In an effort to provide specific and detailed information and to answer questions about the use of the Masonic Temple in past years ("Freemasonry through the Ages," et al.) in instructing pre-initiates and newly-initiated Masons with regard to the fundamentals of Freemasonry, a series of Institutes is being held at various locations throughout the State. As a result, a number of Districts participate in each Institute, and the Officers of Lodges in those Districts will work with the members of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture have been asked to be present. The response has been gratifying and thus far (October 22) the average attendance has been more than 200.

The majority of the Institutes are being held on Saturday afternoons, although in a few instances, because of local conditions, evening meetings have been deemed more suitable. Likewise, in four cases some day other than Saturday has been selected. The Institutes are being conducted by Brother William E. Yeager, P.F.M., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, assisted by Brother William E. Montgomery, Secretary of the Committee, both of whom have been greatly pleased with the interest being shown in this important subject.

Arrangements have been made for 13 Institutes including 9 of the 68 Districts in the State as indicated in the following schedule:

May 2-Johnstown
Districts 10-39-41
June 1-Erie
District 24
Aug. 29-New Castle
Districts 26-27-53-54
Sept. 4-Uniontown
Districts 29-31-43
Sept. 5-Altoona
Districts 20-21-34
Nov. 12-Scranton
Districts 23-25-52-56
Oct. 10-Harrisburg
District 2-3-4-19
Oct. 24-Philadelphia
Districts A to J inclusive,
plus 6-7-36-49
Oct. 27-Cooperstown
Districts 12-17-24-34
Oct. 31-Sudbury
Districts 18-35-46-58
Nov. 4-Scranton
Districts 12-13-14-15-16-45
Nov. 21-Lancaster
Districts 1-4-52
Dec. 23-Allentown
Districts 7-9-11-30

In the hope that in the near future a date can be fixed for an Institute covering the remaining nine Districts.

Masonic Culture Institutes
Have Proven Most Popular

The source of the power of Freemasonry is to be found in the individual Lodge. The Blue Lodge ignites the spark that sets the flame of Freemasonry aglow. It is the duty of every Mason to keep this light burning. Our attention should be focused more enthusiastically on the continued propagation of Freemasonry.

Evaluation of this principle at this time is most important. There is a pronounced tendency today toward urbanization, and Parks and freeways make it possible for people to live more happily in areas somewhat removed from the location of their work. Travel by automobile or other method of transportation has been made available to accomplish this purpose. In the new areas to which they have removed we find the most modern of churches, schools and homes developing. Interest is revived in new community activities in new and pleasant surroundings.

In all of these new communities there are Masons who can not easily attend their Lodges. The reasons for their inability to attend their Lodges are many. Some of these may be Masons, members of Lodges in other jurisdictions than Pennsylvania. Others who are members of Pennsylvania Lodges may be unable to attend due to the distance and time involved. The solution of this problem is to take Freemasonry to the new community. The Lodge should be encouraged to establish a new Lodge in a new community. By doing so the Light of Freemasonry will become a part of the life and vitality of the community.

Another factor to be considered is the impact of urbanization on city Lodges. The removal of members of city Lodges to urban areas has its effect on the city Lodge. An increasingly difficult problem today is the retention of membership in city Lodges. Not only is this problem becoming more acute by reason of the urbanization trend but it is also critical for numerous other reasons. Parking facilities may be most difficult. Whether to go home and return to the Lodge Meeting later in the evening or to remain in town, attend Lodge and then go home is a problem to many Masons.

It is thus observed that urbanization is a most important factor to be evaluated. Its effect on Freemasonry must be carefully studied and the necessary steps taken toward solution. It is most essential to take the New Lodge to the new community.

I know of several such communities which have grown in size to the point where several or more Lodges could be supported right now. A possible solution to the city problem would be that Scottish Rite Masonry and York Rite Masonry, which draw their membership from the individual Lodges in their respective areas, in contemplating future construction, so design and locate their Temples that accommodations may also be provided for an adequate number of Lodges to meet the city demand.

We all recognize that modern design and architecture has changed our entire mode of living. Two- and three-story houses are becoming outdated. By the same token Lodge Meetings held in the third floor of buildings lacking elevators work hardships on many members. Attendances and enthusiasm are discouraged despite heroic efforts of officers. Many Lodges are financially able to re-locate in the community and re-locate to a more attractive Lodge home. In new areas with the help of modern architecture most attractive multiple purpose buildings can be erected and become a center of community activities. In such buildings a suitable and attractive Lodge room can be located which is easily accessible to the members.

There are several suggestions which could be made to solve these problems.

Successful and abundant living results from intelligent cooperation of the local and state bodies and the national Lodge environment. The potential of Freemasonry can be advanced and made more effective by facing these problems of changing conditions. They must be faced as they lie in the pathway of growth and expansion. New Lodges in newly developed areas are essential. New Lodges in other areas where No Lodge exists are also essential. Both have been successfully faced. The potential of the Lodge is complex and difficult but can be solved. Perhaps a closer relationship between the Grand Lodge, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrine, with a serious effort to solve the problem in the large city areas, will lead to proper solutions. Every Mason in Pennsylvania should be alert to the task of creating new Masonic Light and Life in every community in Pennsylvania. To do so will enable us to perpetuate Freemasonry and it will grow far beyond our expectations.

Cordially and Fraternally,

Sanford M. Chilcott, R.W. Grand Master
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Did You Remember Our Guests at the Homes?

While most of us are fortunate to be able to enjoy the Christmas Season with our loved ones, your contributions to the Christmas Entertainment and Recreation Fund have once again brought a happy occasion to our aged Guests and orphan children at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the young men at the Phoenixville Masonic Rehabilitation Institution. Nothing is left undone to bring happiness and pleasure to all from the first day of the season, to the approximately 750 Guests at Elizabethtown.

Your generosity has not only made this possible but also affords entertainment and recreation throughout the entire year. Not only our Guests but all Masonry in this great Jurisdiction joins in a hearty and sincere "Thank You" to all who contribute to this most worthy cause which brings a lasting and abiding happiness to our friends at Elizabethtown.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

By MAX F. BALCOM

In the May issue of THE FREE MASON there was an article covering the Tenth Session of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial as held at Alexandria, Virginia on February 23, 1978. This article especially outlined the recommendation of Grand Master Chilcote to raise funds for the Endowment Fund of the Memorial.

At the present time the Memorial is about four years behind the cost of approximately $6,500,000. There is still to be completed a portion of the grounds. One of the grants which will probably cost about $500,000.

However, in order that the Memorial may be self-supporting, we still have ahead of us the necessity of raising an endowment fund of $5,000,000. The present fund is only about $850,000, which makes it necessary to raise $4,150,000 more. The income from such a fund would provide the necessary income of $510,000 per year needed to pay the operating and maintenance costs of the Memorial.

Grand Master Chilcote has sent a letter to all of our Pennsylvania Members and suggested that:

1. Each newly made Mason during the present Masonic year voluntarily contribute the amount of $1.00, which has been established custom for many years.
2. Each member of the Lodge consider contributing in addition to what he has already given.
3. The Lodge itself consider the possibility of making a special gift, the amount of

Tenth Session of Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute

At the request of the State Department six representatives from Korea and one from China (Macao) were added to the group of twenty Judges from the United States and Alaska. These Judges met for the Tenth Session of the Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute in Philadelphia, August 8 to 10.

When the Tenth Session was finished, 216 Judges, from courts handling wayward and neglected children, attended the Masonic Juvenile Institute's five-day practical and clinical experience in handling troubled children in conflict with the law.

The program, which was patterned after that of the preceding sessions, gave the Judges an opportunity for a free and full exchange of ideas and experiences; to associate with the distinguished Judges who lectured and discussed; and, in group of five, to attend Court Sessions conducted by Judge Schramm. The Session closed with a most worthwhile and thought-provoking address on the treatment of children by Brothers and Doctor Thomas S. Roy, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the presentation of the Certificates to the Fellows by Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Judge Walter Scott Grausell writes in "Somebody's Boy":

"This was the Pennsylvania Masonic Institute for Juvenile Court Judges meant to the Judges, the Juvenile Courts and the deprived children of Pennsylvania.

"It seems appropriate, with the death of our dedicated and dynamic Leader, Judge Schramm, that we observe the passing of a Masonic Judge.

"Only the Calculus of God can furnish the real answer because it is a human thing to want to make impossible happen. It is a thing of the heart.

"If a Judge had no sympathy for children who never had a juvenile role, he has personally listened to the problems of more than 350,000 youngsters in nearly 26 years on the bench.

"Less than 48 hours before his death, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote had concluded the Tenth Session of the Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute. He was a Mason of the highest order and the memory of his life will live in the minds of those who have been blessed by his presence and his teaching.

"And so the last line of his obituary will be the first for his many accomplishments.

"We cannot count the number of judges who have been exposed to the work of the Pennsylvania Masonic Institute and the other Institutes that he directed.

"Indeed the sentiment is that he had a powerful influence; and the fact that these other Institutes grew out of and were ingrafted by the Masonic Masonic Judges Institutes.

"There are other things, that the judges involved in DTD test this theory that even though the Masonic Judges Institutes have been continued to greater derivation in the service of society, their children who have been in the Juvenile Courts of our Land.

For what it is worth here is the score:

Judges reached through Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute, in ten sessions

**216**

Judges reached through the Blue Ridge Institute

**74**

Judges reached through the Tenth Session, Pennsylvania Masonic Juvenile Court Institute, in Pittsburgh, August 8 to 10

**216**

Judges reached through Metropolitan Institute, in ten sessions

**50**

Judges reached through Masonic Juvenile Court Institute, in one session

**14**

TOTAL **304**

These 304 judges are over 10 per cent of the 3,000 judges in America who handle cases of wayward or neglected children.

A conservative estimate is that they have dealt with at least 10 per cent of the children handled in such courts, or 150,000 children during the past 26 years.

Your editor knows of other regional meetings of various kinds, and new State Associations of Judges that do good work as partial, at least, to the Mother Institution and her children.

What a tremendous impetus the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania gave the Masonic Juvenile Institute to provide better courts and better judges and better treatment through the peaceful little army of wayward and neglected children in America!
From Our Grand Secretary’s Office

**SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION HELD AT PITTSBURGH**

The great City of Pittsburgh is celebrating its Bicentennial this year to mark two centuries of growth and progress of this industrial center and cultural capital in the western part of our country. The celebration is…

**2,000 Attend Quarterly Communication**

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Syria Mosque in Ample Form at 7:30 P.M. Close to 2,000 were in attendance, which is one of the largest gatherings of Masons ever to be present at a Quarterly Communication.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was read giving some items of current news. Among them was the news concerning the announcement of the commencement of the extension to the United States Capitol. A copy of the Grand Secretary’s report of this event is given elsewhere in this issue.

A communication was also read relating to Masonic Lodges in the City of Pittsburgh, which the R. W. Grand Master had authorized to be in formation and the place of meeting was quickly transferred to the near-by Mosque with its seating capacity of over 3,000.

**Masonic at Sight**

The R. W. Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge officers, including all but one of the Lodge officers, joined in this Masonic sightseeing trip. The Masonic at Sight program took them to the near-by Mosque, with its seating capacity of over 3,000, which the R. W. Grand Master had authorized to be in formation and the place of meeting was quickly transferred to the near-by Mosque with its seating capacity of over 3,000.

Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph Features Pennsylvania Freemasonry

All the subscribers to the Pennsylvania Freemasonry were mailed a copy of the August 23rd issue of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telgraph, whose Pictorial Living Section, devoted mostly to Masonic news, was included in a large number of Masonic informative articles in the news section, was also extremely popular. In order that as many as possible of the Masonic at Sight program who would have liked to have the Sun-Telgraph for the preceeding questions and which the readers that were also available in our Library, Every Lodge in North America, as well as many Masonic bodies were also forwarded a copy.

Special Communication at Pittsburgh

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at 11:30 A.M. in Syria Mosque, which time our Distincted Guests were formally received. The Grand Lodges represented included Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Louisiana, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, West Virginia, Oregon, Canada, England and the Canal Zone. The Masonic at Sight program took them to the near-by Mosque, with its seating capacity of over 3,000, which the R. W. Grand Master had authorized to be in formation and the place of meeting was quickly transferred to the near-by Mosque with its seating capacity of over 3,000.

**Judgment Shumaker Addresses Grand Lodge**

The R. W. Master Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of Masonic Faith. He spoke of the Church of Christ at Alexandria, Egypt, and the Masonic Temple of Sion at Cairo, Egypt, and the Masonic Temple of the United States, Washington, D.C. He gave an account of the present day Masonic Lodge and the importance of Masonic Faith.

**Lighthouse of Freemasonry**

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**Restoration of Suspended Members Encouraged**

An unusually large number of our Members were put on suspension by Brother Carl R. Crockett of Oklahoma, Nebraska. The other officers included: Brothers George W. Rogers, Sr., first Past Grand Master of Colorado; Rev. Charles L. Smith, Kentucky; E. G. Sargent, Jr., second vice president, Boston, Massachusetts; Lewis E. Smith, treasurer, Lin­coln, Nebraska; E. R. Williams, Assistant Grand re­ serve secretary, Buffalo, New York.

**Huge Bronze Plaque Honors Devoted Masons at Pittsburgh**

While the lighthouse beamed from the stage of Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Brother Sanford M. Chilcote pointed out the huge bronze plaque which was displayed in building the United States and par­ ticularly the Masonic Temple.

Brother Sanford M. Chilcote, Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, was succeeded as president and chairman of the Masonic Temple by Brother Carl R. Crockett of Omaha, Nebraska. The other officers included: Brothers George W. Rogers, Sr., first Past Grand Master of Colorado; Rev. Charles L. Smith, Kentucky; E. G. Sargent, Jr., second vice president, Boston, Massachusetts; Lewis E. Smith, treasurer, Lincoln, Nebraska; E. R. Williams, Assistant Grand re­ serve secretary, Buffalo, New York.

**Huge Bronze Plaque Honors Devoted Masons at Pittsburgh**

The dedication ceremony was one of the highlights of the Grand Lodge's Pittsburgh Meeting, and will continue to be one of the wonders of this community until the time of its rise from a prayer that life that lies in the radius of its light, and guide the destiny of this city and province in safety and security with the passing of time.

He ended his talk with the following original verse.

**Brother Yeager’s"**

"Behold the light thou by the shore—
So silent o’er the ocean’s rise—
So steady as it’s standing there
Through storm and sun and snow and sleet.

The spirit of life, the surf beside
Reflecting here Thy Light Divine.

"AsHBY R. P. M."

**William E. Yeager, P. G. M.**

**Complete Term with Masonic Relief Association**

Brother William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, has recently completed his complete term with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Brother Yeager was preceded in the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on September 3, 1959, to depict Masonic Light.