Peace is More than a Word

The word peace has been printed billions of times during its time, spoken by women and men of all the languages of earth. And still we have war.

It is high time to consider that peace is more than a word. It is more than a dream of a better world. It means, tempering, removing petty irritation, not being wrong.

William E. Carpenter, Editor

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Peace is God on both sides of the table in a conference. Peace is good in action. Peace is world-wide neighborliness. Peace is cooperation and teamwork; it is pulling with people instead of pushing them around. Peace is sanity and common sense in human relations.

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

Peace is patience, keeping our temper, rising above petty irritation, taking the long view, not issuing a demand until the chips are in and giving time a chance to work its magic.

Peace is international courtesy. It is a good spirit toward our fellow men.

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

Peace is vision. It is being big enough to see up small individual advantages for the universal good.

Peace is God. It is a stretching out the arms of a human being to include every man, every woman, and every child of the world.

Peace is using the Golden Rule as a measuring stick. The Golden Rule is a perfect rule.

Peace is the open hand instead of the clenched fist, the finger pointing toward every man, every woman, every child of the world.

Peace is the Golden Rule. It is the simple golden rule which was enshrined just about a year ago near Benjamin Franklin's grave in Christ Church burial ground, fifth and Arch Streets in Philadelphia. The Golden Rule is the most concise and the wittiest epiphany which Franklin ever wrote, and which has never been updated in the August 1566 issue of this publication.

Barth Bacht cites the fact that the stone includes the names of the persons whose lives are enshrined in the Golden Rule.

Possibly at some future time, someone with the open hand of the Golden Rule in hand and the Golden Rule in mind, with the Golden Rule nature required, will research the work of the Committee and properly evaluate the services of all those who have contributed to the building of whatever the Golden Rule is.

For the above, the Grand Master is vested with tremendous authority.

The Grand Master is charged to keep, support, maintain, and abide by all of the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of Freemasonry.

Charles H. Nitsch
Grand Master
Is Our Face Red?

It is wisely said that "error is the force that welds men together; truth is communicated to men only by deeds of truth."

Among the younger members of our Fraternity, we have observed that too many are too timid to experience some rather unfortunate errors in our life and work. But it is always true that all kinds of errors make for progress, and the sort of errors that we should try to avoid are those that do not lead to service of any kind in our Fraternity.

A most recent error in the columns of The Pennsylvania Freeman, which we understand was written by the author of the same name, is one that seems to us to be a sort of mistake. To the best of our knowledge, the error seems to be a misunderstanding of the phraseology of our ritual, in the sense that the author seems to be attributing blame for certain events to the Lodge of England, as well as to the Lodge of Scotland, which in our opinion is quite unfair.

This schism was not completely harmonized until 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England called themselves ALL England and a reply from that body was received and read in our Grand Lodge May 30, 1956, when the Grand Chapter was made an in.

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Are Macounesses Grown Men Then Others?

By George A. Avey

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

This thought-provoking query is from a learned man who is the author of a book on the subject of Macounesses. He says that there is no evidence that any Macouness has ever been a grown man. We cannot say that this statement is true, but we believe that it is a sound one. It is also evident that the author of the book is a man of great wisdom and learning.

The Committee is not satisfied with the results of its efforts. As of December 31, 1956, of the 50 Lodges received the reply of the question, that quota寺 39 Lodges 15 of the total of 500,000. The actual amount of contributions received from the various Lodges aggregated a total of approximately $480,000, and from Special Gifts an additional sum of approximately $36,500 was received. Included in the Special Gifts is a contribution of $1,050 from Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, $200 from Scott S. Lively, 33 Class 1953 Scottish Rite, $5,000 from Lodge No. 5, specifically for the Dispensary, and various amounts from $1,000 to $500 contributed by a host of Square Clubs members.

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Report of Philadelphia Freemasons’ Memorial Hospital Extension Fund Committee

By Morris Rudgery, Secretary of the Committee

January 3, 1957 was a red-letter day for the Committee of the Irish National Sovereign Grand Chapter. The presentation of the fund for an enlargement of the facilities of the Philadelphia Freemasons’ Memorial Hospital, which had been in mind for some time, was put in print and a vote of thanks was extended to the Committee for their hard work. The presentation of the fund was made to the Grand Chapter by the Rev. John H. Moreau, President of the Freemasons’ Memorial Hospital, Dr. E. J. Withall, President of the hospital, and John H. Power, Secretary.

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From OurGrand Secretary'sOffice

Our December Communications


Annual Election and Installation

At the Quarterly Communication the following officers for the coming year were elected:

Past Grand Master, Brother Charles H. Nitsch; Grand Master, Brother R. F. Gross; Deputy Grand Master, Brother John M. Cardale; Grand Advocate, Brother W. L. McGinnis; Junior Grand Warden, Brother Louis Bachrach; Senior Grand Warden, R. F. Grand Treasurer, Brother George A. Avery; Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Avery.

Committee on Masonic Homes

Brother Scott C. Reddick, Master of Lodge No. 403; Brother Scott L. Hunter, Deputy Grand Master; Brother Howard Deubler, Grand Warden; Brother Frank H. Miller, Senior Warden.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were duly installed at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27.

Gifts and Requests

At the December Quarterly Communication was presented a check for $2,684.00, in response to the request for the amount of $468.00. It is of interest to note that the current year had a surplus of $2,684.00, and the largest, $8,641.07.

Gift of George H. Deke

At the Annual Grand Communication the Master, Brother Charles H. Nitsch, informed the Brethren that Brother George H. Deke, R. F. Past Grand Master, for the seventh consecutive year, had presented a gift of $1,000.00 to Grand Lodge, to be applied to the cost of the erection of the Recreational Building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Committee on Finance

The Committee on Finance reported that it had, with the assistance of Main and Company, Certified Public Accountants, examined the accounts and records of the Grand Lodge, its subordinate Lodges, and has written reports of accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and found the same to be correct.

Receipts during 1966, available for the acceptance of the Officers of Grand Lodge, were $3,523,865.75, and expenditures of $3,407,754.00, leaving a reserve of $115,111.75.

Pennsylvania Freemason

The Pennsylvania Freemason, in its Annual Report, called attention to the growth of the circulation of the Pennsylvania Freemason, which has reached 50,000, or about three eighths of our entire membership; and also, to the increased use of the library. During 1966 twice as many books were borrowed as were requested in 1954.

Grand Master Honored by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was formally constituted in 1910 at a meeting in Regina, attended by a distinguished brother. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has a membership of over 500, which is less than one third of the membership of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has a membership of over 500, which is less than one third of the membership of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brownstone Lodge, No. 666

The new Brownstone Masonic Temple, home of Brownstone Lodge, No. 666, was dedicated and the beautiful Masonic Temple in Hershey is the result of that activity.

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