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Freemasonry
In The Netherlands

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Freemasonry was first introduced into The Netherlands in 1735 by a delegation visited The Hague for the purpose of initiating the First Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. This Lodge received its charter from the Grand Lodge of England in 1735 and was granted a patent by the Duke of Lorraine, after wards the Emperor Francis I. The received the Third Degree in 1738. However, in 1912 a Supreme Council of the Rite was organized in The Hague. The General Council of The Netherlands received its charter from the Supreme Council of Belgium. The First Degree of the Rite con ducted by the Bohemian Lodge of London, the Third Degree of the Rite which are worked are the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 32nd. Membership in the Rite is by invitation and the degrees beyond the 32nd are controlled by the Grand Lodge of Belgium.

The Royal Arch Degree has been introduced since the end of World War II. A number of Masons made a journey to London, and there they were initiated into the Royal Arch. They then obtained a Charter for a Chapter to be held in The Hague and have since that time worked in their own country. They use the English method of work and work under the Royal Arch Degree in their Chapters.

The Cryptic Rite is the Order of the Temple operated in The Netherlands.

Netherlands Freemasonry is a great charitable organization. The amount of its charity far exceeds that of many countries with a larger membership. They maintain schools and welfare homes for the children and orphans of Masons.

If, at any time, your present mailing address is changed, please remember to inform your Lodge. Only in addition to your own address, your Lodge Name and Number must be indicated if you wish to continue receiving "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

In mailing two, or more, copies of this message to one card only and to be certain that your Name, Address and Lodge Number are so noted.

YOUR NAME, YOUR NEW ADDRESS and LODGE NUMBER ARE MOST IMPORTANT. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Additional Institutes Being Conducted by Committee on Masonic Culture

The new series of pamphlets, which are to be used primarily for the instruction of the Members as well as others in the fundamentals of Masonic history, tradition and symbolism, have been distributed to the Lodge Officers and Members of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. These new pamphlets will amplify the instruction contained in the lectures on "The Thruth, etc., etc." of which the use will be continued.

To indoctrinate the Members of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture and Lodge Officers in the aims, objectives and procedures of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Institutes will be held in various sections of the Jurisdiction. These Institutes, generally, embrace the Lodges in two or more adjacent Districts.

The first of these Institutes embracing the Lodges which comprise the 39th, 39th and 41st Districts were represented by a total of one hundred fifty-five Officers and Committee Members. Following a meeting of one hour, the work was conducted by Brother William E. Yengle and Brother Walter R. Montgomery. Chairman of the Committee, respectively, of the Grand Lodge Committee, those present participated in a dinner dance.

The second Institute was held at 9:30 P.M. on Monday, June 1st in the Masonic Temple at Erie. Each Lodge in District No. 24 was represented by the Worshipful Master and other Officers of their respective Lodges.

On September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1959. The City of Pittsburgh is celebrating its Bicentennial year and it is most fitting that Freemasonry be represented as an integral part of all the many activities in connection with this magnificent event. A great deal of thought and planning is involved in bringing the September Quarterly Communication of our Grand Lodge to Pittsburgh. For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a Quarterly Communication will be held away from the City of Philadelphia.

It is urged that every Mason take careful note of what is said here. Especially, we call the attention of all Masons in the Pennsylvania area and southwestern Pennsylvania to note well the program hereinafter discussed. If you can plan to be present at some or all of the various activities we feel quite certain that you will be well rewarded.

On the evening of September 1, 1959, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., in the Masonic Temple located at Fifth, Lytton and Tennyson Avenue, a most prominent citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be made a Mason At Sight. He will receive his Degrees in Verona Lodge No. 548, which on that evening will meet in the Masonic Temple. We are certain that you will desire to be present and be a part of the events of the evening.

At 9:30 o'clock, A.M., on September 2, 1959, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in Syria Mosque. As a part of the September Quarterly Communication the Oration will be delivered by the Honorable Brother Clyde S. Shumaker, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute will hold its Tenth Annual Dinner on the evening of September 3, 1959 at the Masonic Temple. The Master Mason and all of the Judges of all of the Courts in Allegheny County to be present.

Following the conclusion of the Memorial Plaque luncheon will be served to all Masons present, in the Dining Room of the Masonic Temple and also in the Dining Room of Syria Mosque located nearby. At the conclusion of the luncheon a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in Syria Mosque at which time many distinguished Masons from all over the United States and Canada will be received and introduced by the Grand Master. At the conclusion of this Special Communication Dinner will be served to all Masons present, in the Dining Room of Syria Mosque and the Masonic Temple.

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A Message from Our Grand Master

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The Masonic Temple of The Masonic Homes and the Recreation Building were dedicated last year, while the electrical wiring and facilities in Grand Lodge Hall and many of the Grand Homes are now being completed.

It has been an extremely busy and most interesting period in the history of The Masonic Homes, with new developments being experienced almost daily. The tranquility, happiness, happiness, and hope that typify the Grand Homes are the result of the many good deeds of Brother Arthur Myers, who has served as Superintendent of The Masonic Homes for 18 years.

It is hoped that he and his gracious lady will continue to enjoy life for many more years to come.

Patmos Lodge, No. 348 Dedicates New Masonic Temple

The members of Patmos Lodge No. 348, who have been proud of their newly constructed Masonic Temple, located at 855 Broadway on an ample plot near the outskirts of Hanover, this one-story and basement structure will provide a comfortable home for the Masonic body of Brothers who have been active in the affairs of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Homes.

The building has an exterior width of 42 feet and a depth of 123 feet. The first floor is 40 feet by 70 feet with a pedestrian entrance of 120. Also on the site is a spacious library, office, rest room and storage space.

The building is 30 feet by 30 feet in the basement and is equipped with modern kitchen facilities. All utilities are also available to the Masonic Lodge.

The property provides off-street parking for 50 cars.

The Masonic Masonic Corporation is headed by Brother John P. Wilda, President, while the Building Committee includes Brothers Luke W. Bohlmann, Chairman: I. Walter Bohringer and Raymond C. Markle. Brothers Paul C. Penninger, District Deputy Grand Master, and Claude O. Meckley, the latter a Past Master of this Lodge and a Past District Deputy, were enthusiastic supporters of this project.

The dedicating ceremonies were held on March 15, 1958, while the cornerstone was laid on September 28, 1958. The Temple was dedicated on January 25, 1959, while the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Sanford M. Chilcott, and a corps of Grand Lodge Officers dedicated the Lodge Room to Free and Accepted Masons as a Special Commemoration of Grand Lodge at February 14, 1959.

In addition to Patmos Lodge No. 348, Hanover Lodge No. 61, No. 63, No. 313, Penn Lodge No. 67, Bethel Commandery No. 98 with its Auxiliary and a Chapter of DeMolay will meet in this Temple.

DO YOU DESIRE A BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION?

Brother Sanford M. Chilcott, Right Worshipful Grand Master, has authorized the casting of a special 3-inch solid bronze Medallion, commemorating the Masonic Fraternity through the ages.

These Medallions are available for $1.00 each. Orders may be placed with the Grand Lodge in the person of Brother John P. Wilda, Grand Master.

The Medallions are available in the following designs:

1. Grand Lodge Library
2. Grand Lodge Library
3. Grand Lodge Library
4. Grand Lodge Library
5. Grand Lodge Library
6. American Philosophical Library
7. University of Pennsylvania Library
8. Historical Society of Pennsylvania
9. Grand Lodge Library
10. Grand Lodge Library
11. Grand Lodge Library
12. Yale University Library
13. Academy of Natural History
15. Library of Congress
16. Wallace Library

Orders will be taken until July 1, 1976.

THE FIRST AMERICAN MASONIC BOOK

By Harold V. B. Voorhis

The Pennsylvania Gazette, published by Benjamin Franklin, contained an advertisement for the sale of a Masonic book in 1734, which reads in part: "The first annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Valley of Pittsburg, W.E.Y.

Our Circulating Library Available to All Pennsylvania Freemasons

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A. 1959-18 loans for $5,000
B. 1958-25 loans for $5,000
C. 1957-30 loans for $5,000
D. 1956-20 loans for $5,000
E. 1955-5 loans for $5,000

New Pamphlets Now Available to Membership

The eight pamphlets recently published by the Committee on Masonic Culture are now available to all members of the Association. These interesting pamphlets include important phases of Freemasonry not covered by the printed and will be instructive to members as well as initiates.

Their titles are:

1. Masonic Through the Ages
2. The Old Charges
3. Operatic Art in a Speculative Science
4. Symbols—Part I
5. Symbols—Part II
6. Legends of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
7. God and His Creation
8. The Committee on Masonic Culture

These pamphlets can be purchased at $1.00 by writing to:


Cordially,
Sanford M. Chilcott, R. W. Grand Master

Alexander E. Myers

After Decade of Excellent Administration at The Homes

After more than a decade of highly efficient, cooperative service, Brother Arthur E. Myers has resigned as Superintendent of The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, effective December 31, 1949.

Shortly after the sudden death of an active and well-known competitor, Edward C. Auch, Brother Myers, who had been engaged in institutional management for 18 years in Dauphin County, was considered for this important post. After several conferences, Brother Myers was officially appointed as the new Superintendent on December 1, 1949, effective January 1, 1950. Brother Myers served in Superintendent of the Grand Lodge for the most active periods in the history of The Masonic Homes. At the end of 1948, there were 595 Guerns, including 55 children, in The Homes, and the number of Guerns in the Pennsylvania Freemasons Masonic Healthcare, which year-round was 69 Guerns in The Homes, of which 279 were in the Hospital and 87 in the Allegheny County Rest Home.

During the same period, The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown increased its largest building program. In 1951 the New Mennon Memorial Home was dedicated. A year later the swimming pool was completed, and then the kitchen in Grand Lodge Hall was completely rebuilt and new equipment installed. In 1954 a walk-in walk-in with an ability of 3,500,000 gallons was completed in 1956. The large addition to the Pennsylvania Masonic Memorial Hospital, and the alterations to the existing building were completed the following year.

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Pennsylvania Host to Fourth Annual Northeastern Conference on Masonic Libraries and Education

The Fourth Annual Northeastern Conference on Masonic Libraries and Education will be held in the Benjamin Franklin Masonic Temple at Scranton, Pennsylvania, beginning on Monday, May 17th. The conference will begin with the opening session on Monday evening and conclude on Friday, May 21st.

Please note that the conference is open to all attendees, and there is no charge for registration. However, a charge of $20 per person will be assessed for the hotel accommodations.

The theme of the conference is "Masonic Libraries in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities." The focus will be on the role of Masonic libraries in today's world and how they can adapt to meet the needs of their members.

The conference will feature a variety of speakers and panel discussions, including topics such as "The Future of Masonic Libraries," "Masonic Libraries and the Internet," and "Masonic Libraries and the Young Adult.

In addition to the conference, there will be a special exhibit of Masonic artifacts and memorabilia. The exhibit will be open to the public from May 17th to May 21st.

For more information, please contact the conference coordinator, [insert contact information].