

Relief Sought
For Quake Victims
in Chile

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has contributed \$1,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund being administered by the Masonic Service Association for the relief of Masons and their families who suffered great losses in the earthquake that struck large portions of Chile on March 5.

Immediate relief efforts were initiated by the Grand Logia de Chile through its Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Pereira Henriquez, but the available funds were quickly depleted.

An appeal for assistance was then made to the Masonic Service Association of the United States. Bro. Stewart M.L. Pollard, executive secretary of the association, said that all funds collected as a result of the appeal will be forwarded to the Grand Master of Chile "for the relief of the human needs of Masonic families and not for the rebuilding of Masonic properties.

In writing to the Grand Masters of all United States jurisdictions, Bro. Pollard described the need as urgent.

"It is hoped that every Mason in your jurisdiction will want to extend the helping hand to our Chilean brothers," he wrote.

To minimize administrative costs, it is requested that relief funds be sent to the Masonic Service Association at 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-4785.

Checks should be made payable to the M.S.A. Disaster Relief Fund.

As this report was being prepared, word was received of a second quake in the affected areas but an assessment of damages was not available.

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Project SOLOMON II® Turns the Tide

The continuous pattern of membership loss that has plagued the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania since 1961 has come to an end.

Thanks to Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, the graying fraternity is beginning to grow green.

The turnabout came in the first quarter of 1985 after a year end 1984 loss factor of a modest 1,865 members, attributed mostly to suspensions for non-payment of dues under new legislation that requires dues payment in January of each year with automatic suspension for those in arrears.

Almost 1,600 persons were suspended in December of 1984 for non-payment of dues.

The year end figures, however, do not reflect the fact that more than 1,500 petitions for initiation and membership were in progress at the time, and that more than 360 men were in various stages of the processes for being restored to membership.

A new member is not placed on the rolls of the fraternity until he is made a Mason by receiving the entered apprentice degree. He is counted for purposes of Project SOLOMON II, however, when his petition is approved, thus the one month lag in statistics.

Project SOLOMON II uses the earlier date simply to save time in processing the builders' cards that are used to recognize with bronze, silver and gold lapel pins those who are making the program work, the men who are bringing new members to the fraternity.

Even the official 1984 statistics reflect the value of Project SOLOMON II, however, when the loss factor of 1,865 is compared to the losses of recent years.

The loss of membership in 1983 was 3,772; in 1982 it was 4,219; in 1981 it was 4,012, and in 1980 it was 3,609. In fact, you will have to go back 18 years to

1967 to find a membership loss of less than 2,000.

A great deal of useful data has been and is being collected through the computer tracking program that is a most important part of Project SOLOMON II.

The information the lodges submit directly to the computer tracking center each month is used to develop new ideas to improve performance.

Distinct patterns have developed over the first 15 months of the project. New direction becomes apparent as each month's statistics are added to the pool of knowledge.

The fraternity, for example, is growing at a faster rate in the rural areas. In the seven regions, the five that are predominately rural are growing, while the two regions that cover the major cities still show a modest loss factor.

The statistics must be analyzed very carefully however, since the major city regions, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, have almost half the Masons in the state. The city regions contain many more lodges and are much more difficult to supervise.

Still, the loss factor in the Pittsburgh area for 1984 was less than 800 in a population of more than 52 thousand members, and less than 900 in a population of more than 43 thousand members in the Philadelphia area.

At times, the data throws off confusing signals. In one area of high unemployment, for example, the loss factor seems to reflect that distressing economic condition. Yet another area of equally high or greater unemployment will show a healthy pattern of growth.

What is becoming increasingly apparent is that the plan works very well where it is followed closely and is fully implemented.

All lodges should now be at that stage of the program where they are reaching out to those members who have been

inactive for a number of years and who have resisted the invitations to attend a meeting where Project SOLOMON II will be explained to them.

It is now the going gets tougher for the chairman of the lodge's SOLOMON II Task Force and the members of the force who must take the audio-visual presentation to the homes of the members.

It is also now that initiative and innovative thinking comes into play. One lodge had great success in late 1984 with inactive members by searching its records for the recommenders of those on their individual lists and setting up meetings in the home with the same people who shared the original experience.

If an inactive member's recommenders are not available, the members who served on the Committee of Inquiry or as lodge officers at the time he received his degrees would be able to make a similar connection.

The lodges that are this deep into the program of reaching out to their membership are finding great rewards in doing so. They have the opportunity to clarify old misunderstandings; to answer questions for those who fear the return to the lodge room because their knowledge of the ritual and procedure is rusty, and to learn from those who are inactive the reasons why they were not more deeply touched by the fraternal experience.

We are into the sixth of the 16 quarters allotted to is for Project SOLOMON II in reaching the goal of increasing by 50,000 the membership in Pennsylvania.

We are working the plan and proving every day that the plan works.

Most importantly, however, is the fact that we are learning more each day about ourselves, and, in reaching out to our brothers, we are learning what it is to

Coupons, Coupons, Coupons . . .

There are no less than four coupons in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* as the Grand Lodge prepares for the June Quarterly Communication at State College; the September Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown; the dedication on September 14 of the new chapel at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, and the Autumn Day at the Homes celebration on October 12 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The coupons contain language specific to each occasion and have been color coded in an effort to avoid as much confusion as is possible.

The need to gain control of the numbers for the free meals that are a part of each function demands the use of coupons.

They are also used to gain information about parking needs in each instance.

The Grand Master has authorized the use of lodge funds to defray the costs of bus transportation for each function. It is important that the lodges or districts planning to use buses make their reservations with the bus companies as soon as possible. Bus companies often have all their equipment in service on summer weekends and advance reservations are the rule rather than the exception.

Then, too, the Grand Lodge benefits when it has advance information when working with caterers in planning meals or in arranging adequate parking space.

The requested meal tickets and parking passes will be sent to you as soon as your reservations are received. Please remember to send a stamped, addressed envelope. It saves staff time when envelopes do not have to be addressed.

You may wish to make reservations for all or several of the functions at one time.

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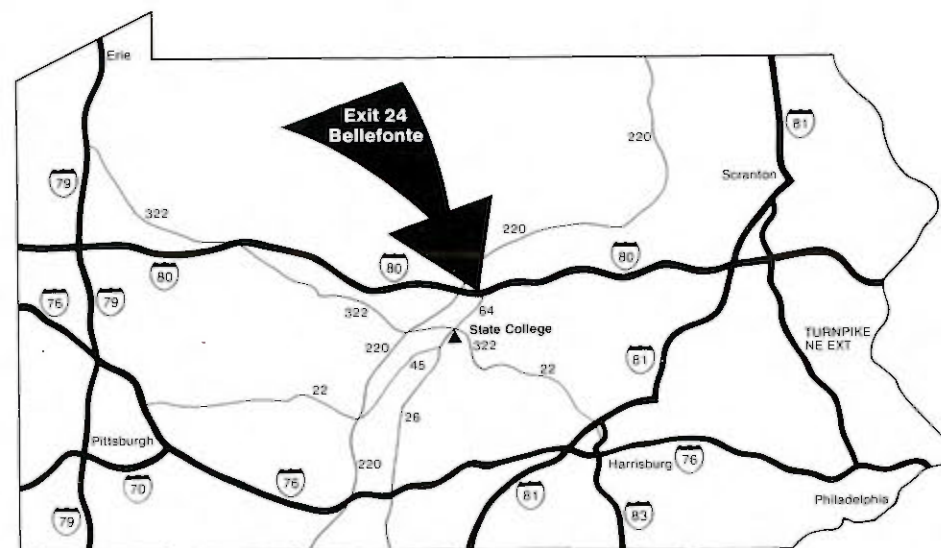
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State College JUNE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

June 5, 1985

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Because of university regulations the auditorium will be closed once the seating capacity is reached, and any excess crowd turned away.

Penn State Prepares for June Quarterly Communication

The June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in State College on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University.

Scheduled to begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, the meeting will take place in the Milton S. Eisenhower Auditorium. The auditorium will also be used earlier in the day for an extra communication of the Grand Lodge called by the Grand Master for the purpose of making Masons at sight. (See the Special Note on page 18.)

Those who attend either or both of the meetings are invited to a dinner to be served in the Findlay and Johnston dining halls at 5:00 p.m. The dining halls are located in the center of the dormitory complex known as East Halls.

Parking will be provided in the large lots adjacent to the dormitory complex. As indicated by the map accompanying this article, the dining halls and the auditorium are within comfortable walking distance of the parking lots.

The parking area can be reached from Routes 322 and 26 by way of East Park Avenue and University Drive without driving through the campus proper.

It will be necessary to make reservations for both parking and dinner. The coupon on this page is designed to make

your needs easily known.

The dinner is free, but reservations are required to control numbers and costs. There are four dining rooms in Findlay (A, B, C and D) and three (A, B and C) in Johnston. Color coded tickets will give specific directions to one of the seven dining rooms. Dinner tickets will be issued on a first request basis until the maximum seating of 2,500 persons is reached.

Parking reservations will be helpful to the campus security personnel who will police the parking area and direct traffic. Again, a color coded ticket, designed to attach to the rear view mirror on the windshield of your vehicle, will be sent upon request by coupon.

The Milton S. Eisenhower Auditorium, named for the former president of the university who was made a Mason at sight in 1951, has a seating capacity of almost 2,600. It is a modern, fully appointed theater building with more than adequate facilities for the needs of the Grand Lodge.

The June Quarterly is the first meeting of its kind held in the State College area. Grand Master William A. Carpenter scheduled the meeting so that the Masons of central Pennsylvania could easily attend a session of their Grand Lodge.

It is not necessary that you be a mem-

ber of the Grand Lodge to attend. All Master Masons who present their current dues cards to the Grand Tyler will be admitted.

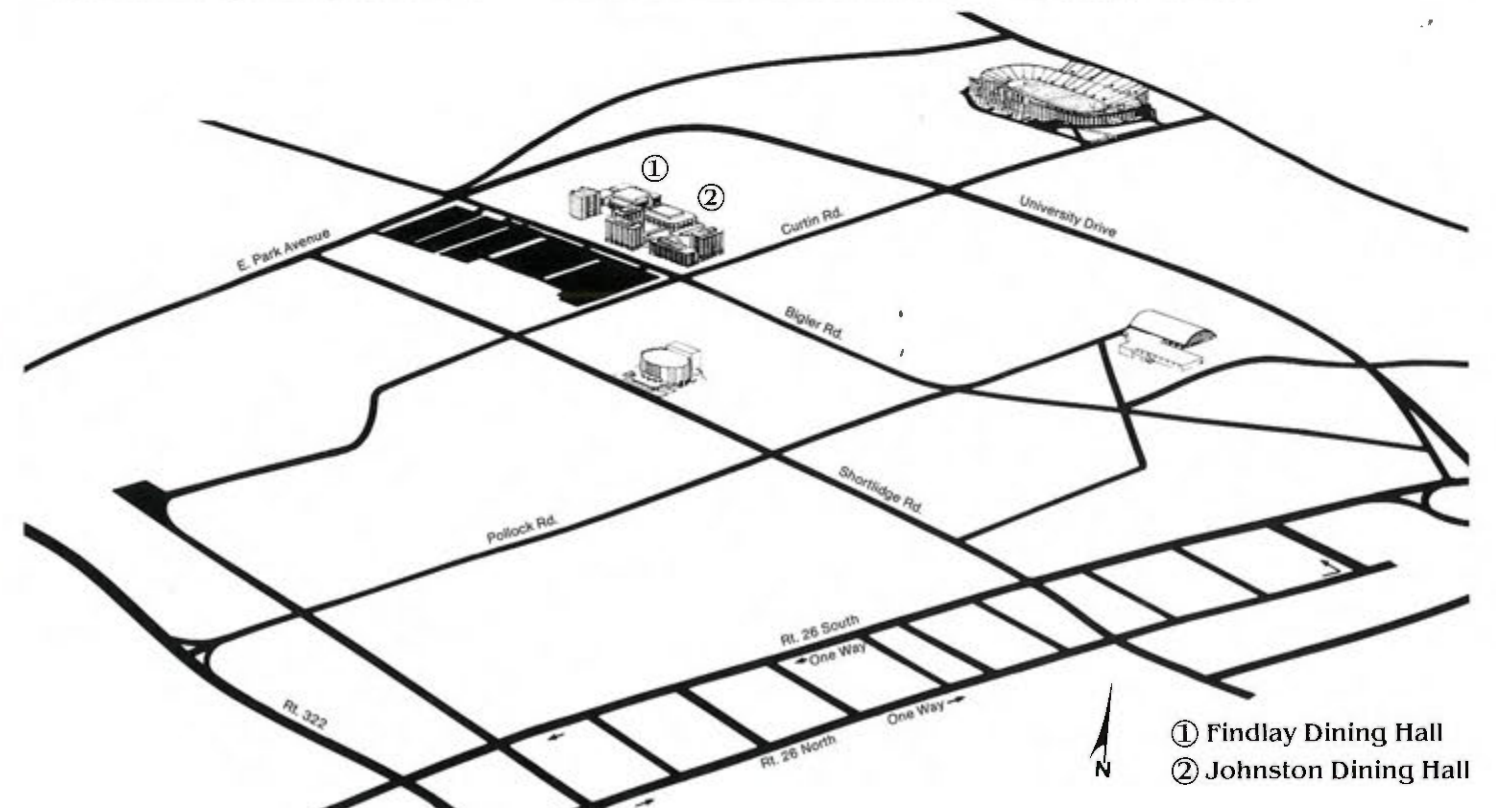
Bro. Ralph F. Spearly, District Deputy Grand Master for the 21st Masonic District and a past Master of State College Lodge No. 700, is working with the office of the Grand Master in preparing for the June Quarterly Communication.

Committees have been formed by local Masons to provide for the needs of visitors to State College and the university.

There are thousands of Penn State graduates among the more than 200 thousand Masons in the state and thousands more who are parents of Penn State students. The June Quarterly Communication activities will be a homecoming of sorts for many and that factor alone is expected to attract a large attendance.

Prompt submission of meal and parking reservation coupons will enable us to make adequate preparation for your needs. Please remember to include a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of tickets and parking passes.

You are invited to call the Office of the Grand Master at (215) 988-1920 if you have any questions.



① Findlay Dining Hall
② Johnston Dining Hall

Directly from the Grand Master

It is a fact! It is the truth! So, let's face up to it, that . . .

FREEMASONRY IS WHAT FREEMASONS ARE



My Dear Brethren:

What a splendid thing it would be if all members of Masonic Lodges were Freemasons in the full and true sense of the word.

That statement suggests that something is lacking in some of the members identified with Freemasonry. And, that theory could be carried even further. If what we are saying has any semblance of truth, there could, at times, appear to be something lacking in each of us.

In the realm of Freemasonry we are heirs of the men who laid foundations long, long ago. Our generation did not create Freemasonry. It has come to us through the years in varying forms. Perhaps the road has even been rough at times. We have been accepted into a fraternity of men and brothers and through the centuries Freemasonry has steadily continued to exemplify an excellent type of idealism centered upon human relationships. Although Freemasonry isn't for every man, it has attracted men of all walks of life who make no claim to extraordinary virtues.

Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplifting of man. It's requirements are the things that are right, and its restraints are the things that are

wrong. It inculcates the doctrines of brotherly love and patriotism. It promotes the sentiments of exalted benevolence, encouraging all that is good, kind and charitable. It encourages one to do good to others, to forgive enemies, to love neighbors, to restrain passions, to honor parents, to respect authority, to return good for evil, not cause anger, not to bear false witness, not to lie, not to steal and to strive for a pursuit of excellence.

Freemasonry, it can be stated, was never intended to accept petitions from men for the purpose of reforming them. A man who petitions Freemasonry is expected to be a clean and upright man prior to petitioning for the degrees of Freemasonry. If he isn't that kind of a man, then he has deceived the Lodge he petitioned and Freemasonry in general. Although it is not the work of Freemasonry to reform men, it is the work of Freemasonry to effect changes in the individual Mason which will result in his mental and moral development. Perhaps the fundamental reason for the existence of Freemasonry was, and still is, to improve men so that their lives will be enriched, and the world at large will be benefitted by the acts and deeds of men of proven character.

If the men who petition Freemasonry are the kind of men we believe them to be, then Freemasonry's oaths and obligations should aid them in remaining that way. And, if our oaths and obligations do not impress upon them the high character they are expected to maintain, it may be said of them that they are not Freemasons in the full meaning of the word. When one is known as a Freemason, that, in itself, should be proof of his honesty, of his integrity, and of his decency.

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the unformed, unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in the fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded or in dread of the devil in the next world. A true Freemason would act just as if there were no laws, human or divine, except those which are written in

his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the universal throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received, and in humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others.

For the record, Freemasonry refuses to apply a theological test to a petitioner for the degrees of Freemasonry. We do ask a man who petitions our Lodges if he believes in a Supreme Being. And, we require that he does believe in a Supreme Being. Belief in God is faith. Belief about God is theology. We are interested in faith only and not theology. When Freemasonry accepts a Christian, a Hebrew, a Buddhist, or a Muslim, it does not accept him as such but as a man worthy to be received into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Contrary to what many Freemasons and non-Masons think, Freemasonry has absolutely no complicated theology. A firm belief in a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe, the Creator and Preserver of all things, just about sums up Freemasonry's relation to things theological. In this belief we build our simple but profound doctrine which accepts the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul.

Our true Masonic value as Masons cannot be determined by the number of degrees in Freemasonry we receive. Degrees are conferred on Freemasons, but unless Freemasonry is really instilled in their hearts, no amount of degree work will produce a true and faithful Mason. The great principles of Freemasonry may be summed up as a philosophy of life, designed to promote a greater feeling of brotherhood among men. A Lodge, after all, is but a school of Freemasonry; and whether our fraternity has fulfilled its lofty purposes and ideals depends largely upon the powers of assimilation and application of that philosophy of life in the lives of those who become Freemasons. The lessons learned by each of us must be put into use in our daily lives and with our daily contacts with our fellow men.

Then, and only then, will Freemasonry have achieved its worthy purpose which is: "A Pursuit of Excellence."

Brethren, it is our responsibility to let the world know that Freemasonry is not an exclusive or withdrawn body of men, doing good by stealth or concern only in the welfare of our own membership. It is not only my will and pleasure but it is my hope and desire that all the principles of Freemasonry be brought within the vision and the reach of all men, many of whom I am certain, are watching us constantly and are eager to behold just who we are and what we stand for.

No matter how you say it, Brethren, our fraternity, in the true sense of the word, can only amount to what Freemasons really are. And, that means being at our best, Masonically speaking, both within the Lodge and when and where we spend most of our time which is outside of our Lodges. A mistaken but prevalent idea in some circles today is that membership in a "Blue Lodge" completes the necessary qualifications of a Freemason, a conception of Freemasonry totally out of harmony with fact. The character of a man and Mason is determined not by any society of which he is a member, and of which he may only be a member in name; but rather, by the ideals controlling his life, the affection ruling his heart, and the voluntary thoughts which guide his conduct.

Every sincere Freemason will ever have before him that striking symbol—a point within a circle—one of the most arresting symbols reiterated and emphasized every time a man completes the three Symbolic Degrees of his "Blue Lodge." The point symbolizing an individual member, and the circle, the boundary line of his duty toward God and man, beyond which he should never suffer his passions, interests or prejudices to betray him on any occasion. The circumference of this circle—the boundary line of his duty—is clearly Freemasonry. Yes, my Brethren, Freemasonry is what Freemasons are. May I ask a question? What are you doing to spread the mission of Masonry within the radius of your world and circle?

Having visited over 350 of our "Blue Lodges" and traveled over 136,000 miles in mingling with the Craft these past fifteen months, I sense an urgent need among Freemasons to arouse an interest and a determination of the individual Mason to seek and acquire more of a basic knowledge of "Blue Lodge" Masonry. It is very evident that we have not been teaching all Freemasons about Freema-

sonry. I know of no other Grand Lodge that has published, and made available for the asking, more pamphlets, folders, booklets and papers on all phases of Freemasonry than our own Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Yet, we learn of Pennsylvania Masons who have never had this Masonic literature in their hands. Why? I can only state that a well informed Master Mason can't help but be one of the better Masons.

Freemasonry may serve to make a man over if that man will but listen and grasp the teachings of our three Symbolic Degrees and then apply them in his thinking and actions. Freemasonry is really a laboratory in the fine art of human relationships for adult men. However, it appears that many Masons may listen to our teachings—but, do they really hear?

A diamond in the rough is a cold, hard substance without a definite shape, whose beauty is only potentially so. This beauty is made real by a process of cutting and polishing which results in a gem whose every facet has a distinct shape and forms a precise angle with those adjacent to it. Not until the diamond is altered in this manner can it reflect its fire of life and beauty. So it is with Freemasonry. Unless we apply ourselves to the task of interpreting our Masonic teachings to the fullest, so that each phase has definite value and relation to the other, then our Freemasonry can only be a dull and lifeless thing.

In Freemasonry we are taught to search for a philosophy that will aid us to gain the most from the short time we share in this life by contributing kindnesses, character and brotherly love with our fellow man. Freemasonry is a code of morality, teaching men the right way of living and can harm no one but will abundantly bless all who live up to its precepts. Its influence works beneficently upon the individual, binding men together in brotherly love, mutual happiness and a search for truth. It does not use spectacular means of attracting public notice, but pursues its unpretentious course with a sincere friendliness for all men who are thoughtful and far-seeing, thus commanding respect and admiration of those who seek the betterment of the human race.

The history of Freemasonry is rather interesting and should be quite important. But the history of Freemasonry is secondary to the prime purpose of personality development of every Freemason. The never ending primary task of life is to learn how best to live. Freemasonry abounds with instruction to

show a better way of life, but it is needful for the individual Mason to open his mind to the influence of the instruction. In this jet-propelled and busier-than-usual day we are living, it is increasingly needful for a Freemason to continue his interest in the teachings of Freemasonry and to seek diligently to understand the basics of our Masonic philosophy. Without that knowledge, we can only struggle under a handicap.

Freemasonry is the custodian of moral secrets which are as old as mankind. The teachings are eminently practical. Our Speculative Masonry teaches those truths which have been wrought out by the meditations of the studious and stamped as sterling by the psychological reactions which they find in every uncorrupted mind.

Freemasonry is fundamentally an educational organization. It has for its purpose the teaching to men of the elements of life that are worth-while, and the relationship in which men should stand to one another.

The influence of one Mason whose life is guided by the Light of Freemasonry is far beyond estimation. One may build a mansion, may spend uncounted sums in rearing its walls of marble, and storing it with every element of beauty within, and yet passing from this mortal realm, may have accomplished but very little. While another, perhaps, who never built anything save a mansion of character, has surrounded himself with those invisible stones of character, hasn't left anything but influence. But the influence he left, exerted day by day, falls into sensible souls, and shapes molds and directs the course of life and reveals the ways of truth in the lives of countless others. That is the mansion a true and faithful Mason can leave—a priceless influence.

Like so many frequenters of churches and temples, whose religion never strays beyond the confines of the religious edifices, we seem to have our share of members whose Masonry remains in the Lodge Room and is confined to lip service or some other minor or insignificant interest that keeps them in the Masonic parade. Such men are never Masons in the true sense of the word. They just cannot comprehend the real usefulness of Freemasonry. They are men who just can't and have no desire to apply the teachings of the Craft to their individual lives. They are members, unfortunately, who add absolutely nothing to the purpose and cause of Freemasonry.

I suppose by now, my Brethren, one would pose the question: "Just how long

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does this endless list of requirements extend if a man is to be a true and faithful Freemason among us?" Well, the list could go on and on. But, that is all part of this wonderful way of life that marks the real and zealous Mason. Many of the things we have already mentioned are only part of what is expected of members of "Blue Lodges." For example, Freemasons are charged to perform their civil duties. A member of a Symbolic Lodge who lightly regards the duties and responsibilities of citizenship—who fails to become an informed citizen—who fails to be at the election booth in a local, state and national election, is really not a Freemason in the full sense of the word.

Our "Blue Lodges" cannot exist in the proper way without the interest, participation and allegiance of those members who live a reasonable traveling distance from the Lodge. Masons who wholly neglect the meetings of their Lodge, stated meetings, extra meetings and special meetings, oftentimes known only by the ring they wear on their finger or the emblem they wear on their lapel, or by just being listed on the roll of the Lodge, are not Freemasons in the full sense of the word.

Charity is listed as one of our chief characteristics. We are inclined to be liberal in material contributions for relief of our Brethren, but that does not satisfy the demands of Masonic charity. Those who never carry cheer to a sick Brother, or to one who has erred or is in trouble for some other reason, is not a Freemason in the full sense of the word. Our charity also includes tolerance toward the opinions of a Brother, toward what seems to us to be his faults.

There is no place in Freemasonry for the member who fails to see any good in anyone or anything that is done by others. What a sad and detrimental factor such a person becomes if nothing suits him if not done by himself. Such an egotistical person is really a dangerous member of any organization and especially Freemasonry.

In our ritual we are admonished to study the seven liberal arts and sciences—which means to this humble Mason that each Mason should be an informed Mason, or at least should attempt to be one. He certainly should know what the ritual means and the importance of his obligations. But, he should go further—he should attempt to inform himself as to the origin and the philosophy of our An-

cient and Honorable Fraternity so that he can answer questions posed to him and be able to talk in an intelligent manner when engaged in a Masonic discussion.

As the years hurry by, a good Freemason should fortify himself in such a manner that he may be able to teach younger Brethren and answer their questions. A proud and true Freemason should give some study to the beautiful and priceless symbols of Freemasonry. The symbols of Freemasonry are the soul of Freemasonry.

Relative to the younger men who are petitioning our "Blue Lodges," the older members should evidence more concern, not only for the present welfare of our Lodges but also for the future of our Lodges which will be in the hands of the younger men at some later time. There is a tendency among the older Freemasons to go on running the Lodge much as it always has been done, paying little heed to the views of the newcomers and seldom including them in the business of the Lodge. But, if Freemasonry is to hold the place in the world which it rightly deserves, the elders of the Lodge must show greater interest in the young and upright Masons.

Brethren, permit me to "call a time out" in your reading. I feel one of my poems coming on: *'Some men seek wealth and some seek power, some men seek fame through every hour. The Mason's aim is understood, his business is world Brotherhood. Regardless of his power or wealth, he's not content to think of self, and though he's striving to be good, his main concern is Brotherhood. The Mason, therefore, is a man who is convinced it is God's plan that all His earthly children should create a world-wide Brotherhood. And so he works both day and night to bring to others love and light, to prove to all men, bad and good, his business is world Brotherhood. And, So Mote It Be!'*

Freemasons should not only act or behave properly at all times but each of us have an equal responsibility to be well and duly prepared within the Lodge whenever and wherever we may be attending, and also without the Lodge wherever that may happen to be. Being well and duly prepared means also to be properly clothed. Show me the Mason who cares naught about his Masonic dress in certain places and I will also show you a Freemason who is not a Freemason in the full sense of the word.

To carry the symbolism of good Masonic dress still further, I would hope that every Pennsylvania Mason is always clothed in the habiliments of truth. His wardrobe should also contain a robe of justice with which to protect those who, for any reason, have been deprived of their just rights. He should wear a mantle of charity, with which to comfort those made destitute, many times by no cause of their own. He should also wear a tunic of toleration with which to hide the weaknesses of the wayward and help them to the road of recovery. His wardrobe should also include moccasins of humility which marks a Freemason's strength; humility being the root, mother and bond of all virtues. And lastly, a Freemason should be clothed with a cloak of mercy with which to cover the suffering in mind or body with unstinted sympathy and kindness.

My Brethren, these garments of my Masonic wardrobe are all of genuine quality, measured and cut by a Master Tailor. They are serviceable and in good taste on every occasion. They may be had without too much money and the Mason who wears them is duly and truly properly clothed as all Freemasons should be.

We all know, my Brethren, that the bond of true brotherhood should always prevail in our "Blue Lodges," our Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in general. That, however, is not enough. It is the mission of Freemasonry to spread the gospel of human kinship that all the world will acknowledge our bonds of amity and accord. One of the charms of Freemasonry is the formation of long and lasting friendships and the knitting of closer ties of sympathy and interest in others.

It is definitely up to us during the few years remaining in this twentieth century to reach out and touch the lives of those lukewarm Freemasons within the Craft and even to reach out further and touch the lives of those eligible men without the Craft who, perhaps, have been anxiously waiting to learn what to say and to whom to say it.

If we fail to match our Masonic profession with worthy deeds, more growth and display this special way of life for all Freemasons, then, I think, Freemasonry will be brought into contempt in the eyes of the world and will deserve condemnation. If, on the other hand, we can show that we truly practice brotherhood, both among ourselves and toward all mankind, millions of people will see the beauty of

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Grand Lodge Hall Progress Report

The renovation of Grand Lodge Hall at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the final phase of a program begun in 1979 to modernize all the residential guest buildings, is proceeding on schedule.

The project, estimated to cost \$5.5 million, will take up to two years to complete.

As this edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was going to press, the gutting of the third floor had been completed and the concrete floor on that level had been poured.

The layout of the rooms was drawn on the concrete in preparation for the erection of metal studs for the construction of walls, ceilings and hallways.



Advance work for plumbing and wiring was also being accomplished.

The stairwell on the west side of the building had been removed at all three levels providing an interesting view of what will become an elevator shaft.

Work crews for the Warfel Construction Co. of Lancaster have sealed off the work areas on the second and third floors and basement from those portions of the building, primarily the first floor dining and kitchen areas, that are being used daily by the Homes' guests.

A complete report on the renovation of this first building to be erected at the Masonic Homes is contained in the November, 1984 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Three Receive Gold Pennsylvania Franklin Medal

The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, the most prestigious award the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania confers on those who render distinguished service to Freemasonry, was presented to three Masons during the March Quarterly Communication held at the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on Wednesday, March 6.

Those receiving the honor were Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Past Grand Master; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Joseph M. Shanholtz, P.M., a member of the Grand Lodge Guest Committee.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, presented the 18K gold medals and was assisted by the elected line officers.

The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, introduced in 1979 by then Grand Master, the late Bro. Walter P. Wells, is awarded by consent of the elected line officers to recognize distinguished service to Freemasonry in general and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular.

The contributions of each of the award recipients are well known to the membership of the fraternity.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate served the Grand Lodge as R.W. Grand Master in 1980 and 1981.

A Past Master of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, he served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District C from 1962 through 1972. His service as a line officer of the Grand Lodge began with his election as R.W. Junior Grand Warden in December 1973.

He also served as chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Services from 1974 through 1979 and as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes from 1974 through 1981. He was chairman of the committee in 1980 and 1981.

A retired Bell Telephone Company engineer, Bro. Trate resides in Dresher with his wife, the former Isabel M. McCabe. They are the parents of four daughters.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond is now serving his 18th consecutive year as R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having been first elected to that office in December of 1967.

He was made a Mason in Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia, then transferred his membership to Philates Lodge No.



R.W. Grand Master William A. Carpenter poses with the recipients of the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal. From left to right, Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. Joseph M. Shanholtz, Past Master, and Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Past Grand Master.

527, Philadelphia, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1964. When Philates Lodge was to be merged in 1985, Bro. Diamond became a member of William B. Hackenburg Lodge No. 703, Philadelphia.

Bro. Diamond also owns the distinction of being the senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, having served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the state of Pennsylvania in 1967 and 1968.

An honors graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he is an engineer by profession and remains active in the field.

Bro. Diamond is married to the former Elizabeth Silverman

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Travel Program to Benefit Washington Masonic Memorial

A major fundraising effort to benefit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has been announced by the association's president, Bro. Charles R. Glassmire.

Noting that the memorial was constructed to honor this nation's most famous Mason, Bro. Glassmire has described it as "the craft's expression of faith in the principles of Freemasonry. Accordingly, each Grand Lodge has an investment in the memorial.

"I am proud to offer a program which I think provides an outstanding means of building the memorial's endowment fund while simultaneously offering our brothers and their families a wonderful vacation opportunity in return for their contribution," he added.

President Glassmire has asked for the cooperation of all the Grand Lodges and has received the assurance of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. William A. Carpenter, that the benefit program would be made available to Masons and their families in this jurisdiction.

Trans National Travel of Boston, Massachusetts was chosen to develop the travel program for 1986 based on the firm's history of successful fundraising plans for many Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies across the country.

Masons and their families throughout the entire country are being invited to vacation on the S.S. *Norway*, the largest cruise ship in operation today, when it departs Miami on February 22, 1986 for the Caribbean.

All proceeds from the 7-day, 7-night George Washington Masonic Memorial Cruise to St. Thomas, Nassau and Great Stirrup Cay, will be turned over directly to the memorial's endowment fund.

Specific information as prepared by Trans National Travel, will be distributed through the participating Grand Lodges.

Those who may be planning their 1986 vacations at this time and require advance information are invited to write to Trans National Travel, The Trans National Building, 2 Charlesgate West, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

Masonic Homes Site of First Outdoor Quarterly

The September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be conducted outdoors under an 80 by 140-foot circus tent to be erected on the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter, in announcing the unique meeting circumstances, said the occasion will provide a welcome opportunity for Masons to acquaint, or reacquaint, themselves with the greatest of our Masonic charities.

"Each time the Masonic Homes is exposed to a new generation of Masons, particularly the lodge officers, there is renewed enthusiasm and increased understanding of how and why it operates as it does," the Grand Master said.

"It is a remarkably complex, yet efficiently organized institution," the Grand Master said, adding, "The more the average Mason understands its operation, the more he is likely to support it."

The meeting tent will be erected in a grassy area to the west of Grand Lodge Hall. It is a field that slopes gently north to south and is sufficient in size to accommodate the furnishings of the Grand Lodge and several thousand members.

The 7:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, September 4 will be preceded by a dinner at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will be served by a caterer in smaller tents that will cover the parking lots adjacent to the Masonic Temple. They will be the same tents used in July and August of 1983 during the Grand Master's Day celebrations scheduled by then Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson.

By using the tents and the nearby dining room under the Masonic Temple, some 1,200 persons can be seated at one time. Meal reservations will therefore be required and dinner tickets will be issued on a first request basis.

Lodges Merge

The merger of Accord Lodge No. 785 with Aliquippa Lodge No. 375 was approved by the members of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held March 6.

Accord Lodge and Aliquippa Lodge were both in the 49th Masonic District and both lodges were held at McKeesport.

The merger went into effect on April 1 and the merged lodges are now known as Aliquippa Lodge No. 375.

Accord Lodge No. 785 had a membership of 171 Masons at the end of 1984 and Aliquippa Lodge No. 375 showed a total of 523 members at year end.

The lodges were guided through the merger procedure by Bro. Albert G. Lebedda, District Deputy Grand Master for the 49th Masonic District.

The number of symbolic lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on April 1 was 563.

Directly from the Grand Master

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such a way of life and Freemasonry will gain the confidence of peoples of all races and creeds, and will become a still greater power for good in the world.

The greatness of Freemasonry must always be stressed in terms of the moral strength of the individual Freemason. Our real concern should not be directed toward statistics only, but rather toward ways and means to stimulate the desire among Freemasons to grow in the knowledge of Freemasonry, and by so doing, to assume personal responsibility for making Freemasonry's principles a valid part of society.

How many Freemasons were there when the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717? The number is really not important. What those few Freemasons achieved was one of the most important events in the history of mankind.

What a splendid thing it would be if all members of Masonic Lodges were Freemasons in the full and true sense of the word.

Freemasonry Is What Freemasons Are!

Ever fraternal, WILLIAM A. CARPENTER
R.W. Grand Master

The coupon that accompanys this article is to be sent to the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 along with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Please note that the coupon also requests information about how you intend to arrive at the Masonic Homes. It is important for the Homes' administration to know that you will arrive by car or bus in planning adequate parking space.

The Grand Master has authorized the use of lodge funds to encourage transportation by bus. The use of buses not only simplifies parking problems, it also provides the means for the lodges in a district, or a neighboring district, to work together.

The parking information gathered for the September Quarterly will also be of value in planning for parking needs on October 12 for the Autumn Day at the Homes. (See story on page 16.)

And, at the risk of being redundant in view of the report on the June Quarterly Communication elsewhere in this issue, all Master Masons are reminded they are welcome to attend communications of the Grand Lodge.

It is not necessary that you be a Past Master or a member of the Grand Lodge to attend.

You will be required to register with the Grand Tyler and present a current dues card.

It is suggested you send your meal reservation coupon to the Office of the Grand Master as soon as possible. Early returns make it easier to work with the caterer in meeting the meal requirements.

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

Wednesday,
September 4, 1985, 5 pm

Meal Reservation Coupon

Name _____ Lodge No. _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____

Transportation:

- ☐ CAR
☐ Driving own car
☐ Passenger in another
☐ BUS

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send with coupon to:

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Philadelphia, Penna. 19107**

Repair and renovation work at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia following completion of the center city commuter tunnel is continuing with much of the effort in recent months being concentrated in the Benjamin Franklin Room.



Original canvas panel will be returned to this space.



Adhesive is applied to the wall surface.



Above is a typical example of restoration work. The painter removes peeled paint, then seals and primes restored plaster (left) and begins the process of mixing and blending paint colors to recreate original color.



Canvas is first attached at the top of the wall panel (above) and then carefully smoothed in place (right and below).



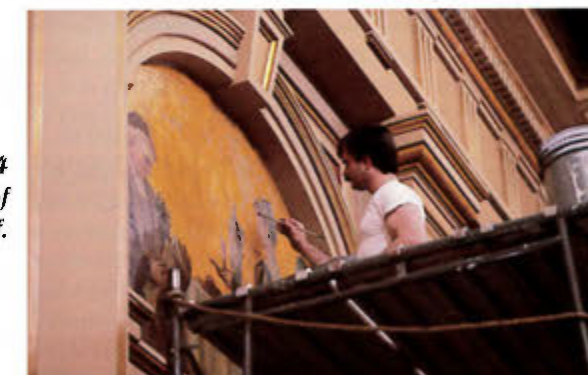
He traces the original design on paper to use it as a template for later restoration work.



Background is restored to match the panel to the right.



Gold sizing is applied 24 hours before the gilding of the gold leaf.



After tracing the area around the figures in this panel, the background was removed and a replacement canvas installed.

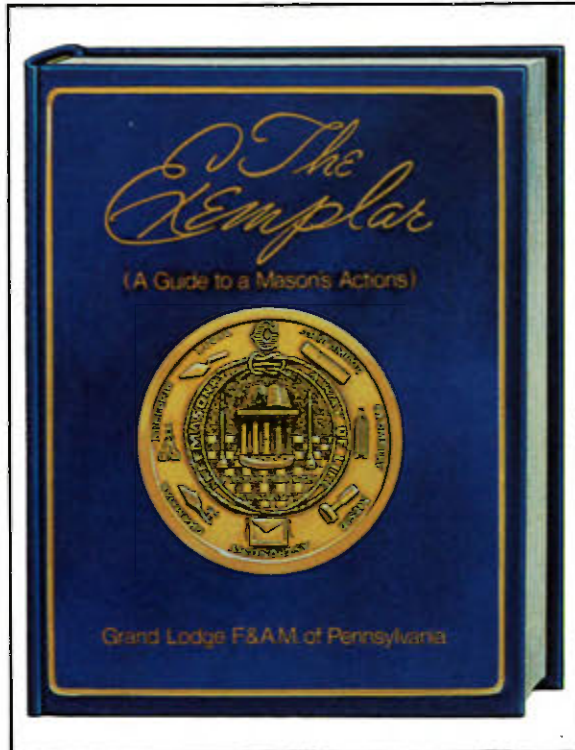


Twenty-three karat gold leaf is gilded to the panel.



Overall view of the work area.

Grand Master Authors Masonic Text



The Exemplar—A Guide to a Mason's Actions is the title of a book authored by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, that will be made available to members of the craft after St. John the Baptist Day, June 24.

The Exemplar fulfills a dream of long standing by the Grand Master for a book that, in his words, "will serve as a real companion to all Pennsylvania Masons who have the inclination to learn and live as Freemasons."

Three major chapters in the book cover Masonic manners, a glossary of words used in the Pennsylvania ritual, and beautifully illustrated symbols of fraternity as used in this jurisdiction.

Grand Master Carpenter calls the chapter on manners the catalyst that "allows the genius of Freemasonry to reign over the Mason's conduct."

As for the glossary, the Grand master says, "officers of the lodges, and especially the brethren participating in the conferring of the degrees, should always speak out with authority. They should know how to pronounce the words and they must know, without any question or doubt, what the words mean," he added.

Noting the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words, the Grand Master describes symbols as "the soul of Freemasonry."

The drawing that accompnys this report is an early concept in rough form of what the cover of the book will look like. The final product will be more sophisticated.

Complete details about the purchase of the book will be made available as soon as the final publishing costs are determined. A great deal of color and art, particularly in the chapter concerning symbols, will make the text a worthy addition to every Mason's personal library.

Dedication of New Chapel Set for September 14

Construction of the new chapel at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, in Elizabethtown is on schedule and the Grand Lodge is completing plans for its dedication on Saturday, September 14.

The foundation work was completed and the steel girders were being placed as this article was being written. (See accompanying photographs.) The next phase of construction will be the placing of the interior and exterior brick walls.

Furnishings for the interior are on order and it is expected the 232-seat chapel will be fully functional when the Grand Lodge dedicates the building in public ceremony.

Meanwhile, an active fundraising program continues among the lodges, the appendant Masonic bodies, individual members and friends of the fraternity.

A limited number of pews are still available for gifts of \$1,000 and, as indicated in the color rendition of the five-tier lancet front windows, a number of the 56 sections have been pledged for contributions ranging from \$3,000 to \$9,000.

In addition, two special areas have been set aside in the lobbies on both sides of the new chapel to recognize with bronze plaques all contributions in the amount of \$1,500 or more.

It is expected the plaque areas will serve as the means for recognizing gifts and memorials over an extended period of time in much the same manner as bronze plaques mark contributions for the renovation and furnishing of guest rooms at the nearby Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Grand Lodge is also looking for one or a group of lodges wishing to provide the organ for the chapel.

Anyone interested in making a contribution of any size to the Chapel Construction Fund is invited to send the gift in care of the Office of the Grand Master to the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia PA 19107.

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

All Masons, their family members and friends, are welcome to attend the formal dedication ceremonies that are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 14.

A luncheon will be served at noon in a large circus tent that will be erected on the lawn in front of the Patton and Ranken buildings.

It will be necessary to register for the luncheon by use of the coupon accompanying this article. There is no charge for the meal, but the coupon will help to develop an accurate count for the caterer and thus control costs.

The public dedication ceremony will be conducted outdoors weather permitting and will last about one hour.

The tentative program is as follows:

12 Noon—Luncheon (reservations required)

1:30 p.m.—Dedication Ceremonies

2:30—3:30 p.m.—Open house for tours of the chapel.

Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with your meal reservation coupon. The requested number of tickets will be sent to you immediately upon receipt of your order.

Questions should be addressed to the Office of the Grand Master at the address noted above or by calling (215) 988-1920.



Grand Master Announces Two New Decisions

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, announced two additions to the *Digest of Decisions* during the March Quarterly Communication.

The first decision addresses the time period in which the lodges receive reports of Trustees and the subsequent submission of the Audit Committee report.

Trustee reports now are due in January so that the Audit Committee has complete figures for preparation of Audit report to be presented at the February stated meeting.

The decision follows:

Article X, Auditing Committee (page 11)

"5. Section 17.16 of the *Ahiman Rezon* provides for the appointment of an Audit Committee to audit the accounts of the lodge 'as of the close of the current calendar year.'

"Accordingly, the Trustees of the lodge shall present their reports to the lodge at the January stated meeting of the lodge in the next succeeding calendar year so as to make available to the lodge and to the lodge's Audit Committee the complete figures for the previous calendar year.

"The Audit Committee shall then report to the lodge at the February stated meeting.

"The by-laws of lodges which may be in contravention of the foregoing are hereby declared null and void."

The second decision addresses the Grand Master's desire to improve the cash flow and financial health of the lodges. It eliminates the payment of partial or reduced dues.

The decision follows:

Article XXXII, Dues and Fees (pages 46-48)

"11. In an effort to enhance the finances of the lodges in Pennsylvania, it is my decision that half dues, partial dues, or reduced dues, or the elimination of dues as compensation or

part of compensation are, as of this date (March 6, 1985), no longer permissible.

"This decision shall not apply to officers and members of lodges presently excused from the payment of dues or presently paying reduced dues. Further, this decision shall not apply to 50-year members whose dues are by action of the lodge remitted.

"The by-laws of lodges which are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby annulled."

Article XXXII, Dues and Fees (pages 46-48), has undergone extensive change as a result of the legislation adopted at the December Quarterly Communication in which Article 19.01 was amended to provide for the payment of dues at the beginning of each year and the suspension, without notice, of those owing dues at the January stated meeting. The lodge may postpone suspension until the February stated meeting.

Sections 1 and 2 of Article XXXII will remain as presently printed, but Section 3 will be revised to eliminate the words "and life membership."

Section 4 is eliminated with the current Sections 5 and 6 being renumbered Sections 4 and 5.

Section 7 is eliminated with the current Sections 8 and 9 being renumbered Sections 6 and 7.

Sections 10 and 11 are eliminated with the current Section 12 being renumbered Section 8.

Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 are eliminated with the current Sections 17 and 18 being renumbered Sections 9 and 10.

The new decision therefore becomes Section 11.

Pages 11, 46, 47 and 48 will be reprinted in the near future to reflect the changes.

Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown CHAPEL DEDICATION LUNCHEON

September 14, 1985, 12:00 Noon

Dear Grand Master:

Please send me _____ tickets for the noon luncheon on Saturday, September 14, 1985 that is to be held prior to the Dedication Ceremony for the new Chapel at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus.

Name _____ Lodge No. _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send with coupon to:

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Philadelphia, Penna. 19107**

Fund Raising for Patton Campus Chapel Masonic Conference Center Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The five-tier lancet front window on the south side of the chapel has been divided into 56 sections; each section available for contributions ranging from \$3,000 to \$9,000*.

A bronze plate replica, cast at one-tenth the size of the 20 by 40-foot stained glass window, will be used to acknowledge the contributions.

Those sections of the window already pledged are indicated by a color screen.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or call (215) 988-1920.

*A—\$9,000 C—\$3,000 E—\$7,000
B—\$5,000 D—\$9,000



Finance Committee Changes Dispensation Fee and Rate

The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, upon the recommendation of the R.W. Grand Master, has raised the fee for dispensations to pass to the chair and the mileage rate paid to Representatives of the subordinate lodges when attending the December Quarterly Communication to vote in the annual election.

The committee was given the ability to make the changes through amendment to the *Ahiman Rezon* as adopted by the Grand Lodge in December of 1984.

The rate to be paid the Representatives and other officials of the Grand Lodge for travel has been raised from 18 to 20.5 cents per mile.

The fee for dispensations to pass to the chair has been changed from \$10 to \$25 in each instance.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A.

Carpenter, in suggesting the dispensation fee change to Article 10.01, noted a certain amount of confusion among the craft over dispensations to pass to the chair.

"What should be a rather rare occurrence," he said, "seems to happen too often for the limited value of the dispensation."

A dispensation to pass to the chair is usually issued, when properly applied for, as a favor or privilege to a man who has not served as a Worshipful Master to be present at the installation of a Worshipful Master.

It does not confer any of the rights enjoyed by a Worshipful Master or one who is a Past Master by service.

The Grand Master recommends that anyone seeking the dispensation first

read Article LXXV, Passing to the Chair, on pages 112-114 of the *Digest of Decisions*, and seek out the three required forms printed on pages 183 and 184 of the *Ahiman Rezon*.

It must be recognized that the favor is a personal matter that must be requested in person by use of the proper form as the first step in the process.

The petitioner must then receive the recommendation of the Master and Wardens and, since the dispensation is not mandatory, but is an authority or permission to be granted, is to be approved by the vote of the lodge at any stated or extra meeting.

The actual dispensation, when all of the above has been accomplished, is issued by the District Deputy Grand Master.

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6th Masonic District
LAWRENCE W. ANTRIM
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40th Masonic District
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Lodge No. 299
18th Masonic District
THEODORE BECK
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Masonic District "E"
FREDERICK BERMAN
Lodge No. 369
Masonic District "E"
RICK BERNSTEIN
Lodge No. 246
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45th Masonic District
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18th Masonic District

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Autumn Day at the Homes



Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown AUTUMN DAY AT THE HOMES

Saturday, October 12, 1985 • 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Registration Coupon

Name _____ Lodge No. _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____

Street Address _____

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The Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
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It promises to be a day of fun and fellowship in celebration of the season of harvest.

It will take place in one of nature's most beautiful settings, the rolling hills and gentle farm fields of Lancaster County at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Thousands of Masons, their families and friends, will gather in a place that exists only to serve others to share in friendship the common bonds of fraternity.

They will mingle with the guests of the Masonic Homes, both adults and children, and in that exchange develop new levels of understanding. With that understanding will come the support that will enable this greatest of Masonic charities to continue its work.

Initial plans for Autumn Day at the Homes on Saturday, October 12 have been completed. All that remains is to determine how many people will attend so that adequate arrangements can be made to care for their needs.

A registration coupon is included with this article for your convenience in responding to the invitation extended by the R.W. Grand Master and the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

Every effort will be made to guarantee a memorable experience. There will food, much of it from the Masonic Homes fields and barns, hot and cold drinks, and ice cream.

The bounty of nature and the harvest will be in evidence everywhere. Kettles of apple butter will simmer over open fires, hot dogs and sausages with sauerkraut will satisfy the appetite, and pumpkin pie will be the appropriate dessert.

Circus tents and clowns and entertainment will add to the festive atmosphere. The Grand Master will ask the Shrine and the Tall Cedars to participate.

An area to display and sell the crafts created by the Homes' guests will be set up. The guests exhibit a great deal of skill and craftsmanship in their work as evidenced by numerous awards and prizes that have been won at shows and fairs.

The Masonic Homes will be ready to receive visitors on October 12 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Food and refreshments will be available in several locations continually from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has authorized the use of lodge funds to defray the cost of bus transportation to the Masonic Homes. It is suggested that buses be used by those lodges and combinations of lodges traveling greater distances. The use of buses will save parking space and help with traffic flow.

Please note the registration coupon contains a space to indicate the need for parking for private vehicles. That information is needed so that adequate space is provided. Parking should not be a problem since one of the harvested fields near the entrance to the Masonic Homes will be available in mid October.

You are invited to complete the coupon and make your reservation as soon as possible. A crowd of thousands is expected and early numbers will be a great help in completing plans.

The R.W. Grand Master, the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and the Homes' staff look forward to sharing with you an Autumn Day at the Homes.

In Memoriam

The Rev. Bishop Fred Pierce Corson

Bro. Fred Pierce Corson, retired bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, former president of the World Methodist Council, and senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, died on February 16 while vacationing in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 88.

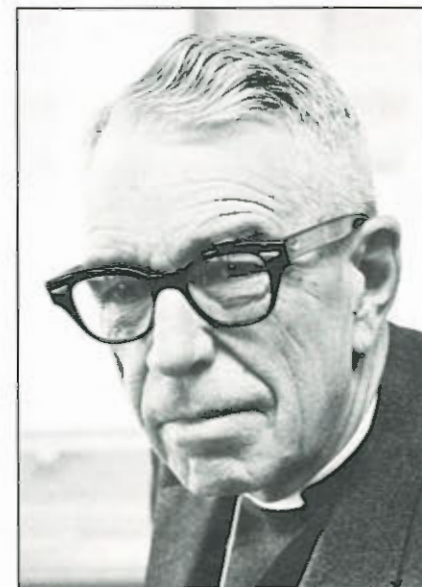
A clergyman of world renown, he presided as bishop from 1944 until his retirement in 1968 over New Jersey, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference which included Philadelphia, the Wyoming (Valley) Conference which included northeastern Pennsylvania and southeastern New York, and Puerto Rico.

He was elected president of the World Methodist Council, an advisory council to Methodist churches worldwide, in 1961 and served the 13 million members of the denomination in that capacity until 1966.

As council president, Bishop Corson was a delegate-observer to the Vatican Council in Rome from 1962 to 1965. He was a leading ecumenicalist who had access to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and was instrumental in developing understanding between the church and the fraternity of Freemasonry.

Born in Millville, New Jersey, Bro. Corson was an honor graduate of Dickinson College and Drew University. He was elected the 20th president of Dickinson College at the age of 37 in 1934 and held several dozen degrees, both earned and honorary, from colleges and universities throughout the nation.

He was received into the New York East Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in 1920 and served as pastor of churches in New York and Connecticut. As the organizer of the Community Church of Jackson Heights in New York City, he united 26 denominations into a single fellowship.



Bishop Corson's concern for the young led him to found the Bishop's Crusaders, a youth movement dedicated to Christian service, with a worldwide membership of 25,000.

His interests and experience are evident in his many writings including, "Dickinson College, a History of Function and Purpose," "A Christian Philosophy of Education for the Postwar World," "Freemasonry and the Framing of the Constitution," and "A Factual View of Freemasonry."

It was in the latter article, published in 1965, that Bishop Corson wrote of the dialogue between the fraternity and the Catholic Church.

"Freemasonry has many friends and some enemies," he said. "Much of the opposition is the result of half truths or untruths about Freemasonry. Many, especially among the Roman Catholics, are seeking a true image of Freemasonry and because they now see it as it really is, that is, not a 'religion' or in opposition to any religion, are coming to appreciate it."

He concluded the article by writing, "... God has given us a new opportunity to promote the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Heaven knows full well how much we need to do this. Let us not destroy each other's attempt and right to worship God and to strengthen our brotherhood through listening to unsubstantiated assertions, past shortcomings and current ignorance. Rather, let us prove worthy of each other's confidence even though we have different approaches to the fulfillment of our obligations to God and our fellow man..."

Bro. Corson was an active Grand Chaplain who attended Grand Lodge functions regularly. A member of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 in Carlisle, he was coroneted an honorary 33° and was a recipient of the Gourgass Medal from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Bishop Corson lived in the Cornwall Manor retirement village in Cornwall, Lebanon County, PA.

He is survived by his wife, Frances B. Corson; a son, Hampton Payne Corson, M.D.; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—

Nine new District Deputies were formally presented by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, during the March Quarterly Communication. They are from left to right, front row, Bro. Robert S. Swoyer, District 10; Bro. Joseph F. Acton, District 51; the Grand Master; Bro. Benjamin Rubin, District A, and Bro. Garold M. Oakes, District 22. In the second row, left to right, are Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, District 3; Bro. Edward E. Tourje, District 15; Bro. James T. Young, District 5; Bro. John J. Hunt, District B, and Bro. W. Jack Yates, District 25.

Three Receive Gold Penna. Franklin Medal

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and resides in Jenkintown.

Bro. Joseph M. Shanholtz is a Past Master of Rising Star Lodge No. 126 and has been a member of the Grand Lodge Guest Committee since 1980.

He is best known, however, as the craftsman who has been involved for many years in the design and production of virtually all Grand Lodge jewels, special jewelry such as lapel and ladies' pins, and a number of medallions.

In fact, Bro. Shanholtz manufactured the gold medal he was awarded. He created the first 14 medals in 1979 from a design prepared by the famous sculptor, Donald DeLue, for the three-inch bronze medallion struck in 1978 to mark the administration of then Grand Master Walter P. Wells.

The medallion featured a likeness of Benjamin Franklin which Bro. Shanholtz then reduced to the size represented in the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal.

His skill is evident in the production of all modern Past Grand Masters' jewels and in the design and production of the coin-sized medallion that was struck in 1973 to mark the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia; the 25-year Masonic service emblem; the Pennsylvania ladies' pin, and the distinctive medal collars now worn by the state officers for the Order of DeMolay, among others.

Bro. Shanholtz is married to the former Bebe Rothstein and resides in Philadelphia.

Grand Master's Record After 15 Months

Bro. William A. Carpenter, in the first 15 months of his tenure as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, has traveled more than 132 thousand miles in visiting 340 lodges.

He has maintained an unprecedented schedule that has required his attendance at no less than 711 activities in the 461 days of his administration that were recorded as of March 30 when he visited Howell Lodge No. 405 in Honey Brook, the 5th Masonic District.

The Grand Master's itinerary as printed on page 20 of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is eloquent testimony to the energy and drive he has brought to the office.

"I am often asked why I maintain such a pace," the Grand Master said, adding, "I simply refer them to Article 12, Section 5 of the *Ahiman Rezon*."

Article 12, Section 5 describes a portion of the responsibilities of a Grand Master: "It shall be his duty to visit the lodges under his jurisdiction as often as it may be practicable, and call Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, at such places as he may deem necessary to instruct the Craft, requiring the officers and members of lodges notified, to be present there at."

Grand Master Carpenter is especially pleased with the favorable reaction to his presentation of the Masonic Saint Award he designed to honor those unsung heroes of the lodges whose efforts many times go unnoticed.

"To date I have presented 445 Masonic Saint Awards, and I am pleased to be able to say they are a definite hit with the brethren, so much so that tears often fall," the Grand Master said.

SPECIAL NOTE

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has called for an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge to be held on Wednesday, June 5 for the purpose of making Masons at sight.

The communication, to be held in the Milton S.

Eisenhower Auditorium on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University, will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The auditorium is the site of the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge that will convene at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Grand Master's Award

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Bro. Morris R. Lamm
Industry Lodge No. 131
Bro. Martin C. Sarajian
Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135
Bro. Pearson W. Delaney
and Bro. Frank J. Reinert, Jr., P.M.

Washington Lodge No. 164
Bro. D. Everett Plance, P.M.
Eastern Star Lodge No. 186
Bro. Stanley G. Carter, P.M.
and Bro. Ralph D. Sweade, Sr.
and Bro. Lewis J. Vogt, P.M.

Danville Lodge No. 224
Bro. John L. Molter, P.M.
Richmond Lodge No. 230
Bro. Clayton G. Wilson, P.M.
and Bro. H. Gilbert Wilson

Solomon-Oakland Lodge No. 231
Bro. Harry Levitt, P.M.

Chester Lodge No. 236
Bro. William A. Northam, P.M.
and Bro. William R. Schuler, Sr. P.M.
and Bro. William C. Smith, P.M.

Beallsville Lodge No. 237
Bro. Edward H. Topper, P.M.

St. John's Lodge No. 260
Bro. Edward S. Calaman, P.M.
and Bro. Vaughn C. King, P.M.

Orrstown Lodge No. 262
Bro. Duane E. Goodhart, P.M.

Cassia Lodge No. 273
Bro. George W. Salway, P.M.

Clarion Lodge No. 277
Bro. Harry N. Summerville, P.M.

Jefferson Lodge No. 288
Bro. Charles E. Hiltenbrant

Union Lodge No. 291
Bro. Robert M. Davenport, P.M.
and Bro. Benjamin H. Weber

Eureka Lodge No. 302
Bro. Robert R. Bentz, P.M.
and Bro. Norman W. Dyer
and Bro. James I. Kerney

Portland Lodge No. 311
Bro. Walter C. Emery, P.M.

McKinley Lodge No. 318
Bro. Charles A. Burkarth, P.M.

Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323
Bro. John Lipes, Jr., P.M.
Barger Lodge No. 325
Bro. Henry B. Kulp, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M.

Lehigh Lodge No. 326
Bro. Walter Stettler, P.M.

Union Lodge No. 334
Bro. Stanley F. Graham, P.M.

Eulalia Lodge No. 342
Bro. Bernard G. Hauber, P.M.
and Bro. Robert D. Jackson, P.M.

Patmos Lodge No. 348
Bro. Irvin B. Jennings, P.M.
Susquehanna Lodge No. 364
Bro. Cornelius P. Hoffman
and Bro. John H. Schaffer, P.M.
Williamson Lodge No. 369
Bro. Theodore Micklin
and Bro. Horace J. Millar
Apollo Lodge No. 386
Bro. Roy L. Necker, P.M. and Secretary
and Bro. Harry C. Rickert, P.M.

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Bro. Andrew Z. Hileman, P.M.

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Bro. John P. Spring, P.M.

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Bro. James Buckingham, P.M.

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Bro. George Myers, Sr., P.M.

Fernwood Lodge No. 543
Bro. Ralph B. Rogers, Jr., P.M.
and Bro. W. Harry Shaw, Jr., P.M.

Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 535
Bro. William M. Frankel, P.M.

Edenburg Lodge No. 550
Bro. Dana B. McCall, P.M.

Northern Star Lodge No. 555
Bro. Norman R. Wolcott, Sr.

Eldred Lodge No. 560
Bro. Russell N. Downey, P.M.

Hebron Lodge No. 575
Bro. Fred Finley

Wayne Lodge No. 581
Bro. James R. Wilds, P.M.

Pen Argyl Lodge No. 594
Bro. C. Harry Stofflet, P.M.

Sharon Lodge No. 598
Bro. Roy M. Klinger

Galeton Lodge No. 602
Bro. James H. Lane, P.M.

Lehigh Lodge No. 621
Bro. Gerald A. Searfoss, P.M.
and Bro. Charles D. Uhler, Jr.

Sunset Lodge No. 623
Bro. Robert M. Krause, P.M.

Concord Lodge No. 625
Bro. Clarence H. Warfel

J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628
Bro. F. Berne LaBar, P.M.

Doric Lodge No. 630
Bro. William A. Moisey, P.M.

Crafton Lodge No. 653
Bro. Eugene L. Ballinger, Sr., P.M.

Patton Lodge No. 658
Bro. Robert Muir, P.M.

Oakdale Lodge No. 669
Bro. Raymond Dale Cain, P.M.

Coraopolis Lodge No. 674
Bro. Samuel Campbell

Oil City Lodge No. 710
Bro. Howard B. Dittman, P.M.

Pilgrim Lodge No. 712
Bro. John Lanczkowski, P.M.
and Worshipful Master

Unity Lodge No. 719
Bro. William G. Hannum, P.M.

John E. Mair Lodge No. 729
Bro. Delmas M. Gice

and Bro. William A. McDonald, P.M.

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Bro. Raymond Ritting, P.M.

Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 747
Bro. Raymond M. Burt, P.M.

Bradford Lodge No. 749
Bro. Frederick E. Shuey, P.M.

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Bro. John G. Hodgson, P.M.
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Bro. William S. Corlett, P.M.

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and Bro. Jack B. Knorr, P.M.

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Bro. Paul E. Bash

Hailman-Monroeville Lodge No. 786
Bro. Louis J. Nemec

Seneca Lodge No. 805
Bro. Robert H. Doerr

Southampton-Radiant Star
Lodge No. 806

Bro. Francis Munz
and Bro. Ralph J. Weiss, P.M.

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Bro. Samuel T. Atkinson