Grand Master Urges Unanimity
In Annual Appeal for 'Guest Fund'

Summer is nearly over and in a few weeks our Lodges will be back at Labor.
I hope all of you have had a pleasant Summer. I hope, now, that you will find time to think of your Masonic responsibilities and support your Lodge officers by attending your Lodge meetings.

During the Summer months, it was my pleasure to attend Communications of the Grand Lodges of England and Montana. Each visit was unique in many ways. As a result, I have a broader concept of Freemasonry in operation throughout the world. Grand Lodges appear to differ from State to State, country to country. However, our basic philosophies, principles and rituals remain similar.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read my letter which was inserted in your September Lodge Notice. It concerned our annual appeal for the Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth Town.

I repeat the second paragraph of that letter:

"It is extremely appreciative of the $25,000 contributed last year. This represents an average of $1.00 for every Mason in this Jurisdiction."

You will note that I specifically said: "This represents an average of $1.00 for every Mason in this Jurisdiction." I am sorry I couldn't have said, "$1.00 from every Mason in this Jurisdiction."

The facts are, Brethren, that only 18 percent of our Members, or approximately 46,000, took the time, or considered it necessary, to make a contribution.

In an effort to give you a factual report, careful statistics were kept on our giving record last year. It shows:

- Direct donations from Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction: $24,253.69
- Some of this money, I am sure, came from banquet collections. There is no way to estimate how many Brethren contributed this way.
- Direct contributions from Masonic Lodges: $1.00.
- Some of these donations were made through the self-addressed envelope provided in the September Lodge Notice.

This makes a total contribution to the Guest Fund last year: $253,547.42

Brethren, as I said, I am extremely appreciative of this record collection. It is a new record for the Guest Fund.

This year, I have two wishes:

1. First, that a greater percentage of the Brethren participate.
2. Second, that the 18 percent of those who contributed last year continue to provide as they have in the past.

As a suggestion, use the envelope provided for your contribution to the Guest Fund. In this way, you and your Lodge are given credit.

If you have not received, or have mislaid, the self-addressed envelope, send

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Four Masonic Culture Workshops
Scheduled–Others Being Planned

The response to Masonic Culture Workshops over the past nine months has been gratifying and the results of these Workshops has been most rewarding.

With Masonic Culture Workshops completed in District "E", the 58th District, the 35th and 96th Districts, the 6th and 40th Districts, the 10th District and the 30th, 46th and 48th Districts, four Masonic Culture Workshops have been scheduled for this Fall.

These include one at Rochester on September 24th for the 57th District; one at Lewistown on the 37th District; one at Westerly on the 37th District; and another at Lewistown on the 37th District for services or drastically reducing the number of Guests, now totaling 750.

Bro. S. J. Black, in his intention to criticize, or to pressure Masons to participate in the Guest Fund. I merely point out that in Freemasonry we operate in unison.

I am deeply grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Grand Master

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Pittsburgh Pastor and Butler Bank Official Made Masons at Sight

Bro. Earl F. Harold, R. W. Grand Master, made a Butler banker and a Pittsburgh pastor Masons at Sight at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge on June 1 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple, Harriburg. The high Masonic honors were bestowed upon John S. Campbell, Jr., director of the Union National Bank, and Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, reports encouraging interest and activity in the work of his Committee. By the end of the year five cornerstone stones will have been placed and five Lodge Room dedications will have been performed. Plans have been made available for four new buildings and renovation plans for several buildings have been approved. The Charters and By-Laws of four Masonic Hall Associations have been reviewed and approved with suggested changes.

Congratulations to John S. Campbell, Jr., director of the Union National Bank, and Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, for their outstanding contributions to the Masonic community.

New Masonic Look Being Revealed in Building Projects of Our Lodges

The 1965 Graduating Class of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys. The sixteen graduates, several will go on to colleges as others take positions in the various trades for which they were trained.

Sixteen Graduated at Patton School for Boys

Evangeli ca l Lutheran Church, Butler, Civil Defense in Western Pennsylvania, and co-ordinator of the Church of England, has resided for many years, a first lieutenant in the Engineer Corps of Cornell University.

The 1965 Graduating Class of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys.

Are You Planning to Change Your Address?

If you are, please notify your Lodge Secretary as soon as you know your new and complete address.

Over 2200 Pennsylvania Masons failed to report their change of address prior to October 1, 1964. They did not receive their personal copy of that particular issue. The cost of handling these undelivered copies was $225.00. This year the cost is $235.00.

By notifying your Lodge Secretary promptly of your change of address you will keep your mailing list of The Pennsylvania Freemason and help to keep it current by continuing to send your copy to your address.

Your thoughtfulness and cooperation is appreciated.
Amendments to Ahiman Rezon

Requirements Based on G. L. Fund, Subordinate Lodge Elected Officers

Two important Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were presented at the June Quarterly Communication and will lay over for final action at the Quarterly Communication next December.

Prior to December 27, 1847, the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was available for the relief of worthy distressed Master Masons and the mother, widow, sister or orphan children of deceased Master Masons. As another Fund was then made available to care for Master Masons, the regulations of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund were changed to eliminate the use of this Fund for the relief of Master Masons.

The Fund now used to care for Master Masons is deemed insufficient to meet present requirements, and it is therefore considered advisable to make the Grand Lodge Charity Fund available for Master Masons as well as their approved dependents.

Article XII, Section 39 now reads as follows:

"The Aumbers of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund shall consist of as many Members as there are Lodges meeting in the City of Philadelphia, whose duty shall be to dispense charities relief to the widow, mother, sisters, and orphan children of worthy deceased Master Masons, in the manner provided for, in the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge for the management of said Fund. They shall report their proceedings at the Annual Grand Communication."

To accomplish the object set forth above, it is proposed to amend the above Section to read as follows:

"Article XII, Section 39—The Aumbers of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund shall consist of as many members as there are Lodges meeting in the City of Philadelphia, whose duty shall be to dispense the proceeds of the Fund in the manner prescribed for in the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge for the management of said Fund. They shall report their proceedings at the Annual Grand Communication."

At the present time, our Members who live in other Jurisdictions cannot be elected to serve as Officers in their respective Lodge, if an elected Officer moves to another Jurisdiction and cannot continue to serve his Lodge in that capacity.

The above requirements prevent worthy Members, many of whom live in other States and are within comparatively short travelling distance of their Lodge, from serving as Officers. The proposed Amendments will make it possible for our Members to serve as Officers in their Lodge provided they reside in a State where a membership is not required.

To accomplish this objective it is proposed to amend Article XII, Section 4 which now reads:

"If, by the death of a Representative, or resignation from the jurisdiction, or for any reason, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated, extra or special meeting; provided that previous notice of such election shall have been given, as special notices are required to be given, to all the Members of the Lodge."

To read as follows:

"Article XII, Section 4 — If, by the death or resignation of a Representative, or for any reason, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated, extra or special meeting; provided that previous notice of such election shall have been given, as special notices are required to be given, to all the Members of the Lodge."

Article XVII, Section 4 which now reads:

"If, by the death or resignation of a Representative, or for any reason, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated, extra or special meeting; provided, that previous notice of such election shall have been given, as special notices are required to be given, to all the Members of the Lodge."

To read as follows:

"Article XVII, Section 4 — If, by the death or resignation of a Representative, or for any reason, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated, extra or special meeting; provided, that previous notice of such election shall have been given, as special notices are required to be given, to all the Members of the Lodge."

To accomplish this objective it is proposed to amend Article XXVI, Section 10 which now reads:

"In case of the death of a Master or a Warden, the election is refused or to be installed, or any special reason; and in case of the death of a Treasurer or a Secretary, default of election, refusal to be installed, removal from this jurisdiction, or neglect of duty, or for any special reason, a Dispensation may be granted to permit a special election to fill any vacancy in any station passed thereby, until the next annual election."

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A Member who does not reside in Pennsylvania may be elected and serve as Master, Warden, Treasurer or Secretary, or any such elected officer who moves outside the State of Pennsylvania may continue to serve as such, provided such nonresidence will not prevent the performance of the duties of his office.

As mentioned above, action on the above Amendments will be taken at the Quarterly Communication on December 1, 1965.