Grand Chapter Adopts Several Amendments at December Meeting

The adoption of a large number of amendments to its constitution was the principal feature of the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, held in Pennsylvania Hall in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, December 2, 1965. The amendments are designed to streamline some of the procedures of the subordinate chapters. As is customary in odd numbered years; all the officers of Grand Chapter were re-elected. They are: W. Irvin West, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Arthur R. Diamante, Most Excellent Grand Master; James D. Smith, Most Excellent Grand Warden; Charles E. Tull, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; and John C. F. Kittelman, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was honored by visitors from the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Canada, District of Columbia, Del., and West Virginia. In addition, the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, the presiding officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania were received.

Bro. and Companion Earl F. Herold, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, accompanied by a large number of his officers, visited the Grand Chapter and delivered an address.

One Man's Decision Made the Difference

No one needs to be reminded that the establishment of our Republic in large measure was created through the ability, resourcefulness, character and courage of Bro. George Washington by Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, of Oil City, was installed as W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1965.

The ancient installation ceremony was held at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, of Oil City, is a Past High Priest of the Oil City Royal Arch Chapter No. 536, a member of the Christ Priory No. 42, Franklin, and Past Commander of Talbot Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar, Oil City.

For his work in the York Rite Bodies, Bro. Deyoe was elected into the Council of Associated Kings of Pennsylvania, the Keystone Priory No. 26, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; and the United States Premier Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Deyoe is a member of the Venango Lodge of Perfection, Oil City; and in Scottish Rite Masonry, he is a Past Most Wise Master of the Couidors Chapter of Rose Croix.

He is also a member of the Zem Zem Temple, Erie, and an honorary member of Zem Zem Temple, Pittsburgh, and Lu-Lu Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe Right Worshipful Grand Master

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Bro. Robert E. Deyoe

R. W. Grand Master
Seeks Help of Craft

Dear Brethren:

I am most appreciative of the high honor you have, in your confidence, bestowed upon me, when on December 27, at high noon, I was installed as your Grand Master.

Realizing my own limitations, I am humbled by the knowledge of the great responsibility I have assumed. I will do my best within the limits of my ability to give you an administration of dignity, quality and substance.

To that end I ask your help so that we together may continue this great institution in the manner in which it was handed down to us by those devoted Masons of the past whose faith in the Great Architect of the Universe and responsibility to their Fraternity and to their fellow man have made Masonry in this Jurisdiction such a force for good.

Fraternally yours,

Robert E. Deyoe

R. W. Grand Master

Full Time Doctor Needed at Homes

The Masonic Homes at Elizabeth-town are in need of a full time doctor. Masonic affiliation is not required, but desirable.

A new home is available a short distance from the hospital.

Doctors interested in further details should contact the Committee on Masonic Homes in care of the Superintendent, Masonic Homes, Elizabeth-town, Pa. 17022.
Recent Masonic Culture Workshops Most Successful–Others Urged

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is pleased to report that the successful Masonic Culture Workshops have recently been conducted in Pittsburgh, Kane and Coatesville.

The Workshops in Pittsburgh included officers and Masonic Culture Committees of Lodges in eight Masonic Districts of Pennsylvania. The Workshop at Kane included three Masonic Districts and the one at Coatesville was conducted for the 5th Masonic District only but was well attended.

A Masonic Culture Workshop is scheduled for March 12, 1966, in the Scottish Rite Temple at Harrisburg when the officers and interested Members of Lodges in four Masonic Districts will participate. Similar Workshops are now being planned for the Delaware County area and the Wilkes-Barre area. Districts that have not participated in these Masonic Culture Workshops are:

Bro. Earl F. Herald, P. G. M., Again Heads Committee on Temples, Halls, Lodge Rooms

Bro. Earl F. Herald, immediate R. W. Post Grand Master, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. This Committee will be holding its first meeting coming Grand Lodge two years ago.

Also serving on this active Committee Chairman Bro. Fredrick-Weber, of Lodge No. 340, in the Philadelphia area; Bro. Raymond A. Myers, Sr., of Lodge No. 783, in the central Pennsylvania area; the Jurisdiction, and Bro. Philip B. Driver, Jr., of Lodge No. 609, also in the Philadelphia area. Bro. Herald is a member of Lodge No. 272, held at Leipsic.

This Committee stands ready at all times to assist Lodges desiring to purchase suitable sites, plan new buildings or renovate present buildings and Lodge Rooms. All matters pertaining to such activities must have the approval of the Grand Master before work can proceed.

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Committee Reports

The ever busy Committee on By-Laws offered a number of improvements and revisions which had been proposed at the June Quarterly Communication. These amendments were passed and approved upon recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication

December 1, 1965

Well over 600 Members attended this very important Communication of Grand Lodge. All of our living R. W. Past Grand Masters and those of the last 50 years were present. Distinguished Guests were formally received from Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Delaware, Indiana, the Scottish Rite, and the Shriners, which had been invited to the June Quarterly Communication, were unanimously approved. These Amendments were read in the August and November Issues of this publication.

The Annual Election was held at which the following Brethren were duly elected to serve Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

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Philadelphia Area Royal Arch Masons
Sponsor Worthy Project, a Camp for Boys

A project sponsored by Royal Arch Masons of the Philadelphia area is well known to the Craft in large throughout the state as the Tri-Square Camp, located on Creek Road, Bucks County, near Chalfont.

Started in the depression ridden days of the mid-thirties by a group of dedicated Capitular Masons, with no money, no equipment, and no ground, but with a dream of boys and a determination to give worthy boys a summer vacation in the great outdoors and at the same time guide them into the principles of religion, morality and discipline, the camp continues to follow those original plans.

The founders begged, borrowed and scavenged tons of wood and soil, and opened the first camp on borrowed land. Later, with the camp being turned over to the boys, the camp has managed to survive and to grow little by little until now it owns one thousand acres of land, fully equipped for camping purposes. There are ten cabins for housing the boys, each donated and maintained by a Royal Arch Chapter. There is a combination mess and recreation hall, with a fully equipped kitchen, which can be used as a recreation and craft area during the off season, as well as a dance program in the winter. A full-time program of the camp is provided. There is a sanitary building with showers and toilet facilities and other buildings housing the camp director, staff, and year-round custodian.

Non-sectarian religious services are conducted each Sunday by an able and inspiring Master Mason. Every effort is made to provide the boys with those habits of mind and character which will prepare them to become good citizens. The whole spirit of the camp is geared so that the boys go home better trained for life. The whole atmosphere of the camp is to give the boys the opportunity to accept their responsibilities as adults with the happy memory of happy hours spent in the open and the certain knowledge that someone else cares what they make of themselves.

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