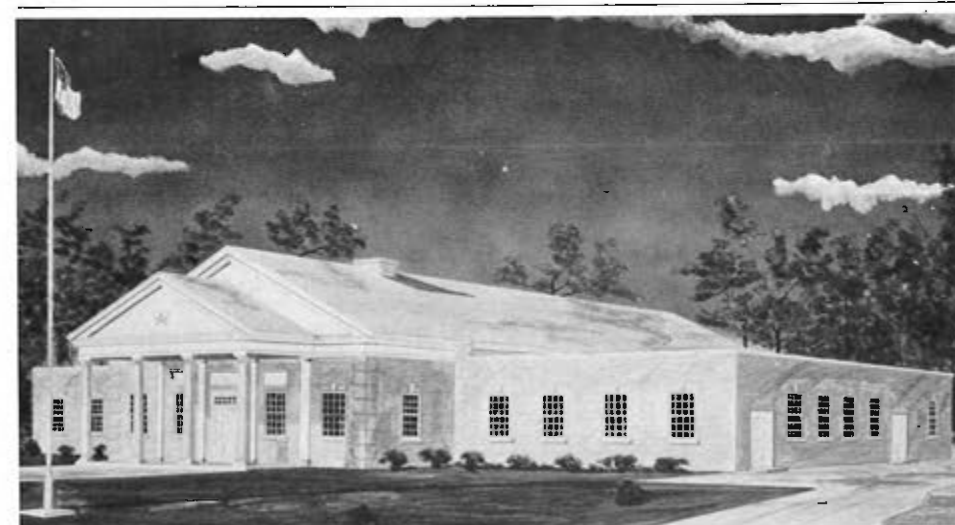
*What really counts lies buried deep Within the human breast, Till Masonic teaching brings it out And puts it to the test.*

*If you can practice out of Lodge The things you learn within, Be just and upright to yourself And to your fellowmen—*

*Console a Brother when he's sick Or assist him when in need, Without a thought of personal gain For any act or deed.*

*Walk and act in such a way That the world without can see, That none but the best can meet the test Laid down by Masonry—*

*Always live up to your trust And do the best you can, Then you can proudly tell the world You're a Mason and a Man.*



Architect's sketch of the new Masonic Temple being constructed in Lower Bucks County, near Woodside, Pa. This is a joint undertaking of Newtown Lodge, No. 427, Penn Morris Lodge, No. 776, and Levittown Lodge, No. 788, of the Eighth Masonic District. The shell of the building is complete and reveals its beauty and size. Featuring a Lodge Room 74 x 46 feet, a social hall 56 x 40 feet, a large lounge room and lobby, office, kitchen and storage space, other features will include ample parking area and air conditioning.

## A TRUE MASON SPEAKS

I take great pride in my Freemasonry. Accepted into the Craft many years ago, I am sure I have not exhausted even the smallest vein of its richly laden ore.

It is a source of help and comfort and pleasure I can absolutely rely upon. When I have wearied of other labors I can turn confidently to my Lodge Room and find companionship and courage. There is something indefinable in Freemasonry I can find nowhere else in the world. Familiar as I am with Masonic Ritual it continues ever fresh and ever new. Always it seems to me, as I hear it repeated, I catch a new thought or a new inspiration and a new grip on the eternal truths of life.

Freemasonry has greatly enriched my life; it has given me friendship that I cherish dearly. It has whispered subconsciously to me in silent hours words of caution and encouragement.

I like going back to my Lodge. I have found it refreshing and good to step aside out of the path of my busy life and sit again with the Masons who have carried on in my absence. To this experience I come gladly and joyfully, as a boy returns again to his old home which he left to seek his fortune. Still some of the older brothers await to welcome me. Grown a little older I find them, but still strong and eager for the duties of a Mason! With them I can be what I so often long to be—just one of the Craft. Their aprons and mine are made of the same cloth; their dreams and mine are similar; their pulses beat the same inspiration, and we are all at peace.

Rich and poor, high and low make no difference there. The pomp of life is thrown aside. Only that which is important counts.

Freemasonry has taught me the follies of petty distinctions and the shame of pride and place. I am grateful to Freemasonry for all this.

## Telephone Numbers

In answer to many requests for the telephone numbers at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, we list the following:

- Grand Master's Office  
215-LOcust 7-5582
- Grand Secretary's Office  
215-LOcust 7-4156
- Librarian and Curator's Office  
215-LOcust 7-4190
- Superintendent's Office  
215-LOcust 7-5674