



Shown in the photo on the left is a view of the elevated head tables, in the East, at the First Annual "Praise and Thanksgiving" Masonic Breakfast sponsored by the 36th Masonic District at Chester, Pa., early Sunday morning, December 1, 1968. Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, who delivered an inspiring message, headed a long list of Grand Lodge Officers and other Masonic Officials. The photo on



the right shows a portion of the more than 750 Officers and Members of the Lodges in the 36th Masonic District and neighboring Lodges that attended. Members of Chester Chapter, Order of DeMolay participated in a special flag ceremony. Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of the 36th Masonic District, presided over the proceedings.

Masonic Blood Donor Club Needs Members

The Masonic Blood Donor Club, with its office located at 2511 Rittenhouse Claridge, 18th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia 19103, is anxious and hopeful of enlisting many more Masons.

Participation in this Blood Donor Club includes protection for the Member and his dependents. Membership could also relieve him of costly payments for large quantities of blood, if ever needed.

Bro. Wayne W. Thompson, Past Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 211, the driving force in this new fraternal endeavor, relates that nearly 1300 Members of Lodges and other Masonic Bodies have "signed-up" thus far. But Bro. Thompson says: "This is far too few Members if we are to provide needed blood for Masons and their dependents in, what we hope, is an ever expanding out-reach."

Detailed information may be obtained by writing to the address listed above. Or you may wish to call by dialing 215-M-A-S-O-N-76.

Seven New District Chairmen Appointed

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed seven new District Chairmen to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

They are:

MASONIC DISTRICT "A"—Bro. Harry Rubin, Athelstan Lodge, No. 482.

MASONIC DISTRICT "F"—Bro. James Millar, Jr., Richmond Lodge, No. 230.

15th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Kenneth R. Kingston, Warren Lodge, No. 240, as Co-Chairman to Bro. James A. Tracy, Harford Lodge, No. 445.

20th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. William K. Barry, Logan Lodge, No. 490.

21st MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Carl A. A. Anderson, Coalport Lodge, No. 574.

22nd MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Howard G. Becker, Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627.

56th MASONIC DISTRICT—Bro. Wendell O. Lawson, Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is most appreciative for the excellent service extended by the District Chairmen in their respective Districts. They have proven to be real "liaison" in the promotion and advancement of our Grand Lodge Masonic Culture Program.



Shown above are the actual flags carried by Bro. Walter M. Schirra during the Apollo 7 flight. Bro. Schirra was made a Mason at Sight on Nov. 4, 1967 at Jacksonville, Fla.

THANK YOU

An expression of sincere appreciation is extended to all Pennsylvania Masons who keep their respective Lodge Secretaries notified of changes of addresses.

The courtesy and cooperation means so much to a Lodge Secretary. He, in turn, shares the new addresses with us so we can maintain a more current and accurate general mailing list for circulating "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

However, there is still room for improvement in our objective to reach all Pennsylvania Masons with the quarterly publication of our Grand Lodge. With each mailing of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," far too many copies are never delivered. Instead, we receive those expensive Postal Return Forms telling us the addressee has moved.

So, Brethren, we ask you to please notify your Lodge Secretary immediately when you change address.

THANK YOU

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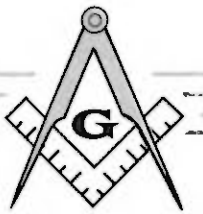
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How We Obtained Bro. Washington's Masonic Apron

Bro. and General Marie Jean Paul Joseph Roche Yves Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, visited America in the year 1784, arriving at New York on August 5th of that year. Remaining but a short time he hastened to visit General Washington at Mount Vernon. One of the objectives of his visit with Bro. and General Washington was to present him with a beautiful white satin Masonic Apron bearing the national colors, red, white and blue and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the handiwork of Madam the Marquise de Lafayette.

This Apron was enclosed in a handsome rosewood box when presented to Washington, and was worn by him on September 18, 1793 when he laid the corner stone of the Capital at the Federal City (Washington, D.C.), and is now on display in the Museum Room of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

After the death of Washington this Masonic Apron was presented by the Legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society on October 26, 1816 who, in turn, presented it July 3, 1829 to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania and bears the following inscription:

"WASHINGTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

"The Legatees of GEN. WASHINGTON, impressed with the most profound Sentiments of respect for the institution which they have the honor to address, beg leave to present to them the enclosed relic of the revered & lamented "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY." They are persuaded that the Apron, which was once possessed by the man, whom the Philadelphians always delighted to honor, will be considered most precious to the Society distinguished by his name, and by the benevolent and grateful feelings to which it owes its foundations.



Officers of Grand Lodge, elected and installed to serve for this Masonic Year, (Front row, left to right) include: Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. (Second row, left to right) Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden and Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary.

That this perishable memento of a Hero whose fame is "more durable than Brass" may confer as much pleasure upon those to whom it is presented, as is experienced by the Donors.

"October 26th 1816

"Is the sincere wish of the LEGATEES."

1976 Committee Welcomes Ideas

Although the 200th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is a few years away, the 1976 Committee of Grand Lodge recommends that Lodges plan and prepare well in advance of this historic celebration.

The Committee also welcomes any ideas and suggestions that will better enable it to plan and design a fitting and proper program on a Grand Lodge level.

Such ideas and suggestions should be mailed to: Chairman, 1976 Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

June Quarterly To Be Held at Masonic Homes

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Wednesday, June 4, 1969.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the Deike Auditorium, which comfortably seats approximately 500.

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

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Grand Master Names 3 New Floor Officers

Following his installation on December 27, 1968, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, announced the following change and additions in his Floor Officers:

Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Past Master of Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, Junior Grand Deacon.

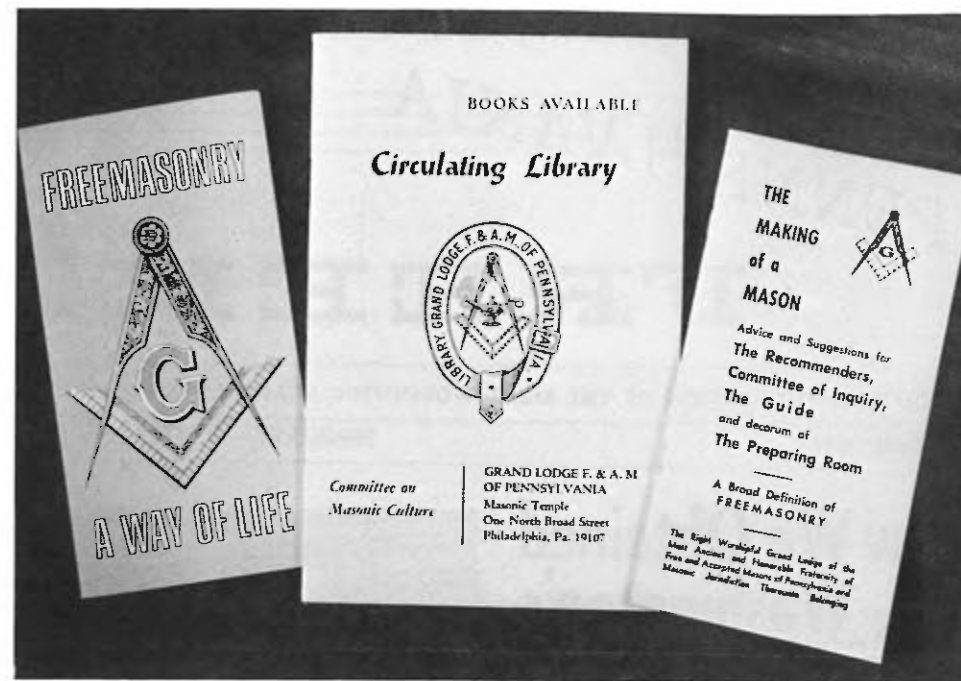
Bro. A. Dixon Rollit, Member of Lodge No. 508, Pittsburgh, Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. James A. Gaiser, Junior Warden, Lodge No. 323, Scranton, Pastor of the Elm Park Methodist Church, Scranton, Grand Chaplain.

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Printed Items, Now Available, Share Masonic Information and Inspiration

Shown in the photo above are highly recommended Masonic "tools" in the form of a brochure, booklet and folder.

These items are published by your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture and are available, free of charge, upon request. Write to Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Circulating Library Brochure

The larger item, our 32-page Circulating Library Brochure, contains the rules, regulations and listings of over 250 Masonic books available on loan to Members of Pennsylvania Lodges, free of charge except for the return postage if books are borrowed by mail.

Members of Pennsylvania Lodges may borrow two books at a time and use them for a three-week period, or longer, if necessary.

A reading Mason is an informed Mason. And an informed Mason is surely a better Mason.

"The Making of a Mason" Booklet

Shown on the right in the photo above is the booklet, "The Making of a Mason," published in 1967. This booklet is designed to offer advice and suggestions in the handling of the Petitioner and Candidate. It serves as a guide and inspiration to Members who accept the responsibility of being Recommenders; for those Members charged with the important task of serving on the Committees of Inquiry, and for those Members assigned to act as Guides during the conferring of Degrees.

Also covered in this handy booklet

are important factors relating to the decorum of the Ante Room and Preparing Room, especially in the presence of Candidates.

A two-page reprint of the "Declaration of Principles," adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, held March 1, 1939, and often called "A Broad Definition of Freemasonry," completes this 16-page booklet.

"Freemasonry, A Way of Life" Folder

The most recent of the items shown above is the folder, "Freemasonry, A Way of Life."

Already one of our most popular items, this six-panel pocket-size folder, attractively designed and concise in content, is actually produced for the interested non-Mason, or potential Mason.

This folder was planned and designed to relate facts about Freemasonry and also to clear up a few misconceptions some may have about Freemasonry.

While our new folder has real appeal and is enticing even to Members of the Craft, it will not do the work it is intended to do if it is not circulated. To that end, we trust you will see that your interested non-Masonic friends receive a copy.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1968

The December Quarterly Communication continues to attract a large number of Members. All of our living R. W. Past Grand Masters were present on December 4th, along with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters. The R. W. Grand Master was delighted to receive Distinguished Guests from Virginia, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Royal Order of Scotland, the

sponsibility and necessity of Masons everywhere to support the principles and precepts of Freemasonry.

The Communication moved with dispatch and was closed at 2:30 p.m.

McMurray Lodge, No. 807

This new Lodge, with 137 Warrant Members, was Constituted at a Special Communication on December 14, 1968. It was the second Lodge to be Constituted in 1968.

McMurray Lodge will meet, for the present, in the Elm Grove Elementary School, in McMurray.

Annual Grand Communication December 27, 1968

The inclement weather and high rate of illness resulted in an unusually small attendance at this Communication. But, we were fortunate to have Distinguished Guests with us from South Carolina; New York; New Jersey; Connecticut; Rhode Island; Delaware; Ohio; Louisiana; Indiana; Maine; Michigan; Minnesota; Bermuda; the York Rite Bodies; and Scottish Rite.

New Grand Lodge Recognitions

A most interesting Report was presented by Bro. Richard A. Kern, R.W.P.G.M., and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. On the recommendation of this Committee, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco and the Grand Lodge of Para, both in Brazil, and the Grand Lodge of Colombia in Bogota. The Report also recommended a program of World Conferences of Symbolic Masonry, subject to certain basic conditions.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, presented an interesting report on the 1968 activities and some of the 1969 prospects. Read this complete report in the Proceedings.

In Memoriam

Grand Lodge has recently lost two of its most dedicated Members: Bro. W. Irvine Wiest, a Member of the Committee on Correspondence and Committee on Masonic Culture; and Bro. Raymond A. Myers, Sr., a Member of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, and a former Grand Lodge Steward.

Changes in Ritual

One of the most interesting items of business was the presentation by Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, of the proposed changes in our Ritualistic Work. These changes, which had the backing of the Committee on Landmarks, were approved and will be put into effect as promptly as possible by the many Ritualistic Schools throughout the Jurisdiction. Attend your School and become familiar with these interesting and up to date revisions.

A request for fraternal recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Colombia, in Bogota, South America.

Committee Reports

Interesting reports were presented by the following Committees and Trustees: By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Culture; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; Printing and Publishing; Temple; and 1976 Committee. These complete Reports will be included in the 1968 Proceedings.

Much attention was given to the Committee on Finance report which included the details of the 1969 Budget which indicated Receipts and Expenditures of close to \$4,600,000, the highest figure in the history of our Grand Lodge. Our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown with its ever increasing costs will require close to \$3,300,000.

Brother Donald J. Gunn, M. W. Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who spoke for the Distinguished Guests, stressed the re-

A recent recipient of a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem wrote us and said, "I will be proud to wear it as a symbol of this long association with our splendid fraternity." Another wrote, "I have always regarded my affiliation with the Masonic fraternity as a privilege, and as a challenge to better living." These are splendid thoughts for all of us.

The Order of DeMolay is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1969. I am sure all of you who watched the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day were thrilled with the spectacular DeMolay float, the kick-off event of their Golden Anniversary.

On the 18th day of March, 1919, mainly through the efforts of Bro. Frank Land, of Kansas City, DeMolay came into existence. Its two Degrees have not only been most inspiring and impressive to the nearly three million initiates, but also to the many thousands of Masons who have witnessed their exemplification.

May DeMolay in the next fifty years, and many, many more, continue its glorious achievements in developing character and good citizenship in the young men who enter its ranks. Help make 1969 its biggest and best year thus far.

The Boys and Girls at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown continue their excellent progress. Thomas Dawson is President of the Senior Class at Elizabethtown High School, and hopes to enter Franklin and Marshall College next Fall. Five Boys and one Girl are on the School Honor Roll.

The Joy of Being Remembered: Has your Lodge written to your Members or their loved ones who are in the Masonic Homes, or who are ill?

Bro. John Shane, who as a Member of Aberdeen Lodge in Scotland, in 1670, is believed to have been the first Mason to come to this Country. He came here in 1682 and served as Deputy Governor of the Colonies from 1685 to 1690.

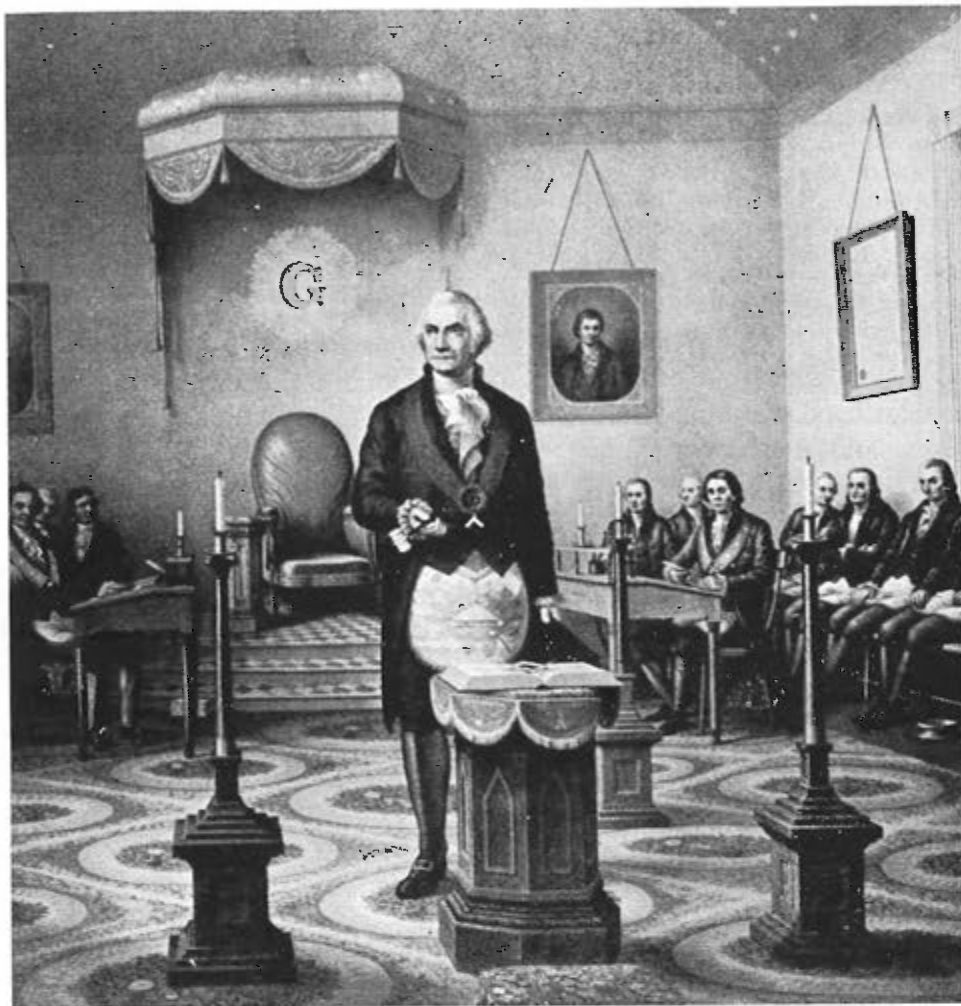
Bro. Benjamin Franklin, one of our early Members, once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Your "interest" in your Lodge and Freemasonry will also pay big dividends.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

Ashby B. Paul
R. W. Grand Secretary



Rare Print of Bro. George Washington Presiding Over His Lodge

A Toast to Brother George Washington

The following is a response to the memory of Brother George Washington given at a Table Lodge by Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Past Grand Master, back in 1955 when he was then District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "D," Philadelphia, Pa.

Brethren, it's rather difficult to respond to a toast at a Table Lodge without repeating too much of what has been said many times before and usually by much more competent speakers. Sometimes, in thinking it over in anticipation of a meeting such as this it seems impossible.

It's like the response the teacher received when she was testing the pupils' knowledge of proverbs. She asked: "Cleanliness is next to what?" and a small youngster promptly replied, "Impossible."

And then, as we try to develop our thoughts, we wonder whether we can present them in a way to be properly understood — how it's going to turn out. Like the farmer who was building a structure along the side of a country road when his neighbor asked, "What you buildin', Si?" and the reply was, "Well, if I can rent it, it's a rustic cottage — If I can't, it's a cow shed."

Brethren, whether you get a rustic cottage or a cow shed, my approach to a toast to our deceased Brother is in the form of a single sentence, but I

would like to discuss that sentence in three parts.

The first part of my sentence is:

"In my opinion, there was practically nothing of an outstanding nature or of unusual character in Brother George's record."

Keep in mind that his life span was 67 years—from 1732 to 1799—the period when the Colonies were reaching the end of their endurance of British oppression, struggling for unity and a means of ending the oppression, fighting the Revolutionary War and laying the cornerstone of what was to

be the greatest independent Country, history has ever known.

In such a period, what of our Brother George? He was born, one of 10 children, in the little town of Bridges Creek, Virginia. His great grandfather had emigrated from England nearly 100 years before and his father had accumulated large estates here. George spent most of his time riding or watching the slaves at work. He only attended school irregularly until he was 15 and his principal accomplishment seems to have been that he learned something of surveying. He made several surveying trips as an assistant in a group but the record shows no outstanding ability. In fact, he kept a disjointed and ill-spelt diary. Then he obtained an appointment as a county surveyor.

At 19 he was stricken with smallpox and his face was left permanently pitted.

At 20 came the first turning point in his life. His half-brother, Lawrence, died and George inherited all of the family wealth and plantations.

At this point, I would enlarge my one sentence regarding Brother Washington in this way:

"In my opinion there was practically nothing of an outstanding nature or of unusual character in Brother George's record as an Entered Apprentice but its development was appreciable as a Fellow Craft."

For the next 20 years, what I like to consider as the Fellow Craft period of his life, he was the social leader in the family home at Mt. Vernon. He enjoyed riding, fox hunting, dancing, wrestling, horse-breaking, and even some gambling on the side.

At 27 he married a widow with two children. He never had children of his own. His wife was one of the richest women in Virginia and when her fortune was added to his, the tempo of the social life at Mt. Vernon was stepped up to a point where he once declared that he and his wife had not had a dinner alone in their home for years.

It was during this period when his military career had its real birth and in the latter part of the period when his political career had its inception.

He was made adjutant of one of Virginia's military districts, later lieutenant colonel, then colonel and finally commander of all Virginia troops.

Certainly he made some mistakes. A most glaring one was Fort Necessity. The Colonies were having trouble with the French in Western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley when Washington built the fort, out near Pittsburgh, in

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a water-logged creek bottom. Here he was completely surrounded and had to surrender his entire force.

But it was a period of development and mistakes were a necessary and natural part of the development.

As this second period of his life was drawing to a close, the troubles with England were becoming more intense and we find Brother Washington then, for the first time, taking some part in politics.

Came the Boston Tea Party in 1773, and immediately thereafter we find him in the Revolutionary Legislature in Virginia and in the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Here, in our own beloved City, began his national career and here, to my way of thinking, ended the second phase of his life.

I would therefore now complete my sentence in this way:

"In my opinion there was practically nothing of an outstanding nature or of unusual character in Brother George's record as an Entered Apprentice but its development was appreciable as a Fellow Craft and almost miraculous as he attained his real stature, national standing and universal recognition as a Master."

You are all familiar with Brother Washington's history through the war period, the formative period of our Country, the Presidency and his retirement, but I would like to add a few facts regarding his Masonic Record.

He held dual membership in Fredericksburg Lodge and in Alexandria Lodge, both in Virginia. His original Lodge was Fredericksburg where he was entered when he was 20. He was later made an Honorary Member of Alexandria Lodge, then under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and later, when that Warrant was surrendered and Alexandria Lodge was Warranted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, he became its Charter Worshipful Master, was later elected and was so serving when he became President of the United States.

He was sworn in as President by the Grand Master of New York on a Masonic Bible. Several attempts were made to form a Grand Lodge of the United States and to have Brother Washington become its first Grand Master. This he refused and, of course, no such Grand Lodge was ever formed.

An interesting sidelight is that the



Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, is shown with four Master Counselors, Order of DeMolay. Reading left to right, is Robert L. Bernstein, Chester Chapter; Kenneth A. Smith, Ardmore Chapter; Douglas Ashton, Valley Forge Chapter, and Richard Taylor, Springfield Chapter. The occasion was a meeting of the Chapters of DeMolay District No. 41 on October 16, 1968, at the Masonic Temple, Ardmore, when a class of 40 DeMolay Candidates, named in honor of our R. W. Grand Master, was initiated. Over 300 Masons and DeMolay members attended the proceedings.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sent him a testimonial, signed by its Grand Master — Paul Revere.

But enough of history. What of its value to us? Why do we toast the memory of our deceased Brother, George Washington?

Brethren, to me it is not only to honor the memory of one who accomplished so much for our Country and who is such an outstanding Masonic character but to teach a lesson. I think his life was composed of very separate and distinct parts or periods with the Masonic number 3 clearly applicable.

He was not born a Commander-in-Chief, a leader of men, a President. He was born a normal child who had to grow and develop, even as you and I.

Through the *first degree* of his life, if I may use that expression, there was nothing unusual or outstanding. Through the *second degree* came a marked change and a real development and through the *third degree* came the accomplishment of an ability to guide, to lead, to plan, to think, to direct, and to place on a firm and everlasting

foundation a new Country on the face of the globe, destined to be the leader of all mankind.

There is one tool in Freemasonry resting forever in the hand of Brother George Washington—the trowel—an instrument used to cement together the parts of the building to form a solid mass.

If any one human being in history so controlled his life as to be the principal factor in cementing into a solid mass this great Country of ours, that human being was Brother George Washington.

An American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

—William Tyler Page



The 1968 Football Squad of Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, that enjoyed a season of four wins and two losses. A most enthusiastic member of the squad is Bro. and Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent of Patton, second from the right, second row. Standing beside Dr. Kopp is Bro. Ralph Hunt, Head Coach. Bro. Hunt, a Past Master of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge, No. 682, held at the Masonic Homes, is a graduate of Patton and now teaches in the Machine Shop. Mr. John R. Gordon, standing on the left end of the second row, a public spirited resident of Elizabethtown, is a volunteer Coach. The athletic and recreational programs at Patton are made possible by funds taken from the Annual Guest Fund.

3 New Amendments To The Ahiman Rezon

The proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were submitted at the June Quarterly Communication were unanimously approved at the December Quarterly Communication, and are now in effect. They were explained in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason and each Member received a copy of the amendments in their Lodge Notice prior to the December Quarterly.

Briefly, the revisions are as follows:

Article XVI, Section 1 and Section 3, required the Jewels of the Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, and the Past Masters to be worn on the left lapel. The amendments permit these jewels to be suspended from the left breast pocket.

Article XVII, Section 2, called for an outright resignation when a Member desired to become a Warrant Member of a new Lodge in our Jurisdiction. The amendment also permits Conditional Resignations to be used for this purpose.

Article XVII, Section 32, permits our Lodges to hold meetings in the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Questions and Answers Booklet Is Still Available

The 36-page pocket size Questions and Answers booklet is still available for purchase.

This booklet, containing 124 answers to questions frequently asked about Freemasonry, may be purchased in single copies or in quantity at ten cents each by writing to Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

We Are Builders

We are all agreed that Freemasonry is a splendid Fraternity; that it is steeped in tradition; that it numbers many great men of the past and present as its Members; that it has a beautiful Ritual; and that it is, indeed, a great honor to be a Freemason.

However, in the final analysis the future of Freemasonry depends not on these things but on the influence it exerts in the life of each of us. If our ancient and honorable fraternity is to be successful and lasting, it must live and breathe the principles on which it is founded.

To assume obligations of friendship, morality, and brotherly love; to reaffirm love for the dependence on an Eternal Father, are but empty words lost forever in the restless air if they are not practiced in our daily life. In this sense, we could very well classify ourselves as "Operative Masons."

Our Lodge is not just a room. It is not merely a place in which to enjoy fraternal fellowship. It is not an organization which replaces the Church. It is not the means of promoting one's self in business. What our Lodge really is, is a group of men, a group of Brothers, who have dedicated themselves to a common task, and that is to build. Each of us should be a builder of character; a builder of a better community; a better nation; a better world in which to live; a builder of a Temple for the in-dwelling of God.

Such should be the real meaning of Freemasonry to each of us. If it hasn't been, then we should re-dedicate our lives right now to the principles we once obligated ourselves to accept, to learn, to keep and to live.

Two District Deputy Grand Masters Named

Two new district Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master:

They are:

Bro. E. Robert W. Whitesel, Sr., Masonic District "F," vice Bro. Herman Witte, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Whitesel, Past Master of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, is Manager of the Stationery and Office Supply Division of Brooks Company, Philadelphia. He was formally presented to his District on January 11, by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Byron Karl McGinnis, 56th Masonic District, vice Bro. Henry O. Walker, deceased. Bro. McGinnis, Past Master of Olive Lodge, No. 557, Tionesta, is a partner in a general store and President of Tionesta Borough Council. He was formally presented to his District on January 13, by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master Names Seven New Principals For Masonic Schools

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has recently appointed new Principals in seven of the fifty-nine Masonic Schools of Instruction throughout our Jurisdiction.

All Past Masters of their respective Lodges, the seven new Principals are:

Bro. J. Clifford Lilley, Lodge No. 340 — Coatesville School.

Bro. James W. Sigafos, Lodge No. 733 — Bethlehem School.

Bro. R. Bruce Brumbaugh, Lodge No. 490 — Altoona School.

Bro. Robert K. Parrish, Lodge No. 695 — Erie School.

Bro. David B. McLaughlin, Lodge No. 779 — Chester School.

Bro. Joseph Wehousie, Lodge No. 461 — Charleroi School.

Bro. Gerald E. Rowley, Lodge No. 241 — Warren School.

Much credit is due these qualified and dedicated Brethren who, along with their Staffs of Instructors, are a vital force and guiding hand in keeping our Ritualistic Work on a high level of perfection.

When one is made a Mason he immediately assumes a dual role. He is an individual as before, but he is also obligated to represent in his life all that Freemasonry has placed in his care.



The Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown. This Masonic Temple is of unusual structure rising some 70 feet from the main floor to the apex. The Lodge Room is beautifully finished in California cedar and redwood paneling. It is air-conditioned and equipped with a public address system. A large dining room is located on the ground floor. Lodges making visitations to the Masonic Homes, may arrange to hold a Special Meeting in this Masonic Temple.

School of Instruction Sectional Meetings Set

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, announces dates for Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction as follows:

Wilkesburg—March 1st.

Uniontown—March 8th.

New Castle—March 22nd.

Harrisburg—March 29th.

Pleasant Hills, Pittsburgh—April 12th.

Everett—April 19th.

Scranton—May 17th.

Kane—September 20th.

These several Sectional Meetings are arranged to afford more of the Brethren an opportunity to attend and observe the rehearsals of the authorized Work.

As much time as is necessary will be devoted to the recent changes in the Ritual at each of these sessions.

Classes Are Being Formed for Fall At Patton School

Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, urges our Lodges to start now in recommending qualified students for the Fall Classes at Patton Masonic School.

Those desiring details and information should contact: Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.



Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Our Grand Lodge Officers continue their rather active program for the next three months with a schedule that includes:

March 1—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 35 and 46, Bloomsburg.

March 1—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, St. John's Lodge, No. 435, Reading.

March 5—Grand Lodge Officers: Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 8—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 47, 49 and 57, Pittsburgh.

March 8—Grand Master: Masters and Secretaries Night, sponsored by Syria Temple, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

March 11—Grand Master: Washington Lodge, No. 59, Philadelphia, present 50-Year Masonic Emblem.

March 15—Grand Lodge Officers: Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, Place Cornerstone and Dedicate the Lodge Room of Union Lodge, No. 479, new Masonic Temple, Birdsboro.

March 22—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 22, 33 and 44, Coudersport.

March 28—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 29—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 14, 15, 16, Kingsley, Susquehanna County.

April 1, 2, 3—Grand Master: Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

April 5—Grand Master: 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 62, Reading.

April 8—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Mozart Lodge, No. 436, Philadelphia.

April 10—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Lodge No. 432, Philadelphia.

April 11—Junior Grand Warden: McKeesport Lodge, No. 641, McKeesport.

April 12—Grand Master: District Officers' Meeting, Districts 20, 21, 34 and 41, Martinsburg, Blair County.

April 18—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Apollo Lodge, No. 437, Philadelphia.

April 19—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Lake Lodge, No. 434, Sandy Lake.

April 22, 23, 24—Grand Master: Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

April 25—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 26—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 4 and 19, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 26—Grand Lodge Officers: Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, Place Cornerstone and Dedicate the Lodge Room of Riverside Lodge, No. 503, new Masonic Temple, Wrightsville.

May 3—Grand Master: District Officer's Meeting, Districts 45 and 50, Hazleton.

May 3—Grand Master—175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 61, Wilkes-Barre.

May 10—Grand Master: Altoona Consistory, A.A.S.R., Altoona.

May 16—Deputy Grand Master: 75th Anniversary, Grove City Lodge, No. 603, Grove City.

May 17—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Mount Pisgah Lodge, No. 443, Greencastle.

May 23—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

May 24—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Nicholson Lodge, No. 438, Nicholson.

May 31—Grand Master: Patton Masonic School Graduation.

A Final Reminder . . .

March 15th Is Closing Date For Current 'Guest Fund'

Pennsylvania Masons are reminded that March 15th is the closing date for contributions to the current "Guest Fund" for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Contributions should be made payable to the "Guest Fund" and mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

All such gifts are tax deductible.

Dormitory Counselor Is Needed at Patton

The position of Dormitory Counselor is still open at Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown.

A retired teacher, one who can serve as a substitute teacher in the absence of a regular teacher, is preferred.

The position includes a small bachelor apartment or a larger apartment suitable for a couple, with meals in the dining hall when school is in session, plus a salary.

Persons interested in applying should contact Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Telephone: 717-367-1536.