

Questions & Answers

Question: Who was the first Provincial Grand Master in America?

Answer: Daniel Coxe who was appointed in 1730 for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Question: Is the Masonic Fraternity a secret society?

Answer: It is not. A secret society is one which does not openly acknowledge its existence, keeps its membership secret and meets in secret. Masonry has some secrets but as an organization is well known to the general public.

Question: What does "So mote 'it be" mean?

Answer: "Amen" or "So may it be." These are the last words in the Regius Poem, the oldest of the so-called Old Constitutions dating from approximately 1395.

Question: Where in the Bible do we read of the story of the building of Solomon's Temple?

Answer: In I Kings, beginning with Chapter 5 and also in II Chronicles, beginning with Chapter 2.

Question: Name the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Answer: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy.

Question: What are the Five Orders of Architecture?

Answer: Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan and Composite.

Question: What were Military Lodges?

Answer: Duly constituted Lodges which had no permanent place of meeting but traveled with regiments or other military organizations to which they were attached.

Question: Have there been attempts to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States?

Answer: In 1779-1780 under the leadership of American Union Lodge, a number of Military Lodges advocated the formation of a General Grand Lodge. Later proposals of a similar nature were also not approved.

Question: What do the letters A.L. refer to when used Masonically?

Answer: A.L., Anno Lucis, meaning year of light, and refers to the date when used in Ancient Craft Masonry. Add 4000 to the A.D. date. For example:

add 4000 to our present year 1980 and we have A.L. 5980.

Question: What is a recognized Grand Lodge?

Answer: One Grand Lodge is said to recognize another Grand Lodge when it has been decided that such other Grand Lodge is regular. Regularity may briefly be said to consist in having a legitimate descent from some established regular Grand Lodge, and a consistent adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft. An established, or regular, Grand Lodge does not reach out and ask another Grand Lodge to become recognized by it. The practice is always for the unrecognized Grand Lodge to petition and ask for recognition. This is in line with the entrance of a profane into the Craft. He petitions for admission — the Lodge does not invite him to become a member.

Editor's Note: If you have a question on Freemasonry, share it with us. We will make every effort to answer it. If permissible, we will include both the question and the answer in this Question and Answer column for others to read.

Guest & Building Fund Needs Your Support

If you have misplaced the self-addressed postage-paid envelope mailed to you for your annual contribution to the "Guest and Building Fund" for the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, make your check or money order payable to: "Masonic Homes" and mail to Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. This annual appeal needs the support of all Pennsylvania Masons.

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Our Real Secrets

The real secrets of Freemasonry can be realized only in a Member's own heart, and perfect realization of Freemasonry is governed by his own conduct and habits of mind.

The Freemason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the altar of his heart will be inevitably drawn nearer to his God and will definitely learn and appreciate the real meanings of this life.

Merely receiving the Degrees in Freemasonry does not make a man a Freemason. The various Degrees do, however, point and direct the way and provide that way and means by which we can secure the most noble and valuable secrets of Craft. In reality, the Symbolic Degrees are the keys to the door and the Member must determine for himself whether or not he will pursue the ways that open up those vast stores of wisdom preserved for those desirous, diligent and determined.

Annual Grand Communication Scheduled for Philadelphia Saturday, December 27, 1980

The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Saturday, December 27, 1980, beginning promptly at 10:00 o'clock, A.M.

Following a few year-end reports, the installations of the Elected Grand Lodge Officers will be conducted.

A luncheon will be served to all the Brethren assembled following the closing of Grand Lodge.



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Another Great Undertaking

Lodges and Members Urged to Contribute Toward Statue of Bro. Ben Franklin—Craftsman

The Right Worshipful Grand Master is urging Pennsylvania Masons and Lodges to contribute to the erection of a 14-foot bronze statue of Bro. Benjamin Franklin—Craftsman.

Bro. Franklin was Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734 and again in 1749. The Grand Master believes that recognition of Bro. Franklin and his contributions to the Craft are long overdue.

What more appropriate way and time to pay homage to this great man than by erecting a statue to his memory during the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in 1981.

Bro. Franklin was a man of greatness and strong character, a man of simplicity and keen understanding. He was a patriot and eloquent statesman, a writer, scientist, printer and Freemason—a craftsman in the fullest sense of the word.

Knowing the dedication of Masons in Pennsylvania, the Grand Master has authorized the erection of the statue (with the approval and co-operation of the City of Philadelphia) on the Municipal Services Plaza, directly across Broad Street, facing the main entrance to the Masonic Temple.

The statue will depict Franklin at his press, printing "The Pennsylvania Gazette," Number 108, December 3 to December 8, 1730. Young Franklin will be wearing his printer's garb, with apron, knee britches and rolled up sleeves. The statue, the first of its kind, will be supported by a 3½-foot high granite pedestal. The famous sculptor, Joseph Brown, of Princeton, N.J., best known for his larger-than-life sports figures surrounding Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, has been commissioned to create this statue of Bro. Benjamin Franklin—Craftsman.

The dedication date has been set for Saturday, June 27, 1981. Complete details covering the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania will be released at a later date.

Lodge Secretaries and Members should send all contributions to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107. All checks should be made payable to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

A plaque near the statue will indicate that the statue was presented by the Masons of Pennsylvania.

Grand Master's Activity Supports His Goal for Stronger "Blue Lodges"

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in keeping with his theme to "... strengthen the foundations of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, namely the Blue Lodges," has been spending much of his first year in office in fellowship with Officers and Members of the Craft.

The Quarterly Communications held in Philadelphia, Williamsport and Reading were supported by record attendances.

The two-day Training Seminar for District Deputy Grand Masters was attended by 90% of our District Deputies — during a week-end snow storm in March.

There have been three Special Communications of the Grand Lodge for Dedications and a Cornerstone Ceremony and a Special Communication to officially present eighteen new District Deputy Grand Masters.

Several Informal Visitations have been made to Lodges celebrating anniversaries.

By the end of 1980 the Grand Master will have attended fifteen District Meetings. These District Meetings are being arranged for each of the seventy Masonic Districts. A Lodge in each District serves as the host Lodge to receive the Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers and the Officers and Members of the remaining Lodges in the District are extended an invitation to attend. The District Meetings held thus far have been most productive. They have provided a time and place for open dialogue between the Grand Master and the Brethren.

The Grand Master has added another "first" in his desire to meet and communicate with the Craft by attending several of the Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction held throughout the Jurisdiction each year. Hence, he has been enjoying personal contact with the several hundred Symbolic Lodge Officers and Members involved in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work of our Blue Lodges.

In addition to the many meetings listed above, the Grand Master has been invited and attended several sessions scheduled by the various Appendant Bodies whereby he has been afforded additional opportunity to relate his objectives to the Craft.



Bro. Joseph E. Trate
R. W. Grand Master

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Masonic Reading and Research

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

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

On the other hand, the Member who delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes an interest in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, attempts to learn the origin and meaning and moral bearing of the symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him, Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations or societies.

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

Because Freemasonry has such a wonderful and rich heritage, there is the added responsibility of each and every Member of the Craft to hand it down in its purity.



A PROUD MASON NEARING NINETY—Officers of George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 531, Dallas, are shown following the presentation of a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem to one of their senior Members, Bro. Wilford Hall Parsons, who is nearing his 90th birthday. Reading from left to right are Brothers Sheldon E. MacAvoy, Worshipful Master; Wilford Hall Parsons; Scott B. Shuster, Senior Warden; Joseph E. Allen, Jr., Past Master and Secretary, and R. Brian Porter, Junior Warden. Bro. Parsons, proudly holding his new coveted gold emblem and wallet card, said that Freemasonry has been a "Great Light" in his long life.

Reprints of Bro. Borneman's Classic Book "Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania"

Available Prior to Our 250th Anniversary

A reprinting of "Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania," by Bro. Henry S. Borneman, has been authorized to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania scheduled to be celebrated June 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1981.

Copies of this reprint, both in soft cover and hard cover, will be available for purchase beginning with the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, December 3, 1980.

Bro. Borneman, now deceased, served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "A" from 1920 through 1948 and was General Counsel for Grand Lodge for more than twenty years.

Bro. Borneman's book, written in 1931, is considered a classic on the subject and is an address he delivered before the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania on October 13, 1931, to celebrate the Bicentennial of Freemasonry in our Jurisdiction.

The history covers the early development of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and includes a facsimile of the Thomas Carmick Manuscript ("The Constitutions of St. John's Lodge") dated 1727, together with a transcription of this fascinating document. The original manuscript is in the collections of our Grand Lodge.

This rare book should be in the library of every Freemason, especially every Pennsylvania Freemason. The book comprises 152 pages and measures 7½" by 10". The cost for a soft cover edition will be \$4.00 and the cost for a hard cover edition will be \$8.00. Both prices include tax and handling charges.

The book may be purchased in the Library, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, or through the mail. When ordering by mail, send your order, with check payable to the R. W. Grand Secretary, to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

"Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania" is an ideal gift for any Freemason to receive or give.

Four-month Itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers

The Schedule for Grand Lodge Officers for the next four months includes:

November 24 — 38th Masonic District Meeting, Special Meeting of Homewood-Fort Pitt Lodge, No. 635, Penn Hills Township, Allegheny County.

November 28 — 20th Masonic District Meeting, Special Meeting of Hiram Lodge, No. 616, Altoona.

December 2 — Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 3 — Quarterly Communication, Election Of Grand Lodge Officers, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 4 — Visit to December Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 5 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 17 — 125th Anniversary, Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, Jenkintown.

January 23 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

January 24 — Lu Lu Shrine Temple Master's Night, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 31 — Junior and Senior Warden's Night, Valley of Pittsburgh, Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh.

February 2 — 28th Masonic District Meeting, Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 484, Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh.

February 12 — 4th Masonic District Meeting, Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 336, Gettysburg.

February 15 to 19 — Annual Grand Master's and Grand Secretaries Conferences, Orlando, Florida.

February 27 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 4 — Grand Lodge Committee on Finance; meeting with District Deputy Grand Masters; Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 5 — District Meeting for "H" Masonic District, Oriental Lodge, No. 385, Philadelphia.

March 6 — 58th Masonic District Meeting, Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin.

March 10 — District Meeting for "D" Masonic District, Frankford

Lodge No. 9 Marks its 200th Anniversary with Costly Gift for Masonic Homes

During the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 9, held at Tacony, Philadelphia, on Friday evening, November 7, 1980, and on the occasion of an Informal Visit by the R. W. Grand Master and several of his Grand Lodge Officers to help the Lodge celebrate its 200th Anniversary, the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9 presented two checks to the R. W. Grand Master.

One of the checks, timed to commemorate the 200th year of Lodge No. 9, caught the Grand Master almost speechless. The check was in the amount of \$125,000.00 and was accompanied with a letter of intent for the purchase and installation of a Hyperbaric Chamber, used to administer 100% oxygen atmosphere, in the Masonic Health Care Center of our Masonic Homes. The development of Hyperbaric Therapy is relatively new but is finding its use in the area of geriatrics.

This new equipment, due to be delivered and installed within a few months, is being presented to the Masonic Homes in honor of Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master. A feature article in "The Pennsylvania Freemason" including photographs, will be published when the chamber is completely installed and the dedication conducted.

A second check in the amount of \$4,500.00 was also presented to the Grand Master for use at the Masonic Homes as has been the policy of Lodge No. 9 for many years.

The 200th Anniversary Banquet followed the Stated Meeting.

It was a great evening of celebration and fellowship for all in attendance and a most profitable one for Grand Lodge.

Lodge, No. 292, Philadelphia.

March 11 — 1st Masonic District Meeting, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.

March 20 — 10th Masonic District Meeting, Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allentown.

March 27 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 30 — 23rd Masonic District Meeting, Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Franklin.

March 31 — 32nd Masonic District Meeting, Avalon Lodge, No. 657, Bellevue, Allegheny County.

When Is A Man A Mason?

When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage — which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins — knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope.

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song — glad to live, but not afraid to die!

Such a man has found the only real secret of Freemasonry.

—Bro. and Dr. Joseph Fort Newton

Thanks for Letters

We are most grateful, indeed for the many thoughtful and gracious letters and comments relative to "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

We are convinced The Pennsylvania Freemason has many readers.

Thank you again. We welcome your comments.

Recent Appointments of R. W. Grand Master

Grand Lodge appointments made by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, since the August 1980 issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," include the following:

Bro. John T. Taylor, as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes, vice Bro. Milton Fritzsche, resigned. Bro. Taylor is a Member of Lake Erie Lodge, No. 347, and operates a large farm in the Erie County area. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, he has taught agriculture and is active in the Erie County Soil Conservation District. Active in many civic activities of his area, he is also a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Erie.

Bro. Harry C. Heider, Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 484, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 28th Masonic District, vice Bro. James T. Lederer, deceased.

Bro. Harry E. Killen, III, Sunset Lodge, No. 623, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 29th Masonic District, vice Bro. James R. Morris, resigned.

Bro. Donald F. Minner, Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 26th Masonic District.

Bro. John C. Cavander, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 472, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 15th Masonic District.

Bro. John J. Lotz, Frankford Lodge, No. 292, as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Temple, vice Bro. William F. Lotz, Jr., deceased.

11 Sectional Meetings Scheduled for 1981

Bro. W. Harry Shaw, Jr., Instructor of Ritualistic Work, announces the following Section Meetings of the School of Instruction for 1981:

March 14—Pittsburgh
March 21—Washington
March 28—Harrisburg
April 4—New Castle
April 11—Scranton
April 25—Johnstown
May 2—Kane
May 9—Williamsport
May 16—Meadville
May 30—Mt. Union
Oct. 3—Philadelphia

Lodge Remembers One of its Guests at Homes



MRS. ETTA ROSENHEIMER, 100-PLUS—Shown, surrounded by several of her dear friends of William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, held at Philadelphia, is Mrs. Etta Rosenheimer, a Guest at our Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Banquet Night

By BRO. RUDYARD KIPLING

"Once in so often," King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
"We will club our garlic and wine and bread
And banquet together beneath my Throne.
And all the Brethren shall come to that mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,
Felling and floating our beautiful trees.
Say that the Brethren and I desire
Talk with the Brethren who use the seas.
And we shall be happy to meet them at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"Carry this message to Hiram Abif—
Excellent Master of forge and mine—
I and the Brethren would like it if
He and the Brethren will come to dine
(Garments from Bozrah or morning-dress)
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

"God gave the Hyssop and Cedar their place—
Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn—
But that is no reason to black a man's face
Because he is not what he hasn't been born.
And, as touching the Temple, I hold and profess
We are Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

The quarries are hotter than Hiram's forge,
No man is safe from the dog-whip's reach
It's mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge.
And it's always blowing off Joppa beach;

But once in so often the messenger brings
Solomon's mandates "Forget these things!"
Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings,
Companion of Princes—forget these things!
Fellow-Craftsmen, forget these things!

So it was ordered and so it was done,
And the hewers of wood and the Masons of Mark,
With foc'sle hands of the Sidon run
And Navy Lords from the "Royal Ark,"
Came and sat down and were merry at mess
As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less."

The primary purpose of every Masonic Lodge is to make Masons, not just Members.

To show that they still care and do not forget, several Officers and Past Masters of William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, Philadelphia, took the time to visit with Mrs. Etta Rosenheimer, a Guest at the Masonic Homes, to help "Etta" celebrate her 100th birthday.

The Brethren, shown in the photograph above, include: Bro. David Milligen, Worshipful Master; Bro. Samuel Takiff, Senior Warden; Bro. Alvin C. Schmidt, Past Master and Secretary, and Brothers Gustave Staude, Paul T. Goebig, Penrose Hagerty, Samuel B. Black, William Baumgen and Philip Pflugfelder, all Past Masters. The attending nurse, kneeling next to "Etta," said she was so honored and thrilled to be with such "wonderful good folks."

It is great to care for others. It is also greater to remember and pay a visit now and then with those we care about.

Your Annual Dues!

Your Lodge Secretary will always appreciate an early payment of your Dues to avoid that end-of-the-year rush period.

Perhaps you have overlooked paying your 1980 Dues. If so, won't you please pay now.

Keeping your Dues paid, is important. It is both an obligation and a Masonic privilege.

Merely to Know Is Not Enough!

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

These words, from one of the most familiar portions of the Scriptures, the thirteenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, express a truth which all Freemasons should constantly bear in mind. How nicely they fit into the pattern of our philosophy immediately becomes apparent when the meaning of the term "Mysteries" is understood.

The deeper feelings of the ancient Greeks soon found expression in the practice of certain religious and semi-religious rites which were kept secret from all except the initiated. These were known as Mysteries, and corresponded to the secret societies of our day.

Initiation included an oath of secrecy. It further consisted of various stages or degrees, made up of lectures, elements of sacred drama, and other ceremonies. To confer the four degrees of the Eleusinian Mysteries took a period of nine full days.

The similarities between the Mysteries and modern Freemasonry have given rise, from time to time, to attempts by overzealous Masonic scholars, desiring to establish the antiquity of the Craft, to trace an unbroken connection between the Mysteries and Freemasonry. Such efforts, however, have always proved wholly unsuccessful.

The Mysteries gained great popularity; first among the Greeks, and, at a later period, among the Romans as well. Undoubtedly Paul knew of them. Indeed, he may have been an initiate, although there is little evidence to support such an assumption. However, it seems logical to conclude that when he speaks of "understanding all mysteries," he is referring to these secret societies which flourished in his day.

If this be so, then there can be no doubt about his meaning: "Though I have been initiated into the Mysteries, and know their ritual, their symbolism, and the high and ennobling principles of religion and morality they teach, but have not charity, I am nothing!"

What Paul said about the Mysteries may be said with equal truth about Freemasonry. As Masons, it is of vital importance that we know all we can about Freemasonry. But if we



A MASONIC GIANT HONORED — Highlighting the Annual Past Master's Night, October 2, 1980, in Chester Lodge, No. 236, was the presentation of a beautiful walnut plaque, suitably engraved and adorned, to Bro. Harry W. Cullis, the senior living Past Master of the Lodge, in recognition of his fifty years as an active and dedicated Past Master. He was entered in June 1920 at age 23. Flanked by Bro. H. Dean Smith, District Deputy Grand Master for the 36th Masonic District, on the left, and Bro. Allen W. Haigh, Worshipful Master of Chester Lodge, No. 236, on the right, Bro. Cullis has his award well in hand. It would take pages to cover the life and career of Bro. Cullis which includes the United States Navy, a newspaper executive, a civic leader and a true and dedicated Master Mason. (NOTE: Your Editor is most pleased to process this particular article. Bro. Cullis has proven he is also a man of great faith. He not only signed your Editor's petition thirty-three year's ago but he headed the Committee of Past Masters that sponsored your Editor for R.W.J.G.W.)

merely know, it is not enough! We cannot measure our stature by the rule of the mind. We must use the yardstick of the heart!

Do we live what we know? Do we love both God and man? Do we serve as best we can? Our answers to these questions give us the true measure of what we are as Masons.

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Your Correct Address Is Always Needed!

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to promptly notify your Lodge Secretary so he can report the change to us on the proper form. The United States Postal Service Department is now charging us 25-cents for each copy of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" returned due to an incorrect or incomplete address imprint. Your cooperation in helping us eliminate this unnecessary expense is appreciated.



BRO. GEORGE P. HARTMAN—A faithful Member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, held at Phoenixville, Bro. Hartman was honored with a surprise party celebrating his 90th birthday. Still in fairly good health and vigor, Bro. George tells of his early days as an electrician, before association with the Phoenix Iron Company, when he installed most of the original wiring for illuminating the long Boardwalk of Wildwood, New Jersey.

Thanksgiving . . . 1980

Autumn, with its colors so beautiful, its harvest and its homecoming atmosphere, now surrounds us. With it comes the season of Thanksgiving when we should extend our thanks to an all-wise and all-powerful Heavenly Father for all His loving mercy and kindness.

Yet, as we read our newspapers, listen to our radios, watch our television sets, and look around us, we see so much of vice and crime, juvenile and adult delinquency, graft, greed and corruption, that it may sometimes cause wonderment as to what we actually have to be proud of and to be thankful for.

While, as Freemasons, we should not, for one moment, relax our efforts in behalf of moral and upright living, honesty and integrity in private and public affairs, let us not fail to pause and offer thanks to Him for the blessing we enjoy. Let us thank Him for the privilege of living in a land where we can meet as Freemasons, secure from spying and persecution of a secret police dominated by a pagan dictator. Let us be thankful for the harvest from the fertile soil of America, which insures us against want and hunger.

May we be ever mindful of the opportunities which are ours in a free country, with liberty for private enterprise which provides for all who are able and willing to work at employment whereby they may earn their daily bread. Thankful that we live in a country where we can exercise our abilities and become the masters of our own destinies.

Let us be thankful also for the right to worship our God in a Church of our choice and according to the dictates of our own conscience, free from domination by a state-controlled Church. May we always keep in mind the blessings of close fellowship with our Brethren, and the opportunity presented within our Fraternity for the understanding and good will among our Members.

With charity in our hearts, let us be ever mindful of a Brother's welfare, that none may be in need of that which is in our power to supply.

Let us be thankful and grateful for a Fraternity, a way of living, wherein liberty, freedom and opportunity are granted to all. Let us be grateful for a Fraternity where we have access to philosophy which includes God in our lives and recognizes our sonship



THREE GENERATIONS IN ONE LODGE—Shown above, left to right, are Brothers Harvey J. Cohen, I. Alan Cohen, Past Master and Secretary, Jerry L. Cohan, Worshipful Master, Joseph J. Cohen, Past Master, and Herbert J. Cohan, Past Master, all Members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, Philadelphia. Missing, when the photograph was taken, is also Bro. Joel S. Cohen making it six in this particular Masonic family.

Occasionally the old question of increasing the number of Brethren in our Craft arises and the alternatives we are faced with are, "more Brethren in Freemasonry" or "more Freemasonry in the Brethren."

Analysis of the pros and cons leads us to believe that unswerving devotion to the second possibility will achieve the aims of the first.

In addition to the prohibition laid upon us to avoid proselytizing, it appears to us that an example of Freemasonry's moral virtues translated into the practicalities of everyday life will attract those elements of the community we are anxious to number among our Brethren.

to Him. And, through that sonship, we are permitted to realize the blessings of a Brotherhood that is big enough to include all men. Let us also be thankful for a promise of eternal life after death and a glorious hereafter in that "Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

So, my Brethren, at this Thanksgiving — 1980, while we continue our ceaseless battle with eternal vigilance against the evils of an imperfect world, let us not forget to express our thanks to an all-wise and all-powerful Heavenly Father, The Great Architect of The Universe, for His loving mercy and kindness, and extend to Him all honor, praise and glory from sincere and thankful hearts. So Mote It Be.

Strangers? In Freemasonry?

A Member of the Craft may be at fault if he is a stranger in his own Lodge. But, the Craft is at fault if that same Brother is allowed to be a stranger in another Lodge.

The probable reason for a Member being somewhat of a stranger in his own Lodge is due to the fact that he has long been conspicuous by his absence at the Lodge Meetings. The Officers have changed and new Members having been initiated, he finds that he actually knows but a few.

Lodge attendance is voluntary, and if a Member fails to attend Lodge, he must accept the obvious penalty.

This strangeness can, however, be remedied. By attending Lodge, new friendships will be established and old friendships will be renewed.

When a Brother visits a Lodge, other than his own, the Officers and the Members of the Lodge should make him feel welcomed — a duty which is oftentimes neglected.

It has been wisely stated that "Lodge Visitors represent the strongest link in Freemasonry's claim of fraternal goodwill and amity that circles the globe. Their presence supplies the Lodge a rule with which to gauge its own hospitality, and furnishes it an insight into the character and integrity of the Fraternity in that Jurisdiction."

A Lodge that has many Visitors can't help but be a better informed Lodge. It can't help but be a popular Lodge, a friendly Lodge.

It has been cited that nowhere is a Visitor so welcomed, nowhere is he so entranced, nowhere is his visit so productive of joy and satisfaction to all concerned, as in a Lodge that understands the principles and purposes of the examination of a Visitor, and the courtesies due a Brother who has proven himself worthy and well qualified. There is an Officer on hand to greet him. There is a seat in the Lodge within a circle of cheerful faces, wreathed in true smiles of Brotherly love and affection. And, there are friendly hands waiting and willing to grasp his own.

Being a stranger in your own Lodge or allowing a visiting Brother Master Mason to remain a stranger in your Lodge, is not in keeping with the traditions of Freemasonry.

Peace on Earth . . .

The word peace has been printed billions of times, uttered in billions of prayers, spoken millions of times over the radio and voiced thousands of times by every member of the human race in all the languages of earth. And still we have wars.

It is high time to consider that peace is more than a word. It is more than a spot of ink on a piece of paper, or a sound on our lips.

Peace is everything that makes life worth living.

Peace is God on both sides of the table in a conference.

Peace is goodwill in action.

Peace is world-wide neighborliness.

Peace is co-operation and teamwork; it is pulling with people instead of pushing them around.

Peace is sanity and common sense in human relations.

Peace is open-mindedness. It is a willingness to listen as well as to talk. It is looking at both sides of a situation objectively.

Peace is patience. It means keeping our tempers, rising above petty irritation, taking the long-look. It means keeping our shirts on and giving time a chance to work its magic.

Peace is having the courage and humility to admit mistakes and take the blame when we are wrong.

Peace is tact, and tact has been defined as the ability to pull the stinger of a bee without getting stung.

Peace is vision. It is being big enough to give up small individual advantages for the universal advantage of a warless world.

Peace is using the Golden Rule as a measuring stick in solving world problems.

Peace is the open hand instead of the clenched fist. It is tolerance and understanding toward men of every class, creed and color.

Peace is a mighty faith. It is a radiant belief in the potential goodness and greatness of men.

Peace is a thing of the heart as well as the head. It is warmth, a magnetism, that reaches out and draws people together in a common purpose.

Peace is top-level thinking, feeling, acting. It is rising above tanks, planes and atom bombs as a way of settling disputes.

Peace is a way of living.

Landscape Supervisor Needed at Homes

There is an opening at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., for the position of Landscape Supervisor.

A Degree in Horticulture, with technical as well as design experience, is necessary.

The position offers a competitive starting salary, a beautiful maintenance-free home, paid vacation, paid medical insurance including a dental plan, and other benefits.

A resumé is required and should be mailed to: Mrs. Carolyn J. Blair, Personnel Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

The Masonic Homes is an equal opportunity employer.

Pennsylvania Work is "Sublime from its Simplicity"

Albert G. Mackey, in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, has seen it fitting and proper to use the very words of a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Brother Richard Vaux, as pertaining to the Ritualistic and Lodge Work of Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Brother Vaux, who served as Grand Master in 1868 and 1869, speaks of the Masonic Works of his Jurisdiction with pardonable, if not impartial, commendations:

"The Pennsylvania Ritualistic and Lodge Work is sublime from its simplicity. That it is the Ancient Work is best shown conclusively, however, from this single fact, it is so simple, so free from those displays of modern inventions to attract the attention, without enlightening, improving, or cultivating the mind. In this Work every word has its significance. Its types and symbols are but the language in which truth is conveyed. These are to be studied to be understood. In the spoken language no synonyms are permitted. In the ceremonial no innovations are tolerated. In the Ritual no modern verbiage is allowed."

Four Young Brothers Equals More Than 200 Years of Masonic Service

Avalon Lodge, No. 657, held at Bellevue, Allegheny County, can boast of having four Members, all blood brothers, who are proudly wearing the Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem. They are:

Bro. Frank D. Young, Entered in November 1924; Bro. Robert D. Young, Entered in January 1927; Bro. James L. Young, Entered in November 1927, and Bro. Milton C. Young, Entered in November 1930. Yes, it is unusual for a Lodge to have four Young Brothers who represent more than 200 years of Masonic service.

Well and Duly Prepared

Being "Well and Duly Prepared" is a Masonic expression. Masons understand its significance in the Lodge Rooms, however, they may also interpret it outside the Lodge.

No Mason enters even the ground floor of the Lodge unless he is "Well and Duly Prepared," but so simple is his dress that it provokes no envy. He is dressed properly for the occasion, and everyone so dressed feels perfectly at ease among his Brethren. No place here for the rich to boast of fine raiment and resplendent jewels, nor for the poor to envy his more fortunate Brother or covet his wealth. Their clothing in each case symbolizes labor and innocence.

With hand and brain, each is ready to serve his fellow men; with forbearance and toleration, each is willing to forgive the crude and ignorant everywhere.

To carry the symbolism of Masonic investiture still further, every Mason should be clothed in the habiliments of truth.

His wardrobe should contain the robe of justice, with which to protect those who for any reason have been deprived of their just rights; the mantle of charity, with which to comfort those made destitute, many times by no cause of their own; the tunic of toleration, with which to hide the weakness of the wayward and help them to the road of recovery; the cloak of mercy, with which to cover the wounded and suffering in mind or body with unstinted sympathy and kindness. These garments are all of genuine quality, measured and cut by a Master Tailor.

They are serviceable and in good taste on every occasion. They, too, may be had without money and without price, and, the man who wears them is truly properly clothed, and "Well and Duly Prepared" as a Master Mason.

Don't knock your Lodge. It may have improved since the last time you were there.