

Masonic Homes Policy Listed for Regulations

The following is inserted to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act:

Admissions Policy, Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. There are housed at the Masonic Homes members, their wives, widows and mothers of deceased members of the 588 Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 218,286 as of December 27, 1979. These Lodges operate under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Neither the Constitution of the Grand Lodge nor the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges restricts membership by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed and there are many among our members who are not of the Caucasian race although no record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed.

The admission of our members, or their wives, widows, or mothers of deceased members, to the Masonic Homes is governed by an elected Committee on Masonic Homes. This Committee approves or disapproves applications for the admission of members, their relatives referred to above and children sponsored by our Lodges, solely on the basis of need and the Committee does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ances-



FROM SON TO FATHER — Bro. David M. Clawson, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 48th Masonic District (right) had the rare privilege and pleasure of presenting a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem to his father, Bro. Frederick M. Clawson, Past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 355, Blairsville, in the 39th Masonic District. The occasion just happened to be the 72nd birthday of our new Fifty Year Mason. It was a great evening for all.

try, age, sex, or religious creed of the applicant.

By virtue of the foregoing, the Masonic Homes is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and agrees to comply with the provisions of that act and all requirements imposed pursuant thereto to the end that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a nondiscriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.

2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.

3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.

4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed of either the patient or employee.

5. Staff privileges will not be denied professionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex or religious creed.

6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.

7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.

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An old-timer whose income was from ferrying passengers across a river was asked: "How many times a day do you cross the river?"

"I go as often as I can," he replied. "The more I go, the more I get. If I don't go, I don't get."

So it is with attending Lodge Meetings. The more we go, the more we get out of our Lodge Membership.

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Freemasonry Can't Afford To Take Time Off

The mission of Freemasonry is never ending. It requires a 24-hour day; a seven-day week, and a 12-month year.

As has long been the custom, many Masonic meetings are "called-off" for certain months. And, with a "call-off," there is always that possibility that some may tend to relax or let-up in the performance of our Masonic responsibilities.

Living the life of a true and worthy Mason is a full-time endeavor.

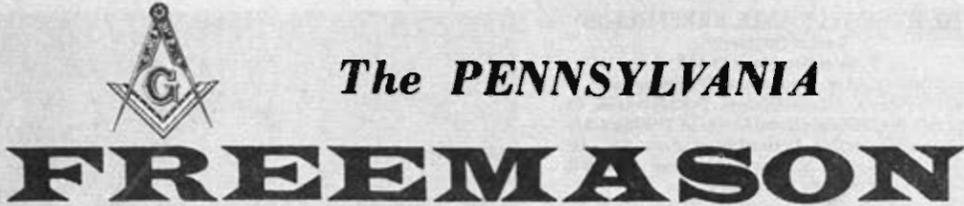
Hence, the "call-off" of Masonic meetings and the brief let-up in the mailing of meeting notices should not cause us to relax in the performance of a Masonic way of life.

Whether it be during the most active months of a Masonic Year or during those weeks, so often needed for recreation and relaxation, a Mason should be ever mindful of his responsibilities as a Mason and the mission of Freemasonry.

We should continually remind ourselves that we are full-time builders of one of God's temples—a temple not made with hands but majestic in our heart. Such a temple is an ideal temple and he is a true and worthy Mason who works full-time on such a masterpiece.

We should continually remind ourselves that a temple in the heart of a man and Mason is, in a sense, an unfinished temple. It is always on the rise, with no allowances for coffee-breaks, days off, holidays, "call-offs," vacations or even retirement.

In a day and age when indifference, selfishness, complacency and apathy are forever tempting the hearts and minds of many



The PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON

AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED — A recent photo shows the Grand Lodge Officers elected and installed to serve for the current Masonic Year. Reading left to right, they are Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. Thomas W. Burgess, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Ours is a peculiar Fraternity. It is in no sense a club or an insurance society and it offers nothing to any man by way of pecuniary return. It is, on the other hand, a Brotherhood, a Fraternity of high ideals, seeking to place before the individual a practical theory of living and to help men to realize the higher and better things of life.

men and Masons, the mission of Freemasonry—with its fundamental principles, its ritualistic teachings, and its time-tested ideals for the betterment of mankind—is both urgent and never-ending.

Freemasonry nor Freemasons just can't afford to take time off at any time.

June Quarterly — Williamsport, Pa.

The Quarterly Communication, Wednesday, June 4, 1980, will be held in Williamsport, Pa. The Communication will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 348 Market Street and will begin promptly at 7:00 o'clock, P.M. (E.D.T.)

You do not have to be a Member of Grand Lodge to attend. All Master Masons are welcome.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master was born and raised in Williamsport. Hence, it is his will and pleasure that a goodly number of the Brethren join him in his return to the "old home town."

Quite a Family of Ritualists

Bro. Harry C. Schauweker, Past Master of Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Pittsburgh, was Worshipful Master in 1944. Earlier this year, Bro. Schauweker had the privilege of conferring all three Symbolic Degrees on his son, Bro. Philip A. Schauweker, in Crafton Lodge. An interesting point is that Bro. Harry C. Schauweker, Past Master, received all his Symbolic Degrees from his father, Bro. William C. Schauweker, in 1930 when his father was Worshipful Master of Crafton Lodge. The first of a family of Masonic Ritualists, Bro. William C. Schauweker, Past Master, continued to confer degrees in his 80th year. He remained active until his death in his 101st year and died on October 23, 1968, a most significant Masonic date. The grandfather of our newest Master Mason in the Schauweker family, Bro. Andrew P. Martin, was the youngest Master of Gyasuta Lodge, No. 513, Pittsburgh, in 1910, and later became one of the Warrant Members of John A. Brasher Lodge, No. 743, Dormont, where he remained most active until his death in 1941.

There is no known ruling on how a Masonic ring should be worn. How you wear your Masonic ring is your business and no one else. However, it is highly recommended that you wear your Masonic ring honorably.



GRAND MASTER AND HIS FLOOR OFFICERS — Shown (left to right) in the front row are Bro. Mark H. Ferren, Grand Steward; Bro. James A. Gaiser, Grand Chaplain; Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Joseph F. Palmer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Bro. George H. Hott, Jr., Grand Pursuivant. In the back row (left to right) are Bro. William L. Carey, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. P. Franklin Hartsel, Sr., Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. William H. Siegel, Grand Chaplain, and Bro. William D. Spargo, Grand Steward. Missing when photo was taken were Bro. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal, due to illness, and Bro. Ralph B. Rogers, Jr., Grand Tyler, who was at his place Tying the outer door as the Brethren were arriving for the March Quarterly Communication.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR 1979

(Before Complete Examination of General Returns)

Number of Lodges, December 27, 1978	593	
Number of Mergers during 1979	5	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1979	588	
Membership December 27, 1978	<u>221,397</u>	
Admitted during 1979	851	
Initiated during 1979	<u>3,699</u>	<u>4,550</u>
Suspended during 1979	1,553	
Resigned during 1979	611	
Deceased during 1979	<u>5,497</u>	<u>7,661</u>
Net Decrease for 1979		<u>3,111</u>
Membership as of December 27, 1979		<u>218,286</u>

A review of the membership records spread over the past fifty years reveals that the total membership of 218,286 as of December 27, 1979, is the lowest it has been since 1948 when it was 217,581.

In 1966 our total number of Symbolic Lodges had reached 611. Since 1966 five new Lodges have been Constituted. However, the increasing number of mergers has reduced the number of Lodges to 588 as of the end of 1979. Two mergers thus far this year has brought the number down to 586.

Although the number of deaths

each year accounts for the greater part of our net decrease, the number of deaths reported for 1979 is the lowest number since 1961. The number of suspensions reported in 1979, however, reveals the largest number per year since 1941.

*One by one we lose the handclasp
That so warm a welcome gave,
One by one their voices silenced
In the stillness of the grave.
One by one we miss the faces
Of the forms we once caressed,
One by one their names are written:
Ceased to labor, Home at Rest.*

**Mason and His Wife, Guests at Homes
Contribute Savings to Furnish New Room**



Bro. and Mrs. William M. Brightmeyer
Guests at the Masonic Homes

The mail that arrived at the Grand Master's Office one day about the middle of February this year contained a gracious letter and enclosure from two of our wonderful Guests at the Masonic Homes. They are Bro. and Mrs. William M. Brightmeyer who were admitted to the Homes on December 15, 1975. Bro. Brightmeyer has been a Member of Lodge No. 62, held at Reading, Berks County, Pa., since January 25, 1928.

Both Bro. "Bill" and his lovely wife have been happy and contented during their four years and two month residence at the Homes. And, to express their gratitude for the security, care and comfort provided them, they enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 with their letter as a contribution toward the renovation program now underway for the buildings at the Homes now housing the residential Guests.

True, this is a generous and gracious gesture on the part of Bro. and Mrs. Brightmeyer. But, when you consider the contribution was accumulated from the monthly spending allowances they have each received plus a few extra cash gifts for special days over the past four years, their generous contribution becomes more impressive. Yes, we have wonderful good Guests in our Masonic Homes.

**Grand Master Attends
Sectional Meetings**

Bro. W. Harry Shaw, Jr., Instructor of Ritualistic Work, reports that the several Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction conducted thus far this year have enjoyed exceptional Lodge representation and attendance.

An added highlight at several of the Sectional Meetings has been the attendance of Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master accompanied by one or more of his Elected Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master has been real pleased with the proceedings of the four Sectional Meetings he has attended and says he will continue to attend these important Ritualistic sessions when his schedule permits.

The Sectional Meeting at Pittsburgh on March 15th attracted 226 with 65 Lodges being represented.

The Sectional Meeting at Uniontown on March 22nd was attended by 189 with 39 Lodges represented.

The sessions at Harrisburg on March 29th was attended by 431 with 84 Lodges represented.

The meeting at Scranton on April 12th was attended by 364 with 81 Lodges represented.

The meeting at New Castle on April 19th was attended by 187 with

**Have You Paid
Your Dues?**

Your current "Blue Lodge" Dues should have been paid on or before the last Annual Meeting of your Lodge. Most Annual Meetings, with the exception of a few Moon Lodges, are held in the month of December.

If you are not carrying a current "Blue Lodge" Dues Card, why not forward your check to your Lodge Secretary now and preserve your Good Masonic Standing.

If your most recent Dues Card reads to the Annual Meeting in 1978, avoid being suspended by making a prompt payment. We do not want to lose you.

Keeping your "Blue Lodge" Dues paid when due is not only a Masonic obligation — it is a Masonic privilege.

**Prominent Mason Also
An Active Ritualists**

Word comes through that Bro. Floyd E. Mummert, Past Master and Trustee of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, Harrisburg, and Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg and also Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, is quite a Symbolic Lodge Ritualist.

Bro. Mummert has recently conferred all three Symbolic Degrees upon his son, Bro. Paul R. Mummert in Robert Burns Lodge.

The privilege of conferring the Symbolic Degrees on a son is not experienced by many Masons. We are certain both father and son will always cherish the pride and emotional feelings that gather on such occasions.

39 Lodges being represented.

The session at Johnstown on April 26th was attended by 127 with 29 Lodges being represented.

The Sectional Meeting at St. Marys on May 3rd was attended by 105 with 25 Lodges being represented.

The remaining Sectional Meetings this year are scheduled for Williamsport on May 10th; Oil City on May 17th; Clearfield on May 24th and the final one at Philadelphia on October 4th.

New Appointments by R. W. Grand Master

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, has made the following new Grand Lodge appointments since the last issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason:"

Bro. Roderick W. Albright, Lodge No. 423, Shrewsbury, York County, as Eastern Regional Instructor, School of Instruction.

New appointments to serve as District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture are:

Bro. Virgil D. Penn, III, Lodge No. 543, for Masonic District "B".

Bro. Stanley F. Graham, Lodge No. 334, for the 22nd Masonic District.

Bro. Richard A. Rodibaugh, Lodge No. 601, for the 30th Masonic District.

Bro. Kenneth J. Faub, Lodge No. 676, for the 32nd Masonic District.

Bro. James R. Hill, Sr., Lodge No. 583, for the 49th Masonic District.

Bro. Joseph F. Doerr, Lodge No. 794, for the 57th Masonic District.

Bro. David C. Adams Has Been Appointed Deputy Grand Secretary

By unanimous approval by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia on March 5, 1980, Bro. David C. Adams was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary by Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Adams received his Symbolic Degrees in Dallas Lodge, No. 396, Easton, Pa., in 1952 and served as Worshipful Master of Dallas Lodge in 1960. He resigned from Dallas Lodge in 1961 to become the Warrant Secretary of General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge, No. 795, Easton, and served as Worshipful Master in 1967.

Appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District in 1963 and 1964, he resigned from that office in late 1964 when he became an employee in the Grand Master's Office.

Bro. Adams has been a full-time employee in the Grand Secretary's Office since 1970 and served as Office Manager since September 1973. His dedication to Freemasonry and knowledge of Pennsylvania Masonic

In Memoriam

Our Grand Lodge and particularly the Ritualistic Work phase of Pennsylvania Masonry suffered the loss of a dedicated Mason on the afternoon of Saturday, April 12, 1980, during a Special Communication of Grand Lodge called for the purpose of dedicating the new Lodge Room of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, in their renovated building located in Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. Maurice A. Singer, Regional Instructor for the Philadelphia Region, was Acting Grand Marshal and was in the process of forming the procession for the opening of the Special Communication when he suffered a heart seizure.

Bro. Singer was transferred to a local hospital following anxious minutes of efforts and treatment to keep a pulse but expired a short time after being admitted.

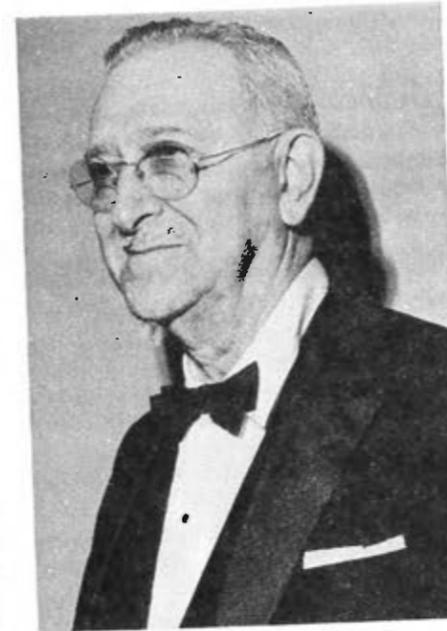
Bro. "Maury," as he was called by a never-ending list of Lodge Officers and Members for nearly forty years of dedicated Masonic service, especially in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, was a Past Master of Perkins Lodge, No. 402, Philadelphia.

Born in 1896, he was made a Mason in 1941. Within a year he was associated with the School of Instruction and in 1944 became a Life Member of the Germantown School of Instruction. He was appointed Principal in 1950 and in 1961 was appointed the Philadelphia Regional Instructor, an office he served faithfully and with true Masonic dedication until his death.

A manufacturer's representative for many years, until his retirement several years ago, Bro. Singer will also be long remembered for his de-

Law and general procedures between Grand Lodges and Symbolic Lodges makes him a valuable asset in the Grand Secretary's Office.

Bro. Adams is a member of all the York Rite Bodies and has been active in the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Allentown, Pa. He is a member of Penn Priory, Knights of York Cross of Honor; a member and Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Allentown; and was Grand Chaplain in 1973 of Grand



Bro. Maurice A. Singer
Philadelphia Regional Instructor

votion and activity on a national basis with the National Sojourners, composed of commissioned officers of the armed services who are Masons. Suffering the loss of a son in the Vietnam Era, both Bro. Singer and his lovely wife, Marion, became nationally known for their never-ending efforts in the Missing In Action endeavors.

Bro. Singer's contributions to Freemasonry, especially in teaching and preserving the purity of our Pennsylvania Ritual, are inestimable. Our Right Worshipful Grand Master summed it all up when he said: "Bro. Maury," whom I have known and respected for twenty-five years, is one Master Mason who gave his all."

Council, Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania.

Bro. "Dave" and his wife, Irene, reside in Hatfield, Pa. They have been blessed with one daughter and are equally proud of two wonderful grandchildren who keep them young and active on their frequent exchange of visits between Easton and Hatfield.

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

Have You Heard About Our Children's Home At The Masonic Homes?

Did you know that we operate a Children's Home in conjunction with our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown?

Since its founding in 1924, there have been 650 wonderful young men and women leave our Children's Home and find their proper place in life. During their stay at the Homes, they have profited greatly by their association with our professional Staff and the discipline and protective care at the Homes.

We have had as many as 60 children between the ages of 4 and 18 in the Children's Home at one time. At present, however, that number has dwindled to nine children, five boys and four girls. One of the boys will graduate from High School in June and will be leaving to attend Washington University this Fall. One of the girls is also graduating from High School and will be leaving to attend Nursing School.

The children have always been housed in beautiful and comfortable buildings provided by certain wills and bequests. These buildings are furnished with libraries, recreational rooms and a gym. They also have access to the chapel, fishing pond, playground, tennis courts and swimming pool at the Homes.

Their health needs are adequately taken care of by the competent Medical Staff of our Masonic Homes Health Care Center.

At school age they are enrolled in the Elizabethtown Area Public Schools and the Mount Joy Vo-Tech School, one of the finest. The children who require it, are provided with tutors during their study periods at the Children's Home.

Upon graduation from the area schools, funds are made available for those children with both the desire and ability to pursue higher education.

It is the considered opinion of our Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes and our Grand Lodge Officers that we Members of the Craft in Pennsylvania should make a determined effort to increase the enrollment at the Children's Home at this time.

Surely, there must be many de-



FIVE HAPPY MASONS — Shown presenting a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master, for the Masonic Homes, is Bro. Harold J. Lee, Past Master of Lodge No. 240, Montrose, Pa., and a member of a special committee charged with arranging a testimonial for Bro. A. Ralph Taylor, second from the right, who retired as District Deputy Grand Master for the 15th Masonic District after nine years. The testimonial was a dinner party attended by 500 Masons and their ladies of the 15th Masonic District and was held in the Mt. View School, Montrose, on Saturday, February 16, 1980. Shown on the left is Bro. James A. Gaiser, Past Master of Lodge No. 323 and a Grand Chaplain, who was also a member of the special committee. Shown on the right is Bro. Edward E. Tourje, Past Master of Lodge No. 472 and a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, who served as Chairman of the special committee. The Lodges of the 15th Masonic District surprised Bro. Taylor with a nice gift at the testimonial and then added another surprise when they presented this check in his honor to the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication on March 5, 1980.

serving children who would profit from what we have to offer at our Children's Home at the Homes.

The requirements for admission are as follows:

1. Any orphan by one or both parents, or a social orphan (from a broken home), or a child who has a great need for the care and protection provided at our Homes.

2. The child you endorse must be sponsored by one of our Blue Lodges.

The first step is to contact the Secretary of the Blue Lodge selected to sponsor the child and request the necessary application form.

If you feel that you would like further clarification before approaching the Blue Lodge, feel free to contact the Office of the Grand Master, either by telephone 215-988-1920, or by writing to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Popular Ladies' Pin Is Still Available

The Pennsylvania Ladies' Pin, introduced in May 1979, has made quite a hit among the ladies.

This attractive pin has been acclaimed by not only Pennsylvania Masons, but by a number of the other Jurisdictions. It is one of the most attractive, tangible expressions of appreciation of the Masons of Pennsylvania to their ladies.

So popular has this pin become that a new supply has been ordered and processed by the manufacturer and they are once again available either for a single pin or in quantities.

The purchase price of the pin is \$3.00 and covers the actual cost of manufacture and distribution. You may order the pin by writing to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. An enclosed check should be made payable to the Grand Secretary.



Two-day Seminar for District Deputy Grand Masters Well Received

The dates of Friday and Saturday, March 14th and 15th, 1980, will long be remembered by our present corps of District Deputy Grand Masters, all the Grand Lodge Elected Officers, several of our R. W. Past Grand Masters, members of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Staffs, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, the Instructor of Ritualistic Work, and a few of our friends who are experts in their chosen professions.



The occasion was another first for our Grand Lodge. It was a well-planned and excellently executed Training Seminar for District Deputy Grand Masters, designed by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Worshipful Grand Master.



The site selected was the ever-popular and spacious Host Inn, located along many approaching highways near Harrisburg, Pa. Despite an unwelcome intruder, the year's heaviest snow fall that made its appearance in Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 13th, sixty-three of our seventy District Deputy Grand Masters registered and participated in the rather rugged agenda that began following a luncheon served at Noon Friday.



The agenda for the Seminar, designed by the Grand Master and his Committee on Arrangements, consisted of twelve 50-minute sessions spread over a 5-hour period on Friday afternoon; a 3-hour period on Saturday morning; and a 4-hour period on Saturday afternoon. The Grand Master conducted interesting critiques and general discussion periods following dinner on Saturday evening and also following the Noon luncheon and evening meal on Saturday.



Each District Deputy Grand Master was assigned to one of three conference rooms set up for the several sessions. The several instructors, most of them our own Grand Lodge Officers, Staff members, Masonic Culture leaders, Ritualistic authorities, and a few experts on finances, investments and taxes, then rotated on schedule so that all three conference rooms received the same instruction.

Packets of literature, forms, booklets, etc., etc., pre-

pared in advance of the Seminar, were distributed to each District Deputy Grand Master prior to each session held. A large three-ring binder issued to each District Deputy Grand Master when he registered served to file the papers and booklets handed out. When filled, the three-ring binder weighed fourteen and a half pounds.

The subjects covered at the various sessions were many. They included: Lodge visits, dispensations, correspondence, record keeping, audits, responsibilities of Lodge Secretaries, processing reports for Grand Lodge, Schools of Instruction and the Ritual, Grand Lodge visitations, programming for Lodge Meetings, qualifications of Lodge Officers, the Proficiency Program, Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, applicants for admission to the Masonic Homes, physical qualifications of candidates, our Children's Home, our Youth Program, Home Assistance, Masonic Law, required tax forms and other government forms to be filed, Lodge finances and recommended ways to invest funds, and many other issues that were prompted by questions posed by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

As you will note from the accompanying photos, the dress, as directed by the Grand Master, was informal and casual. The Grand Master warned the District Deputy Grand Masters that the Seminar was to be a real working session and he wanted all to be comfortable and at ease. Well, there were a few jackets and a few ties, not many. The Junior Grand Warden paid the penalty by having his \$17.00 Pierre Cardin tie clipped right below the knot.

It was the consensus of all who participated in this first of all such Seminars for District Deputy Grand Masters that it was a successful endeavor. Just how successful it was, only time will tell. It is the hope of all that the Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction will prosper from the knowledge and inspiration our District Deputy Grand Masters can now share with their respective Lodges.

One of the many highlights of the two-day Seminar was the high level of sociability and fellowship evidenced among all who participated. It was great. The several hours together enabled us to get better acquainted and, in a sense, became a close-knit family of Brothers working for the cause and the well-being of Pennsylvania Masonry. Of the many casual comments recorded, one seems to sum it all up. It was: "Why don't we do this more often?"



Explanation of the Two Masonic Homes

In answer to a question raised now and then relative to the Masonic Homes located at Elizabethtown, Pa., and the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania located now at 801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia, we offer the following explanation:

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania with its headquarters located in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A Committee on Masonic Homes composed of thirteen Members of Grand Lodge is elected annually by the Grand Lodge to oversee the administration of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

We rely on all Pennsylvania Symbolic Lodges, Pennsylvania Masons and interested friends of Pennsylvania Masonry for contributions to help maintain the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Lafayette Hill, Pa., and formerly located at 3333 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, is conducted by Masons and is for Masons and their dependents. It is a private corporation and receives no financial support from the Grand Lodge. However, Pennsylvania Masons, especially those residing in the Greater Philadelphia Area and parts not too distant, have been contributing to the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill for many years.

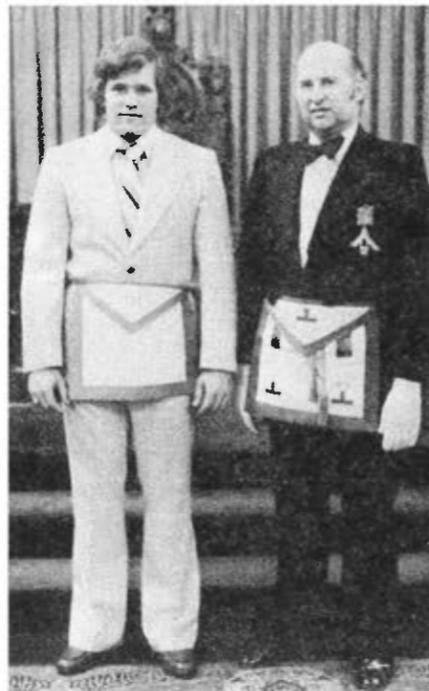
Grand Master Plans to Hold 68 District Meetings

In his determination to help strengthen Freemasonry at the "Blue Lodge" level, Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, is adding another facet to his ambitious program and schedule.

The Grand Master has a desire to reach every Symbolic Lodge in our jurisdiction through a concept of "District Nights," in which one Lodge will act as host for the remainder of the Lodges in a given Masonic District.

Two such "District Nights" have been held thus far and each one proved to be a successful and rewarding occasion.

Bob Wood of Carlisle is Outstanding Competitor



**Bros. Robert and Richard Wood
A Son and a Proud Father**

We learn from recent news coverage around the country that Bro. Richard S. Wood, District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District, and Mrs. Wood have raised a son who has become one of our N.C.A.A. Diving Champions.

Bro. Robert Wood, shown above with his Dad, was Entered, Crafted and Raised by his Dad in Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, Carlisle, in 1979. Active in the Order of DeMolay prior to petitioning the Craft, Bro. Robert Wood was a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of the Carlisle Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He received both the Representative DeMolay and Honorary Chevalier Awards.

Bro. Robert Wood is now a senior at Shippensburg State College and has been majoring in accounting. Attracted to diving, a sport in which he has excelled, he is a three-time All American diver. During the 1979 N.C.A.A. competitions, Bro. Bob earned All American by placing in the ninth position in one meter diving. This year he has earned two All American honors by placing seventh in both one meter and three meter competition. In the one meter and three meter competitions of the Division II, of the PSCAC Pennsylvania Conference Championships held re-

Grand Lodge Officer's Three-Month Itinerary:

The schedule of activities for the Grand Lodge Officers for the next three months includes:

June 4—Meeting of Grand Lodge Committee on Finance; session with District Deputy Grand Masters; Quarterly Communication, all held in Williamsport, Pa.

June 20—Order of DeMolay Annual Conclave at Tamiment in the Poconos.

June 21—Grand Master attends Ceremonial of Lulu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. New class named in his honor.

June 26 and 27—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

July 11 and 12—Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation at Altoona.

July 13 and 14—Eleventh Annual Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, Philadelphia.

July 13 and 14—Supreme Assembly (National) International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

July 24 and 25—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

August 8 and 9—Order of DeMolay training sessions for key members at Patton Campus.

August 14 through 16—Grand Assembly, Pennsylvania, Order of the Rainbow for Girls at Pennsylvania State University, State College.

August 21 and 22—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

cently at Indiana University, Bro. Bob earned gold medals, taking first in both events.

At a recent awards banquet of Shippensburg State College, Bro. Bob was awarded the Outstanding Competitor Award for the national recognition he has earned.

Although Bro. Bob is now considering his career plans desiring to move into corporation management, he tells us that he has already had offers from three universities to serve as diving coach while doing graduate work for an MBA.

We congratulate Bro. Richard Wood, District Deputy Grand Master, Mrs. Wood and Bro. Bob for all they have accomplished and wish them continued success in every effort.



SCHUYLKILL LODGE EARNS ENERGY AWARD — Bro. John R. Zimmerman, Trustee and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, Orwigsburg, Pa., looks on while Mr. Paul Stewart of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company presents an engraved clock to Bro. Phaon R. Herb, Past Master and President of the Schuylkill Masonic Temple Association, in recognition of the energy saving efforts of the Temple Association. Mr. Frank Rogers of the P. P. & L., on the right, adds his approval. The new Masonic Temple of solid masonry construction is well insulated and is heated and air conditioned by two five ton heat pumps. They are backed-up by a series of conventional electric heaters. The new Lodge Room was dedicated on November 10, 1978.

Summer Youth Program Ready to Go at Patton

Plans and arrangements for the Summer Youth Activities Program, sponsored by our Grand Lodge and arranged by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Services, have been finalized and soon the Patton Campus will come alive with activity.

The Pennsylvania Order of the Rainbow for Girls and their Advisors will arrive for two separate four-day sessions between June 12 and June 18.

The Pennsylvania Order of Job's Daughters and their Advisors will arrive for two separate four-day sessions between July 17 and July 23.

Then the Pennsylvania Order of the Rainbow for Girls and their Advisors will arrive for two more separate four-day sessions between July 24 and July 30.

It is estimated that nearly 600 of the girls and their Advisors will participate in these Summer sessions designed for recreation, training and character building.

On the week-end of August 8, 9 and 10, a full capacity of 120 DeMolays representing the key

members of the DeMolay Chapters throughout Pennsylvania, will invade the Patton Campus for a Leadership Training Seminar as the guests of our Grand Lodge.

Additional DeMolay activities, using the Patton Campus, are in the planning stage for the balance of the year and early next year.

A New Member Speaks

*I see you at the meetings, but you never say hello;
You're busy all the time with Members you already know.
I sit among the Brethren, yet I'm a lonely guy;
Other new Members sit with me as you pass us by.
You accepted us and you talk of fellowship;
Surely, you could cross the room, but you've never made the trip.
Why can't you nod and say hello, or stop and shake a hand;
Then join your other friends, we would understand.
I'll try to attend more meetings, on that you can depend;
So, why not introduce yourself,
I want to be your Brother and your friend.*

Members Blessed with Long Life and Service

Bro. Robert L. Crum, Jr., Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburgh, shares with us a listing of sixteen Members who have sixty or more years of Masonic service. They are as follows, showing the year of their birth and the year they were Entered: Bro. Edward P. Schempp 1883, 1906; Bro. Sherwood A. George 1886, 1910; Bro. Earl W. Gardner 1890, 1911; Bro. Walter W. Aulenbacher 1889, 1916; Bro. Harry G. McComb 1892, 1916; Bro. William A. Schmelz 1888, 1916; Bro. Arthur Schoenberger 1892, 1916; Bro. John D. C. Miller 1890, 1919; Bro. William S. Brown 1893, 1920; Bro. Raymond W. Moore 1894, 1920; Bro. Howard W. Curry 1899, 1920; Bro. Jesse O. Daker 1887, 1920; Bro. Allan R. Herlehy, Past Master 1899, 1920; Bro. Henry H. Tully 1899, 1920; Bro. Elmer Wagner 1893, 1920, and Bro. Walter Zimmerman, Past Master, 1893, 1920.



A FITTING HONOR — Bro. Robert G. Hibberd, Past Master and a Warrant Member of Unity Lodge, No. 719, held at Ardmore, Pa., is shown on the left receiving an engraved plaque in recognition of his 51st year as a Past Master of Unity Lodge. Making the presentation is Bro. Edward W. White, who was the Worshipful Master on the evening of November 9, 1979, the Stated Meeting, when the recognition was made. On that same evening, Past Master's Night, fifteen Past Masters were present representing 286 years of Masonic service.

Another Field Agent Honored by M.S.A.



Bro. Julian R.V. Johnson

Field Agent for the
Masonic Service Association
of the United States

Bro. Julian R.V. Johnson was recognized at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on March 5, 1980, when he was presented with the coveted Award Certificate of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The Award Certificate was in recognition for ten years of dedicated service for the Veteran's Hospital Visitation Program conducted by the Masonic Service Association. Bro. Johnson has been the Field Agent for this worthy charity at the Oakland Veteran Administration Hospital, Pittsburgh.

It would take pages to list the accomplishments of Bro. Johnson during his lifetime. And throughout his many years of activity in his community, his church, his profession and in Freemasonry, his first love is that of serving others.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master, during the presentation of the Award Certificate to Bro. Johnson, added an extra dimension to the occasion by inviting Bro. Paul S. Stewart, our first Field Agent in the Veteran's Hospital Visitation Program to participate in the presentation ceremony. Bro. Stewart was appointed a Field Agent on October

"Sideliners" Are Important, Too!

Much has been said and much more shall be said in praise and recognition of Members who accept and serve their Lodge in either an elective or an appointed capacity. The contribution they offer for the good of Freemasonry in general and their Lodge in particular is worthy of the felicitation and encouragement expressed from time to time.

There remains still another group of Members whom we oftentimes fail to recognize for their generous contribution to the success of our Lodges. This group might very well be called "Sideliners" — those Members who attend the meetings and; taking their place on the sidelines, indicate by their presence, their attentiveness and their loyalty, a personal interest in the welfare of the Lodge.

Being a "Sideliner" in the Lodge is a proud status and it is hoped that every "Sideliner" realizes how essential he is to the well-being of his Lodge. There is no leader without a following; there is no winner without a majority. Hence, it is difficult to conceive how a Lodge can endure without "Sideliners."

As has been wisely quoted: "They also serve who only stand and wait." True it is, they also serve who attend Lodge meetings, try hard to live up to their Masonic obligations, and conduct their lives by precept and example in accordance with Masonic principles and ideals.

A Lodge can be proud of its "Sideliners" when they do their Lodge Work well. As Lodge Work is an important phase of Freemasonry, the Lodge should encourage its "Sideliners" to participate in the Lodge Work. To be able to Work is a privilege in a Masonic Lodge. To be asked to Work in a Masonic Lodge is indeed an honor.

In addition to this, our Fraternity further justifies its existence in the hearts of its devoted Members by the affection it offers — that family tie

2, 1968 for the Philadelphia Naval and Veteran's Hospitals.

Both of these Master Masons are giants in an exclusive and dedicated group of Field Agents who are serving mankind in the name of Freemasonry.

that binds Brothers together in interests and aims.

Another gift the Craft offers is that precious gift — the gift of hope for the future, faith in the ultimate destiny of Freemasonry, faith in our country, and faith in the world.

In return for these gifts, Freemasonry asks its Members — the Officers, "Sideliners," and inactive Members, alike — three qualities it needs if it is to endure. First, we must have participation in our Lodge — that constant meeting with our Lodge Brethren that strengthens the spirit and promotes fellowship. Secondly, we must have loyalty — an intelligent loyalty that pledges devotion to Freemasonry because of what it is and what it symbolizes. Third, we must have enthusiasm for our current endeavours — for the Ritualistic and Lodge Work; for the fulfillment of our responsibilities; for the wise and proper guidance of our Candidates in the Symbolic Degrees; for the efficient and thorough performance on all Committees, and for our support of the charities we sponsor.

Then, my Brethren, we become living stones . . . for that spiritual temple, so beautiful and true. . . if we but live Freemasonry . . . in all we think and say and do.



ANOTHER FATHER AND SON ACT—Bro. Samuel H. Rolston (left) now a Past Master of Euclid Lodge, No. 698, Harrisburg, and his father, Bro. Henry H. Rolston, now a Past Master of Newport Lodge, No. 381, Newport, Pa. After being installed as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, Bro. Samuel H. Rolston traveled to Newport and had the rare privilege of installing his father as Worshipful Master.

"Ahiman Rezon" — An Explanation

"The Ahiman Rezon" is a name which Bro. Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons, gave to its Book of Constitutions. It has continued to be the name of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a direct descendent of that Grand Lodge. Bro. Dermott's first edition appeared in London in 1756. Ever since then, a number of interpretations of that name have been suggested, but none has received general acceptance. This report offers a new and more plausible explanation. Full credit for it belongs to the late Bro. Henry S. Borneman, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "A", of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and who confided his explanation to me about 1949.

Previous interpretations (with one exception) propose a motto or device from a foreign language — Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish and others. They include such versions as "The Will of Selected Brothers" (Mackey); "The Law of Prepared Brothers" (Mackey); "The Secrets of a Prepared Brother" (Dalcho); "The Royal Builder"; (Rockwell). The 1919 edition of the Pennsylvania Ahiman Rezon claims for the name a Spanish origin, with far-fetched supposed misspellings, that purports to say: "There is the full Account of the Law."

The one exception is the suggestion in Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia (1961). The writer of the article on Ahiman Rezon points out that few seem to have considered what Bro. Dermott intended Ahiman Rezon to mean. Bro. Dermott, in his original preface, tells of a dream in which he spoke with four men from Jerusalem, one of whom was named Ahiman, indicating that Ahiman was a proper name, probably Hebrew. But then the article states that the Geneva Bible (1560) explains the name Ahiman as meaning "a prepared Brother," and Rezon as meaning "a Secretary," and Ahiman Rezon "a prepared Secretary."

Bro. Henry S. Borneman was one of Pennsylvania's outstanding authorities on Masonic History. His book, "Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania" (1931) is eloquent proof of

that fact. It was his intention to write an additional history of the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In the course of his researches for the history, he came up with a new explanation for Ahiman Rezon. This he confided to this writer, saying that he intended to include it in his proposed book. That book was never written. Bro. Borneman died in 1955. A long-forgotten note, recently uncovered, has moved this writer to put on record Bro. Borneman's important discovery.

The subject must be viewed in contemporary perspective. Bro. Laurence Dermott was one of the creators of the Grand Lodge of the Antients, and its Grand Secretary from 1752 to 1771. A forceful character, he shaped and guided that Grand Lodge for many years. He was responsible for the term "Antients" and "Moderns." He adopted an attitude of strict intolerance toward the "Moderns," an attitude that did not disappear in England until 1813. He was undoubtedly responsible for the adoption of the term "Ahiman Rezon." All previous interpreters of its meaning have ascribed to Bro. Dermott an educational background, notably a knowledge of languages, that he did not possess.

At this point, Bro. Borneman steps in with some original thinking. He notes that all existing information about Bro. Dermott shows that he

was a simple man, with a limited education, and training only as a printer. He specifically appears to have had no knowledge of foreign languages, notably none of Arabic or Hebrew.

"Where," asked Bro. Borneman, "could Bro. Dermott have found these words in books that were available to him?"

Here this writer interposes the story of the village half-wit and the lost mule, that all the villagers had failed to find. The half-wit, when told of the lost animal, said he would go and find him, and started off amid the laughter of his townsmen. Yet, in a few minutes he came back, bringing the mule. An astonished villager asked him how he knew where to look. "Well," answered the half-wit, "I said to myself, if I were a mule, where would I go? So I went, and there he was."

Bro. Borneman said to himself: "The most likely source of unusual words available to Bro. Dermott in Dublin or London must have been the King James Version of the Holy Bible." Bro. Borneman therefore made a systematic search of the Old Testament and with this result:

Ahiman is found in the First Book of Chronicles, Chapter LX, Verse 17: "And the porters were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman . . . , and in Verse 19 they are described as "keepers of the gates of the tabernacle."

(Here this writer interposes part of Verse 10 of the 84th Psalm: ". . . I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.")

Rezon is found in the First Book of Kings, Chapter XI, Verse 23, "And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadeh."

Bro. Borneman suggests that Bro. Dermott identified himself with Ahiman, one of the four men from Jerusalem, and a doorkeeper in the house of God — that he (Dermott) would rather be a doorkeeper among the "Antients," than to remain in the tents of the "Moderns." He further identified himself with Rezon, an adversary of Solomon, and so as an adversary of a Grand Master of the Moderns.

Bro. Richard A. Kern,
R. W. Past Grand Master

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