Freemasonry in England

By R.W. Waine R. St. Clair
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The United Grand Lodge of England has ex-
clusive jurisdiction over the English Freemasonry in England and Wales. In the
premises and possessions of the Crown, the
jurisdiction is divided among the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland.
The Craft Degrees differ, and the difference is not
sufficient to cause an American Mason to
deplore any embarrassment that may arise.
The information imparted in the English Lodge
is no more than is imparted in an American
Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of England has adopted on
standard mode of Work or Ritual. There are
differing services in the provinces, but in
London, which I consider is the favorite is the
“Paul Masons,” elsewhere will be found local works.

Did You Remember the Christmas and Entertainment
Fund for the Homes?

The Christmas and Entertainment Fund, for
The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, provides a
little spending money and
enjoyment for our aged guests during the
time.

Your support of this Fund will not
only benefit your family, but the Homes, where
are numerous occasions of love and
affection that we can benefit from.

The Pennsylvania Freemason

A Message from Our Grand Master

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Sessions of other Grand Bodies in our Jurisdiction. I attended the
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Berhburg Consistory and Alhambra Consistory.

At all these visitations the Grand Master was received with all
the dignity of his office.

One of the outstanding events during 1957 was the dedication of the
Hospital Extension at the Masonic Homes on May 26. It was of special
interest to me as a Philadelphian, since the original hospital was a
Philadelphia project. I am most grateful indeed to the Philadelphia
Masons who personally contributed $550,000 toward this project. Not
only individual Masons, but many other branches of Freemasonry
contributed. Benjamin Franklin Consistory, which I have the honor of
being a Past Consistory-In-Chief, contributed $16,700, and Lodge No. 119, Philadelphia, contributed $12,000 toward a dispensary. Many
other groups and clubs contributed sums, all of which were
generously.

It is with great satisfaction to speak of the benefits of being a Grand Master and the members of the
Committee on Masonic Homes to see so many of our Brethren and
their families at the dedication service. Some $60,000 were in the
Philadelphia project of the Masonic Homes. It was a wonderful
achievement, and we are very grateful to the Brethren who
performed the work. It is with great pride that we can say that the
Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is a fitting tribute to the
Masons of Pennsylvania.

I sincerely hope that the work done by the Philadelphia Masons
may be an inspiration for Masons in other parts of our Jurisdiction,
where I know projects for the Homes are being planned.

It was my hope that the time Recreation Hall and Masonic Temple
at Elizabethtown would be dedicated before the end of this
year. Unfortunately, unavoidable delays caused by the steel strike and
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finished and very little remains to be done on the Masonic Temple.

It will not be long before these beautiful edifices will be put
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Freemasonry is Here to Stay

Freed from all the limitation and the influence it has had for so many years, we may ask, what is Freemasonry? What do you mean by Freemasonry? Not that one single word with principles that contain nothing valuable.

The members of Freemasonry are in the fact that the profane, the curious, and the ill-wisher, have existed ever since Freemasonry was introduced. There are these so-called censurers that are no more than scrapbooks, and are the same as the papers that seem to them that such is more prevalent than praise, and looking at our organization through fables and traditions, they find a sort of mysticism which the heart and soul of every Free Mason.

If those that censure the Craft have any reason of complaint, if the assurance of nick names can ever blind, they are now put to their trial. For while they deal so freely with the principles and proceedings of persons of the greatest honor and distinction, they are only discrediting the judicious part mankind the weakness of their minds and the weakness of their hears. How truly do they come under the standard of description which Justin Lipsett, the eminent writer, has given in his great work, "Calumny," says, he is "a filthy and pernicious infection of the season; generally and universally condemned, except by a few type persons."

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From Our Grand Secretary's Office

OUR SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

Fraternal Recognition Extended to The Grand Lodge of China

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following letter to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, not the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

The 8th day of May, 1957, a request for Fraternal Recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of China by virtue of a dispensation granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

The Masonic Month of May is from one stated meeting to a stated meeting on the corresponding day in the next month, and meeting(s) of two weeks or thirty-five days. A candidate who receives a degree at a stated meeting may be advanced until the next stated meeting. One who receives a degree any number of days after a stated meeting may not be advanced until the next stated meeting.

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George A. Avery
Grand Secretary

Noteworthy Masonic Meeting Places

IV—THE MASONIC TEMPLE AT CHAMBERSBURG

By William E. Montgomery

As far as the writer is able to ascertain, the Masonic Temple at Chambersburg was originally erected for use by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was chartered by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in 1788.

The Masonic Temple was completed and opened for use in 1826, and it has since been the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is located at 216 East Main Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Temple is an imposing structure, with a large meeting hall, a library, and a reading room. It is regarded as one of the finest Masonic temples in the United States.

The Masonic Temple is open to the public, and it is well worth a visit for anyone interested in Masonic history and culture.

Are You a Stranger in Your Own Lodge?

A Freemason may be himself at fault if he is a stranger in his own Lodge, but the Craft does not tolerate such a stranger in another Lodge.

A Brother being somewhat of a stranger in his own Lodge is due to the fact that he has long been conspicuous by his absence at the meetings and the offices having changed and so many newsmen have taken his place. He no longer cares if any, Lodge attendance is voluntary, and if a Member fails to attend, he must accept the obvious penalty.

This strangerism can, however, be remedied rather quickly. By adopting certain friendships will be established and old friends will be renewed. And, incidentally, we should remember to remember that if friends is necessary to be friendly. Like a mirror, the world reflects our own attitude and character. And, we should remember that if a Lodge is to flourish, it must have good officers who will专用 your best interest.

When a Brother visits a Lodge, other than his own, he is in the most difficult position of all. He is a stranger in the Lodge of the town, and he is a stranger there. He is a stranger in the world to the men of the Lodge. He is a stranger in the town, and he is a stranger in the world to the men of the Lodge.

A Lodge that has many visitors' clubs can't be but a well furnished Lodge. It can't help but have a friendly Lodge and a Lodge that is ready at all times to accept strangers, and handle it with confidence and dignity.

It has also been cited that nowhere is a visitor as well received as he is in a Lodge that is considered the best in the world, and that is everywhere he is in the world, we can be sure that he will find a welcome in the Lodge. It is a wonderful thing to have a Lodge that is so well managed that it is able to attract visitors from all parts of the world.

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