Questions & Answers

Question: Where is the oldest Masonic Lodge in America?
Answer: St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

Question: What are the Five Orders of Architecture?
Answer: Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan, Composite.

The new Masonic Hall of Wayne Lodge, No. 1381, this two-story brick building located on a one and one-half acre lot and is designed to accommodate 185 in its Lodge Room and 300 in its banquet hall. The upper floor, with a ground level entrance, includes the Lodge Room, ante-room, Secretary's office and toilet facilities. The lower floor includes a banquet hall, kitchen, cloak room, toilet facilities and furnace room. A spacious parking lot is adjacent to the building. At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held here on Saturday, November 21, 1964, the Lodge Room was dedicated.

An exact scale model of King Solomon's Temple—"King David's Dream"

Solomon's Temple Model Displayed at Fair

A featured exhibit in the Masonic Center, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New York is this scale model of King Solomon's Temple loaned by the Holman Bible Company, in 1926 for an exhibit of the Holman Bible. After many years of research by John Wesley Hil, artisan, this scale model was created in 1923 by Albert Wesley Hil, artisan. This scale model has been on display in our Library and Museum Rooms for many years. An amazingly exact description of King Solomon's Temple has been carved down from the mists of antiquity by the Scriptures. Few Old Testament stories have been told more affectionately than the building of King Solomon's Temple.

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Questions:

- What are the higher degrees in Freemasonry?
- Where is the oldest Masonic Lodge Room in the world?
- What are the Five Orders of Architecture?
- Where is the Temple loaned by the Holman Bible Company?
- Why is the Masonic Center a featured exhibit at Fair?

Solomon's Temple was the glory of its day. The Masonic story woven into its building by the ancients is the glory of Freemasonry. The Masonic Lodge-membership. The training within the Lodge Room is designed to accommodate 185 in its Lodge Room and 300 in its banquet hall. The upper floor, with a ground level entrance, includes the Lodge Room, ante-room, Secretary's office and toilet facilities. The lower floor includes a banquet hall, kitchen, cloak room, toilet facilities and furnace room. A spacious parking lot is adjacent to the building. At a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held here on Saturday, November 21, 1964, the Lodge Room was dedicated.
A Tribute To Pennsylvania Masons

The following passage was written by Mrs. Alberta Jean Chambers and constitutes a visit to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Among the hills of Pennsylvania stands a National Monument, known throughout the good old Keystone State as another Masonic Shriners. In this place, the Worshipful fraternity proves that trees and grass and flowers can help to lighten people’s sorrows and help to avert lonely hours.

There are buildings all surrounded with an atmosphere where one can breathe the pure air of heaven. Where most of the Guests who dwell there in comfort, there are buildings where the children, both little girls and boys, go to school and learn the lessons which are to be their school books over, they sing a glad refrain.

Flowers bloom around the buildings - there are trees and grass and flowers. Where the Guests each Sunday morning, going to church, where the rippling waters run. So, congratulations to the Masons, who will never want to lose YOU. Masonic Homes, are contented day and night.

Pennsylvania Carpenter, Pennsylvania, 1964

UNITY PROGRAM OF YORK RITE BODIES ADDED

At Triennial Concave of Grand Encampment

Three more years of Templar activities were transferred to the pages of history when the 49th Triennial Concave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania convened at Philadelphia, August 22–27, 1964.

The Triennial Concave, with an official registration of approximately 7,500, dimmed productive and faithful years of service to Masonry and Templar on the part of Sir Knight Paul Miller Moore, Alaquippa, Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

The report of a Grand Encampment committee on the suggested program for unification, as proposed by the York Rite Commission on Unity, was adopted unanimously. This action was followed by the enthusiastic adoption of a resolution sponsored by the daed officers of the Grand Concave, similar in content and structure to the resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter and General Council in Minnesota last October.

The program is designed to bring unity to all branches of York Rite Freemasonry and embodies a wide scope of important objectives. All of these were unanimously adopted in presented Bro. Robert E. Daye, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, stressed the need for all our Brethren to take an active role in this Committee’s program. Also the desirability and necessity of each Lodge to keep the addresses of all its Members up to date.

Bro. Eunice Smith, President of the Committee on Masonic Culture, has awarded the contract for printing the 1964 Proceedings.

New Deputy Named For 57th District

Bro. Harry A. Vinton, Jr., Past Master of Whitehall Lodge, No. 794, at Whitehall, Pa.s, has been appointed Deputy Grand Master by Bro. Earl F. Harold, R. W. Grand Master, for the 57th Masonic District.

At a Special Meeting of Whitehall Lodge, No. 794, on October 19, 1964, the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied by several of his elected and appointed Officers, officially presented Bro. Vinton to the Lodges of his District.

Bro. Vinton succeeds Bro. E. Blaine Hungerman, who resigned due to changes in his employment.
Grand Master's Message
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year. This brings our total number of Lodges to 610. I feel sure that many more Lodges could be constituted in areas that have expanded in recent years.

This brings to mind the Masonic Hall at the Masonic Homes, an added feature provided from Guest Fund income.

I am very happy to report that the DeMolay is on the increase in this Jurisdiction. I urge all Masons to do everything possible to assist and encourage this wonderful organization.

In order that more of our members may see this work, I have authorized Lodges to have the DeMolay degrees exemplified in our Lodge Rooms after a Masonic Lodge has been closed. This is a wonderful opportunity and I encourage Lodges to include this in the program.

All Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Culture Committee Chairmen have had an opportunity to attend a Masonic Workshop this year. The attendance was approximately 80 per cent of those eligible to attend.

In 1965, no Workshops on a Grand Lodge level have been planned. However, I urge District Deputy Grand Masters to continue this activity on a District level.

It is not possible to have interesting Masonic meetings without advance planning. Advanced planning is the only way we have to compete for our membership.

I have continued to urge Masons in this Jurisdiction to remember the duties of the Recomenders and Committees of Inquiry on petitions for initiation and membership.

No greater responsibility can be placed upon a member of a Lodge than the careful scrutiny of the fitness of those who knock at our door. Our work should be thorough, searching and all-embracing.

In closing, my Brethren, I express a great appreciation, for all your assistance throughout the year. I urge you to continue this dedication.

I hope the Holiday Season brings to you an abundance of happiness.

There is no better time than this joyous Season to remember, as Masons, that we are to practice those virtues we seek to teach, and to be accepted as living stones in that Spiritual Temple, eternal in the Heavens.

Fraternally yours,

R. W. Grand Master

Chairman of Grand Lodge Culture Committee
Long Active in Masonic Educational Program

Long an advocate of Masonic education, Bro. William E. Yeager, Sr., R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Culture Committee, is still dedicated and most active in this important phase of Freemasonry.

Bro. Yeager has been serving as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture since early 1954 with the exception of a three-year period from 1961 through 1963. Many of the various booklets, pamphlets, etc., used in our current Masonic Culture program, were published under his guidance and supervision.

One of the founders of the Pennsylvania Freemason, quarterly publication of the Grand Lodge, and first published by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in 1954, Bro. Yeager has seen this publication grow from a four-page folder to an eight-page format, now being mailed to all Pennsylvania Masons.

His feeling that all candidates for the degrees of Freemasonry should have pre-initiation orientation in certain facts of Freemasonry, prompted the publishing of the lists of Eight Masonic Culture Pamphlets. These eight pamphlets are now being used by the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture to teach candidates prior to the First Degree and following each of the three Degrees.

The booklet, "Facing the West," an aid and inspiration to all Senior Wardens, was conceived by Bro. Yeager, as was our popular Questions and Answers Booklet.

In conjunction with the Eight Masonic Culture Pamphlets, Bro. Yeager helped plan and participated in the several Masonic Culture Institutes conducted throughout the Jurisdiction for the purpose of introducing this new program to the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture. He has been most active in the Masonic Culture Workshops conducted for the purpose of promoting Masonic education in each of the Lodges.

Bro. Yeager contends that the well-informed Mason is bound to be more dedicated and active in his Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. A firm believer in the constant teaching and learning of Masonic symbols, Masonic fundamentals and ideals, Bro. Yeager says that our Masonic Culture program is geared to make Masons and not just Members only.

His interest and enthusiasm in Masonic education prompted him to join with other Masonic scholars in establishing the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries. This annual conference is now approaching its tenth session and attracts delegates of twenty Grand Jurisdictions from the northeastern section of the United States.

Bro. Yeager's participation in an endless list of Masonic endeavors attests to the numerous Masonic honors he has received. Most active in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite, he was Co-counselor of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1934 and was elected an Active Member for Pennsylvania in 1949. Recently he was elected Grand Captain General, Supreme Council, 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

A MEMORIAL
Bro. William E. Yeager, Sr. R. W. Past Grand Master Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, died on November 7, 1968. A Mason for 37 years, he had served as a Warden, Treasurer and Grand Master in his Lodge. He was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for 15 years. A leader in many local and state Masonic Bodies, he was a past Grand Steward and a Grand Chapter Steward. He was an active member of the Master Masons of Pennsylvania, the Lodge Instructions Committee, the Masonic Convention Committee and the Masonic Education Committee.

The Masonic Homes, Philadelphia, in their Masonic Culture Pamphlets stated, "Yeager's participation in an endless list of Masonic endeavors attests to the numerous Masonic honors he has received. Most active in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite, he was Co-counselor of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 1934 and was elected an Active Member for Pennsylvania in 1949. Recently he was elected Grand Captain General, Supreme Council, 33°, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction."

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Picture of the Museum Room, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, showing several of the twenty exact replicas of the Crusader Standards carried in the Crusades by the Knights and Nobles. These Standards were made in France in 1920-1921 for official national heraldic records. The Standards were presented to Mary Commandery, No. 35, Philadelphia, by Bro. Archibald W. Norman. They are now on loan to our Library and Museum and make quite an attractive and rare addition to our Museum Room.
**Grand Chapter Holds Communication at Erie**

The Grand Holy Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania held its September Quarterly Communication in Erie, September 2, 1964, with more than 100 Companions present. It was the first time since June 7, 1891, that the Grand Chapter met in that city.

A dinner, served in the basement hall of the Erie Masonic Temple, preceded the Communication, which was attended by more than 200 Companions and their ladies.

Distinguished visitors were received as follows: Bro. J. Harvey Moore, Lieutenant General Grand Adviser of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Bro. Charles A. Luttrell, Right Puissant Grand Principal Conductor of Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, and Bro. Arthur C. Meyers, Commander-in-Chief of Erie Consistory, A.A.S.R.

A resolution amending the constitution of Grand Chapter, which would permit the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to set a date other than the first Thursday after the first Wednesday in the months of March, June and September for the Quarterly Communications for those months, was presented and laid over until the December Quarterly Communication, at which time it will be submitted to a vote.

The Grand Chapter resolution extending fraternal recognition to the newly organized Grand Chapter of India.

**Are You a Stranger In Your Own Lodge?**

A Freemason may be himself at fault if he is a stranger in his own Lodge, but the Craft is at fault if just one Brother is allowed to be a stranger in another Lodge.

The probable reason for a Brother being somewhat of a stranger in his own Lodge is due to the fact that he has long been conspicuous by his absence from meetings and the Officers having changed and so many newcomers having been initiated he actually knows not a few of them, hence Lodge attendance is voluntary, and if a Member fails to attend, he must accept the obvious penalty.

This strangeness can, however, be remedied. In meeting weekly, Brother Lodges, new friendships will be established and old friendships will be renewed.

When a Brother visits a Lodge other than his own, it is the mutual duty of the Brethren of the Lodge to make him feel welcome—a duty which is often neglected. It has been wisely stated that Lodge visitors constitute the strongest link in Freemasonry's chain of fraternal bonds that unites the globe. Their presence supplies the Lodge a rule with which to judge its own hospitality and furnishes an insight into the character and spirit of the Fraternity in that Jurisdiction.

A Lodge that has many visitors can't help but be a popular Lodge. A time is coming when a Lodge that is ready at all times to accept responsibility and handle it with confidence and dignity will be the most productive of joy and satisfaction to all concerned, as in a Lodge that understands the principles and purposes of Masonic brotherhood.

It has also been cited that nowhere is there a visitor so welcome, nowhere is there a place where he is more at home than in his own Lodge. It can't help but be a popular Lodge, a friendly Lodge and a Lodge that is ready at all times to accept responsibility and handle it with confidence and dignity will be the most productive of joy and satisfaction to all concerned, as in a Lodge that understands the principles and purposes of Masonic brotherhood.

Perhaps the oldest Pennsylvania Mason, in terms of continuous Masonic Membership, is Bro. John F. Weaver of Armstrong Lodge, No. 399. Bro. Weaver, who lives in Shambaugh, Pa., was born October 13, 1869, in Fremont, Pa. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree on August 14, 1891, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 26, 1891.

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**Our Building Program for Lodges Resulting In 'New Masonic Look'**

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls, and Lodge Rooms is happy to report that Temple Lodge, No. 412, was held on September 12, 1964. R. W. Past Grand Master, assisted by other Lodge Officers, laid the Cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Alliance, completed early in the year. The building is constructed similar to the Colonial style, one of the four suggested by Grand Lodge.

The new Building Grand Lodge was held at Fairview Masonic Temple in Fairview for the purpose of placing the cornerstone and dedicating the Lodge Room of Fairview Hills Masonic Lodge, No. 776. This building is of the New Suburban style and construction as suggested by Grand Lodge.

The ground breaking for a new Masonic Lodge for Tacony Lodge, No. 660, held on September 6, was held on September 12. In picture above, R. W. Past Grand Master, assisted by other Lodge Officers, laid the Cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Alliance, completed early in the year. The building is constructed similar to the Colonial style, one of the four suggested by Grand Lodge.

**Medical Consultants Honored at Sixteenth Annual Testimonial**

The Sixteenth Annual Testimonial Dinner for the more than one hundred Doctors and Dentists who constitute the Consultant Staff at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethown was held October 22, 1964, at the Homes.

These Doctors and Dentists, who give freely of their time and talents to the Patients at the Homes, and the Doctor and Dentists' wives were honored with a delicious dinner served in Grand Lodge Hall, after which professional entertainment was presented in the George H. Deke Auditorium.