

Grand Chapter Now Has Charitable Foundation

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania has established the Grand Chapter Charitable Foundation and has transferred to it some of its capital assets received as legacies in prior years. The income from the foundation will be used to support the present charitable program of the Grand Chapter, as well as others which may be selected from time to time as the funds of the foundation grow in volume. Several sizeable gifts have already been received. The Officers of Grand Chapter hope to enlist the generous support of all Royal Arch Masons as well as other interested donors.

An application has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service for the registration of the foundation as a Charitable Foundation exempt from federal taxes under the Internal Revenue Code.



All set for another day of "reading, riting 'n rithmetic" in their respective classes in the Elizabethtown Public Schools, are the Children, Guests at the Masonic Homes. Your contribution to the Guest Fund makes it possible to provide "that something extra" for these wonderful boys and girls of all ages.



Shown above are the two custom-made cases of our Grand Lodge and Symbolic Lodge Jewels, a gift presented by Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, to The United Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary celebrated last June in London.



Let Us Not Forget The 'GUEST FUND'

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.

Bronze Medallions Still Available

The special three-inch bronze medallion, struck by the Grand Lodge to commemorate the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation, is still available for those interested.

A reproduction of the statue is shown on the obverse side and a reproduction of the Seal of Grand Lodge appears on the reverse side of the medallion.

These medallions may be purchased for \$5.00 each, including boxing and mailing charges. Make check or money order payable to Dedication Committee and mail to Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

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Over 20,000 Attend Dedication Of Washington at Prayer Statue Presented to Freedoms Foundation

More than 20,000 Masons and their families saw the Bro. George Washington at Prayer Statue dedicated in "ancient Masonic custom and tradition" at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on September 9.

It was one of the largest gatherings of Masons in the history of Grand Lodge.

It was also one of the largest crowds ever to witness the unveiling and dedication of a statue in the United States.

And the 1,800 persons who attended the banquet that followed the dedication made it one of the largest banquets ever sponsored by Grand Lodge.

The massing of approximately 125 American Flags by fully uniformed Knights Templars and the thirteen flags of the original states by the young men of the DeMolay added the color to the pageantry.

Music for the dedication was provided by the Scottish Rite Choir of the Valley of Harrisburg and Lu Lu Shrine Concert Band of Philadelphia.

The procession preceding the dedication included Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and other Masonic Bodies.

The nearly 800 Masonic Lodge Officers from Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, all in Masonic dress, were viewed by Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, as one of the greatest gatherings of Masonic leaders he has ever witnessed.

Buses started to arrive at Freedoms Foundation at 11 a.m. Before the activities started at 3 p.m., by actual count, 485 buses were parked in a farm near the dedication site.

It was estimated that 2,500 automobiles were parked in special areas adjacent to Freedoms Foundation.

Local and state police did a commendable job to keep traffic moving into the area. And, after the ceremony was concluded, traffic moved without any undue delay.

Many of the buses carried Masonic Lodge and Masonic District signs, such as, "Heading for Valley Forge," with the local identifications.

When those in the nearly half a mile long procession arrived at their proper stations and places, Bro. Fred Pierce Corson, Grand Chaplain, gave an inspiring invocation, concluding;

"Renew our faith in Thee, as our Father believed in



A picture taken the moment of the unveiling of the large bronze statue of George Washington at Prayer, dedicated on Saturday, September 9, 1967, at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge. Shown with Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, is Mr. Donald DeLue, sculptor of the statue, and on the left is Bro. Floyd W. Hughes, Grand Sword Bearer. In the background is just a portion of the twenty thousand that attended the dedication, held in "ancient Masonic custom and tradition."

faith and tested it and proved Thee to be an ever-present help in the hour of trouble.

"Send us forth to be witnesses in our lives and dealings, both public and private, to their Gospel and their faith and their way, and to Thee we shall give all the praise now and evermore."

The highlight of the ceremony came when the Grand Master and Donald DeLue, of Leonardo, N.J., the sculptor, paraded along a 100-yard elevated walkway, lined with American flags and Lodge Officers, from the outdoor stage to the site of the statue, to unveil the nine-foot, bronze George Washington at Prayer Statue.

The statue was a gift to Freedoms Foundation of more than 250,000 Masons. It overlooks the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove, where the names of all Congressional Medal winners are listed on small monuments erected in individual state areas.

After the unveiling, Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Deputy

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## Over 20,000 Attend the Dedication of Statue At Freedoms Foundation

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Grand Master, distributed corn on the statue, and announced:

"This corn I distributed on the Statue as a symbol of goodness and plenty. May the blessings of a bounteous heaven be showered upon the world, inspiring the hearts of its people with Virtue — Wisdom — and Gratitude."

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, poured wine and announced:

"This wine I poured on the Statue as a symbol of joy and gladness. May the Supreme Architect bless and prosper our government — and may Freemasonry continue to be a bond of Friendship and Brotherly Love that shall endure through all time."

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, poured oil and announced:

"This oil I poured on the Statue as a symbol of Peace and Harmony. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe bless us with Unity — Peace — and Prosperity; preserve and protect the Fraternity of Freemasons — and make the Virtues of Freemasonry be a lesson to the world."

Before turning the Statue over to Freedoms Foundation, the Grand Master said:

"I take this opportunity to thank all of you who took part in this undertaking. You can be justly proud of your accomplishment."

"I especially thank the General Dedication Committee, the Committee

members who worked so hard and long in planning and supervising this dedication.

"It was well done, and if time and space permitted, I would like to thank them all, but I am sure they understand."

Bro. Deyoe then announced that "I officially present to Freedoms Foundation the statue of George Washington."

Bro. Kenneth D. Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation, accepted the gift and said:

"We at Freedom Foundations are deeply proud, deeply thankful. Something great is happening here today."

Bro. Don Belding, from California, co-founder of Freedoms Foundation and chairman of its directors, said:

"I feel today that I can only say a prayer:

"Great God of the Universe, grant that those who guide the destiny of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge will ever have the proper attitude, the strong will, the courage to make themselves fully responsible for protecting this historic shrine, that all the world may come to see the devotion which we hold for George Washington, the father of our country, and may God bless the Masons of Pennsylvania, who have made all this possible."

The dedication program was concluded by Bro. G. Mason Cochran, Grand Chaplain, bringing the thought:

"Almighty God, on this hallowed site and in this quiet hour we have been reminded again of the obligation and responsibilities and privileges of citizenship."

Following short talks by the Grand Master and Bro. Wells, the activities of the day concluded, ending one of the most colorful events in the history of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

## Dr. C. Harry Lefever is Appointed Grand Chaplain

Bro. C. Harry Lefever, D.D., Past Master of Eureka Lodge, No. 302, Mechanicsburg, was appointed a Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.

Bro. Lefever is pastor of the Penbrook Church of God, Harrisburg.

## Grand Master Expresses Gratitude; Cites Several Goals Reached In His Term

As I approach the end of my term as your Grand Master, I look back on the last two years with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity of serving you in this capacity.

I am most appreciative of the high honor you have bestowed and have tried, as I promised in the beginning of my term of office, to give you a plain dealing, business-like administration. I am happy to report that much has been accomplished toward that end.

My thanks go to the Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, the Trustees of the various funds of Grand Lodge, and the Chairmen and Members of the various Committees. Without their dedication and zeal these programs could not have been carried out.

I am pleased that so much favorable interest has been shown by the Members of this Grand Jurisdiction in the efforts to modernize and bring up to date the business and financial structure of Grand Lodge.

The financial program is in excellent hands. The Guest Fund has increased yearly. The program for the Dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue for Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge was, thanks to a very efficient Committee, well carried out. In the near future the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia will be flood lighted on the exterior as are other prominent buildings.

Let us keep in mind that constant change is always with us. May we have the wisdom to recognize it and the will to keep up with it.

Sincerely and fraternally

*Robert E. Deyoe*

Robert E. Deyoe

R.W. Grand Master

## From the Grand Secretary's Office

### September Quarterly Communication

The September Quarterly Communication held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was well attended. The Committee on Landmarks met on the morning of the previous day, followed by the Committee on Finance in the afternoon. Then in the evening, after the close of Athelstan Lodge, No. 482, various informative skits were performed followed by a panel discussion, in Corinthian Hall.

These skits were witnessed by the Grand Master, his Officers and the Committee on Masonic Culture with the thought that, if approved, they would be made available for all our Lodges. No definite decision was made at the above meeting.

The Grand Master held a most instructive session with the District Deputy Grand Masters the next morning, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Masonic Culture in the afternoon.

### Committee Reports

Many interesting and informative Committee Reports were presented at the Quarterly Communication. The Reports indicated that additional employees are badly needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason was received by a very high percentage of our Members as a result of most of the mailing lists furnished by the Lodges being up to date. It will be most helpful if these lists are kept current for each mailing.

There is much activity at the Patton School and among the Children at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Additional musical instruments can be used by both groups. If you have any you don't need, they can be put to good use.

### Dedications

Five new Lodge Rooms will have been dedicated before the end of the year, including those at Donora, Kittanning, Zelienople, Souderton and Emmaus. Many more are underway.

It is anticipated that a new Lodge will be constituted in the Southampton area next February. If interested in becoming a Warrant Member get in touch with Bro. Robert W. Hassell, District Deputy Grand Master, in Morrisville.

### Active Senior Members

Bro. Charles Higgins, our esteemed Grand Tyler, recently celebrated his 95th Birthday. He was on the job as usual at the Quarterly Communication. The way he looks and acts he will still be at his station when he is one hundred. Can any Grand Lodge

Summit recently lost its Masonic Temple when a devastating fire destroyed a total of four buildings. This Lodge will meet temporarily in the Masonic Temple in Scranton.

### Audits and General Returns

Please remember that the Lodge Auditing Committee must be appointed on the night of the annual election. The Committee must present its Report at the first Stated Meeting after December 27. The Report should be in the Grand Secretary's office not later than February 1.

The General Return should not be mailed to the Grand Secretary's office before December 27, but it should be sent within a few days following that date.

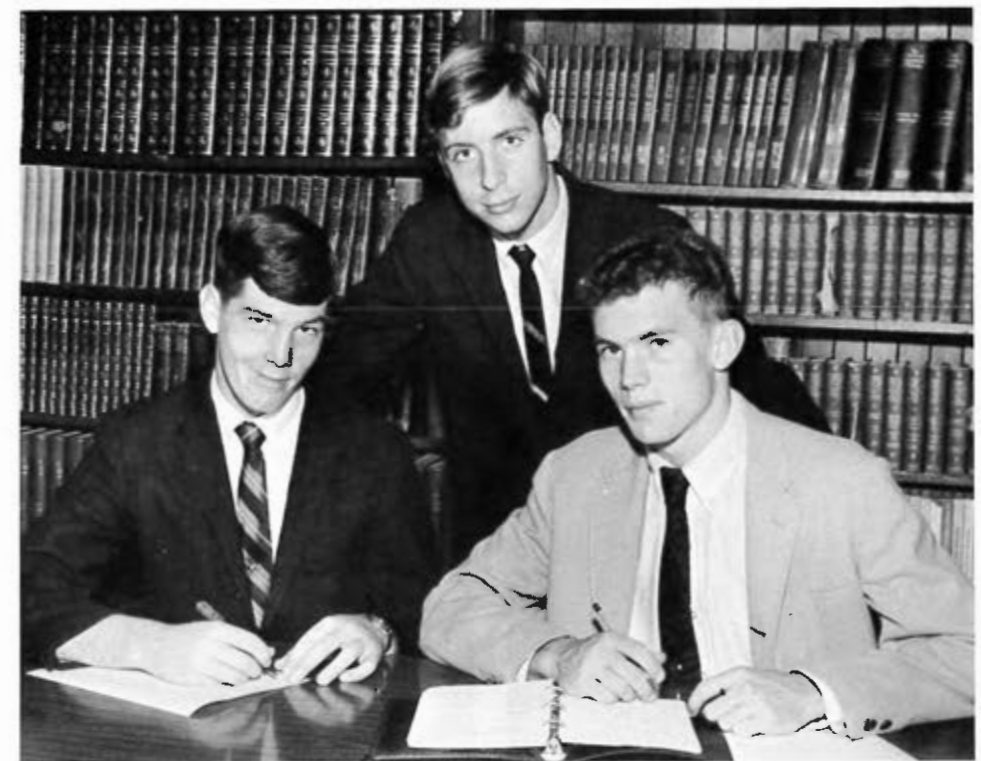
Here is some pleasant news. The charming new Miss America, Debra Dene Barnes, is the daughter of Bro. Dwight O. Barnes, a Past Master of Marmaton Lodge, No. 245 in Moran, Kansas. She is a beautiful and talented young lady.

Fraternally,

*Ashby B. Paul*

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R. W. Grand Secretary



Here we have three young men, each a Guest at the Masonic Homes, and each now serving as president of their respective classes in the Elizabethtown High School, Elizabethtown. William Ward, seated on the left, is president of the Sophomore Class; Thomas Dawson, IV, seated on the right, is president of the Junior Class, and standing is Nicholas Zandes, president of the Senior Class.

# Support of Many More Masons Needed To Fulfill Purposes for the 'Guest Fund'

Letters to the Grand Master in answer to his appeal for the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes are proof that many Masons and friends of Masonry understand the Holy Scripture, which reminds us:

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

For instance, a Mason living in a retirement home sent a major portion of his monthly allowance.

Several widows contributed gifts in memory of their husbands, former Masons.

And then a 14-year-old boy sent a one dollar contribution, with a letter that stated:

"This money is for the Guest Fund collection. I read about it in my Dad's Freemason paper. I know it's not much, but I'm still too young to work, so I can only send you my week's allowance now.

"I love old people and I wish they didn't have to get lonely and suffer. I pray for them and I hope God will help them to be happy and not be sick.

"Sorry I can't give you more money, but someday I know I will."

The letter was signed, "Yours truly, a Friend, R.N."

The letter was postmarked at Norristown, Pa. The Grand Master requested Bro. Gerald H. Woerner, District Deputy for the 6th Masonic District, to find the boy with the initials of R.N. After many hours of investigation, the boy was identified as Raymond Nelson, the son of Bro. Malcolm L. Nelson, a member of Norristown Lodge, No. 620.

The Nelson family visited the Masonic Homes as guests of the Grand Master.

Early returns indicate the Guest Fund is not showing the growth anticipated.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, Grand Master, urged:

"As we approach the Holiday Season, all of us should be reminded that Charity is one of the Landmarks of our Fraternity.

"I do not urge contributions from those who have greater responsibilities. However, the vast majority of Masons should send a contribution, even though it might only be a small amount."

Like Raymond Nelson, many members of the Masonic Fraternity have made special sacrifices to assist others.

The proof of the above statement is the fact that the Guest Fund has increased in the past eight years from \$90,000 to \$278,000.

Bro. Deyoe has listed the minimum need for the fund at \$250,000. This is for such expenditures as \$10 a month spending money for each of the 800 guests, occupational therapy program, religious activities, holiday activities and other related functions.

He pointed out that not one cent of the Guest Fund money is used for activities other than those directly benefiting the Guests. In other words, the activities that make the Masonic Homes a "Home" and not just another institution.

For instance, with the extra money received last year, special television sets are being installed in hospital rooms for those confined to beds.

The Grand Master pointed out that

many other projects can be initiated if the fund is great enough. All gifts to the Guest Fund can be listed as tax exemptions.

Masons who have neglected to send their contributions this year, or who have mislaid their postage-free envelopes, may make their checks payable to the Superintendent and mail to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

In concluding his final appeal on behalf of the Guest Fund, Bro. Deyoe said:

"As we approach this important religious period for all Masons of all religions, we are again reminded that the Holy Scriptures say that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

## Many Musical Instruments Needed for Patton School, Children at The Homes

There is a need for musical instruments for young Guests at the Masonic Homes and young men at Patton Masonic School.

Many Masonic Homes' youngsters play in the Elizabethtown High School Band, some with instruments that should be replaced. Others would welcome the opportunity to take lessons and also participate in band activities.

If a sufficient number of instruments can be found, Patton School hopes to start a drum and bugle corps.

Many Masons have serviceable musical instruments stored in attics. They can be put to use by sending them to the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

The instruments will be serviced and restored from monies in the Guest Fund and immediately put into active service.



On the left is a view taken from the rear of the main platform erected at Freedoms Foundation and showing the vast gathering of people jammed in the area between the platform and the statue. A few of the members of the Scottish Rite Choir of the Valley of Harrisburg may be seen in the foreground. The picture in the center



was taken inside the huge tent where the Dedication Banquet was served in the early evening. To the right is a picture of thirteen young men from Chester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, who took part in the Processional, each carrying a flag of one of the Thirteen Original States.



## Testimonial Honors Dr. C. Howard Witmer On His Retirement from Homes' Committee

On the evening of August 25, 1967, the beautiful Gold Room in the Hotel Hershey was the scene of a memorable occasion. The occasion was a testimonial dinner honoring Dr. C. Howard Witmer who had recently resigned from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes after serving continuously for more than two decades. The Grand Lodge Officers, the Committee on Homes, Staff members of the Homes and their ladies attended.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, with appropriate words of gratitude, presented Bro. Witmer with a bronze Masonic emblem suitably engraved for the occasion.

Many of those present paid high tri-

bute to this distinguished Brother who has given a lifetime of service to his fellowmen through Masonic activity and in the fields of medicine, education, religion and civic endeavors.

Bro. Witmer has served the Lancaster County area as a physician for more than half a century. He held the appointment of Medical Director for Lancaster County and was Chief of Staff at St. Joseph Hospital, Lancaster. He has also served as president of the local Tuberculosis and Health Society and as representative director from Pennsylvania to the National Tuberculosis and Health Society.

He has been president of the Manheim Township School Board for 36 years and has long served as director of the Lancaster Public Library. He has been president of the School Board Director's Association of Pennsylvania. Bro. Witmer has been a member of the Educator's Beneficial Association and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Industrial School at White Hill.

In religious activity, Bro. Witmer has served the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, as president of the Church Council and as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Other activities identified with Dr. Witmer have been leadership in Community Chest campaigns, membership on the Selective Service Board of Appeal, president of the Rotary Club in Lancaster and District Governor of Rotary International. Dr. Witmer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Farmer's National Bank.

Those fortunate enough to have known and worked with Dr. Witmer have been greatly benefitted by such opportunity. His sincerity, his kindly manner and his dedication to a lifetime of service to his church, the Masonic fraternity and his fellowmen in gen-



Bro. C. Howard Witmer is shown holding the gift presented at the testimonial dinner following his resignation from the Committee on Masonic Homes after many years' service. A mural, depicting Lancaster County farmland, presents an appropriate setting for this picture of Dr. Witmer who has served his fellowmen in Lancaster County for many years.



Shown on the left is a picture of some of the 800 Symbolic Lodge Officers who participated in the Masonic Procession at the dedication of the Washington Statue, with a view of the main platform in the background and the three Golden Vessels which contain the Corn, Wine and Oil used in the ancient Masonic Ritual. The picture in the center was taken from the statue and shows the Grand Sword Bearer,



Bro. Floyd W. Hughes, leading the R. W. Grand Master and sculptor along the specially constructed walk-way between the main platform and the statue and passing through the unusual corridor formed by the Sir Knights each holding an American Flag. The picture on the right shows the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert E. Deyoe tapping the base of the statue three times, thus making the dedication official.



In full regalia our R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, chats with Bro. Frank Gamblen, M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The get-together was during the June Quarterly Communication held at the Masonic Homes.



A view of the main platform while Bro. Wilbur M. Brucker was delivering his dedication address. Shown in the front row are many of our Grand Lodge Officers and guests. Also on the platform are many of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the ladies of our Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Board of Trustees and Staff of Freedoms Foundation and in the background can be seen members of the Lu Lu Temple Shrine Concert Band. Sir Knights and DeMolay boys, carrying flags, stood along the rear and both sides of the platform.

## Spirit of Washington Endorsed In Address of Wilbur M. Brucker

We are a free nation today because Washington had the faith in God that moves mountains, according to Bro. Wilbur M. Brucker, immediate M.E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

Speaking at the dedication of the Bro. George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on September 9, Bro. Brucker said:

"Washington was a man on fire for his beliefs, and kindled the flame in the hearts of others."

He said that Washington's leadership kept the young country together during the trying days of the Revolutionary War. He added:

"He was tried by adversaries and defeat.

"His army was decimated by desertions. Cheap politicians in the Continental Congress entered into venal intrigue against him. He was undercut by Colonists, safe around their fire-sides and far from the battlefields, who were ready to abandon the American cause.

"He was plagued by conspirators and even traitors."

Bro. Brucker, former Secretary of the Army in the Eisenhower Administration, said that Washington overcame his adversaries by practicing a profound diplomacy of truthful speech.

He pointed out that it was Washington, Master of his Masonic Lodge at Alexandria, Va., who added to his oath of acceptance as the first President of the United States the historic words:

"So help me God."

He warned that America is now facing new problems of tremendous importance to this country and "cannot afford to lose the value of lessons taught by the Father of our Country."

Bro. Brucker listed six points as suggestions. They are:

1. "This Statue of George Washington kneeling at prayer will be a perpetual reminder that Almighty God is the Ruler of the Universe. Uncle Sam will do well to approach modern problems on bended knee. Religion and morality are still the cornerstone of our Republic."

2. "Washington was the soul of integrity. He abhorred lying, cheating, stealing and all other forms of immorality. It's time America's national conscience was aroused by leaders of impeccable character and integrity to redeem our generation from the curse of sunken morality."

3. "Some impatient people are urging America to abandon its heroic role against Communist aggression in Vietnam and toss in the sponge. It takes time and patience to win wars. Washington didn't cringe during eight long years of warfare. Instead of listening to impatient counsel of defeat, America should tighten

its belt and resolutely turn again to the grim task of destroying aggression."

4. "Our sturdy forefathers pledged 'their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.' America still believes in 'honor.' America is the hope of the Free World. We dare not shrink from commitments made to protect our allies from Communist aggressions, if 'honor' still counts in the world."

5. "The essence of Washington's final success lay in his ability to bring discipline to his ragged army. He had a passion for discipline because he realized the vast difference between an army and a mob. America needs a rebirth of discipline that will outlaw mob rule and provide law and order on the streets of our cities, all across the land. Politics is no excuse for mobs. The choice is simple — either law and order or anarchy — there is no middle ground."

6. "George Washington was intensely patriotic. He had the will to lose his own life for the life of a larger cause. He held his personal sufferings of no account. America is at the crossroads. We need to revive the true spirit of patriotism as the basis of weathering the storm. The time for decision has arrived. Either we will embrace unselfish, sacrificial patriotism, or we will go the low road to crass materialism. We desperately need to catch the spirit of George Washington. We need a new philosophy that believes in this Country and her future."

## Supreme Council, N.M.J. Holds Annual Meeting In City of Pittsburgh

The 155th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was held from September 21 to 28 in the City of Pittsburgh with approximately 1200 Active and Honorary Members present. Also attending the meeting were representatives of Supreme Councils in Israel, Italy, the Dominican Republic, France, Columbia, Nicaragua and Panama.

On September 27, the 33rd and last Degree of the Scottish Rite was conferred on a class of 187 Masons, including Federal Judge John Morgan Davis, former Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania; Bishop Hermann W. Kaebnick of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Harrisburg; William A. Patterson, head of United Air Lines and Otto Kerner, Governor of Illinois.

During an executive meeting of the Active Members on the afternoon of September 27, 195 Masons were nominated to receive the 33rd Degree at the 1968 Annual Meeting which will be held September 19 to 26 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

## Proposed Amendments To The Ahiman Rezon Due for Final Action

Action will be taken at the Quarterly Communication on December 6 on the three proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, two of which were submitted at the March Communication and the third at the June Communication. They were explained in the May and August issues of The Pennsylvania Freemason. A copy of the amendments have also been mailed to all of our Members.

Article XXI, Section 8, prescribes the present method of handling Inquiries to the nearest Lodge. The proposed amendment requires the Lodge receiving the Inquiry to appoint a Committee of three Master Masons to determine the standing and character of the petitioner, his fitness to be made a Mason and whether any valid Masonic objection exists against him. The report of the Committee to be favorable must be signed by all members of the Committee. The report, either favorable or unfavorable, is submitted in writing to the Lodge receiving the Inquiry, and a ballot by that Lodge is not required. The result of the investigation is then certified to the Grand Secretary and he so notifies the Lodge which received the petition. If the report is favorable the latter Lodge can proceed to act, in the usual manner, on the petition; if not favorable, the petitioner must be declared rejected.

Article X, Section 5, now calls for Grand Lodge to pay 15c per mile one way to the Representative of a Subordinate Lodge attending the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge and voting therein. The proposed amendment would increase this payment to 20c per mile.

Article XX, Section 2, was amended in 1962 to permit Transfer of Membership between Lodges both of which are within our Jurisdiction. The proposed amendment would also allow Transfer of Membership between our Lodges and Lodges in other Jurisdictions. This procedure is now sanctioned in most other Grand Lodges.

*Freemasonry has greatly enriched my life. It has given me friendships that I cherish dearly. It has, I think, whispered subconsciously to me in silent hour 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.*

—EDGAR A. GUEST

## Bro. Milton Fritsche Appointed To Committee on Masonic Homes

Bro. Milton Fritsche, Past Master of Olivet Lodge, No. 607, Philadelphia, was appointed by the Grand Master as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes, vice Bro. C. Howard Witmer, resigned.

Bro. Witmer, a Past Master of Lamberston Lodge, No. 476, Lancaster, served as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes for 20 years. He also was a member, for many years, of the Executive Committee, which meets frequently.

Bro. Fritsche served as Grand Pursuivant in 1951, '52, '53 and '54. In 1966 he was appointed a member of the Committee on Finance, and remains on that committee. He also was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

Bro. Fritsche retired on January 1 as president of the Horn & Hardart Baking Company of Philadelphia. He was with the company for more than 38 years, and continues as a member of the Board of Directors.

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University for the past 19 years, he is on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Physical Plant Committee.

He also serves on the Joint Committee for the Hershey Medical Center, now under construction; vice president of the Board of Associates of Hood College, Frederick, Md.; Board



Bro. Milton Fritsche

of Trustees of the United Fund of Philadelphia; Board of Governors of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross; Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Council Navy League; and a director of the Delaware Fund and Decatur Investment Fund.

Bro. Fritsche is an active member of the Philadelphia Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Union League and Alpha Kappa Psi Honorary Business Fraternity.

Bro. and Mrs. Fritsche and their three daughters live on their farm in Douglassville, Pa.



An aerial picture showing the complex of Freedoms Foundation on the afternoon of the dedication of the statue. On the left can be seen the large long tent used for the Dedication Banquet. The site where the statue has been erected is on the right at the entrance to the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove. The picture, taken at a distance, does reveal the large crowd shown in some of the open area, near the statue and platform. Between the two long buildings, to the right of the tent, can be seen the formation of the Processional made up of several hundred Masonic Officers, Grand Lodge guests, and officials of Freedoms Foundation.