Work-Saving Methods Now Optional for Lodge Secretaries

The Grand Master has approved a plan to eliminate many outdated practices required of all Lodge Secretaries.

In making this announcement, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, said: "It is my desire to reduce as much as possible the amount of work now required to be done by Lodge Secretaries."

Visitors' Register
To accomplish his objective, the Grand Master first authorized the use of a permanent, bound Visitors' Register. The visitor will write his name, the number, name and location of his Lodge and the date.

In addition, each visitor will be required to fill out the visitor's ticket or slip and present it to the Tyler before being admitted into the Lodge Room.

If a Lodge desires to use a loose-leaf Visitors' Register, it must be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval prior to its use.

With the use of the Visitors' Register, the Secretary will not be required to write the names of visitors in the Minute Book.

Members' Attendance
A permanent card system for recording the attendance of Members is now authorized. This method consists of a separate 4" x 6" or 5" x 9" card for each member of the Lodge, arranged in alphabetical order in a suitable, portable file.

Each member will fill in the usual member's ticket or slip and present it to the Tyler prior to entering the Lodge Room. After the Lodge has been opened, the Tyler can arrange the members' tickets or slips in alphabetical order, and then stamp, or write in ink, the date of the meeting on the cards of those members who are present.

The Lodge may select another officer than the Tyler to record the date. These cards must be retained as a permanent Lodge record.

The above methods eliminate the necessity of writing the names in the Minutes Book, but the old system can be continued if the Lodge desires.

The Secretary must continue to record the minutes in the separate number of Membership and Visitors present at each meeting.

New Minute Book
The Grand Master also authorized the use of a suitable, loose-leaf Minute Book for the Lodge which desire to have their Minutes typed rather than written.

The Minute Book must have a substantial, hard cover with flexible posts and a mechanical locking device which can be permanently locked when the Minute Book is filled.

Auditing Committee Reports
The Grand Master said it is only necessary to copy the Receipts and Expenditures from the Report of the Auditing Committee in the Minute Book, provided a copy of the complete Report for each year is filed in a hard-cover binder, with substantial metal posts, and returned as a permanent Lodge record.

For further details on this program to lighten the work load of Secretaries, contact the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 7a.

Schedule of Tours For Masonic Temple
Guided tours are conducted through the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on weekdays at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. On Saturdays there are tours at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Temple is closed during the months of July and August.

The Colonial designed Masonic Hall has 100 permanent seats in Lodge Rooms.

Detailed Plans Available
Grand Lodge Suggests Four Basic Designs for New Lodge Halls

Grand Lodge has four complete plans for basic Masonic Lodge Buildings. The plans were developed in an effort to save money and to spur new construction.

The plans and designs are a result of studies made by the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

Lodges interested in obtaining further information on Masonic Halls as listed in The Pennsylvania Freemason can contact the office of the R.W. Grand Master, is chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, 7a.

In This Issue
This issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason is largely devoted to suggested plans for new Masonic Halls as presented by Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. For the first time, Lodges can now select suitable plans and determine the construction costs before entering into any contracts.
Two New Deputies and Chaplains Added

The Grand Master has appointed two new Grand Chaplains and two additional District Deputy Grand Masters.

There are now 15 Grand Chaplains in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Aaron B. Ilson, a member of Oddfellow Lodge, Pittsburgh, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, and Bro. Finches J. Chasin, a member of Suburban Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia, spiritual leader of Temple Sholom, are the new Chaplains.

Bro. Edward A. Hagen, of Lodge No. 343, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District, vice Bro. Andrew O. Friedrich. Bro. Paul Thomas Feemer, of Lodge No. 947, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 11th Masonic District.

Bro. Ilson, a Pittsburgh community leader, has been very active in mental health work and serves as Chaplain of the Psychiatric Institute of Pittsburgh. Bro. Chasin, also very active in community projects in the Pittsburgh area, served as a chaplain in the United States Air Force during World War II.

Ahiman Rezon Now Permits Transfer and Protects Standing

Grand Lodge approved a new system for transfer of membership within this Jurisdiction at the Quarterly Communication on December 5, 1962.

Under the new plan, a transfer is not required to actually resign his membership in the Lodge of which he was last a member, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Lodge.

A new Article XX of the Ahiman Rezon is as follows: "If a Member desires to change his membership from one Lodge to another within this Jurisdiction, he shall present a notice of his desire and a conditional resignation in writing to the Secretary of his Lodge, setting forth the reasons in which he desires to become a member and his resignation from his Lodge, conditioned on acceptance of the Lodge of his choice. If presented at a Stated Meeting it shall be read in open Lodge at that meeting, and, if presented between meetings, at the next Stated Meeting following, if his dues are paid, at least six months in advance, and there shall be issued to him, under seal of the Lodge, a Transfer Certificate, in form hereinafter specified." This Transfer Certificate shall be deposited with his Lodge in which he desires to join and shall be returned to his former Lodge. If presented after the expiration of six months from the date of issuance of the Transfer Certificate, the Petitioner has not been elected into membership in the petitioner's Lodge, the Transfer Certificate shall become null and void and the Petitioner shall remain a member of his original Lodge with no prejudice in his membership record because of the issuance of the Transfer Certificate.

A new Article XXI of the Ahiman Rezon is as follows: "If a Brother petitions for membership in another Lodge, he shall present a Transfer Certificate under the seal of the Lodge of which he last was a member, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing, and, except when a Transfer Certificate is submitted, that he is not a member of any Lodge." Those seeking further information on this new plan may contact the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Our Work 'Sublime From Its Simplicity'

Alfred G. Mackey, in his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, has said it is "a true and essential guide to the practice of Freemasonry. It is a struggle to read the word of a Past Master of Freemasonry, Brother Richard Voxx, as pertaining to the Ritualistic and Lodge Work of Lodges in Pennsylvania. Brother Voxx, who served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1869, speaks of the Masonic Work of his Jurisdiction in a way that is both practical and easy to understand, and he makes his points clear, even if not all of the comments are original.

The Pennsylvania Ritualistic and Lodge Work is a volume from its simplicity. That it is the Ancient Work is best shown conclusively, however, from the single fact, it is so simple, so true from those displays of modern inventions to avoid the attraction, without enlightening, improving or cultivating the mind. In this Work every symbol is a part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work of Lodges in Pennsylvania. Brother Voxx, who served as Grand Master in 1869, speaks of the Masonic Work of his Jurisdiction in a way that is both practical and easy to understand, and he makes his points clear, even if not all of the comments are original.

The Committee on Ahiman Rezon are as follows:

(a) To make an annual report to the Library of the Free Masonic Education Committee as stipulated in Article XXI, Section 33, of The Ahiman Rezon.

(b) To disseminate Masonic Culture through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means.

(c) To make an annual report to the Grand Lodge of the Quarterly Communication in December.

Stipulations for Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture

The duties of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture are as follows:

(a) To make an annual report to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, and, in addition, to the Ahiman Rezon.

(b) To disseminate Masonic Culture through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means.

(c) To make an annual report to the Grand Lodge of the Quarterly Communication in December.

Q & A Booklet Popular

The 36-page pocket size Questions and Answers booklet is still available for purchase. This booklet, containing 124 questions to answers frequently asked about Freemasonry, may be purchased in single copies or in quantity at ten cents each by writing to librarian and curator, Masonic Temple, Broad and Fisher Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.
The Traditional designed Masonic Hall has 100 permanent seats.

The Modified Colonial designed Masonic Hall has 72 permanent seats.

The Suburban designed Masonic Hall has 150 permanent seats.

The above is the rear view of the Traditional design.

The above is the rear view of the Modified Colonial design.

The above is the rear view of the Suburban design.

Scale Models Displayed at Grand Lodge

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mittee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. His committee will give Lodges all the assistance possible.

This committee also has copies of suggested charters and by-laws for a Masonic Hall Association. They also can be obtained by contacting the Grand Master's Office.

The four basic plans for new Lodge rooms include four contrasting elevations—Modified Colonial, Colonial, Suburban and Traditional. Any one of the four elevations can be adapted to any one of the four different size Lodge Halls.

In all cases, the Lodge Hall is designed as a minimum requirement. The size of the various structures varies to suit the needs of the Lodge membership.

Modified Colonial: Designed for Lodges with approximately 150 members. It is considered the smallest basic type desirable for the Masonic work to be performed properly. All facilities are on the main floor, with the Lodge Room seating 72 members in permanent seats. Included in the design are a secretary’s room, lounge, social room, kitchen, storage room and heater room. Estimated basic cost is $45,000 to $50,000.

Colonial: Designed for Lodges with approximately 200 to 350 members. The Lodge Room is designed to contain 100 permanent seats. It has the same general floor plan as the Modified Colonial unit except that all rooms are larger. The estimated cost is $65,000 to $75,000.

Suburban: Designed for Lodges with approximately 500 to 600 members. The Lodge Hall is designed to contain 150 permanent seats. The plan is similar to the Modified Colonial and Colonial units except that all rooms are larger. The estimated cost is $85,000 to $100,000.

Traditional: Designed on two floor levels, one over the other, for Lodges with approximately 200 to 350 members. The estimated cost is $100,000.

Lodges interested in obtaining further information on the new Masonic Hall plans, as listed in this paper, can obtain a complete brochure by writing to the Grand Master's Office.

It is suggested that Lodges obtain the brochure, then determine the desired size of the building need, before requesting copies of detailed plans and specifications.

The above is the rear view of the Colonial design as shown on Page 1.
Five Instructional Sessions Scheduled On Ritualistic Work

The Instructor of Ritualistic Work has arranged for five instructional meetings of the Schools of Instruction in an effort to make available the authorized work to Masons in all sections of the Jurisdiction.

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, said the plan met with outstanding success last year. He pointed out:

"These sectional meetings are open to all Masons, not just the officers of the various Symbolic Lodges."

The schedule for 1963 follows:

Apri. 5 and 6: Pittsburgh Masonic Temple, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, Pittsburgh.

April 19 and 20: Johnstown Masonic Temple, Valley Pike and Linton Street, Johnstown.

May 24 and 25: Scranton Masonic Temple, 420 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton.

September 27 and 28: Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, 2701 N. Third Street, Harrisburg.

October 25 and 26: Masonic Temple, Broad and Gilbert Streets, Philadelphia.

In all cases, the Friday evening sessions, starting at 7:30 p.m., are for the principals, senior instructors, and other instructors in the Schools. The purpose of these meetings is to clear up any inconsistencies in the Esoteric Work.

The Saturday sessions will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 12 noon, and then from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Saturday sessions are for the rehearsal of the Esoteric Work. Any Master Mason is invited to be present.

The Lodge officers in the various districts are urged to be present.

The Regional Instructors will be in charge of the various phases of the rehearsals.

Petition Procedures

The Warrant Members of Paxton Lodge No. 798, Harrisburg, have voted to make their Lodge a "tuxedo Lodge".

In other words, the members of the Lodge will attend Stated Meetings dressed in tuxedos.

The Constitution of the Lodge, the 60th Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction, was held on January 19 in Zembo Shrine Mosque, Harrisburg. Following the Constitution, a banquet was held in Zembo Mosque.

The Lodge was Constitution by Grand Lodge Officers, headed by Bro. W. L. Roy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master.

The Regional Instructor, District Deputy Grand Master for the 2nd Masonic District, was responsible for the Constitution of the new Lodge.

The name Paxton was selected as the same for the Lodge because of its historic significance in the Harrisburg area. The historic Paxton Raiders originated in the Harrisburg area.

The Warrant Members included 27 from Pennsylvania Lodges and 13 from other Jurisdictions, the most distant of which were Okinawa and Japan.

If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a third petition, subject to the same Rules and Regulations governing the proceedings in cases of the first and second petitions for initiation and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Lodge in the case.

The Ahiman Rezon makes no provisions for the presentation of fourth petitions for initiation and membership. Requests for permission to receive such petitions must be made of the Grand Lodge by resolution of the Lodge.

This request is to be accompanied by letters, setting forth the facts, and giving good and sufficient reasons and assurances why it is believed that the objection does not now exist. Without such explanation the Grand Master will not permit the request to go before the Grand Lodge.

When a petition for initiation and membership is received by a Lodge from one who has been rejected in this Jurisdiction at least ten years prior to the presentation of such petition, all action upon the same shall be subject to the direction of the Grand Master.

The Library and Museum Rooms located on the First Floor of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were opened to the public on weekdays from 9 to 9, except on Saturdays, when they are closed at noon, closed all day on legal holidays and all day Saturday during July and August.

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