Grand Lodge Has Plans for Four Basic Masonic Lodge Hall Buildings

Grand Lodge has commissioned an architect to design four basic Masonic Lodge buildings as a service to subordinate Lodges. The plans and specifications will be minimum requirements for Lodge buildings in this Jurisdiction. The size of the structures will vary to meet the needs of Lodge membership. They will be designed as economical buildings.

Three basic exterior treatments will be presented—Colonial, modern and suburban. Three of the designs will be one-floor structures, without basement. The fourth design will have the social room in the basement.

Plan one will have 72 permanent seats, plan two, 107 seats, plan three, 155 seats, and plan four, 107 seats. Each plan can be erected with the exterior treatment selected. In all plans, ample space has been provided for Lodge work, normal social functions, kitchen facilities, washrooms, storage, heat and air-conditioning, and tool storage.

Plans Are to Guide

The plans are to serve as a guide. They can be altered, modified or changed to meet a specific need. However, all changes must have the approval of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

It is hoped that all four plans will be available by September. Lodges interested in obtaining the plans should contact the Grand Master’s Office.

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Each Lodge Secretary has been supplied with a quantity of special forms for reporting quarterly to the Committee on Masonic Culture information needed to maintain an accurate and current mailing list of the more than 258,000 Pennsylvania Masons.

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Architecture ‘Speaks’ in the Language of Freemasonry

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia—the ‘home’ of Grand Lodge—one of the outstanding Masonic temples in the world.

It is one of the most prominent structures in Philadelphia and is located at Broad and Filbert Streets, facing the Parkway, adjacent to City Hall Plaza.

From the pavement to the turreted towers, and all through its halls, the Temple “speaks” in the language of Masonic architecture. One rarely sees so many interesting interiors brought together in one building. The designs in Lodge Rooms are suggested from Egyptian, German, French, Italian, Scottish and English masters.

The site for the Masonic Temple (Continued on Page 3)
**Visit Your Guests**

Masonic Lodges can now arrange for a special dinner in the spacious dining room of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In the past, Lodges visiting the Homes either had to obtain their own caterer to serve in the dining room beneath the Masonic Temple or arrange for food service off the Homes' ground. Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, said he hopes the new arrangement will encourage more Lodges to plan visits to the Homes, I feel sure the pride and affection attached to the Masonic Homes will assure you that none of the guests will find fault with the arrangements made.

In addition, the Committee on Masonic Homes has eliminated the contribution payment requested when holding a Special or Extra Meeting in the Masonic Lodge Room at the Homes.

This also was arranged in an effort to encourage more Lodges to plan regular visits to the Masonic Homes.

Ladies Invited, Too

Bro. McKinley also invited ladies to accompany their husbands when visiting the Homes.

He pointed out: "While the Brethren are at their Lodge meeting, the ladies could tour the grounds, visit with the guests or attend a special movie in the Delke Auditorium, which Lodges can arrange.

Before Masonic Lodges can arrange for a dinner at the Homes, a guarantee of at least 40 must be made. In addition, there are two menus to select from. They are:

- Fried chicken, with all the trimmings, $3.25 a person.
- Prime rib of beef, with all the trimmings, $3.75 a person.

Although the price of the meals is below the price of similar dinners away from the Homes, it is adequate to include all the food and service costs." Bro. McKinley said there is no intention to make a profit, but added: "I can assure you that none of the Homes' money will be used to provide dinners for the Brethren from Masonic Lodges."

Can Arrange Movies

Masonic Lodges can also arrange for a movie in the Delke Auditorium for $75.00. This fee covers the cost of a first run movie, operator, and a few dollars for extra custodial care.

In addition to entertaining wives, the Lodge can host to the guests at the Masonic Homes in the modern, air-conditioned theater. Complete arrangements for Lodges to visit the Homes must be made well in advance with Bro. Paul Shank, Superintendent of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

If the Lodge plans to hold a Special or Extra meeting, the Grand Master's Office must be notified after the date has been secured from Bro. Shank. It is necessary to notify the Grand Master's Office, giving the date, hour and purpose of the meeting, to obtain a Dispensation to hold the meeting at Elizabethtown.

Bro. McKinley said every effort possible is being made to encourage more Masonic Lodges to arrange pilgrimages to the Homes. He pointed out: "If every Mason in this Jurisdiction visited the Homes, I feel sure the pride of participation in such a charitable operation would be reflected in a greater collection for the Christmas, Recreation and Entertainment Fund."

**Pictureque Hallways**

Along the inner steps of the Temple are two large bronze sphinxes, "commanding" the Grand Staircase which leads to Corinthian Hall, the meeting place of Grand Lodge.

A beautiful stained glass window, depicting "Holy Ground," overlooks the Grand Staircase.

20-foot wide foyer sweeps from the front entrance on Broad Street to the huge bronze doors of the Grand Lodge Museum. Doric architecture is exemplified throughout the foyer. The floors are black and white marble with ornate borders.

The first floor foyer is decorated with oil paintings of Past Grand Masters.

Building Facilities

The first floor contains Grand Lodge Library and Museum, offices of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, 600-capacity Grand Banquet Hall, and Oriental Hall.

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The height of the Southeast Tower, at Broad and Filbert Streets, is 250 feet. Elevations on Broad and Filbert Streets are perfect specimens of Norman architecture—bold and elaborate. The elevations on Juniper and Cuthbert Streets are beautiful and impressive, but plain, due to the narrow streets.

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**The Masonic Temple In Philadelphia Is 'Most Beautiful'**

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was purchased by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania on July 1, 1867. The plot, 147 by 254 feet, includes a complete block.

Bro. James H. Windrim, a member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, was the architect.

Cornerstone Ceremony

The cornerstone ceremony was held on Saint John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1868, by Bro. Richard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master.

The gavel used for the cornerstone ceremony was the one Bro. George Washington used to lay, with Masonic ceremony, the cornerstone of the Nation's Capitol at Washington, D. C., in 1793.

The Temple was dedicated on September 26, 1873, by Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, R. W. Grand Master.

Building Exterior

The exterior of the building on Broad and Filbert Streets is of Cape Ann Syenite, which takes its name from Syenite in Upper Egypt where it is quarried for monuments by the ancient Egyptians.

The Juniper and Cuthbert Streets entrances are for Fox Island granite from the coast of Maine. The portico on Broad Street is built of Quincy granite.

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**Historic Masonic Relic in Museum**

The Washington Apron

The Washington Apron is one of the thousands of Masonic rarities and historical items on display in the Museum of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

This unique Masonic Apron, hand embroidered by Madam Lafayette, was presented to Bro. George Washington by Bro. Lafayette in August 1784.

Bearing the national colors around the border, this Apron is adorned with many Masonic emblems and is a work of art with exceptional hand stitching in every minute detail.

Bro. Washington wore the Apron on September 18, 1793, when he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol, Washington, D. C.

After the death of Bro. Washington, this famous Masonic Apron was presented to the legislature of the Washington Benevolent Society. On July 3, 1829, the Apron was presented to the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania by the Washington Benevolent Society. In making this presentation, the Society stated: "The Legatees of Gen. Washington, impressed with the most profound sentiments of respect for the Institution which they adorn, and from whom they have the honor to address, beg leave to present to them the enclosed relic of the revered and lamented Father of their Country. We are persuaded that the Apron, which was once possessed by the man whom they are proud to call their own, and whom they consider to be the Father of his Country, will be received with the same feelings to which it owes its foundations. That this perishable memento of a hero whose fame is inviolate than Brass' may confer as much pleasure upon those to whom it is presented, as it has hitherto done, is the sincere wish of the Legatees---October 26, 1829."

**New District Deputy**

Bro. David R. Hoover, Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, was presented as District Deputy Grand Master for the 34th Masonic District at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in McConnellstown on May 12, vice Bro. Richard E. Shaffer, retired.

Bro. Hoover is a member of the McConnellstown Lutheran Parish.
A tragedy in the life of Bro. Thomas Ranken Patton was the incentive for the establishment of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa. The tragedy was the death of his son, Thomas Graham Patton, at the age of 8 in 1877.

The school was established as a memorial to the youngster.

Given Two Directives
In the will of Bro. Patton, who died in 1907, Grand Lodge was given two directives.

First, it was directed that ground must be obtained, buildings erected, and the school started by 1925.

Second, it was ordered that the sacred truths contained in the Holy Bible must be taught to all boys enrolled in the school.

One of the few Masonic Schools in the United States, Patton Masonic School is located on the south side of Bainbridge Road, opposite from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Eligibility

Patton School Founded for Orphans
The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa., is operated as a complete high school for orphans—boys who have lost one or both parents.

Sons of Master Masons have the first opportunity for admission. However, the will of Brother Patton, the founder of the school, stipulates that the Trustees can accept male orphans without Masonic connection to fill the school quota. Admission to the school is governed by the following:

• The boy must be an orphan—lost one or both parents.
• He must be of good character, and mentally and physically capable of taking part in the academic and trade courses.
• He must be between 14 and 18 and completed at least the eighth grade.
• He must have Masonic sponsorship.

The educational program at Patton Masonic School is parallel to that of the ninth through twelfth grades. It is fully accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction. Curriculum includes basic subjects required for admission to college in addition to trade courses.

Applications, or further information, can be obtained from the Superintendent of Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Education, room and board are provided free of charge.

Brother William J. Wallace, chairman of the Trustees, urged:

"We have a few vacancies for the September Class. This is your opportunity to help an orphan boy become the good citizen of tomorrow."

Eligibility

Football is one of the organized sports at Patton School.

Aerial view shows Patton Hall, left, Ranken Hall, center, and Memorial Hall to the right.

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Born in Ireland
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Later, he was one of three persons who founded The Union Trust Company in 1882, of which he was a director and an officer.

For 33 years Bro. Patton was the R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. He also held many other Masonic offices.

The Patton Masonic School, founded from a "portion" of his estate, was but one of his many charities.

Today, Patton Masonic School lives in the pattern Bro. Patton envisioned.

Varied Athletic Program
The program at the school is further rounded in that sportsmanship and fair play are taught through a varied program of athletics.

Masons in Pennsylvania have been assisting these youths through the Christmas, Recreation and Entertainment contributions.
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Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September 1951, now
famous Circulating Library of your
Grand Lodge was established, thus
creating a special service for Pennsylvania Masons. You can now bor-
row two Masonic books at a time, either by mail or in person, and keep
them for a period of three weeks free of charge, except for return postage, if needed.

We are pleased to report that the Circulating Library has, since that date,
enjoyed activity and growth providing reading pleasure and Masonic inspira-
tion to several thousand Pennsylvania Masons.

The unique Circulating Library is equipped with several copies of each
230 Masonic titles, all by outstanding authors. They include Masonic books on History, Biographies, Landmarks, Philosophy, Mysteries, Symbolism, York Rite, Scottish Rite Bodies, Military Lodges and many other categories.

The original supply of brochures,
elaborating on the Circulating Library, is now exhausted. A new brochure,
listing the general rules and regulations and the many different Masonic books available, is now being prepared for general distribution. Meanwhile, if you have not yet availed yourself of the Circulating Library and are anxious to borrow books, write for a Form of Application and a partial list of books available.

Send your requests to the Librarian,

The following informative booklet, pamphlets, brochure and albums are available for purchase and may be ordered in single copies or in quantity:

A most popular Question and Answers Pamphlet is also available for free at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Employment Bureau
Supplying Service to Masonic Families

Employers—and those in need of employment—are urged to take full advantage of the Masonic Employment Bureau in Pittsburgh and Phila-
delphia.

Masons—their mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sons—are eligible
for registration. There is no fee.

The Pittsburgh Bureau is located
in the Empire Building, Liberty Avenue and Stanwix Street. The Philadelphia Bureau is in Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Sts.

Grand Lodge Committee on Em-
ployment Bureau reported:

"Reports from employers show that applicants which we have placed with them are employees of a superior type.

"This reputation is greatly increas-
ing the list of employers who patronize
the bureau offices and regularly give us opportunities to place eligible regis-
trants.

"There is no fee charged to employers
seeking employees.

"The Committee pointed out that the service of the bureau is not restricted to employers and applicants in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas.

"Many of the applicants are willing
to move their residence to meet the needs of the employer.

"Both the Pittsburgh and Philadel-
phia Bureau said they could handle more applicants. The committee said:

"It will greatly enhance the work of the bureau if the list of qualified applicants is expanded so that we can serve a larger percentage of the
employers who come to us for help.

In the annual report of the Commit-
tee on Employment Bureau, it was stated:

"We believe we can say in all pro-
curity that the Employment Bureau offices are contributing to the prestige and standing of the fraternity so far as employers are concerned."

In 1961, the two offices of the Bureau found employment for 471 applicants. So far this year, the positions located and filled are in excess of those for the same period last year.

Employers can obtain further infor-
mation by contacting the Pittsburgh Office, Atlantic 1-8960, or Philadelphia, Locust 7-4370. The offices are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.