

Grand Master's Itinerary FEBRUARY THROUGH JUNE

FEBRUARY

- 15-21 Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 23 Ritualistic Seminar, State College
- 25 Lodge No. 786, Monroeville
- 26 Lodge No. 729, Mars
- 27 Penn Forest No. 21, T.C.L., Grand Lodge Night Program, Chester
- 28 Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro

MARCH

- 1 Lodge No. 291, Scranton
- 2 Lodge No. 236, Annual Banquet, Chester
- 3 Dauphin County Bicentennial Opening ceremonies, open house, Court House, Harrisburg
- 4 Lodge No. 575, Mercer
- 5 Lodge Nos. 749 and 334, Bradford
- 6 Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia
- 7 Lodge No. 364, Millersburg
- 8 Lodge Nos. 653, 513 and 747, Crafton
- 9 Masonic Temple, Oakland, Rainbow Honor Day for the Grand Master, Pittsburgh
- 9 Syria Shrine Temple, Masters' Night, Pittsburgh
- 11 Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia
- 12 Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia
- 13 Lodge Nos. 342 and 602, Coudersport
- 14 Lodge No. 598, Shinglehouse
- 15 Lodge No. 348, Hanover
- 18 Lodge No. 806, Hatboro
- 19 Lodge No. 231, Pittsburgh
- 20 Lodge No. 789, Lower Burrell
- 21 Lodge Nos. 712 and 131, Philadelphia
- 22 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown—Chartering of the Masonic Homes High Twelve Club at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown
- 23 Lodge No. 437, Apollo
- 25 Lodge Nos. 494 and 658, Tyrone

- 26 Lodge Nos. 164, 237, 447 and 623, Washington
- 27 Lodge No. 628, Stroudsburg
- 28 Lodge No. 457, Beaver
- 29 Lodge Nos. 318, 288 and 430, Pittsburgh
- 30 Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook

APRIL

- 1 Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg
- 2 Lodge No. 710, Oil City
- 3 Lodge No. 462, Berwick
- 4 Lodge No. 771, Hazleton
- 8 Lodge Nos. 674, 669 and 630, Coraopolis
- 9 Lodge No. 436, Philadelphia
- 10 Lodge Nos. 388, 555 and 560, Smethport
- 11 Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia
- 12 Lodge Nos. 516 and 224, Danville
- 15 Lodge No. 503, Wrightsville
- 16 Lodge No. 230, Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia
- 17 Lodge No. 386, Philadelphia
- 18 Lodge Nos. 369 and 491, Philadelphia
- 19 Valley of Philadelphia, A.A.S.R.
- 20 Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.
- 21-22 Grand Assembly of Royal and Select Masters, Philadelphia
- 23 Lodge No. 135, Philadelphia
- 24 Lodge No. 260, Annual Banquet, Carlisle
- 25 Lodge Nos. 325, 311 and 594, Stroudsburg
- 26 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 27 Lodge No. 43, 200th Anniversary, Lancaster
- 29 Lodge Nos. 277 and 550, Clarion
- 30 Lodge No. 326, Trexlertown

MAY

- 1 Annual Maxwell Sommerville Banquet, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia
- 2 Lodge No. 629, Harrisburg
- 3 Lodge Nos. 466 and 249, Olyphant
- 4 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Dedication of a Lodge Room, Lodge No. 618, Wyalusing

- 6 Lodge No. 409, Pine Grove
- 7 Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia
- 8 Lodge No. 242, Jim Thorpe
- 9 Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg
- 10 Lodge No. 45, 200th Anniversary, Pittsburgh
- 11 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Dedication of a Lodge Building, Lodge No. 304, Albion
- 13 Lodge No. 239, Freeport
- 14 Lodge No. 197, Carlisle
- 15 Lodge No. 633, Marienville
- 16 Lodge No. 561, Allentown
- 19 Annual Masonic Breakfast, Grand Lodge of New York, Buffalo, N.Y.
- 19-21 Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, Erie
- 22 Lodge No. 773, Philadelphia
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- 28 Lodge Nos. 477, 351 and 421, Westfield
- 29 Lodge Nos. 281, 490 and 616, Altoona
- 30 Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia
- 31 Lodge Nos. 70, 418 and 471, Athens

JUNE

- 1 Annual Convention of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Ocean City, Maryland
- 4-5 Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, State College
- 6 Lodge No. 502, Tarentum
- 7 Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg
- 8 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Cornerstone laying and dedication, Lodge No. 294, Frackville
- 10 Lodge No. 557, Tionesta
- 11 Lodge No. 243, New Castle
- 12 Lodge No. 511, Shenandoah
- 13 Lodge Nos. 296 and 624, Jenkintown
- 14 Lodge No. 331, Ligonier
- 15 Lodge No. 339, Scranton
- 16 International Shrine Hospital Day, Philadelphia
- 18 Lodge No. 762, Pittsburgh

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Bro. Carpenter Begins Second Year As Grand Master

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has begun his second year as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania with the same degree of energy and enthusiasm that carried him to more than 400 meetings and into 253 of the state's 566 lodges during 1984.

His 1985 schedule requires an even greater effort as he continues an unprecedented program of visitations that will cause him to travel more miles, and allow him to greet more Masons, than any Grand Master in the history of this jurisdiction.

Bro. Carpenter was again elected Grand Master during the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on December 5.

By taking advantage of legislative changes that simplify the balloting and installation procedures, the Grand Master and other elected Grand Lodge officials retained their respective stations through a vote by acclamation.

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., was reelected R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond was elected the R.W. Grand Treasurer for the 18th consecutive year, and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson was retained as R.W. Grand Secretary for the fifth time.

Bro. Carpenter's reelection as Grand Master marks the beginning of what will be his 25th consecutive year of direct service to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A Past Master and long-time Secretary of Chester Lodge No. 236, he joined the Grand Lodge family as Librarian and Curator in 1961 and served in that capacity through 1969 when he became a part of the Grand Master's staff.

Bro. Carpenter was serving as the Director of Masonic Education when he



Right Worshipful Grand Master
Bro. William A. Carpenter

was elected in 1973 as the R.W. Grand Secretary.

His years of experience as the first editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and as a member of numerous Grand Lodge committees, most notably the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance, have served him well since his election to the Grand Lodge line as Junior Grand Warden in 1979.

In his inaugural address on December 27, 1983, Grand Master Carpenter listed 12 goals he hoped to accomplish during 1984.

He sought to improve the dress of those attending the lodges and to encourage the wearing of masonic emblems. He suggested the members of the fraternity take advantage of the rich heritage of educational materials, and urged them to protect and preserve our unique ritual.

The Grand Master promised to erect signs identifying the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, to promote *The Pennsylvania*.

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Grand Lodge of Maryland Adopts Project SOLOMON II

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has entered into an agreement to share Project SOLOMON II®, its membership rebuilding program, with the Masons of Maryland.

Membership loss is an almost universal problem among the Grand Lodges in the nation, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland is the first jurisdiction to look for a solution in the program developed by Pennsylvania.

All printed and audio-visual materials for SOLOMON II have been revised to reflect conditions as they exist in Maryland. The provisions of Pennsylvania's copy-

right have been met and the entire procedure documented so that other Grand Lodges will benefit from the experience.

The number of other jurisdictions have evidenced serious interest in Project SOLOMON II and steps are being taken to accommodate them as time and circumstances permit.

Membership patterns in Maryland are strikingly similar to those experienced in Pennsylvania, except for the size of the numbers.

While Pennsylvania enjoyed 18 consecutive years of growth beginning in

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March Quarterly to be Held in Philadelphia Centre Hotel

The March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on Wednesday, March 6.

The hotel ballroom was successfully used as the site for the December Quarterly Communication (see article on page 9) and will be set up in the same manner for the March meeting.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, decided to again use the hotel in anticipation of a crowd larger than can be comfortably handled in Corinthian Hall at the Masonic Temple.

Large attendances there require the use of closed circuit television to nearby Renaissance Hall, a consequence the Grand Master wants to avoid whenever possible.

The Grand Master has invited the lodges with new District Deputy Grand Masters to attend in a group

and be seated in a reserved section for a special ceremony when the new Deputies will be presented.

Ordinarily, new District Deputy Grand Masters are presented individually in their home lodges, but the Grand Master's schedule of informal visitations to the lodges during 1985 is completely filled.

There are nine District Deputies to be presented.

Those who attend the 7:00 p.m. communication are also invited to attend a 5:00 p.m. dinner to be held in the hotel dining rooms, including the Pennsylvania Room, on the third floor.

The dinner is free, but it will be necessary to fill in the coupon in order to reserve a place. (See page 18.)

Up to 1,000 persons can be seated in the dining area and reservations will be issued on a first request basis until all seats have been assigned.

Reservations will be accepted at the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 until Monday, March 4.

Please include a stamped, addressed envelope with your ticket request in order to speed the mailing process. Your ticket will be mailed to you as soon as the request is received.

Please realize that you do not have to be a member of the Grand Lodge to attend a Quarterly Communication. It is only necessary that you be a Master Mason in good standing and carry a 1985 dues card.

Master Masons are required to register with the Grand Tyler and fill out a slip that indicates their status as a member of the Grand Lodge or as a visitor.

Please call the Office of the Grand Master at (215) 988-1920 if you have any questions or require assistance.

Lodges Number 566

Three lodge mergers approved at the December Quarterly Communication have reduced the number of lodges in Pennsylvania to 566.

Potter Lodge No. 441 merged with Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, both held at Philadelphia, to be known as Philadelphia—Potter Lodge No. 72, effective December 27, 1984.

Potter Lodge No. 441 had been a part of Masonic District F. The merged lodge will be part of Masonic District G under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master J. Walter Price.

Orient Lodge No. 289 merged with Richmond Lodge No. 230,

both held at Philadelphia, to be known as Richmond Lodge No. 230, effective December 6, 1984.

The merger took place within Masonic District F under the supervision of District Deputy Grand Master Heinz Wendt.

Oakland Fraternity Lodge No. 535 merged with Solomon Lodge No. 231, both held at Pittsburgh, to be known as Solomon Oakland Lodge No. 231, effective December 15, 1984.

Both lodges were part of the 51st Masonic District and the merged lodge will be directed by District Deputy Grand Master Joseph F. Acton.

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Directly from the Grand Master

Back-to-Basics of Freemasonry, and then . . .

A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE



My Dear Brethren:

Having been elected for another Masonic year as your Right Worshipful Grand Master, I approach this second year with a greater experience, a broader vision, and a sense of greater humility. I have realized, only too well, during the past year that the affairs and business of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are most extensive. It would be virtually impossible for any Grand Master to perform all that is expected of him were it not for the support and assistance found in the unswerving loyalty of so many of the Brethren. For all of this I am most grateful.

A Grand Master, following his election and as he stands before his Grand Lodge, searches deeply for the words that will allow him to express how moving an experience it is to him. I am certainly no exception in this situation. I do, with a sense of great pride, accept the honor and the responsibilities you have again bestowed upon me. It is, however, an awesome responsibility, and I have already prayed that I shall be endowed with sufficient wisdom that will permit me to administer the affairs of our Grand Lodge during 1985 such that my stewardship will be pleasing to the Great Architect of The Universe and satisfactory to you.

The general theme of my first year as your Grand Master was: "Dare We be

Masons?" To encourage this challenge, I have made informal visits to more than 250 "Blue Lodges" within our jurisdiction. We did manage to get our great renewal and revival program for Pennsylvania Masonry off and running. I refer to the timely and excellent program introduced by our previous Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Samuel C. Williamson, and already nationally known as "Project SOLOMON II." Then, we found the need, after many months of research and study, to introduce a series of resolutions to amend the *Ahiman Rezon*. Each of these legislative changes are calculated to improve and assure the future of Pennsylvania Masonry. A few decisions of the Grand Master were also introduced to provide better ways and means of fulfilling our purpose and cause as a Grand Lodge.

My theme for 1985 will favor a continued effort in seeing that all endeavors of 1984 are maintained and enforced, along with another challenging theme and program. That theme and program for 1985, in brief, is: "Back to the Basics in Freemasonry, and then . . . A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE."

"Dare We be Masons?"

I have long been of the mind that Freemasons can do no less than strive for A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE at all times. In reality, the only purpose of Freemasonry is A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE. What else is there for Freemasons to accomplish?

A return to the basics could very well be the only direction or avenue Pennsylvania Masonry should be taking now. The base of something is the foundation, the supporting factor, the principal constituent and the basic principle or theory—such as a system of knowledge.

When we refer to a base, we refer to that on which something stands or rests; the foundation or most important element—such as a system or set of ideas; a point from which a start is made; anything that gets something on its way; the center of operations or source of supply; the

underlying structure.

When we get down to the word, "basic," we find the adjective defined: "... of or at the base; forming a base or basis; fundamental; essential."

"Freemasonry is A Way of Life"

Having traveled over 100,000 miles throughout our jurisdiction this past year and having chatted with over 47,000 members of the more than 250 "Blue Lodges" I have visited, the joys and pleasures of the excellent receptions and hours of super fellowship, have, in a way, been dampened by the rather sad experience of learning just how un-Masonic some of our Pennsylvania Masons have been and continue to be. True, with a membership bordering 200,000, you will encounter members of the Masonic fraternity who "lied on their knees" and have allowed themselves to become entrapped in or attracted to un-Masonic conduct. Some of these members have been caught. Some of them are still affiliated and may eventually be caught, or they may manage to escape Masonic discipline as long as their un-Masonic conduct remains unknown to the proper Masonic authority. Fortunately this particular segment of our fraternity is but an infinitesimal fraction or percentage point of our entire membership.

However, there happens to be a much larger percentage of our membership, and this segment even includes members who have assumed offices of responsibility and leadership, who, by their immature attitudes wherein Freemasonry is concerned, have, no doubt, forgotten what they repeated when they took their oaths and obligations. But their defiant and critical attitudes toward Pennsylvania Masonry and their constant head-in-the-sand philosophy is, perhaps, the most damaging jolt our fraternity has yet to endure.

Not too long ago I came across a rather caustic statement that went something like this: "If you were on trial in a

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court of law for being a Master Mason, would there be enough evidence to actually convict you?" Gives you something to think about, doesn't it?

I also recall writing a statement of my own back in the 1950s when I was just as excited about Pennsylvania Masonry as I am now. My statement went something like this: "Wouldn't it be just wonderful if all the members of our 'Blue Lodges' were Masons?" This is something to think about also, Brethren. There is a vast difference between being a Mason in the true sense of the word or just being a name registered on the membership roll of a lodge.

At a time when Freemasons are numbered by the millions; when we are more universal than ever; when our material assets exceed anything the fraternity has previously accrued, the internal problems we have accumulated should cause us to ask ourselves whether or not we are transmitting the excellent tenets of Freemasonry and whether or not we are supporting and maintaining the established laws and regulations of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

With the news releases of each day reflecting the greed, the selfishness, the crime, the intolerance, the dishonesty, the cruelty and the Godlessness stalking our society today, there was never more need than now for a concern and compliance to the basics of Freemasonry if we expect to continue the influence we have long enjoyed for the good and well-being of mankind.

"Freemasonry is A Self to Live With"

It is most unfortunate that we haven't been more alert and more determined to make certain that each Pennsylvania Mason processed by our Symbolic Lodges was made more acquainted with the real basics of Freemasonry. What better time is there to share and indoctrinate new Masons, and Masons not so new, for that matter, in the basics of Freemasonry, than when they are "Blue Lodge Masons" only? But, that just isn't the way we do things in America. Too often, and much too soon after a new Mason is raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, our new member is urged to migrate. When this happens, with absolutely no regard for the new Mason's proficiency and competency in a basic knowledge

and a possible chance that our new Mason might become interested and involved in his "Blue Lodge," we have, in a way, created a schizophrenic complex and one that can only lead to frustration, if not a house divided complex.

Never, in the history of Pennsylvania Masonry, has there been a greater need for a Back-to-Blue Lodge Movement and a desire to get Back-to-Basics of Freemasonry, than right now!

The Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge" as we fondly call it, is the most important unit in the structure of Freemasonry. The "Blue Lodge" is where it all begins. The Masonic Apron, the Badge of a Mason, is the first item with which a new Mason is invested. And, as he completes his Masonic journey on this earth, the Masonic Apron is one of the last things he receives.

If our Project SOLOMON II is to be the great success we are anticipating, whereby Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is going to prosper and regain maximum strength it once enjoyed, then it is going to mean a Back-to-Blue Lodge Movement coupled with a Back-to-Basics of Freemasonry.

Every effort should be advanced to convince Masons just how important the Symbolic Lodge is in Freemasonry. And, as important as it is, it should and must be the strongest and most active unit in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity if we expect to advance the cause of Freemasonry in the generations to come.

One of the first requirements in a Back-to-Basics of Freemasonry effort is an absolute allegiance to the basic unit of Freemasonry, the "Blue Lodge." This means regular attendance, supporting the various activities of your "Blue Lodge," and, of course, paying your way and not falling to the depth of a freeloader.

Learning and living the basic lessons taught in the "Blue Lodge" is all that is needed to fulfill the one and only purpose of Freemasonry, which is A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.

Permit me, Brethren, if you are still listening, to share with you a way and means in which you can assure yourself of a working knowledge of what the basics of Freemasonry are all about. First, every Pennsylvania Mason should listen most attentively to the oaths and obligations given in the three Symbolic Degrees. Likewise, you should listen just as attentively to the lectures given for each of the Symbolic Degrees. And, by all means, become as knowledgeable as you can in all the Ritual and the dialogue used in the open-

ing and closing of a Symbolic Lodge and during the business of the Lodge. All of this is most urgent and so necessary in providing you with a well rounded knowledge of the basics of Freemasonry. When acquired, you can then proudly converse about Freemasonry in an intelligent fashion, if and when the opportunity presents itself. Most of this, if not all, you actually committed yourself to do when you signed and presented your petition to be made a Mason.

"Freemasonry is A Faith to Live By"

I would also like to recommend a personal Masonic Library that will, beyond all doubt, help, aid and assist you in acquiring a back-to-basics knowledge of Freemasonry that will definitely assist you in A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE. This rather unique and small Masonic library can be had without too much trouble and expense. One of the books is a copy of the *Thomas Carmick Manuscripts*. This was written in 1727 and, believe it or not, one of the original copies is in the collection of our own Grand Lodge Library and Museum. Reprints of this have been made through the years and I am sure copies or photocopies can be obtained by inquiring of our Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator.

The second book of my recommended Masonic library is a copy of *Anderson's Constitutions*, a book compiled by Brother James Anderson, D.D., and published in 1723 by the Grand Lodge of England. A facsimile of this book was published in 1734 by Brother Benjamin Franklin, a Past Grand Master of our Provincial Grand Lodge. This particular book contains *THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREE-MASONS—CONTAINING THE HISTORY, CHARGES, REGULATIONS, & C. (sic) OF THAT MOST ANCIENT AND RIGHT WORSHIPFUL FRATERNITY. FOR THE USE OF THE LODGES*. Copies of the Charges featured in this unusual Masonic publication are available by inquiring of our Librarian and Curator.

The third book of my recommended Masonic library is a copy of the *Ahiman Rezon*, meaning "A Help to a Brother." The first edition of this unusual book was prepared by Brother Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and appeared in 1756. Brother William Smith, D.D., then Provost of the

University of Pennsylvania and Grand Secretary of our Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1781 prepared a reprint of Dermott's original work, and suitable for our Grand Lodge, and it was first published in 1783 and dedicated to Brother George Washington. Revised and amended many times since 1783, the *Ahiman Rezon* is the "Constitution, Charges, Ceremonies and Forms" of our Grand Lodge and for our Lodges, and still serves as a guide to our Masonic actions.

The fourth and final book of my rather small but priceless Masonic library is a copy of *The Holy Bible The Great Light In Masonry*, King James version. There is a listing available of certain books, chapters and verses throughout *The Holy Bible* as pertains to our Symbolic Degrees, but the complete Bible is referred to, Masonically, as our "Volume of the Sacred Law." Consult our Librarian and Curator for the printed listing of passages in The Bible pertaining to our blue lodge degrees.

These four books, which I keep handy all the time, have enabled me to find answers and inspiration not only when I was somewhat of a "part-time Mason," but over the many years that I have been happily engaged in being a "full-time Mason." And, it has been in these four books that I have found the *Basics* of Freemasonry.

Strange as it may seem, the basics of Freemasonry today are the same as they were at the inception of our Ancient and

Honorable Fraternity and during the formative years of the Craft that followed.

In the *Carmick Manuscripts* and *Anderson's Constitution* you will become excited and fascinated with the undisputed and time-honored principles which constitute the Landmarks of our fraternity. Also the listing and explanation of the seven "Liberal Sceyances" in the arts.

"Freemasonry is A Cause to Live For"

The "Old Charges," the real base of the Craft, are concerned with a man's relation with his God, his fellowmen and his own conscience. They are a source of spiritual teachings, of admonitions and exhortations designed to keep a Mason on understandable and friendly terms with other Masons and mankind, and thus make our fraternity a living, moving vehicle in which man may travel happily with his fellowmen. As such, they can be studied and loved, learned and lived with pride and benefit to the Craft.

Getting back to the basics of Freemasonry is nothing more than accepting and implementing more fully the statements and directives contained in the "Old Charges," and the "General Regulations, Etc." that worked so well for those worthy Brethren who have traveled this same road before us.

Brethren, we must first accept the

great teachings of the Craft, believe in them, and then go out and put into practice those principles and ideals which are so important and long identified with the science of Freemasonry.

The spirit of Freemasonry is the spirit of Brotherhood, Freemasonry grew into existence because there was a real need for it. Freemasonry has survived for a period of over 268 years because there has been a need for it. And, at no time in the history of mankind is there a greater need for a fraternity such as ours than right now!

Centuries ago, men banded together for mutual protection and security. In the early and formative years of our Ancient Craft Masonry, its obligations were real, men repeated them, they lived by them. The relationship of one man to another was sacred and binding.

Yes, our Ancient Brethren established certain requirements in order that there might be perfect understanding as to what was expected of a man and a Mason. This was the decalogue of our Freemasonry. The worth and need of these basics was proven by the Brethren who traveled before us and left in our hands this great legacy of love, called Freemasonry.

May you enjoy your return to the basics of Freemasonry.

And, for the remainder of this century and far into the twenty-first century, may we join hands in unanimity and enjoy A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, the one and only purpose of Freemasonry. ■



Grand Lodge Officers

Elected Grand Lodge officers for 1985 include (left to right) Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.



Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
Reserve Saturday, October 12 for an Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Masons, their families and friends will gather by the thousands to celebrate the harvest, the beauty of nature, and the common bonds of fraternity. More information to come.

Communications Schedule for 1985

The Grand Master has established the following schedule for communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1985:

March Quarterly Communication—Wednesday, March 6 in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

June Quarterly Communication—Wednesday, June 5 in the Milton S. Eisenhower Auditorium on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University, State College. It is expected the communication will be held at 7:00 p.m.

September Quarterly Communication—Wednesday, September 4 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Tentative plans call for an outdoor communication, the first in the history of the Grand Lodge, to be convened under large circus tents like those used during the Grand Master's Days in the summer of 1983. Again, it is expected the meeting will be-

gin at 7:00 p.m., but the Grand Master, since the adoption of the amendments to Article 8 of the *Ahiman Rezon* at the 1984 December Quarterly Communication, may convene the Grand Lodge at a different time.

December Quarterly Communication—Wednesday, December 4 in Philadelphia. The Grand Master, in anticipation of a large attendance because of the election of officers and the presence of distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, may convene the meeting at any number of locations in the city. The Communication will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Grand Communication—Friday, December 27 in the Masonic Temple in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. The meeting will feature the installation of newly elected officers and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Specific details concerning each of the Grand Lodge communications will be released as soon as plans have been completed.

Members Elected To Committee On Masonic Homes

The following were elected members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes during the December Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia on Wednesday, December 5, 1984:

- Joseph H. Brown, No. 751, Philadelphia.
- Bro. Walter B. Wilson, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.
- Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven.
- Bro. Richard M. Wilson, Lewisville Lodge No. 556, Ulysses.
- Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington.
- Bro. Guy E. Walker, Somerset Lodge No. 358, Somerset.
- Bro. John J. Taylor, Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, Girard.
- Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., Tyrian No. 612, Valley Green.

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Grand Lodge Committee Appointments

• Grand Lodge Committee on Finance:

Bro. William A. Carpenter,
R.W. Grand Master, chairman
Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr.,
R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz,
R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. W. Scott Stoner,
R.W. Junior Grand Warden
Bro. Samuel C. Williamson,
R.W. Past Grand Master
Bro. William J. Ebertshauser
Bro. Robert D. Hanson
Bro. William H. Dickey, Jr.
Bro. Michael J. Peters
Bro. Norman A. Fox

• Committee on Temple:

Bro. Carl D. Homan, chairman
Bro. Joseph E. McQueen
Bro. John J. Lotz
Bro. Robert A. Detweiler
Bro. Charles A. Blackman

• Committee on Masonic Education:

Bro. John K. Young,
R.W. Past Grand Master, chairman
Bro. Walter L. Sykes
Bro. J. Keith Howe
Bro. Robert Batto
Bro. Wilfred E. Oakey
Bro. Joseph Gentile
Bro. P. Franklin Hartzel, Sr.

• Committee on By-Laws:

Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., chairman
Bro. Harold S. McGear
Bro. Wayne W. Thompson
Bro. Raymond J. DeRaymond
Bro. Rollin C. Steinmetz

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Grand Master's Record After one Year

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, visited 253 of the lodges in the jurisdiction during his first year in office, traveling almost 87-thousand miles by air and 19-thousand miles by automobile.

He often crammed two and three activities into a single day by driving to the office in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia in the morning to catch up on paperwork, then attending an early afternoon meeting before flying in the evening to visit a lodge in whatever part of the state his schedule required him to be.

In all, the Grand Master attended to 407 specific functions during the first 365 days of his tenure as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Grand Master Carpenter's travels took him to the Veterans and State hospitals as well as Shrine hospitals and burn

centers; to meetings of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the Committee on Masonic Homes; to seminars for District Deputy Grand Masters and educational and ritual schools throughout the state.

He participated in church services, ground breaking ceremonies, meetings and installation ceremonies of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls, and sessions of virtually every appendant masonic organization in the state.

The month of December provided the rare opportunity to visit the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia and to share his Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with the guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

During his travels the Grand Master presented in 1984 no less than 289 of the

Masonic Saints Awards he personally designed, and distributed more than 550 packets of information.

He also presented to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges and to distinguished visitors more than 400 bronze medallions that were struck to mark his administration.

When Bro. Carpenter established the program he would support as Grand Master he said he would spend his time "where Freemasonry begins, in the lodge room."

He has established a pace far greater than what might be expected of a Grand Master, but seems to thrive on the activity. "Occasionally someone will ask me why I am killing myself," he said, adding, "I tell them I am not killing myself. I am doing what I believe must be done and I am enjoying every minute of it."

DECEMBER QUARTERLY





Eleven Are Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

- Bro. Carl D. Homan, Masonic District A, a Past Master of Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 481 in Philadelphia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. Richard S. Wood, 3rd Masonic District, a Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 177 in Carlisle, served as District Deputy Grand Master for seven years.
- Bro. Glenn L. Roller, 4th Masonic District, a Past Master of Patmos Lodge No. 348 in Hanover, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. Gershom G. Krom, 5th Masonic District, a Past Master of Howell Lodge No. 405 in Honey Brook, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.
- Bro. C. DeForrest Trexler, 10th Masonic District, a Past Master of Barger Lodge No. 333 in Allentown, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.
- Bro. Robert K. Montross, 15th Masonic District, a Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 240 in Montrose, served as District

Deputy Grand Master for five years.

- Bro. James T. Amacher, 22nd Masonic District, a Past Master of Bradford Lodge No. 749 in Bradford, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. James O. Campbell, 28th Masonic District, a Past Master of Fox Chapel Lodge No. 784 in Verona, served as District Deputy Grand Master for eight years.
- Bro. William C. Wagner, 43rd Masonic District, a Past Master of Belle Vernon Lodge No. 643 in Belle Vernon, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.
- Bro. Robert W. Cooney, 44th Masonic District, a Past Master of Arcana Lodge No. 580 in Austin, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.
- Bro. Lewis Kaye, 51st Masonic District, a Past Master of Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 535 in Pittsburgh, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.

Grand Master Appoints Floor Officers

The Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, announced the following appointments of floor officers for 1985:

Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. James L. Ennette of Latrobe, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518

Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. Arthur Lee Rankin of Saxton, Everett Lodge No. 524

Grand Steward—Bro. William F. Walton, Jr. of Glenolden, Prospect Lodge No. 578

Grand Steward—Bro. R. Emmert Aldinger of Elizabethtown, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682

Grand Marshal—Bro. George N. Holmes of Pittsburgh, Lodge No. 45

Grand Sword Bearer—Bro. H. Dean Smith of Wilmington, Chester Lodge No. 236

Grand Pursuivant—Bro. Carl W. Feick, Jr. of Pittsburgh, Homewood Fort Pitt Lodge No. 635

Grand Tyler—Bro. Ralph Rogers of Philadelphia, Fernwood Lodge No. 543

Bro. Carpenter Begins Second Year as Grand Master

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nia Freemason and to complete the renovation of residential guest quarters at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Carpenter asked us to conduct ourselves as Masons by living exemplary lives and encouraged us to dispel the myth that Freemasonry is clouded in secrecy.

He challenged us to become proficient masons and backed his belief that the payment of lodge dues is both an obligation and a privilege by endorsing strict legislation on payment of dues.

And finally, he asked us if we dared to be masons and pledged to waken the sleeping giant of Freemasonry.

Having accomplished the 12 goals he established for 1984, the Grand Master developed 12 new objectives for 1985 as follows:

Our Blue Lodges

Pennsylvania Masons must develop a priority that gives increased concern to their respective Blue Lodges.

More Qualified Officers

We must elect and appoint more qualified officers so they may learn and grow as they advance to the station of Worshipful Master.

Thorough, Absolute Screening

We must be more responsible in the scru-

tiny of those seeking admission to the fraternity.

Sufficient Time

We should discourage anyone from petitioning who does not or will not commit to the minimum 120-day period required for due and proper processing through the three symbolic degrees.

Improve Cash Flow

To improve cash flow for operating purposes and to eliminate the possibility of "selling Freemasonry too cheaply," minimum fees for initiation and membership must be established. A realistic fee for annual dues must also be established and the payment of partial dues or reduced dues for any reason must be eliminated if the financial health of the lodges is to be protected.

Make Freemasonry

More Visible and Viable

The Blue Lodges are encouraged to make the fraternity more visible and more viable in their communities.

Strengthen Youth Groups

The commitment to youth must be ongoing; every possible effort must be made to develop and strengthen the youth groups and to increase adult involvement.

Understanding Masonic Law

We need to reaffirm our respect, understanding and obedience to the rules and regulations, the customs, usages and procedures of masonic law and to the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Developing Maturity

We must improve our attitudes and accept the responsibility for our actions as mature adults.

A New Publication

A new publication, *The Exemplar*, (A Guide for a Mason's Actions), is designed to serve as a comprehensive reference for the Blue Lodge Mason who truly wishes to become a respectable, regular and proud Master Mason.

Completion of the Chapel

Every Mason should take part in some way in the building of this house of worship at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, and in its dedication on September 14.

SOLOMON II,

the Rebuilding of Freemasonry

The success of this most important project, this survival kit for Freemasonry, requires the absolute cooperation of every symbolic lodge and every individual Mason. Are you doing your part?

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Grand Master Makes Two Masons at Sight

Donald B. Reeder, a U.S. Army platoon sergeant, and Robert J. Bruce, president of Widener University, were made masons at sight during an extra communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held at the Masonic Temple in Chester on Saturday, November 24, 1984.

The event marked the second time Grand Master William A. Carpenter has convened a meeting of the Grand Lodge to, as described in the *Ahiman Rezon*, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, "cause Masons to be made in his (the Grand Master's) presence, at any time and at any place, a Lodge being opened for that purpose."

Bro. Raymond A. Heist, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Williamsport and a personal friend of the Grand Master, was made a mason at sight on June 30, 1984.

The authority to make masons at sight rests exclusively with the Grand Master; a right that has been exercised at least 67 times since 1885 according to Grand Lodge records.

Grand Master Carpenter noted the record when introducing his candidates to the more than 300 persons, officers of the Grand Lodge and the lodges in the 36th Masonic District, who attended the meeting in Chester.

"It often happens," he said, "that good men who ought to be members of the fraternity do not find the time in their busy lives to follow the normal path to membership."

"That is the case in both instances here," the Grand Master continued, "with an Army man who really doesn't know from day to day where his path will lead, and a university president who we hope is finally able to settle down after many career moves as he climbed the academic ladder."

Bro. Robert J. Bruce graduated from Colby College in 1959 and taught history at Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, Maine and at Brookline High School in Brookline, Massachusetts until 1964 when he earned an M.A. degree at Boston State College.

He traveled throughout the United Kingdom in 1964-65 on a Fulbright Grant as a lecturer in British and American history at Chorley Teachers College, Chorley; Queen Anne's College, Blackburn, and the Clitheroe Royal Grammar School, Clitheroe.

Bro. Bruce served as the development officer and director of annual giving at Colby College in Waterville, Maine from



R.W. Grand Master William A. Carpenter presents to Army Sergeant Bruce J. Reeder, left, and Widener University President Robert J. Bruce, right, special Grand Lodge certificates noting they have been made masons at sight. All three degrees were conferred on both candidates at an extra communication in Chester on November 24.

1965 to 1969 when he accepted the position of director of development at Bard College, New York.

He was named vice president of Bard College in 1970 and acting president in 1974 before becoming vice president for university relations at Clark University in Massachusetts in 1975.

Later in 1975, Bro. Bruce was made vice president for development at Widener University. He became the president of Widener in 1981.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities; the American Council on Education; the Council for Advancement and Support of Education; the American Association for Higher Education, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Bro. Bruce is a member of the Executive Committee and chairman of the Institutional Affairs Committee of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities and is a director, treasurer and chairman of the Education Committee of the Delaware County Economic Partnership.

He also serves as a director of Quick and Reilly Group, Inc., New York; is a member of the Executive Committee of Compact for Lifelong Educational Opportunities in Philadelphia; a board member of Elwyn Institutes, and is a member of the

board of trustees of West Nottingham Academy, Colora, Maryland.

Bro. Bruce and his wife, Judith, reside in Wallingford and are the parents of two children, Kimberley and Scott.

Brother Donald B. Reeder, a relative of the Grand Master, was born in Upland, Pennsylvania and attended public schools in Upland and Chester until 1969 when his family moved to Wilmington, Delaware.

He is an honors graduate of Thomas McKean High School in Wilmington.

Bro. Reeder enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1973. His first assignment was with the United States Army Band stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

He was the leader of the baritone horn section of the band during a tour of duty that lasted from 1974 through 1977.

It was in 1977 that Sergeant Reeder received the training necessary to join the United States Army Recruiting Program. His personality and military bearing made him a successful and respected Recruiter who earned many commendations from his commanding officers. Among them is the Gold United States Army Recruiter's Badge with Sapphire Device.

Sergeant Reeder's next round of training began in 1981 when he was assigned as an infantry squad leader and platoon sergeant to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry

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New Chapel to Grace Patton Campus in Elizabethtown

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is constructing a chapel on the grounds of the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus; the first house of worship to be built for the fraternity since the completion in 1927 of the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel at the nearby Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

It is expected the cost of the 232-seat chapel, including furnishings, will not exceed \$1.2 million and that it will be completed in time for its dedication in full ceremony on Saturday, September 14.

Designed by architect John Hoffman, the chapel will be 35 feet wide and 83 feet long apex to apex. It will be constructed of steel with brick interior and exterior. The ceiling will be wood and the floor will be flagstone.

A dominant feature of the design is the 879 square feet of stained glass windows above the chancel area on the south wall and the full length of four separate panels on the north wall.

The chapel floor will contain more than 26-hundred square feet of space including the sanctuary, lobby areas and stairways. The basement level will contain an all purpose room of more than two thousand square feet that will be used primarily as a lodge room by the three youth groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.



The entire building will be air conditioned and the basement lodge room will be made available to the lodges and other masonic bodies for meetings when the youth groups are absent.

Ground was broken in late November in a ceremony conducted by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, and Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master and chairman of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Work was begun immediately by the Warfel Construction Co. of Lancaster. The firm has been engaged since 1979 in the continuing renovation of residential guest buildings at the Masonic Homes.

As indicated in the photographs accompanying this article, trees were removed from the pine grove on the hillside behind the new swimming pool addition to the Memorial Hall building. Favorable weather in December and early January allowed for the completion of a great deal of the foundation work.

Officers of the Grand Lodge have begun a campaign to raise funds for the chapel among the lodges, other masonic bodies and interested individuals.

The cost of the stained glass window in the chancel area, estimated at about \$30,000, has already been pledged by the Rainbow Girls of Pennsylvania.

A program of memorial contributions for pews has been established for gifts of \$1,000 and a special area will be prepared in the lobbies on both sides of the chapel for the erection of bronze plaques to recognize contributions and gifts of \$1,500 or more.

A separate Chapel Construction Fund has already been established by the Grand Lodge to receive contributions and to hold them until

they can be used to reimburse the various funds used to pay for initial construction costs.

Construction of the chapel will provide several unique means for lodges and groups to participate in providing windows, pews, an organ, a sound system and any number of items normally required in the establishment of a house of worship.

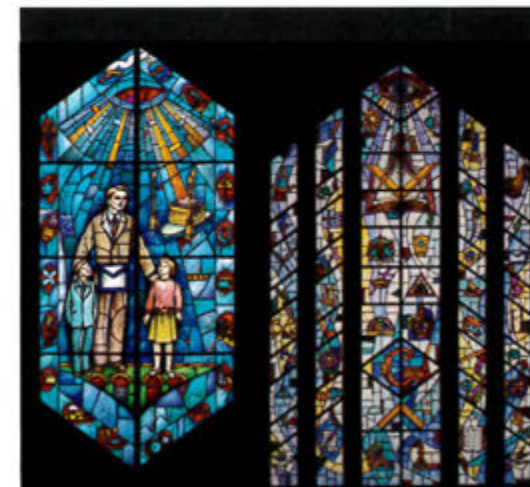
This is the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that individual Masons will have the opportunity to be a part of a chapel building effort. (The Sell Chapel at the Masonic Homes was a gift of Mrs. Kate E. Sell as a memorial to her husband, Bro. John S. Sell, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania in 1920 and 1921.)

Also, again in response to the unique qualities of the project, a complete photographic record will be kept from start to finish.

You are invited to send your contribution to the Chapel Construction Fund in care of the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions are deductible for tax purposes and will be acknowledged by letter.

Should you have any questions you are invited to write to the Office of the Grand Master at the above address or to call the office at (215) 988-1920.



The rostrum window on the left is 8 x 18-feet and is to be contributed by the Rainbow for Girls. The five-tier lancet front window is 20 x 40-foot overall and has been divided into 56 sections that are available for contributions ranging from \$3,000 to \$9,000.

Grand Master Makes Two Masons at Sight

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Division, stationed in the Demilitarized Zone of Korea.

He considers the time he spent in Korea a valuable addition to his military experience because of the strict military procedure always in effect and the practical knowledge gained from living in an environment that could explode in violence at any moment.

Bro. Reeder returned to the United States in 1982 and was assigned initially to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Later, he was assigned to the 1st Batal-

lion, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Riley as the scout platoon sergeant.

Sergeant Reeder is currently assigned as assistant chief of the 1st Infantry Division ARTEP Support Team, Department of Plans and Training at Fort Riley.

In addition to the Gold Recruiter's Badge, he has earned the Army Achievement Award twice; the Good Conduct Medal three times, and the Overseas Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal.

Sergeant Reeder is one of four children of Bro. and Mrs. Bruce Reeder of Sher-

wood Park, Wilmington, Delaware.

He petitioned and was approved for membership in his father's lodge, Chester Lodge No. 236, in January.

The three degrees were conferred on each of the candidates on November 24 by teams from the eastern, central and western Regional Schools of Instruction.

The making of a mason at sight is not a short cut to the degree work. It merely allows all three degrees to be conferred on the same day in the presence of the R.W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Maryland Adopts Project Solomon II

From preceding page 1.

1943 and then 21 consecutive years of decline, Maryland grew for 19 consecutive years starting in 1942 and then lost members for the next 21 years.

Maryland's membership peaked in 1961 at 48,547, but stands today at 38,633.

Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Maryland, will be launched by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. C. David Haacke, on March 1.

The goal will be to add 23,000 Masons to the rolls of the lodges in the next four years.

A Progress Report

It will take several months to accurately measure the progress of SOLOMON

II in this jurisdiction because of the effects of legislation, adopted at the December Quarterly Communication, concerning suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

Statistics at the end of November indicated almost 75 per cent of the losses experienced in 1983 had been trimmed away.

The increased number of suspensions recorded by the lodges in December will have to be tracked through the computer center for several months to determine how many of those members seek restoration before a clear picture will appear.

Then too, suspensions for nonpayment of dues in January and February, in keeping with the new legislation that re-

quires the payment of dues in January of each year, will also have to be tracked separately so that the integrity of the statistical base can be maintained.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter recognizes the dues legislation has washed away some of the progress made through Project SOLOMON II.

"We will have to redouble our efforts," the Grand Master said, adding, "The fraternity cannot mourn the loss of those who refused to pay dues and carry their own weight. If we are to grow, we must build on a firm foundation, and while the immediate effect may appear harsh, the longterm results will prove to be beneficial."

March Quarterly Communication
Wednesday, March 6, 1985

Send to—

Office of R.W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Please send me _____ tickets to the March Quarterly Communication dinner to be held in the dining rooms on the third floor of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 1985.

My stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Name _____
(please print)

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Telephone _____ Lodge No. _____

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