Lodges Merge

The following mergers of lodges were approved by vote of the members present at the June Quarterly Communication:

- 1. Stuckrath Lodge No. 430 and McKinley Lodge No. 318. The effective date of the merger is September 3 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as McKinley Stuckrath Lodge No. 318.
- 2. Stephen Girard Lodge No. 450 and Richard Vaux Lodge No. 384. The effective date of the merger is September 2 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as Richard Vaux Lodge No. 384.
- 3. Crescent Lodge No. 493 and Olivet Oriental Lodge No. 385. The effective date of the merger is June 5 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as Olivet Oriental Lodge No. 385.
- 4, Shenandoah Lodge No. 511 and Frackville Lodge No. 737. The effective date of the merger is June 5 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as Frackville Lodge No. 737.
- 5. Mount Jewett Lodge No. 627 and Kane Lodge No. 566. The effective date of the merger is June 5 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as Kane Lodge No. 566.
- 6. Patton Lodge No. 658 and Coalport Lodge No. 574. The effective date of the merger is June 5 and the merged lodges will thereafter be known as Coalport Lodge No. 574.

The number of subordinate lodges under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as a result of the above mergers, is 558.

The membership also approved a change in the name of a lodge at the June quarterly. The name of Solomon Oakland Lodge No. 231 was officially changed to Solomon-Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 231.

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Region 5 Sets Standard for SOLOMON II Growth

The standard for progress, for real growth as the result of Project SOLOMON II, is being set by the Masons in Region 5, the south central area of Pennsylvania.

Region 5. a 10-county area of cities and suburbs and countryside, contains 57 individual lodges in six different Masonic Districts. It is a microcosm and holds the promise that what is being done well there, if adopted and practiced elsewhere, will guarantee the continued success of Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

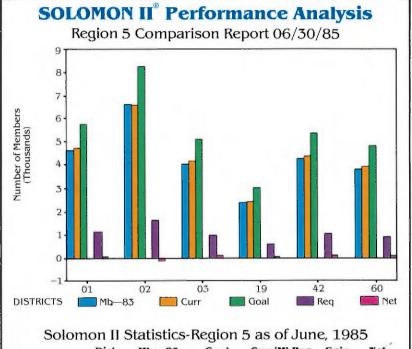
The regional and assistant overseers for Project SOLOMON II in Region 5 are working the plan and proving the plan works!

Bro. Charles A. Achey, Jr., Past District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, has assumed the position of Overseer for Region 5 from Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, co-author of the project, who will devote his time to helping the project director develop strategies for 1986 and 1987.

Bro. Achey has brought a new dimension of energy and innovation to the task and can boast of 100 percent cooperation from each of the lodges in the region. Every lodge in the area, from Mifflin, Juniata, Perry,

Dauphin and Lebanon counties to Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, York and Lancaster counties, reports its SOLOMON II activity quickly and accurately.

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Lehigh University Site of RALLY II for SOLOMON II®

Stabler Arena, on the campus of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Lehigh County, has been selected as the site for the second rally, on Wednesday, October 16, in celebration of the success of Project SOLOMON II, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

RALLY II for SOLOMON II will be patterned in part after the highly successful first rally attended by more than 7,000 persons last October at the Hershey Sportsarena. This time, however, the Grand Master

has decided to use the rally as a forum in



which Freemasonry will answer her critics. The fraternity will speak out against those groups, particularly the churches here and in England, who almost daily mount attacks against the craft,

Freemasonry will, with patience and in good taste, but certainly with honesty and candor, set the record straight,

The official program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a processional featuring the officers of the Grand Lodge, the blue lodges and the appendant bodies in full regalia.

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Bro. Achey and the Assistant Overseers for the region use that information to give help and advice where necessary and to plan local strategy to assure an ever increasing pattern of growth.

Two color graphs that illustrate the progress of Project SOLOMON II in Region 5 have been reproduced here to show the effects of energy and innovation when they are coupled with the will and a strong desire to succeed.

They are part of Project SOLOMON II's computer tracking system which is designed to allow the regions to see how their efforts stack up against those of the other regions and, perhaps most importantly, to see how individual lodges within the districts are doing in relationship to their neighbors.

As indicated in the region graph on page one of this issue, Region 5 has grown by 382 members. A growth rate of six percent is modest, to be sure, but it is real growth and has been gained in the face of some very difficult circumstances.

A hint of those circumstances can be gained by looking at the second graph which breaks down the performance of individual lodges in one of the six Region 5 districts

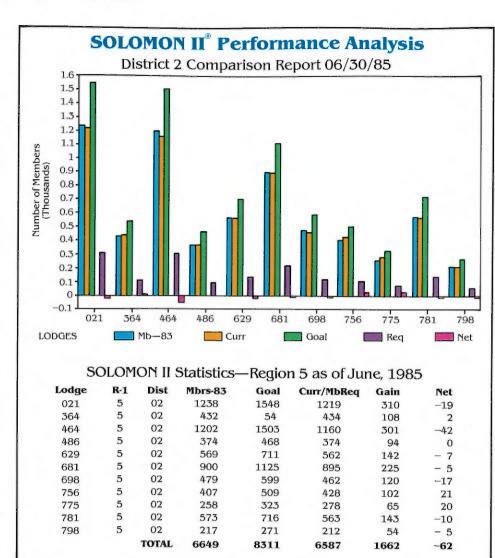
The use of the graph for the Second Masonic District is deliberate in that it is a true microcosm of the entire region. It is the largest of the six districts in Region 5 with 2,000 members more than the next largest, and it contains the lodges in the City of Harrisburg, including the largest and third largest lodges in the entire state, according to the June, 1985 statistical base

It is important to realize that the dues legislation adopted in December of 1984 resulted in the suspension for nonpayment of dues of almost 9,000 Masons in January and February of 1985. Some 3,300 of those suspended have already been restored to good Masonic standing and to membership, but a great deal of work remains to be done to recapture as many of the remaining 5,000 plus as possible.

Overall, Region 5, by expending a great deal of time and effort, has been able to grow despite the suspension legislation. And the work that is being done in the Second Masonic District is truly remarkable.

We have learned through experience and analysis of the statistics gathered over the course of Project SOLOMON II to date that lodges in the cities, in general, are in decline while the rural lodges are growing.

Yet the largest lodge in the state, Per-



severance Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg with a membership of 1,219, showed at the call off a loss of a mere 19 members, despite the dues legislation.

Another Harrisburg lodge in the district, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, dropped to third place in the state because of the dues situation, yet it is down by just 42 members from a population of more than 1.200.

The lodges in the regions that cover the greater Pittsburgh and greater Philadelphia areas can take heart from what is happening in Harrisburg.

The city regions, Region 3 in Pittsburgh and Region 7 in Philadelphia, were down by 1,538 and 2,100 members, respectively, at the end of June.

The experience gained in Region 5 proves the cities can grow if the members of the lodges rededicate themselves to the task of building the new temple, the temple of men that is symbolized by Project SOLOMON II.

We have the plan in Project SOLOMON II, and we have proven that the plan works, if only those who are responsible will work the plan.

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Grand Master Issues Two New Decisions

The Grand Master has made two recent changes to the *Digest of Decisions*; one that establishes a minimum salary for lodge secretaries, and another that strengthens the ban on the involvement of Masons in the activities of adult female organizations.

Noting the salary of the lodge secretary must be a fixed amount and may not automatically fluctuate with the membership of the lodge, Grand Master William A. Carpenter added the following as section 14 of Article LXXIII, Officers, Secretary, on page 109 of the Digest:

"14. A Secretary's salary shall not be less than \$300 per annum and may not be increased to more than \$3 per member based on current membership.

"On submission of sufficient and meritorious documentation from the Bylaws Committee of a lodge, countersigned by the Worshipful Master, the Bylaws Committee of the Grand Lodge may recommend to the Grand Lodge the granting of an exemption from this rule.

"A Secretary is entitled to be reimbursed from lodge funds for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of his office. Such expenses, however, must be itemized and recorded in accordance with the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service pertaining to expense accounts."

The decision regarding adult female organizations was strengthened because of reports coming to the attention of the Grand Lodge that Masons have been taking part in the ceremonies conducted by those organizations.

Article XXXIII, Section 4 on page 49 of the *Digest of Decisions* already provided for the attendance of Masons at dinners, banquets, entertainments, installations and similar occasions of adult female organizations. The language that has been added to the second paragraph of the decision (see underlined material) serves to remind Masons, particularly those in appendant bodies, that they are not privileged to go beyond the simple matter of attendance.

The decision, in its entirety, is as follows:

Article XXXIII, Eastern Star (And Other Female Organizations)

"4. Members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are hereby permitted to attend meetings, dinners, banquets, entertainments, installations and similar occasions held or sponsored by the Order of Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters,

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Lehigh University Site of RALLY II for SOLOMON II

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processional will receive an invitation from the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter. The size of each group will be limited by the available space.

The seating capacity of the arena is about 6,500.

Entertainment will be provided by the New Dawn Singers, a talented group of



young singers and dancers that agreed to postpone a Texas tour so they might share their energy and enthusiasm with Pennsylvania Masons and their families and friends.

Everyone is welcome, Masons and non-Masons alike. It is hoped that entire families will attend. The night's activities will begin on schedule and will conclude at about 9:30 p.m. so that schoolchildren can be home at a reasonable hour.

The arena management will open the facility as early as 5:00 p.m. and will man the concession stands for those who wish hot dogs, pizza and other snack foods.

Those who attended last year's rally can expect a number of changes.

The most noticeable will be the \$1 admission charge designed to avoid the problems caused by last year's free admission policy.

More than 4,000 ticket seekers had to be turned away when early demand filled all available seats. Unfortunately, several hundred persons turned out to be noshows, effectively denying the seats they had reserved to people who would have been glad to fill them.

It is hoped the minimal \$1 fee will lead to more responsible ticket orders.

A coupon accompanies this article for your convenience in ordering tickets. Seats will be assigned on a first-request basis. You need only indicate the number of tickets you require, enclose a check or money order at the rate of \$1 per ticket, and include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Tickets will be sent to you on or about October 7, nine days before the rally. Please note the section, aisle and seat

designation on each ticket. Should your order be received after all seats have been assigned, your check or money order will be immediately returned.

Motorists not familiar with the Bethlehem area may have some difficulty finding the Stabler Arena in its rural setting, but a special committee has been established to place signs along the roads leading to the complex.

Generally, motorists traveling from the north, east and west will take Route 22 to Route 378 South. Those coming from the south will take Route 309 North to Route 378 North.

The SOLOMON II logo will be used on directional signs placed at strategic points along Route 378 and the access roads to the arena.

If you are more familiar with the northeast extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, you can use the Quakertown exit (Route 663 East to Route 309 North) or the Allentown exit (to Route 22).



Parking is not a problem. There are a number of paved and stoned lots in the immediate vicinity of the arena. Grand Master Carpenter has authorized the use of lodge funds to defray the cost of bus transportation for those lodges or groups of lodges traveling greater distances.

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Grand Master's Record at 18 Months

Grand Master William A. Carpenter continues to build an extraordinary record as he maintains his pledge to visit all the Blue Lodges.

Through July of 1985, 18 months into his administration as Grand Master, Bro. Carpenter has made official visits to 414 lodges. Overall, he has attended 888 separate activities in a 582-day period.

He visits the Masonic Temple an average of twice a week to conduct the day to day business of the Grand Lodge before traveling to another part of the jurisdiction to preside over an evening meeting.

To date he has attended 27 meetings at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown; 31 sessions of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and 30 activities relating to the youth groups, the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

He has met with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery five times each, and with the Grand Council six times.

Grand Master Carpenter has already accepted 20 invitations from the Scottish Rite valleys in the state; has attended 16 Shrine functions and nine sessions of the Tall Cedars.

"I believe it is important for a Grand Master to pay as much attention to the appendant bodies as possible," Bro. Carpenter has said, adding, "we are all part of the same Masonic family and the more we communicate with each other

the greater the degree of understanding

The Grand Master has maintained the Masonic Congress meetings established in 1983 by then Grand Master Bro. Samuel C. Williamson and they have proved to be an excellent forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

Grand Master Carpenter has flown more than 126,000 miles and driven another 34,000 miles in meeting the demands of his schedule. More importantly, he has been able thus far to share his Masonic experience with more than 70.000 Masons.

Plans Completed for September 14 Chapel Dedication

Plans have been completed for the dedication and the laying of the datestone of the new chapel under construction at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, in Elizabethtown on Saturday, September 14.

As this report was being prepared, the slate roof and redwood soffits had been completed and work on the gravel roofs of the small entrance porches on the sides was nearing completion.

Inside, the oak ceiling beams had been installed and work crews were preparing to remove the metal scaffolding that filled the chapel from front to back and side to side.

The outer, clear glass panes that will protect the stained glass windows are already in place awaiting the installation in late August of the five-tier, lancet front window and the smaller chancel window to the rear.

Forms were being constructed for the concrete walks that will tie the chapel to the roadway. Brush and debris had been removed from the site and landscapers were beginning the process of back filling the foundation and shaping the surrounding grounds to receive sod and plants.

The schedule is admittedly tight, but the Committee on Masonic Homes has received assurances from the contractor and vendors that everything will be in place for the dedication and datestone ceremonies on September 14.

Those ceremonies are open to the general public and all Masons, their families and friends are welcome to attend.

Activity will begin with a luncheon at noon under a large circus tent that will be raised on the lawn that fronts Patton and

More than a thousand persons have already requested luncheon tickets by using the coupon that appeared in the May issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

The officers of the Grand Lodge will assemble on the roadway behind Ranken Hall at 1:00 p.m. to form the processional. The line of march, a mass of American flags at the head, will proceed around Patton Hall, pass in front of Ranken Hall, and move directly to the chapel site. (See map that accompanies this

The datestone and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and will last about one hour. A special wooden platform is to be constructed adjacent to the porch on the west side of the chapel building where the Grand Lodge will be set up. The area around the Grand Lodge platform will hold several thousand people who should have a relatively clear view of the proceedings because of the slope of the land.

Following the ceremonies, the chapel building will be open for public inspection until about 3:30 p.m.

The music for the processional and recessional will be provided by the Zembo Shrine Ceremonial Band and the

massed colors will be made up of members of Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

The campaign to raise funds for the chapel construction continues. Contributions for all 36 pews have been received as well as a number of \$1,500 gifts that are to be acknowledged by the placing of bronze plagues in the lobby areas.

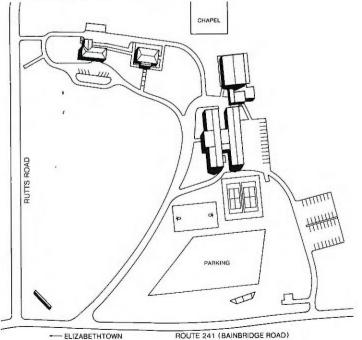
More than half the stained glass window sections, ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$9,000, have been pledged as honorary or memorial gifts. The furnishings for the chapel and the lodge room that will be maintained in the lower level have also been provided by the generous contributions of Masons and their

All contributions will be acknowledged by bronze plates or plaques. Gifts for the stained glass window sections, for example, will be recognized on a bronze plate replica, cast at onetenth the size of the 20 by 40-foot construction.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions to the Chapel Fund, Grand Lodge of PA, are

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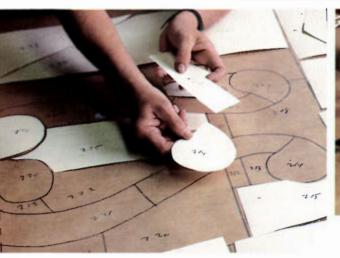




























Grand Master's Dinner at Adam's Mark

December Quarterly Communication at Philadelphia Marriott

The December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 1985 in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel at City Line Avenue and Monument Road.

All Master Masons are welcome at communications of the Grand Lodge. You do not have to be a lodge officer or a Past Master to attend.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has also invited all Master Masons and their ladies to attend a dinner dance Wednesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel, across the avenue from the Marriott.

You are invited to use the coupon that accompanies this article to order tickets, at \$12.50 per person, to the Grand Master's Dinner Dance. Places will be reserved on a first-request basis.

The Grand Ballroom in the Adam's Mark will hold up to 900 persons for the dinner dance. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by entertainment and dancing.

The entertainment will be provided by The Challengers, and the music for dancing will be provided by the Joe Martin Orchestra.

The officers of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master's distinguished guests from other Masonic bodies and other Masonic jurisdictions will be dressed formally for the dinner dance, as is the custom.

Formal dress is not required of others, A dark suit is acceptable. Please note that early responses will have the greatest chance for success in securing dinner dance reservations. Late requests will be returned promptly with a letter of regrets.

Each table in the Adam's Mark Ballroom will seat 10 persons. If a number of people expect to attend in a group, it is suggested that that information be included on the reservation coupon.

The Philadelphia Marriott Hotel was chosen for the 10 a.m. December Quarterly Communication because it has the capacity to seat up to 2,000 persons.

It has been necessary in recent years to remove communications from Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia because of crowding.

Corinthian Hall is designed to seat about 550 persons. The most recent communication, the June Quarterly held at State College, attracted more than 1,200 Masons. And the September Quarterly at Tamiment in 1984 was attended by more than

The problem is especially difficult at the December Quarterly Communication because almost all of the Representatives in the Grand Lodge from the 558 lodges in the state are expected to attend to cast votes during the election for Grand Lodge

In the past, many Representatives traveled hundreds of miles, often making their first trip to the Grand Lodge, only to find themselves viewing the proceedings from a nearby room on closed circuit television.

The Philadelphia Marriott ballroom has more than enough space for everyone and has adequate room nearby for balloting.

Those who attend the morning session are invited to have lunch with the Grand Lodge officers in the hotel's Delaware Ballroom.

Tickets are required for the luncheon as one means of controlling costs.

Please note that one section of the coupon on this page is for the luncheon. There is no charge for the meal, but a ticket will be required to gain entrance to the luncheon area.

All coupon request forms should be returned as soon as possible so that adequate preparations can be made for everyone's comfort and convenience.



Entertainment for the Grand Master's Dinner Dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel will be provided by The Challengers, one of the foremost pop country music groups in the nation. Their fine blending of voices and instrumentation has made them a favorite back-up group for top artists. They have appeared in concert with Crustal Gaule, Ann Murray, Marty Robbins, the Oak Ridge Boys, the Statler Brothers, Alabama, Johnny Cash, and others. The Challengers are ready to take center stage on their own, Reservations will be accepted on a first-request basis. See coupon below.

Dinner Dance Coupon

Send to-

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

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Enclosed is my	check for \$		
for	reservations at \$12.50		
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Dance to be he	ld at 6:30 p.m., December		
4, 1985 in the	Grand Ballroom, Adam's		
Mark Hotel, Cit	y Avenue and Monument		
Road, Philadelp	ohia, Pa.		

Checks should be made payable to the			
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.			

Print Name	
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(Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Quarterly Luncheon

Please send me____ __ticket(s) to the December Quarterly Communication luncheon to be held at 12 noon in the Delaware Ballroom, the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel, City Line, Philadelphia on Wednesday, December 4, 1985.

My stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Signed .

Grand Master's Award APRIL 10, 1985-AUGUST 23, 1985

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Bro. Ellsworth C. Sherman, P.M.

Pn Memoriam...

The portrait of a deceased Past Grand Master is removed from the Benjamin Franklin Room, draped in black and displayed for a 30-day period in the Grand Foyer in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Earl F. Herold, who served the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania as its Grand Master in 1964 and 1965, died May 19, 1985 while a resident of Florida. Brother Herold was born January 26, 1891 in Centre Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, the son of Henry F. and Luella C. Herold.

He attended the grade schools in Centre Township, was graduated from West Sunbury Academy in Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1906 and taught schools in three different townships in Butler County for a period of four years. He was graduated from Duffs Iron City College in Pittsburgh in 1912 and was employed as Assistant to the Secretary of the University Club of Pittsburgh. In June of 1914, he returned to Butler where he was employed by the Butler Savings and Trust Company and having served as Treasurer of that institution, he was in 1954 elected as its Vice President and served as a Director.

During World War II, he acted as Supervisor in Economics in the War Training Courses of Pennsylvania State College Extension in the Counties of Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Indiana. His work in this regard consisted of setting up schools and supervising the personnel and the work of those schools. Further in his business life, he served as Secretary, Treasurer and Director of the Mercer Lime Stone Company located at Branchton, Pennsylvania. He also served as a Director of the Peoples Telephone Company of Butler and of the Butler County Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Brother Herold together with his brothers organized the Herold Dairy Company, a successful operation lasting over a period of seventeen years which was sold in 1944. In 1915, he married Loyola McCandless, Mrs. Herold died, July 1, 1948, after a

In 1915, he married Loyola McCandless. Mrs. Herold died July 1, 1948 after a marriage of thirty-three years. Of this marriage, two daughters were born—Lucille Henderson and Shirley Yeager.

Brother Herold was active as a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler and served his church in various capacities.

In Freemasonry, Brother Herold served as Worshipful Master of Butler Lodge No. 272 in 1924, as High Priest of Butler Chapter No. 273 in 1925, as Recorder of Butler Council No. 61 and of Lorraine Commandery No. 87 where he served as Commander in 1928 and as Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. He was a life member of the New Castle Lodge of Perfection and a member of the other Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Castle, a member of Syria Temple, and he served as President of the Veterans Patrol in the year 1936.

Brother Herold was active in the constitution of William H. Miller Lodge No. 769 in Butler and served as advisor of Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay of Butler.

Brother William E. Yeager, then Grand Master, appointed Brother Herold as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 27 in the year 1951. He was elected as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden and served in that capacity in 1958 and 1959, as Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden in 1960 and 1961, as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master in 1962 and 1963 and as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1964 and 1965.

In his initial address as Grand Master, Brother Herold pledged himself to administer the affairs of the Grand Lodge with a strict adherence to its unchangeable laws and to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge with all due regard to economy consistent with the dignity and high character of our Fraternity. His subsequent reports of the conduct of the office which he occupied attest to the fact that he was true to the pledge made when he was inducted into that office. In his concluding report as Grand Master, he wrote that he looked back on his two years in office with pride but also with misgivings. The pride was based on the thought that some progress had been made in Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction during his term of office. The misgivings, he wrote, were for the things that he would have liked to accomplish but which time and circumstances would not permit.

Brother Herold was ever an asset to the Craft and his presence at our Communications will be sorely missed. —Brother John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master



Disaster Relief Fund to Aid Tornado Victims

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has established a Disaster Relief Fund to provide assistance to the victims of the storms and tornadoes that swept through western and central Pennsylvania on Friday evening, May 31.

When the winds died down and the terrible sounds, described as that of a high speed train, faded away, homes, farm buildings, and businesses in Albion, Kane, Cranesville, Atlantic, Montgomery, and many other towns and villages, were gone.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, monitored news reports throughout the weekend as he consulted with the District Deputy Grand Masters in each of the affected areas. By the following Wednesday, the day of the June Quarterly Communication in State College, he had a good idea of how many Masonic families were in need.

He used the communication as a forum to announce the creation, with the



Remains of dwelling owned by Bro. Richard E. Buchanan, P.M., Kedron Lodge No. 389.

concurrence of the Committee on Finance, of a Disaster Relief Fund to address the needs of members of the lodges, temples and hall associations, and others, who suffered losses as a result of the storms and tornadoes.

The Grand Master has the discretion to approve loans up to \$5,000 over a period of four years at no interest, and at six per cent per annum thereafter. He may also extend the amounts and terms of loans in cases of extreme hardship.

"The giving of help, aid and assistance to worthy, distressed brethren is a Masonic duty we cannot ignore," the Grand Master said,

Early requests for loans were processed within a week. At this writing, more than \$100,000 had been forwarded to disaster victims.

The applications showed total losses averaging more than \$80,000 per family. Their immediate needs for clothing food and shelter were being met by agencies geared to provide that type of relief.

Masons are also helping with cleanup efforts.

A work crew comprised of 35 Masons from lodges in the 24th Masonic District and nine Masons from the 25th Masonic District spent June 8 in Albion.

One group cleared fallen trees while the other spent the entire day clearing a farmer's 40 acre field of the debris of two houses, two barns and a garage.

The field crew, according to District Deputy Grand Master Robert K. Parrish, sorted out all the metal before burning



West Middlesex area—a Brother's former home.

the remainder of the debris in 10 large fires.

The farmer is not a Mason, but because many nonMasons helped to build the new lodge building in Albion (it was dedicated by the Grand Lodge several weeks before the tornado), the Masonic work crew was happy to be able to return the favor.

The Albion lodge building was not damaged by the storm,

Reports of damage in varying degrees have been received from the District Deputy Grand Masters in districts 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 41, 47, 53 and 56.

Any Mason who wishes to apply for assistance through the Disaster Relief Fund is advised to contact his District Deputy Grand Master who will secure the necessary forms.

The application forms are screened by a committee that makes a recommendation to the Grand Master. The entire process is usually completed within seven working days.

It Does Happen. Really!

At times the best laid plans do go astray, and what is often taken as an excuse is not an excuse at all, but merely the truth.

Despite our carefully made and executed plans to accommodate the dinner and parking needs of our guests at the June Quarterly Communication in State College on June 5, a number of people did not receive the promised meal tickets and parking passes by mail before the event.

The staff explained to telephone callers again and again that their coupons had been honored, their tickets had been mailed in plenty of time, and all they had to do was be a bit patient.

The following letter was sent to us on June 10, five days after the June

meeting, by Bro. Paul H. Deigendesch, Jr., a Past Master and the Secretary of Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806:

"Thought your office would get a chuckle out of this mailing, postmarked May 24 and received by me just today, June 10—and that's first class!

"On the reverse side of the envelope you will see that it traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on June 3 and to Scranton, Pennsylvania on June 7.

"The distance from the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia to my home in Churchville is about 26 miles. I just wanted you to know this envelope got a lot of mileage for 22 cents."

It is not often that someone takes the time to write and effectively take us

off the hook, but we really thank Bro. Deigendesch for one additional observation in his letter.

"Up to now I thought the excuse of something being detained in the mail was just a cop out by the sender," he wrote, adding, "Now I will take that excuse more seriously."

Apparently at least one bag of first class mail that left this office on or about May 22 was somehow routed first to Oklahoma and was then forwarded too late to be of any use to the Masons who needed the contents for June 5.

Did we receive an apology or explanation from the post office? Several weeks have now gone by and still no word.

Perhaps the apology is lost in the mail,

Statue of Liberty Fund Drive Lags In Pennsylvania

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, along with virtually every other Grand Lodge in the nation, has pledged its support to the effort to restore the Statue of Liberty.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter announced in May of 1984 a goal of \$202,241, representing a contribution of \$1 for every Mason on the rolls in Pennsylvania as of December 27, 1983.

At the end of July, 14 months into the fund raising effort that is to conclude on July 4, 1986, the date of the National Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration, the Masons of Pennsylvania had contributed less than \$50,000.

Masons played an important part in gathering the funds required to place the statue 100 years ago. The ground swell of support expected in Pennsylvania for the current restoration project has not yet materialized.

According to the computer files maintained by the Grand Lodge in gathering the contributions to date, a little more than \$5,000 has been donated by 346

individual members. A little more than \$40,000 has been contributed by 130 of the lodges. Six masonically affiliated groups have given a bit more than \$1,500 to the campaign.

The response of individuals is surprisingly less than one-fifth of one percent of the membership. Just 23 percent of the lodges, less than one out of every four, have participated to this point.

An answer to Pennsylvania's lukewarm response to the campaign cannot be found in the reaction of Freemasons elsewhere to the call for help.

The Grand Lodge of California, for example, was so heartened by a response of more than \$500,000 to its first appeal notice that it upped its pledge to a full \$1 million. At last report, California Masons had already contributed more than \$800,000.

The national goal to restore both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island was initially established at \$230 million. It has been indicated that an additional \$30 million will be required.

Should every Mason in the country take part, the fraternity will provide more than \$3 million for the restoration effort.

Grand Master Carpenter believes the solution to the problem of slow response by Pennsylvania Masons will be found in an increased effort on the part of Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge officers in rallying the support of individual members.

He has asked the District Deputy Grand Masters to place the fund drive at the top of the list of priorities as the lodges convene after the summer call off.

The Grand Master has authorized the use of general lodge funds as well as charity funds in meeting this goal.

You may send your contribution by check or money order made payable to the Statue of Liberty Fund, Grand Lodge of Pa. to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Your support is needed and appreciated.

Grand Master Issues Two New Decisions

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whether such occasions are closed or open to the general public. Members of the lodges may also address such occasions, provided approval of the District Deputy Grand Master has been obtained in each instance.

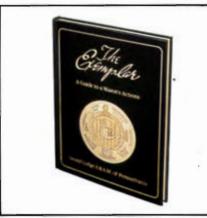
"Members of our lodges may also attend dinners, banquets, entertainments, installations and similar occasions of other female organizations, membership in which is based upon Masonic affiliation, provided such events are open to the public, and further provided that no Pennsylvania Mason participates in any ceremony or any activity associated with a ceremony. Members of our lodges may address such affairs only upon the specific written approval of the Grand Master in each instance."

Herold, 1964 Carpenter, 1985

Please note the change in the above decision has nothing to do with the youth groups, the Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters.

The rights and privileges of Masons regarding the female youth groups are spelled out in other sections of Article XXXIII, particularly Section 5, which allows Masons to take part in the work, ritualistic or otherwise, and in the proceedings of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Grand Master's Book Readied for Sale



The Exemplar—A Guide to a Mason's Actions, a Masonic text authored by the R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. William A. Carpenter, is now available for advance sale through the Office of the Grand Master in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Early orders may be placed through use of the attached coupon.

All last minute proof corrections had been made and the color and artwork checked at the time this report was prepared.

The bulk of the text changes had been accomplished by late June and early July, but the dotting of i's and the crossing of t's is a careful process that cannot be rushed, especially in the glossary and symbol sections of the Grand Master's work. The book is expected to come off the presses in late August.

The book is being published in three styles, soft-cover, hard-cover and a deluxe edition in leather.

The soft-cover edition is priced at \$12.95; the hard-cover, in buckram, at \$16.95; and the deluxe edition, in dark blue, Moroccan leather with gold stamp, is \$49.95 per copy.

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Grand Lodge Hall Progress Report

The renovation of Grand Lodge Hall, the first major building constructed on the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and placed in service in August of 1913, continues on schedule.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes has been guiding an extensive program of modernization of residential guest quarters since 1979. The grand old lady, the cornerstone of the Masonic Homes' complex, is the last to be restored.

This last phase of the project, estimated to cost \$5.5 million, was begun in January of this year and is scheduled for completion late in 1986.

While the interior of the three-story building is undergoing extensive change on the second and third floors, the first floor will be maintained in its original form except for the addition of elevators at each end on the east and west and the installation of new stairways and fire doors.

The Holmesburg granite facade of the building will not be disturbed.

As indicated in the accompanying photographs, the interior dry walls have been constructed over the metal studding on the third floor. All wiring and plumbing is completed and the sprinkler system has been installed.

Workmen of the Warfel Construction Co. of Lancaster will now apply the dry wall in the hallway and construct the drop ceiling.

A new concrete floor has been poured on the second floor and holes have been drilled for wiring conduit and plumbing.

The room layout has been drawn on the floor and the metal stud work is beginning,

The old sewer lines in the basement areas have been torn out and replacement of the entire sewage system is proceeding on schedule.

Residential guests continue to use the kitchen and dining room each day in a carefully designed plan that seals off the dirt and noise of the construction areas.





Change in Admission Policy

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, having completed an extensive renovation program, is pleased to announce to the membership at large that there are openings available for immediate admissions.

In order to fill these openings as quickly and efficiently as possible, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes has expanded the admission policy to include additional classes of applicants.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has traditionally accepted as its guests the following:

- 1. Master Masons who have been members in good standing for 10 or more years and their wives.
- 2. Widows of Master Masons with no requirement on the time he was a Mason.
- 3. Mothers of deceased Master Masons with no requirement on the time he was a Mason.
- 4. Mothers of living Master Masons, providing the Mason has been a member in good standing for 10 or more years.

Now, the Masonic Homes is able to consider applications for admission from daughters, sisters and grandmothers of Master Masons, living or deceased, providing the living Master Mason has been a member in good standing for 10 or more years.

It is still necessary that those who successfully apply surrender their assets upon admission. The primary concern of the Committee on Masonic Homes, however, is to meet the needs of the applicants regardless of financial status.

Those meeting the above standards need only make their request known to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania lodge where Masonic affiliation is held. He will secure for you the necessary application forms

Anyone requiring additional information about the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is invited to write to the Commitee at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9985.

A Special Offer For Keepers

Are you a keeper? Do you file copies of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* away for future reference?

The May issue was hard on keepers. It contained no less than four coupons pertaining to Grand Lodge events. How do you clip coupons and still have a decent issue to keep?

We want to be kind to keepers.

Several thousand copies of the last issue were printed just for keepers.

If you would like a keeper copy of the May issue you are invited to write to the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

We'll do almost anything to keep our keepers happy.

Maine Honors Pennsylvania Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Maine has presented to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. William A. Carpenter, the Josiah Hayden Drummond Distinguished Service Medal.

Named for the 21st Grand Master of Maine, the Josiah Hayden Drummond Award is presented annually at the discretion of the Grand Master of Maine "... to Freemasons whose outstanding proficiency in the knowledge of Freemasonry and distinguished service in the successful application of that knowledge for the advancement of the welfare of the Craft shall have rendered them worthy of such recognition and honor,"

The presentation was made to Grand Master Carpenter at the 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine held at Portland on Tuesday, May 7 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Peter C. Schmidt.

Masonic law in Maine allows just one award to Masons outside the jurisdiction in any Masonic year.

Maine is the third state to honor the Pennsylvania Grand Master. He was first honored in 1965 by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island when he was presented the Christopher Champlin Medal in recognition of "outstanding Masonic achievements,"

In July of 1984 he received the highest award granted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the Pierpont Edwards Medal in bronze, "... because of his continued loyal and constant service to Freemasonry, and because of his exemplification of its highest qualities in his everyday life."

The Grand Lodge of Maine created the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal in 1939 in honor of that state's most revered Mason.

Josiah Hayden Drummond (1827-1902) was the Grand Master of Masons in Maine from 1860 through 1862 while serving as the state's attorney general.

He was elected to the Maine house and senate during a political career that spanned more than 30 years. He was counsel to several railroad corporations during most of his professional life and devoted much effort to securing legislation to improve insurance contracts.

Josiah Hayden Drummond is perhaps most remembered as a Masonic scholar whose voluminous writings on jurisprudence strongly influenced the Masonic legislation of many Grand Lodges in the country.



Grand Master Makes Three Masons at Sight

The Pennsylvania State University was the site of an extra communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on June 5 when three men, at the direction of the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, were made Masons at sight.

Brothers Henry Cooper, Robert W. Baer and Henry D. Nye became the fourth, fifth and sixth Masons to be made at sight during the administration of Grand Master Carpenter.

The Grand Master used the authority only he possesses to similarly honor Bro. Raymond A. Heist last June and Brothers Donald B. Reeder and Robert J. Bruce in November.

In the last 100 years, 25 Grand Masters have caused 72 men to be Masons at sight; nine in the past 10 years.

This latest communication, held in the Milton S. Eisenhower Auditorium on the university campus, was convened at 1:00 p.m. and concluded by 4:15 p.m., allowing the more than 900 Masons who attended to eat dinner at 5:00 p.m. and return for the June Quarterly Communication at 7:00 p.m.

A number of unique steps were taken to shorten the time required to confer all three degrees on each candidate.



The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, met in the lobby of the Milton S. Eisenhower Auditorium with the three men he honored by making them Masons at sight. At the right is Bro. Henry Cooper and to the left is Bro. Henry D. Nye. Bro. Robert W. Baer is confined to a wheelchair as the result of a swimming accident several years ago.

All three candidates were obligated at the same time. Some of the repetition in the ritual was removed, and because one of the candidates was confined to a wheelchair, the others served as his exemplars during parts of the degrees.

Grand Master Carpenter asked those who conferred the degrees and those who witnessed them to give him their reactions to the changes. The opinions expressed to date are being studied and the Grand Master expects to report to the craft in general at the September Quarterly Communication to be held at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown on Wednesday, September 4.

Brother Henry Cooper is already familiar to many Masons in Pennsylvania as the artist who creates the portraits of the Grand Masters that are displayed in the Benjamin Franklin Room at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

He was first commissioned by the Grand Lodge in 1972 to paint the portrait of then Grand Master Bro. W. Orville Kimmel. He has painted all the Grand Masters since that time as well as a portrait of Bro. Hiram P. Ball, who served as Grand Master in 1970 and 1971, and the

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Directly from the Grand Master

Brethren, Our Number 1 Question:

IS PENNSYLVANIA MASONRY TO BE OR NOT TO BE?



My Dear Brethren:

This is one of my final articles to you Brethren as your Right Worshipful Grand Master. I have decided to share with you a number of facts, figures and conditions I have experienced in my informal visitations to more than 410 Blue Lodges throughout our Jurisdiction during the past 18 months.

To learn of the refurbishings of the lodge rooms and buildings prior to the Grand Master's visits has been a highlight of the lodge visitation program. The generous contributions to the various charitable endeavors, the rare, beautiful and priceless gifts presented to the Grand Master, and the tokens of remembrance and affection sent home to the Grand Master's wife have been absolutely wonderful. It has all amounted to a once-in-a-lifetime experience and this humble Mason will be forever grateful.

My experience with Master Masons for nearly 40 years tells me that Masons prefer honesty. Hence, I am going to tell you the facts as I see them.

This article is calculated to excite more effort and dedication for Pennsylvania Masonry by those Brethren taking an active part in the Craft. It may surprise you but this particular group represents only 21 percent of our total,

My "State of the Craft" report is also calculated to nudge and excite most, if not all, of the remaining 79 percent of

Pennsylvania Masons to improve their attitude, their support and their understanding of what Pennsylvania Masonry is all about, It is, indeed, a sad commentary to relate that men will expend funds to petition the Craft, qualify for acceptance, receive the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, and then resign. And it is more annoying to find out that this particular segment comprises more than two thirds of our total membership of record. What a power for good would develop within Pennsylvania Masonry if a greater percentage of you Brethren would take your Masonry seriously, would become more knowledgeable in the basics of Pennsylvania Masonry, and would reflect the one and only purpose of Freemasonry—a pursuit of excellence—which is the Masonic way

In 1960 our Jurisdiction, the third oldest in the Masonic world, had 610 Blue Lodges with a total membership that was close to 258,000 Masons. During the past 25 years we have experienced a continuous decline which now finds us with approximately 203,000 members spread throughout 558 Blue Lodges. In the past year and a half, fifteen of our Blue Lodges have been forced to merge with other lodges, and I am informed that five or six additional lodge mergers will be submitted for action during the balance of this year. I regret to announce that I have dissolved two lodges in recent months.

For years we had 70 Masonic districts throughout the Jurisdiction. We are now down to 63 Masonic districts and the projected plan is to eliminate three more. As you can now see, my Brethren, we are going in the wrong direction.

We have far too many Blue Lodges that can't even muster a corps of officers. We have Worshipful Masters who are serving their fourth and fifth consecutive years, just to hold the lodge together. We have Blue Lodges that cannot elect a lodge secretary.

Brethren, we have Blue Lodges that are nearly defunct for the lack of enthusiastic leadership. We have Blue Lodges that are unable to confer either of the three degrees. If, by chance, they approve a petitioner, they are beholden to the officers and members of a lodge nearby to confer the degrees.

It has been disturbing to learn that far too many of our Blue Lodges are not indoctrinating new members in the basic information about Pennsylvania Masonry, This is covered very well in the numerous printed folders, pamphlets and booklets published by our Grand Lodge.

In 1977, an effort was made to enforce the proficiency program as required by our Constitution, the Ahiman Rezon, Various adjustments have been applied during the past eight years in a more determined effort to realize the full extent of a proficiency program. Printed folders containing the 26 questions to be answered by the candidate during his advancement through the three Symbolic degrees, were made available for presentation to the candidate on the evening he was entered. A deluxe embossed wallet certificate for the newly raised Master Mason to carry, once he has completed his proficiency requirements in all three degrees, is also available for the lodges to process. Yet, as I meet and greet newly raised Master Masons in my travels and visits, it is most disturbing to learn that lodges are not distributing the folders with the proficiency questions nor are they processing the coveted wallet certificates.

One of the priceless legacies of Pennsylvania Masonry is our ritualistic and lodge work. As one author has written: "It is sublime by its simplicity and dignity." With but few exceptions, such as the prayers and charges, our ritual has, for 254 years, been handed down by word of mouth to ear. We have 56 Schools of Instruction serving our 63 Masonic districts where the ritual and the mechanics of the lodge room work are taught to lodge officers and those who should be teaching the new Masons. There are twelve or more sectional meetings of the schools of instruction conducted each year for the purpose of exemplifying and teaching the proper phraseology and procedures relating to the ritual and lodge work.

I have reason to believe that the instruction in the schools of instruction and at the sectional meetings is of the

best and in conformity to our ritual and lodge work. However, something seems to happen to our ritual and lodge work when it arrives in the lodge room. To be frank, there have been times in my visits when it was rather difficult to associate Pennsylvania ritual and lodge work with what I was observing. To observe Pennsylvania Masons wearing their aprons beneath their jackets, indicates something. To observe Pennsylvania Masons entering the body of the open lodge and being waved by lodge officers to slip to the sidelines without advancing to the altar, also tells us something. To observe Pennsylvania Masons crossing the lodge room in the body of the open lodge between the East and the altar while the officers of the lodge act as if nothing wrong is taking place, tells us something more.

While visiting over 400 Blue Lodges I have also observed the attitude toward our Masonic dress code. I must state that the majority of the Pennsylvania Masons are dressing in accordance with our Masonic dress code. However, it does cause one to wonder just what concept of Freemasonry a member must have who will attend a stated or special meeting of a Blue Lodge wearing a sweater with open shirt collar and no tie. Oh yes, sneakers have found their way into our lodge rooms. Red ones at that. Dungarees have also made their appearance. It is also interesting to learn of the number of elected lodge secretaries and treasurers who have decided they are exempt from honoring our Masonic dress code.

Not long after my informal visitations started I noted that quite a number of the Tylers were not wearing the sword which is part of the Tylers' regalia. When questioned about the missing swords it appears that many of the lodges had none. They had been conveniently hidden or lost. I have been informed that over 120 new Tyler's swords have been purchased over the past eighteen months. We're making progress in some areas.

Mention has been made of the support Pennsylvania Masons provide for our many worthwhile charities. We have recently established the Masonic Charities Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To this fund you may designate contributions to your favorite charity endorsed by our Grand Lodge. You can also designate "Other Charities" which enables the Grand Lodge Line Officers and the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance to apply your contribution to a charity where there is an urgent need for additional funds. There still remains a mystery, however, about how Pennsylvania Masons support Grand Lodge

appeals for charitable funds. For many, many years, less than 25 percent of our members have contributed to the annual appeal for our Masonic Homes. This runs close to the breakdown mentioned earlier, revealing that 21 percent of our membership do reflect a concern and remain somewhat active, while 79 percent remain as just names on the membership roles of our respective Blue Lodges.

I pledged \$202,241.00 in support of the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, a Masonic undertaking from the date it was conceived, back in the 1870s. My pledge was based on every member contributing a single dollar. To date, less than a year from the day when "The Great Old Lady" is to be rededicated, Pennsylvania Masons have contributed less than 25 percent of the pledge I have made.

Project SOLOMON II is now more than a year and a half old. It was scheduled for a four-year endeavor, 1984 through 1987. While it is accomplishing its purpose in two of the seven regions throughout the Jurisdiction, the lack of leadership and uncooperative attitudes of lodge officers in the other five regions makes it appear that in far too many Lodges Project SOLOMON II is doomed to a sad demise. The lack of cooperation and the negative attitude of lodge secretaries in many cases is a perfect example of how an expensive survival kit for Pennsylvania Masonry can go awry. When the manuals, kits, and report forms were mailed to the lodge secretaries in the spring of 1984, many lodges seemed to reject the details required to get the program in gear. Some secretaries never opened the cartons containing the working tools of the program. Monthly 3 x 5 report cards to to be completed and mailed to the Grand Master's Office indicating membership statistics to be used in our computer progress printouts and to direct necessary action or advice, have not been honored in far too many of our lodges. There are lodge secretaries who have never processed one of these 3 x 5 cards over the past 18 months. Perhaps someday it will be generally accepted that the majority of those involved in the Craft do not have the time for Freemasonry.

For many years I have been of the opinion that any program, other than the routine business of the lodge, particularly at a stated meeting, should feature and promote some phase of Freemasonry. Why not? It is the only evening in the month when the Brethren assemble in the required meeting of the lodge. What better time is there than at a stated meeting of a Blue Lodge to share Freemasonry and inform the Brethren? What better time is there to share some

of the basics of Pennsylvania Masonry than when the Brethren are assembled in a tyled lodge room, or even at the refreshment hour that follows? A perusal of the monthly lodge notices and even the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters show that programs at some of the stated meetings of our Blue Lodges include subjects and topics such as : "Farm Animal Husbandry," "The Gypsy Moth," "The Future of Forestry," "Lawn Care," "Are Taxes Necessary?" and, just one more, "A Slide Presentation of the Galapagos Islands." Just what is wrong in discussing or presenting a program about Freemasonry?

With regret and reluctance I feel compelled to mention a few more curses that have plagued the growth and reputation of Pennsylvania Masonry.

In my mingling with the Craft the past year and a half, several private conversations with the Brethren have brought forth personal concerns relative to the image Freemasonry has in various places.

The question and concern has been raised about the loud and loose use of profanity that seems to be the hallmark of certain Master Masons. Not only are they notorious for their foul mouths at work and in their travels outside the Lodge and even around young people, but they are reported to so behave in ante rooms and other Masonic gatherings.

Also brought to our attention is the fact that we have members who tend to extend their drinking habits to an excessive level. Not only is their behavior, at times, disgraceful to the Craft, but I am informed that Stated Meetings have been disrupted by a member not in full control of himself. It was also shocking to learn of a candidate to be raised who had to be escorted out of the building on the evening scheduled for the degree because he was in no condition to receive it. All this certainly tells us just how far in the wrong direction we have been drifting.

One more curse that has tarnished the prestige and integrity of Freemasonry has been the duplicity a small segment of our membership seems to possess. While in and around Masonic activity, their conduct seems to be tolerable, Yet, away from Masonic activity and especially where they have been or are still employed, their behavior and immaturity is reported as reaching a point that is almost inhuman. Some of the comments expressed by victims of the "other lives" of these Masonic misfits. which include Brother Master Masons along with the profane, are: Pitiful, despicable, contemptible, degrading and disgraceful. Isn't it a sad testimony to learn that we have brethren who Continued to next page

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masquerade as members of the Craft and then bring dishonor to our fraternity by their imbecilic behavior away from their Lodge?

My Brethren, it appears that we have not only failed miserably in educating and indoctrinating these members who fail to cope with our Masonic standards, but it is obvious that we have also failed miserably in educating and indoctrinating two of the most vital groups in Freemasonry, those who recommend men for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry and those who are charged with the investigation of a petitioner for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry.

Acquiring a basic knowledge of Pennsylvania Masonry was foremost with those Brethren who established Freemasonry in our great Commonwealth over 200 years ago. Equally important, during the formative years of Pennsylvania Masonry, was the development and maintenance of character throughout our membership. After two world wars and a depression, something has happened, Brethren. We have been drifting from our basic principles and foundations. It is that time, once again, when Master Masons should make Freemasonry a way of life-every day and in every way. If this doesn't happen, there could be a question as to our future.

The final item in this "State of the Craft" epistle should and must be the priority concern of each and every Pennsylvania Mason if our fraternity is to fulfill its rightful purpose for the generations to follow. That priority involves our urging Pennsylvania Masons to become more knowledgeable in the basics of Pennsylvania Masonry. Pennsylvania Masons are notorious for their ignorance of basic Freemasonry. The fact that we haven't enforced our proficiency requirements until recent years could very well be the cause for this condition. Word of Pennsylvania Masons not being able to prove themselves as Master Masons when attempting to visit lodges in other Jurisdictions-and even in our own Jurisdiction—is certainly not a credit to Pennsylvania Masonry.

As mentioned, our Grand Lodge publishes and makes available all types of printed folders, booklets, pamphlets and papers on Freemasonry, but members are reluctant to request them and our Lodge Officers aren't interested enough to see that their members are supplied with the available literature. Members of our Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education schedule and travel throughout our Jurisdiction, conducting seminars and sharing the

literature on the basics of Freemasonry. Unfortunately, those who should be in attendance at the seminars are conspicuous by their absence.

Having a knowledge of basic Freemasonry is the one and only solution if Pennsylvania Masonry is to thrive and remain as a challenge for excellence. And the only way we can support that philosophy is to exemplify those precepts taught in the three symbolic degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

History reminds us that when nations and cultures of the past failed to learn and maintain an understanding of who and what they were, they perished forever. Freemasonry could very well share that fate. When we launched Project SOLOMON II and lodges began circulating our new literature which tells the world who we are and what we stand for, it was gratifying to learn of the increases in the requests for petitions.

It has been most disturbing to learn as I have been visiting and mingling with the Craft in Pennsylvania just how little Pennsylvania Masons know about basic Freemasonry. What in the world has happened to us? When each of us answered the questions on the blank form of petition for the lodge and then signed it, we pledged ourselves to a "desire of knowledge." We also stated that: "If the prayer of my petition is granted, I will conform to the Ancient Usages and Customs of the Fraternity." We as Masons have always had a moral obligation to be knowledgeable about Freemasonry.

Ignorance is a word with unpleasant connotations. It is sometimes defined as lack of knowledge, but I am not quite sure that I agree with that definition. We all lack knowledge of many things that fall outside of our station in life, However, I would subscribe to the theory that a man is ignorant who lacks knowledge which he is under a moral obligation to have. Hence, a man who has not fulfilled his moral obligation to possess basic knowledge of Freemasonry could be classified as Masonically ignorant. We can certainly be a more productive fraternity without that identity.

For many years, and even more so recently, church denominations have been citing us for many things that are not pleasing to read nor hear. These attacks usually come from those who are having real problems themselves. There are devious ways of getting publicity and when you are desperate you'll try all of them.

A portion of the criticism leveled at Freemasonry can be blamed on certain

members within the Craft. Yes, we have members who have been known to boast for all ears to hear that: "Freemasonry is my religion." Some of our members have even been quoted as saying: "My Lodge is my Church." Brethren, neither of these remarks is a credit to Freemasonry. They are absolutely out of order. With such erroneous comments, it is not too difficult to reason why Freemasonry is being misunderstood, especially by those with deep religious convictions. This is just one more reason why it is so urgent that we become more knowledgeable about Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, Then, and only then, will more Pennsylvania Masons be able to explain and discuss Freemasonry with some degree of intelligence and authority.

The time has arrived for Freemasons to speak out and let the world know who we are and what we stand for. What's wrong with that? What in the world do we have to hide, save our ritual with a few steps, signs, grips and words? Yes, it is about time that Freemasons stand up to be counted. But, Brethren, you really can't sound off until you know what you're talking about.

There seems to be an endless list of priorities that are occupying the concerns and time of Masons. Some of them are worthy. Some are not so worthy. But, the top priority of every Pennsylvania Mason for the rest of his life should and must be to acquire and maintain a basic knowledge of Pennsylvania Masonry. Nothing else is more important.

In our pursuit of excellence as Freemasons, we have A Faith to Live By, A Self to Live With, and A Number of Causes to Live For.

When all this is accomplished, then we will have the answer as to whether Pennsylvania Masonry is to be or not to be. It is up to you, my Brethren.

Freemasonry Is What Freemasons Are! Ever fraternal, WILLIAM A. CARPENTER R.W. Grand Master



Grand Master Makes Three Masons at Sight

Continued from preceding page 15. present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Arthur R. Diamond.

Bro. Cooper has painted more than 950 portraits to date. The list of prominent men and women contains the names of leaders in business, law, medicine, religion and education. His work includes 26 portraits in the National Jockeys Hall of Fame at Pimlico, opera stars Robert Merrill and Roberta Peters, and the late Golda Meir, former prime minister of Israel

Painting is but one aspect of Bro. Cooper's talent. Music has always been an important part of his life and it was his singing voice that won him the position as cantor in Temple Adath Jeshurun, making him the youngest cantor in the country at the time.

He describes himself as a descendant of the tribe of Levi, of those who made the music and served with the priests in the temple in Jerusalem, who takes great pride in serving today as his family served 2,500 years ago.

Bro. Cooper was born in the Ukraine and came to America at the age of six. He was raised in Philadelphia and is a graduate of Central High School and Gratz College.

He now resides in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife, Ruth. Grand Master Carpenter secured a waiver of jurisdiction from the Grand Lodge of Maryland in order to make Bro. Cooper a Mason at sight.

Bro. Robert W. Baer is a junior student at Edinboro University.

The son of Bro, and Mrs, Gilbert M. Baer of 114 Juniper Street, Mechanics-burg, PA, he is a member of Carlisle Chapter, Order of DeMolay. His father is a member of Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781.

He served his DeMolay chapter as Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon and Sentinel. He is also a charter member of Auvergne Priory, Order of Knighthood.

Bro. Baer has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and has earned bronze, silver and gold palms.

He is an honors graduate of Mechanicsburg Senior High School where he was a member of the varsity football and track teams. He sang in the school choir, played in its orchestra and was a photographer for the school newspaper.

Bro. Baer was injured in a swimming accident and is now confined to a wheel-chair.

At Edinboro University where he is majoring in psychology with a minor in education, Bro. Baer is a member of the Wild Wheelers basketball team and the Rolling Scots track team,

He won a gold medal in shot put and a silver medal in discus in the Ohio State Wheelchair Games in April,

Bro. Baer was described by the Grand Master as a "young man of extreme talent who hopes one day to use those skills to help others who suffer like injury."

Bro, Michael D. Nye is a senior student at the Pennsylvania State University majoring in speech communication.

The son of Bro. and Mrs. Harold A. Nye of RD 1, Box 1650, Orwigsburg, PA, he is a member of Schuylkill Chapter, Order of DeMolay, His father is a member of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138.

He served his DeMolay chapter as Master Councilor, held the state office as Third Preceptor, and has won a number of DeMolay awards.

Bro. Nye is also a Boy Scout as a member of Troop 124 in Orwigsburg and of Explorer Post 540. He too earned the rank of Eagle Scout and has received the God and Country award.

He was a patrol leader at the National Jamboree in 1977; was selected for the Youth Staff at the National Jamboree in 1981, and was named Assistant Scoutmaster for the 1985 National Jamboree.

A graduate of Blue Mountain High School, Bro. Nye was a member of the varsity football team and the archery team. He served on the yearbook staff and was a representative to the student council.

At Penn State, he is the treasurer of the International Cultural Interest House and is president of Delta Mu Chi, the DeMolay fraternity on campus.

Both young men were described by Grand Master Carpenter as "excellent examples of the youth of today who will be the leaders of this fraternity tomorrow."

The Grand Master introduced the three newly made Master Masons at the June Quarterly Communication later that evening to loud and enthusiastic applause.

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