

Classes for September Term at Patton School Being Formed; New Brochure Explains Details

Applications are now being accepted for the September term at Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown.

Vacancies exist in all grades, nine through twelve.

Patton Masonic School is a privately endowed secondary boarding school for young men who have lost one or both parents through death.

Sons of Master Masons receive first consideration, but all students must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

The approximate cost of \$2,500 a year per student for board, lodging and education is free. The money is provided by the income from the Thomas Ranken Patton Trust Fund and Grand Lodge.

A new brochure on Patton Masonic School has been completed, outlining the educational and other advantages of the school. It also includes the procedure for making application.

Secretaries of Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania have been provided ten copies for interested members. However, additional copies of the brochure may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022, or the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Brethren, interested students and parents are invited to attend the annual commencement exercises of Patton School, to be held in the Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 3.

Those interested will have an op-

portunity to tour Patton School following the commencement exercises.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, will be the commencement speaker.



Coveted mark of a Master Mason. Pennsylvania Masons have been urged to wear this emblem daily to evidence our endorsement of the principles and ideals of Freemasonry as we now commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United Grand Lodge of England, June 24, 1717.

When asked the question— What You Can Say About FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is a voluntary association of men.

Freemasonry is a system of moral conduct.

Freemasonry is a way of life.

Freemasonry is a fraternal society.

Freemasonry teaches monotheism.

Freemasonry is religious in its character.

Freemasonry teaches the Golden Rule.

Freemasonry seeks to make good men better.

Freemasonry teaches morality through symbolism.

Freemasonry uses Ritual and ceremonies to instruct its members.

Freemasonry is based on a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul.

The tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles such as are acceptable to all good men.

Freemasonry teaches tolerance toward the beliefs of others and charity toward all mankind.

Freemasonry proudly proclaims that it consists of men bound together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection.

Freemasonry is universally applicable throughout the world.

Freemasonry does not solicit members.

Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial-type society.

Freemasonry is neither a religion nor a creed.

Freemasonry is not organized for profit. Freemasonry dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular.

Freemasonry seeks no advantages for its Members through business or politics.

Freemasonry is not a forum for discussions on partisan affairs.

Freemasonry does not conceal its existence. It is not a secret society.

Freemasonry teaches—

- ... Love and kindness in the home,*
- ... Honesty and fairness in business or occupation,*
- ... courtesy in social contacts,*
- ... help for the weak and unfortunate,*
- ... resistance to wickedness,*
- ... trust and confidence in good men,*
- ... forgiveness toward the penitent,*
- ... love toward one another, and, above all,*
- ... reverence for the Supreme Being.*

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Bronze Medallion Being Struck for Statue Dedication



Picture of the sculptor's original clay work showing the detail that will appear on the obverse side of the bronze medallion being struck to commemorate the dedication of the Washington at Prayer Statue. A reproduction of the Seal of Grand Lodge will appear on the reverse side of the medallion.

A special medallion will be struck by Grand Lodge to commemorate the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on Saturday, September 9, 1967.

Donald DeLue, the sculptor of the statue, has designed an outstanding medallion that will properly commemorate this important event in the history of Freemasonry.

One side of the medallion will be a reproduction of the George Washington at Prayer Statue. The other side will be a reproduction of the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

A limited number of the medallions will be struck.

The cost of \$5.00 covers boxing and mailing.

The medallion will be in bronze and will have a diameter of three inches.

To be assured of receiving a medal-

Grand Master Urges Record Attendance for Statue Dedication at Freedoms Foundation

The Grand Master has urged Masonic Lodges and Masonic organizations throughout the state to make a special effort to participate in the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on Saturday, September 9, 1967. He said:

"This is one of the most important public events ever sponsored by Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Since the dedication is open to the public, we cannot afford not to make an outstanding showing."

The dedication will start at 3 p.m. and will be followed by a special Dedication Banquet at 5:15 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet are limited to 2,000, at a cost of \$7.50 each.

The banquet will be served in a huge circus tent that will be erected on the grounds of Freedoms Foundation.

The General Dedication Committee reports there are banquet tickets available and urges Masons and their families to make reservations as soon as possible.

Tickets can be obtained by sending a check to the General Dedication Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

In a letter to Worshipful Masters and heads of other Masonic Bodies in the state, the Grand Master said:

"I would sincerely appreciate your organization doing everything possible to assist in making this an outstanding undertaking."

Worshipful Masters and Wardens of Masonic Lodges who attend the dedication in full Masonic dress have been invited to take part in the processional and accompany Grand Lodge Officers throughout the dedication program.

Masonic Lodges and other Masonic Bodies have been urged to charter buses for the trip to Valley Forge.

Buses would arrive as a self-contained unit with adequate supplies for lunch if needed. Buses also could deliver passengers to the immediate area of Freedoms Foundation without parking problems.

If private automobiles are to be used, it is suggested that automobile pools be formed in order to eliminate the one-passenger cars.

The Grand Master has authorized Masonic Lodges to use Lodge Funds, if so desired, to pay the cost of chartered buses.

He has also authorized Masonic Lodges to use Lodge Funds, if desired, to purchase banquet tickets for Lodge Officers or Brethren representing the Lodge.

In accordance with our Masonic Law, Lodge funds cannot be used to purchase banquet tickets for ladies if Brethren desire to be accompanied.

lion, send your check for \$5.00 for each medallion to the Dedication Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Bro. Robert W. Dietrich, Chairman of the General Dedication Committee,

has assured that Brethren who place their orders now will receive medallions. He said:

"The price of \$5.00 only covers the cost of having the medallion struck.

"Because of the price, we will only strike enough to cover the demand."

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Homes' Chief Engineer Retiring; Applications Are Being Considered

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has an opening for a chief engineer. Bro. Waldo E. (Jack) Baker, chief for many years, has announced his retirement.

Persons with the necessary education and experience are urged to make application for the position by writing to Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

The chief engineer should be a college graduate in engineering with experience in maintenance work. He should be qualified to supervise approximately 50 employees in all phases of maintenance and construction, such as plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, automobile repair, carpentry, cabinet making, painting, paper hanging, and brick and block laying. He will be responsible for the purchase of maintenance supplies.

The engineer is responsible for the maintenance of all the buildings at the Masonic Homes, machinery, power house, heating system, laundry, cannery, abattoir, creamery, air conditioning, farm machinery, and approximately 25 vehicles.

He should be capable of supervising the construction of all new buildings and have some experience in drafting and designing.

A very comfortable home is available to the chief engineer on the grounds of the Masonic Homes.

Largest 'Guest Fund' Is Acknowledged by R. W. Grand Master

I am very pleased to report that our Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which ended March 15, 1967, totaled \$278,033.36, the largest total ever attained.

The total collection is \$13,000 more than last year's total of \$265,000.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts and sacrifices of those who found a way to contribute to this outstanding charitable activity of Freemasonry.

This money is used for the comfort of our Guests, and makes our Homes a "home" and not just another institution.

The \$278,033 represents an average contribution of \$1.10 for the approximate 251,000 Masons in Pennsylvania.

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of the 251,000 Masons participate in this important effort.

Our statistics show that direct contributions to this fund were made by 41,227 Masons. I estimate that another 19,000 Masons contributed at Lodge banquets and meetings, where the money was sent direct to the Homes without identity of the donor.

This means that 60,000 Masons, or approximately 23 per cent of the membership, contributed an average of approximately \$4.30 to attain the record collection.

I sincerely urge those who participated last year to continue this dedication when the next appeal starts in the fall.

I also urge those who have not participated in the past to plan a special effort to at least send something, regardless of the amount, when the next collection starts.

Sincerely, Brethren, your efforts have been outstanding. Your gifts have been gratefully received. Your dedication to the Masonic Homes and your Guests in the Homes have been deep and constant.

As Grand Master, I commend you for your charitable considerations.

Fraternally yours,

Robert E. Deyoe

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R. W. Grand Master

Names of Honor Roll Brethren Requested

An Honor Roll list of Members of Pennsylvania Lodges killed in action in the Vietnam War, will be published in a subsequent issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Lodge Secretaries are requested to provide the editor with names, dates and other related facts of our Brethren who have made the total sacrifice in the service of their country.

June Quarterly to be Held at Masonic Homes

The June Quarterly Communication will be held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

Guided tours through the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School will be available during the day for interested Brethren.

Grand Lodge will convene in the Deike Auditorium, which comfortably seats approximately 600.

Those who arrive early for tours will be able to find adequate dining facilities in the Elizabethtown area.

The Grand Master has urged all interested Masons to take part in the tours and to attend the June Quarterly Communication.

BRO. WILLIAM E. MONTGOMERY

Freemasonry in general and our Grand Lodge in particular has suffered a great loss in the passing of Bro. William E. Montgomery, February 4, 1967.

Most active in all Bodies and phases of Freemasonry, Bro. "Bill" Montgomery served for many years on the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. His informative Masonic writings have appeared in The Pennsylvania Freemason since its inception in November 1954.

Bro. Montgomery's devotion and excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry will long be evidenced in the continued use of the various booklets and pamphlets used in our Masonic Culture program, made possible by his research and writing.

Freemasonry has lost a Masonic scholar.

From the Grand Secretary's Office

Those Members who were unable to attend the March Quarterly Communication of your Grand Lodge will be glad to know that the attendance was quite large—527 Brethren were present.

Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of Bro. Frank Gamblen, who is a M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Brother Gamblen's address was most interesting. Few of us knew there are six autonomous Grand Lodges in Australia; and in Western Australia one Lodge still operates under the United Grand Lodge of England and seventeen Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

There is no right of succession of office in either their Grand Lodge or the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master is elected annually—with a maximum period of holding office of 5 consecutive years. All the other Grand Officers are appointed by the Grand Master and then usually for only one year.

Two amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were proposed and will lay over until the December Quarterly Communication. They are discussed in detail elsewhere in this issue.

Many years ago, a property was purchased on the Parkway in Philadelphia as a possible site for a new Masonic Temple. This was later found to be unnecessary and the property was sold. The receipts from this sale have now been made a part of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund.

The Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia has hundreds of interesting Masonic books available for our Members to read. If you are interested, contact your Lodge Masonic Culture Committee or the Librarian, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown needs employees, especially in the hospital. If anyone is interested, get in touch with the Superintendent.

A new Brochure for the Patton School will soon be available. Each Lodge will receive a supply of them.

Our membership, unfortunately, is still declining. The 611 Lodges admitted 600 and initiated 5,721 during

Grand Lodge Committee On Masonic Culture Publishes New Booklet

A new booklet has been published by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture and is designed to offer advice and suggestions in the handling of the Petitioner and the Candidate.

Directed by the Grand Master, this newest booklet is entitled "The Making of a Mason," and is provided with the hope that it will serve as an inspiration and guide to Members who accept the responsibility of being a Recommender; for those Members charged with the important task of serving as a Committee of Inquiry, and for those Members assigned to act as the Guides for Candidates. Another section of the booklet cites the proper decorum within and without the Preparing Room.

This new booklet is slightly larger than previous booklets published by the Committee and contains 16 pages of legible printing. A supply of these new booklets has been mailed to the Lodge Secretaries for distribution within the Lodge. Additional copies of this booklet will be provided when requested.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

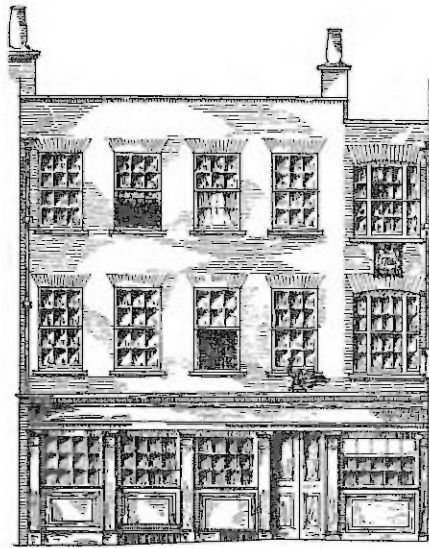
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R. W. Grand Secretary



A father and his four sons make it a real family affair in Bethel Lodge No. 789, held in Lower Burrell, Pa., in the 54th Masonic District. Shown above (left to right) are Brothers John E. Sennett, Senior Warden; Lucius F. Sennett, Senior Deacon; Charles W. Sennett, Sr., Robert C. Sennett and Charles W. Sennett, Jr. Bro. John E. Sennett, Acting as Worshipful Master; Bro. Lucius F. Sennett, Acting as Senior Warden; Bro. Robert C. Sennett, Acting as Junior Warden, and Bro. Charles W. Sennett, Jr., Acting as Guide, assisted in Raising their father, Bro. Charles W. Sennett Sr., to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Where Speculative Freemasonry Had Its Beginning



On the left is an elevation reproduction showing The Goose and Gridiron Tavern, located in St. Paul's Churchyard, London, England. The Lodge Room, 22x15 feet, where the First Grand Lodge held its first Meeting June 24, 1717, is shown in the drawing, above. Staircase leading to the Old Lodge Room is at the right.



Proposed Amendments to Ahiman Rezon Cover Processing of Lodge Inquiry and Mileage Rate

Two proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were presented at the March Quarterly Communication and will lay over, as required, until the December Quarterly Communication.

In our Grand Lodge, a person having the requisite qualifications can present a petition for initiation and membership to any Subordinate Lodge. But when the petition is received by a Lodge other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, an Inquiry must be made of the nearest Lodge to ascertain whether it has any Masonic objection to the Lodge, which received the petition, acting thereon.

Article XXI, Section 8, now requires that the Lodge inquired of shall ballot on the Inquiry and a single black ball establishes an objection. The petitioner is then declared rejected in the Lodge originally receiving the petition.

The proposed amendment would still require an Inquiry to the nearest Lodge. The latter Lodge would then appoint a Committee of three Master Masons to determine the standing and character of the petitioner and his fitness to be made a Mason. The name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner would be printed in the notice of the inquired of Lodge. If all the Members of the Committee report favorably, the petitioner is considered worthy; if at least one Member of the Committee reports unfavorably, the petitioner is considered unworthy. In either case, a ballot is not required in the Lodge receiving the Inquiry. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"Article XXI, Section 8 — When a petition is received by a Lodge, other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of a petitioner, the Lodge receiving such petition for initiation and membership, shall, under its seal, request a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, to appoint a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge. The Committee shall be appointed as soon as the request is received. The request need not be read in the Lodge before the Committee is appointed. The notices for the meeting of the Lodge inquired of shall state "A Committee of Inquiry has been appointed to determine the standing and character of . . . and his fitness to be made a Mason in . . . Lodge . . ." and shall give the age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. If the inquiry is received in sufficient time to print it in the notice for the next stated meeting, it shall be placed in that notice.

The Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master shall promptly make diligent and careful inquiry as to the character and fitness of the petitioner to be made a Mason and determine whether any valid Masonic objection exists against him. The report of the Committee to be favor-

able must be signed by all members of the Committee. If any member of the Committee refuses or fails to act, the Master shall appoint another member in his place. If one member of the Committee reports unfavorably, the petitioner must be considered as unworthy. When the Committee has completed its investigation, it shall submit its report in writing to the Worshipful Master at the stated meeting the notice for which informed the members of the appointment of the Committee on Inquiry. The Worshipful Master shall then direct the Secretary of the Lodge to certify under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary the result of the investigation."

The other proposed amendment would increase from 15c to 20c per mile one way the sum to be paid by Grand Lodge to each Representative attending the December Quarterly Communication and voting therein. The proposed amendment is as follows:

"Article X, Section 5 — The sum of twenty cents (20c) per mile shall be paid by Grand Lodge to each Representative of a Subordinate Lodge attending the Quarterly Communication in December and voting therein, to be computed on the distance between the place of meeting of the Subordinate Lodge and the City of Philadelphia, for one way only."

Freemasonry is the activity of closely united men who, employing symbolical forms borrowed principally from the mason's trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others, and thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit even now on a small scale.

—German Handbook

Two Philadelphia Physicians Preside—100 Years Apart

Penna. Council of Deliberation To Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Pennsylvania Scottish Rite Masons will observe the 100th Anniversary of the organization of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., when Members of that Body meet at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple in Harrisburg this coming July 14, 1967.

This governing Body of Scottish Rite Masonry in Pennsylvania was organized in Pennsylvania at a meeting held in the Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street in Philadelphia on December 3, 1867.

That first session was called in response to an Edict issued by Bro. Anthony Eugene Stocker, M.D., a prominent Philadelphia physician who had been appointed Deputy for Pennsylvania by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the VanRensselaer Supreme Council.

At the first meeting of the Body, organization was effected and three resolutions passed having to do with the communication of degrees, a waiting time between certain degrees, and an effort to have the Order of Knight of the Red Cross restored to the "A. and A. Rite."

Dr. Stocker was a native Philadelphian. He attended the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in medicine in 1840. He served faithfully with the Union forces throughout the Civil War, suffering a wound in the right wrist at New Market Cross Roads, and later contracted yellow fever in Florida. Attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, he was honorably discharged in 1866.

He was a Member of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, serving as Worshipful Master in 1851 and as Secretary from 1854 to 1860. He also served as the presiding officer, simultaneously in all four Scottish Rite Bodies in Philadelphia, from 1859 to 1865.

Dr. Stocker held office as head of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation from its organization in 1867, until his passing in 1897. He was succeeded in office by James I. Buchanan 1897 to 1918; William M. Donaldson 1919 to 1921; John S. Wallace 1922 to 1949; and from 1950 until his death in 1966, by Scott S. Leiby,



Dr. Kern



Dr. Stocker

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Interesting and noteworthy, in this 100th Anniversary Year, is the fact that the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation once again is led by a distinguished Philadelphia physician. A Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Dr. Richard A. Kern, in 1966 succeeded Bro. Leiby as Deputy for Pennsylvania.

Properly to celebrate this significant 100th Anniversary event, the Brethren in Harrisburg are planning a special program for the occasion. A record breaking attendance is anticipated.

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation membership is made up of Elected Officers and Past Officers of all Scottish Rites Bodies in Pennsylvania; also recipients of the Award for Meritorious Service; Pennsylvania Honor-

ary Members of Supreme Council; and the five Active Members of Supreme Council for Pennsylvania who presently, in addition to Dr. Kern, are Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master; Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Past Grand Master; Bro. Charles F. Greevy, Past Commander-in-Chief of Williamsport Consistory and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Teachers and Counselor Needed for Fall Term at Patton Masonic School

Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown needs the following teachers and assistants to start the September school term:

Electronics teacher, to teach basic electronics to eleventh and twelfth grade electronics majors. Mathematics and physics are integrated into the program. Each group spends half a day in the electronics shop. A house on campus is available.

Guidance teacher, to administer pupil guidance, classroom guidance and testing programs for grades nine through twelve.

Adult dormitory counselor and security guard. A retired male teacher or couple. A small bachelor apartment is available in the dormitory.

Persons interested should contact Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Informative Items Available for Purchase

Popular Question and Answers Booklet of pocket size and containing 124 questions and answers on Freemasonry—10 cents per copy plus 5 cents for mailing.

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

Beautiful 8½ x 11 inch Color Brochure of Masonic Homes and Patton School for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa.—50 cents plus 15 cents for mailing charges.

Colorful 40-page hard-back Souvenir Album describing Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., the headquarters of Grand Lodge, and featuring color prints of the various Lodge Rooms. This Album may be purchased for \$1.00 per copy plus 15 cents for mailing.

Color print of The Washington Apron, 8½ x 11 inches, showing clearly the detail as hand embroidered by Madame the Marquise de Lafayette. This print comes in a neat frame folder and sells for 75 cents plus 40 cents for postage and handling.

A full-color 8 x 10 inch Kodachrome print of the exact scale model of King Solomon's Temple. This print also comes in a frame folder and sells for \$2.75 plus 40 cents for postage and handling.

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

Over 23,000 Grand Lodge 50 Year Masonic Service Emblems Presented

Bro. William H. Brehm, while R. W. Grand Master, early in 1940, directed the then R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthew Galt, Jr., to obtain the names and addresses of all the Members of our Lodges who had been Masons in good standing for fifty years or more. The resultant survey indicated that approximately 1400 had achieved that goal.

The Grand Lodge Officers agreed that the above Brethren should receive Fifty Year Emblems and the following Resolution to that effect was approved by Grand Lodge on June 5, 1940:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, on proper certification by the Secretary of the Lodge, present, through the Grand Master, or by someone delegated by him, to every Member of a Lodge under its jurisdiction, who has been a Mason in good standing for 50 years or more and to those others who shall hereafter attain such distinction, an emblem, style and design to be approved by the present Elected Grand Officers, as a token of its appreciation for such meritorious service."



Enlarged reproduction of our Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem. This lapel emblem is gold with purple color enamel overlay where it appears dark.

Immediate steps were then taken to obtain the required number of Emblems and many of the presentations were made by the District Deputy Grand Masters, with appropriate ceremonies, in the Fall of 1940.

When Bro. John A. Lathwood became R. W. Grand Master, he had a suggested Form of Ceremony prepared to be used at the presentation of the Emblem. This Form of Ceremony was revised in 1951. The method of presentation is now left to the discretion of the District Deputy Grand Master, or his representative.

The details in determining the eligibility to receive the Emblems, the procedure for requesting them and their presentation is fully outlined on Pages 76-78 inclusive in the Form for Recording Minutes.

By the end of 1966, over 23,000 Emblems had been presented to our Members.

The number of Emblems given our Brethren has steadily increased over the years. After the accumulated 1400 had been presented, the average number for the next five years was 310 a year. This average went up to 500 for the next five years, then jumped to 800, followed by 900 and for the last five years hit the 1425 per year mark. In 1966, the all time high of 1649 was reached.

Call-off Time May Prove a Good Time For Masonic Reading

Pennsylvania Masons are again reminded of the special privilege they have in obtaining Masonic books from the Grand Lodge Circulating Library free of charge.

Over 250 Masonic titles, covering every phase of Freemasonry, are stocked in this unique Circulating Library. A Pennsylvania Mason may borrow any two books and keep them for a three-week period, or longer if necessary.

Upon request, the books will be mailed to you promptly and postage paid. Your only responsibility will be to mail the book or books back at the end of the three-week period or at the end of any extension requested, placing the return postage on the package which amounts to pennies.

A 32-page Circulating Library Brochure, listing and describing the many Masonic books available, will be mailed upon request. Write to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Summertime, our usual "call-off" period, could prove an ideal time for Masonic reading and research. You may want to take a couple Masonic books with you on your vacation. Help yourself.

Craft Can Contribute Useful Equipment for Boys at Patton School

Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown needs the following equipment:

- Audio Visual Teaching Aids for Programmed Learning and Machine Learning.
- Library Books and Periodicals.
- Stereo Record Player.
- Recreational material, such as a regulation wrestling mat and billiard table.

Brethren interested in donating such materials should contact the Superintendent of Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

When charity becomes a demand, selfishness becomes enthroned. When individual responsibility becomes transferable, the spirit of helpfulness and relief dies. Charity is not confined to the giving of cash or gifts, often out of a superfluity. Charity, whose other name is love, gives even to the point of sacrifice and beyond.

Senior Mason of 15th District Keeps Active



Bro. Frank B. Halkyer

Bro. Frank B. Halkyer, Past Master of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 42, held at Uniondale, in northeastern Pennsylvania, has established quite a record of service in the 15th Masonic District.

Receiving his Degrees the early part of 1923, he was attracted to the Ritualistic Work and was soon found conferring Degrees in proficient and impressive form. His love for the Ritualistic and Floor Work is reflected in the unusual number of Degrees he has conferred and the endless hours of instruction he has afforded numerous Brethren in his area.

Nearly 80 years of age, Bro. Halkyer is still teaching the Ritual, installing Officers, conducting Masonic Funeral Services and conferring the three Symbolic Degrees. Often called upon to confer Degrees in neighboring Lodges. Bro. Clark W. Howell, District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District, relates that Bro. Halkyer has kept a detailed list of all the Degrees he has conferred, showing the name of the Member receiving the Degree, the date and the Lodge in which the Degree was conferred. The list of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees conferred goes into several pages. The number of Master Degrees he has conferred is far in excess of two hundred.

Still in good health, for his age, Bro. Frank enjoys attending the many other Masonic organizations in which he has been active for years, but he still maintains his loyalty to the Symbolic Lodge where he has inspired a vast number of Masons with the dignified and impressive way he has been conferring Degrees for many years.

Wide Insurance Coverages for Lodges Purchased by Gr. Lodge

Religious, fraternal and educational institutions are now legally liable for damages if one of their members, while engaged in an activity of that organization, is the responsible party in an accident resulting in injury, loss of life or property damage. Until recently such institutions were not held liable for damage caused by their members. This immunity has now been removed by the courts.

After having given this matter careful study, the Grand Lodge Officers and the Special Committee on Insurance have adopted a program which is now in use in many of the Grand Lodges of our Nation. The special forms of insurance purchased offer benefits both in broader coverages and lower costs.

In order to protect our Members, as well as our Lodges and the Grand Lodge, a master policy has been purchased providing Comprehensive Pub-

lic Liability with maximum coverage of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and medical payments of \$1,000 for each person with a maximum of \$10,000 for each accident. This policy covers our Members while going to and from and during a Lodge activity. The insurance afforded shall be in excess of any other valid and collectible insurance.

In addition to the above, the following coverages are now in effect for all our Lodges:

	Limit
1—Fidelity Bond (all Officers, Committeemen and Members) each person	\$5,000
2—Money and Securities	\$5,000
3—Depositor's Forgery (checks issued, etc.)	\$5,000
4—Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability	Statutory
5—Paraphernalia—Replacement Cost New	\$1,000

(Based on inventories filed by Lodges)

Successful Workshops Held at New Castle, Meadville, Broomall

Since the previous issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, Masonic Culture Workshops have been conducted at Broomall, Delaware County, for the 6th Masonic District; at Meadville for the 24th, 25th and 52 Masonic Districts, and recently at New Castle for the 26th, 27th, 37th and 53rd Masonic Districts.

Each of these Workshops were well attended and judging from the participation and enthusiasm, each one proved most successful.

Workshops in the planning stage include one at Carbondale for the 13th, 14th, 15th and 59th Districts; one at Shamokin for the 11th, 45th and 58th Districts; one in Delaware County for Districts A, B and the 36th District and one for several Districts in the Harrisburg area.

District Deputy Grand Masters and their District Chairmen are again reminded to plan and allow for a Masonic Culture Workshop in their yearly program of activities. Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture will cooperate in every way possible.

The above insurance program is provided without cost to the Lodges. The premium on this coverage will be paid by the Grand Lodge. In those instances where Lodges have insurance on some of the above classifications, it is suggested that they cancel the policies where duplications exist. If a policy also covers a Temple building only the part which applies to the Lodge should be cancelled.

In the near future, each Lodge will receive a "Memorandum of Insurance" which will contain more of the details of each coverage together with the explicit instructions for the Lodges to follow.

Help Wanted AT MASONIC HOMES

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

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.