A Day in the Masonic Homes

The following account was prepared by Mrs. Eliza Logue, Guest Chairman of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania for the October 22, 1931, annual meeting. It was published in the Masonic Homes, Volume VI, Number 2, page 2.

The Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, also many other Masons and members of the Lodges make an annual visit to the Masonic Homes, the last few years only about half of those three visits fees were collected and consequently the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was not living up to the verbal obligations which had been made by the Association.

For the year ending February 10, 1959, we are glad to report to you that the contributions and initiate fees for that year amounted to $7,179.75 as compared to only $5,504 in the previous year. This amount, which was increased by approximately the amount of $25,793.75 to this most worthy project, the Grand Master was very pleased with his appeal and to thank all the Brothers who have been so helpful in this matter.

However, this does not solve the problem at the Memorial for it has long been the aim of the Masonic Association to have an Endowment Fund which would provide sufficient revenue to operate the Memorial in a proper fashion. Up to this time Endowment fund has been accumulated to only amounts to $880,000 as compared to $17,793.75 as only $1,000 in the previous year. This amount, which was increased by approximately the amount of $880,000 as compared to $17,793.75.

When the Temple is opened in all its parts and on a daily schedule, the operating costs of this institution are approximately $125,000 per year and in a short time on full operations, would probably increase to $150,000.00 per year.

It has also been the practice of the Masonic Association to always have the cash on hand to meet such expenses and they have therefore established the Endowment Fund open in the same manner but hopefully the appeals in recent years have been sufficiently strong to bring this about.

Therefore, Grand Master Chouteau in a most inspiring address at the meeting of the Masonic Association advocated that in order for the Association to have sufficient operating funds for the first year that all the Lodges throughout the country make a donation of $10.00 each, to help finance the establishment of the Grand Lodge National Masonic Memorial to be opened in all its parts and on a regular schedule.

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Philadelphia Freemasons

Cited in Grand Lodge For Hospital Extension

Ten years ago a group of Masons who were members of Lodges in the City of Philadelphia attended a meeting at the Literary and Historical Society of the University of Pennsylvania. It was decided that there would be a need for a hospital fund to aid the sick and needy Masons.

The idea of forming a hospital fund was presented to the Grand Lodge of the City of Philadelphia and a hospital fund was started.

In 1935, the Philadelphia Lodge No. 458 was started and named in honor of the late George F. Birt, Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Lodge No. 458 is the oldest Lodge in the City of Philadelphia and is one of the largest Masonic Lodges in the United States.

The Lodge meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 511 North 13th Street, Philadelphia.

The Lodge is open to all members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Lodge is under the direction of W. B. Robert W. Frey, Grand Master, and his officers.

The Lodge is located in the heart of Philadelphia and is easily accessible by public transportation.

The Lodge is committed to providing compassionate care to its members and their families.

The Lodge is also committed to supporting the local community by providing scholarships and grants to deserving students.

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From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Our MARCH COMMUNICATIONS

The March Quarterly Communication was unusually busy and culminated two active days in which many meetings were held. Lodges were represented at the Quarterly.

The programs of the various lodges were exemplified under the direction of Brother Andrew J. Schroeder, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, before the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Andrew J. Schröder, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, presented a report on the annual meeting of the George W. Fox Chapel Masonic National Memorial Association which is covered in his article on this subject elsewhere in this issue.

Brother Max F. Balcom, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, also has an article on this issue on the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, which he discussed at the Quarterly.

The Membership statistics report for 1958 is as follows:

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The above number of initiates is the smallest since 1945, while the number suspended is the largest since 1942. The net gain is the lowest in recent history.

The proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge Charter of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have been submitted to the members of each Lodge according to the Constitution, and referring to the frequency of meetings of the Almquists were also approved by Grand Lodge.

The program would try to meet for the first quarter of the present fiscal year. In March, Brother Benjamin S. Burhoh, Past Grand Master of Texas, Brother Carl L. Austin, was selected to receive and addressed Grand Lodge briefly but eloquently. The interesting and fruitful Quarterly communication closed at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully,

ALBERT G. PATE, R. W. Grand Secretary

Fourth Session of The Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

When Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, on February 19, 1959, presented the Second Session of the 113th Annual Grand Assembly, he spoke briefly and eloquently about the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute.

The session was devoted to the discussion of various topics related to the Institute, including the administration of juvenile justice, the role of the Masonic Temple in the community, and the importance of youth programs within the Lodge.

Ninth Session of The Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

When Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, R. W. Grand Master, on February 20, 1959, presented the Third Session of the 113th Annual Grand Assembly, he spoke briefly and eloquently about the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute.

The session was devoted to the discussion of various topics related to the Institute, including the administration of juvenile justice, the role of the Masonic Temple in the community, and the importance of youth programs within the Lodge.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master Addresses Louisiana Lodge Over Coaxial Cable

An unusual event occurred February 19, 1959, when Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, re- ceived a radio message from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, and that your Lodge has been honored by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in this Leon S. A. Shearman carries the name of your Grand Lodge of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, a member of your Lodge. I am also informed that Opelousa Lodge No. 150 is the third oldest Lodge in the State outside of Baton Rouge by the name of your Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

I am pleased to inform you that on the occasion of the ninety-seventh anniversary of your Lodge, on February 14, 1959, you receive the message of congratulation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, and that your Lodge has been honored by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

On May 14, 1949, the following Lodges were constituted:

William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758

Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 759

Amelia Rose Lodge No. 760

Then on October 9, 1949, the following were constituted:

Bethel Lodge No. 761

Brotherhood Lodge No. 762

A total of nine Lodges were constituted during that year. It is interesting to note that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on December 14, 1959, was sponsored by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, then District Deputy Grand Master.

Last February 26th, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers constituted three Lodges in the Masonic Temple in Pittsburgh. At 9:30 A.M., Accord Lodge No. 785 was constituted with 50 Warrant Members. This Lodge, which meets in McKeesport, is sponsored by Brother J. Allen M. Duane, Deputy Grand Master, 6th District.

At 2:30 P.M., Fox Dupont Lodge No. 784 was constituted with 116 Warrant Members. Brother John W. Rawson, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th District, sponsored this Lodge which meets at Sharpsburg.

Another Lodge, Western Reserve Lodge No. 786, was constituted with 120 Warrant Members. This Lodge, which meets in Monessen, was sponsored by Brother B. H. F. Young, District Deputy Grand Master, 9th District.

Brother Benjamin S. Burhoh, District Deputy Grand Master, 2nd District, was Chairman of the Committee which arranged all the multitudinous details required in connection with this very busy day, which had been in the past. As can be expected, the day was concluded by Brother Ben and his capable co-workers.

Grand Council Royalty in Annual Grand Assembly

The "best attended Grand Assembly in years" is the manner in which the 113th Annual Grand Assembly of Pennsylvania Masons and Select Masters at King of Prussia on April 26, 27 and 28, has been reported.

Our Report of Proceedings on Sunday; the Council of Anointed Kings meeting on Monday; and the Grand Council of Select Masters meeting on Tuesday, has brought the Grand Assembly to a close.

The Officers elected were: P. M. Grand Master, Jacob E. Guhl; P. D. Deputy Grand Master, Reginald E. Woodward; R. P. Grand Principal Conductor of the work, Elmer Eggert; R. P. Past Master, John B. collar; and R. P. Master of the Royal Ark, P. G. M.; R. P. Grand Masters, Lawrence L. Hopkins, Ralph O. Symons, and Perry LaRue and James D. Smith were elected.

The Eleventh Grand Assembly will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania on April 12, 1960.