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A Message from Our Grand Master

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

The Christmas and Entertainment Fund for The Homes is now available for your attention. The prospect of receiving one of the special decorations, of being a part of the celebration of the Christmas holiday at the Lodge. The opportunity to enjoy a special entertainment and to make a gift to the Funds. The chance to help a fellow Mason and to express your appreciation for the Services which he has rendered. These are some of the reasons why you should consider joining in the Christmas and Entertainment Fund for The Homes.

Officers of Hospital Extension Fund Cited for Their Efforts

"Duty makes us do them well, but love makes us do them beautifully." - Phillips Brooks

The above lines were part of the Citation recently given Brothers William J. Moonen, William H. Bett and Berge Bailey at the Annual Meeting in connection with the successful campaign to raise funds for the Philadelphia Free Masons' Memorial Hospital. Flawless work, valiant efforts of these three brethren, the members of the Hospital Extension Funds, who raised over $560,000 for the much needed and already occupied Hospital at Philadelphia. The Brothers W. E. Moonen acted as Chairman of the Trustees for this Fund, Brother William E. Bett. The same effort is being made for the Hospital at Elizabethtown. Brother William E. Moonen acted as Chairman of the Trustees for the Fund, Brother William E. Bett. The same effort is being made for the Hospital at Elizabethtown. Brother William E. Moonen acted as Chairman of the Trustees for the Fund, Brother William E. Bett. The same effort is being made for the Hospital at Elizabethtown.

Masonic Reading and Research

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will lend itself to investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and secret mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated and respected. The men who merely take the degrees as a license, careless sort of manner, and who refuse to attend a lodge meeting, sit in the Library and number the name of the Lodge to which they belong.

To know more about Freemasonry from its beginning up to the present time is essential to every Masonic Mason, whether he be young or old, so why not take advantage of this opportunity to become informed about the subject? The books are well written by authorized Masonic scholars. There is no charge for borrowing books, and they should be returned to the Library the number of the Lodge in which you belong.

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PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE (A Meditation for Freemasons)

The Apostle Paul, in the use of those words, was thinking of his past life and of his resolutions for the future, in terms of a race. His mind was hazy by the afternoon of the past. The challenge of the future lay ahead. A changed man, he was undertaking a new life. He did not comprehend everything involved but definitely concluded one thing—he would forget the past, look ahead to the future and "press toward the mark for the prize." Now he would run a race with certainty. He would follow new rules. He would strain every muscle and strive as he pressed forward.

Paul turned his back to the past because of the bitterness of his memories. The good athlete prepares and steels himself to win the next race regardless of the outcome of the last one. The victories or defeats experienced by him are a part of the effort in the past which is really only a stage in his development and equipment for future achievements. As we through the mill of space from time to time experienced the discouragement and disappointment so closely associated with living. There have been bright days and dark days. James Russell Lowell stated it so well in "The Vision of Sir Launfal":

"Not only around infancy
Doth Heaven with all its splendour lie;
Daily, with such that cringe and plot;
Wants climb and know it not."

The artist does not paint his best picture on his first attempt. By constant application to his work he will some day produce his master piece. The author will throw away many pages before he produces the final lines for publication. It is, therefore, a very good thing that we should be "pressed for the mark" for each of these several phases. A business cannot operate successfully unless the challenges we meet are met with well-planned programs. The same can be said with regard to personal growth. It means competition and expenditure of effort after careful training and wise planning. After all of this has been done, the test must still be run in the course of which the contestant will get "roughed up a little." By following the rules, however, and keeping in mind the goal, he can and will be successful.

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In 1957, he was the recipient of the Radio Club Scholar Award, and was elected a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Lodge, President of the Association in whose early years during which time the work was getting well under way. Today, we are trying to maintain the same phase of their operations, to live outside itself, to live beyond itself, to live in harmony with the ability of the Lodge financially to house the many Masonic books and records gathered under one roof from all parts of the world.

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George Washington Masonic National Memorial

By MAX F. BEAULIEU

This splendid edifice, erected on Shooter’s Hill in Alexandria, Virginia, stands out as a Memorial to George Washington and as a Beacon Light for Freemasonry around the world.

The construction of this beautiful nine-story mammoth structure will be completed in all its parts in the coming year. The cost of the Memorial has been more than $6,000,000 of which Pennsylvania Masons have to date contributed $553,000. This amount has been raised by the Lodge officers and the masons of many areas. Any of the Brethren who are in the vicinity of Washington will feel richly rewarded in finally seeing this tribute to our first President and our Masonic Foremost.

General Grand Commandera干嘛Eight Session ofThe Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

By Judge G. E. Schramm

In the words of J. E. George Buesnel, 33°, Grand Commander, Supreme Council of Pennsylvania, in a recent address: "You people in Pennsylvania are doing a magnificent thing because you are doing exactly what the founders of our Order did. You are trying to maintain a high standard of life in a phase of their operations, to live outside itself, to live beyond itself, to live in harmony with the ability of the Lodge financially to house the many Masonic books and records gathered under one roof from all parts of the world.

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A Grand Lodge of California

Dedicating a Masonic Temple

High on the knob hill, in one of San Francisco's most beautiful areas, overlooking the magnificent Bay, stands California's new Masonic Temple dedicated "To Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."

Raising majestically from its proud location, the Masonic Temple of San Francisco, with its domed tower and ornamentation of thousands of small pieces of colored glass of varying shapes and colors, is a striking symbol of the patriotic aspirations of the Soldiers who will reach the mark. When the mark has been reached the prize will not, in the words of the Brethren, be the physical attainment, but the mental and moral attainment. The prize will not be the reward of the race which has come to the mark, but the reward of the race which has come to the mark and the prize will not be won by the first, but by the last who will reach the mark and the prize will not be the reward of the race which has come to the mark, but the reward of the race which has come to the mark and the prize will not be won by the first, but by the last who will reach the mark. The mark is not the goal, but the goal is the mark.

The real purpose of Freemasonry is to teach the principles of truth, justice, and tolerance, with reference to which precepts Masons should be guided in whatever they do, whatever they shall reach the mark, and by having done so, obtain the "prize"—the realization that we have reached the best possible race as we journey through life.

Safeguard N. Chichele

San Francisco, R. W. Grand Master

Our Annual General Communication will be held in New Masonic Temple at The Masonic Homes

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Saturday, December 26, 1970, will take place in the new Masonic Temple of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. In keeping with the tradition of the past, the Annual Grand Communication will begin at 10 o'clock A.M., so that the elected officers of the Grand Lodge may be installed by Noon or shortly thereafter.

This, in all probability, will be the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that the Annual Grand Communication will be held outside of Philadelphia.

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The Promotion of Masonic Culture in Pennsylvania

By William E. Montgomery

When provision was made for the creation of a Committee on Masonic Culture by an amendment to the Constitution (see Quarters, 2, p. 328), the charge was given it was to "consider all phases of Masonic research, the Committee was specifically charged to disseminate Masonic Culture in the various jurisdictions of the State through a Masonic Culture Committee". This charge to the Committee in the Charter on Masonic Culture is the same as in the Masonic Symbols of the Second and Third Degrees and (b) the functions and activities of the Committee are in no way limited or placed in any way or manner on the Masonic symbols of the Masonic Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Culture will be responsible for the coordination of all activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture with the activities of the Committee on Masonic Culture, including the use of the symbols of the Committee on Masonic Culture.

The method by which it is hoped to conduct this work is to appoint a Committee of Three, and to have that Committee give up the symbols of the Committee on Masonic Culture; and to be used in the Committee on Masonic Culture, and in no way or manner to be used by the Committee on Masonic Culture, or by any other Committee or group of Committees.

One of the outstanding years in the Lodge was 1958. The year was marked by the election of a new Past Master, who was then installed as Master of the Lodge. The Lodge was then organized, and the new Master served as Master of the Lodge for the next two years. The Lodge was then ready to begin its work, and the new Master served as Master of the Lodge for the next two years. The Lodge was then ready to begin its work, and the new Master served as Master of the Lodge for the next two years. The Lodge was then ready to begin its work, and the new Master served as Master of the Lodge for the next two years.

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