Pennsylvania Mason
Outlives Own Insurance

One of Pennsylvania’s oldest Masons in terms of continuous membership, became $1,000.00 richer on his 96th birthday on October 13, 1965, when he outlined his own “death claim” for a life type of fraternal insurance.

We refer to Bro. Robert A. Spangler, Centenarian Mason, Dies at the Age of 106

Bro. Robert A. Spangler, who was extended special recognition at the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in 1964, died on March 5, 1966. He would have been 106 years old on June 2, 1966.

Bro. Spangler was a Member of York Lodge, No. 66, and was most active even up to a few days before his death.

Pennsylvania Masons are urged to avail themselves of this unusual service provided by your Grand Lodge.

R. W. Grand Master
Acknowledges Gifts to A Record ‘Guest Fund’

Dear Brethren:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I express to you the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of your Grand Lodge and those of your Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for your generous gift of $265,000.00 to the Guest Fund this past year.

The amount which you have so generously provided will furnish those extras that make living there truly a home. It brings us closer to our Masonic family there, and I am sure each one of us receives much personal satisfaction from our sharing with them.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. W. Grand Master

Openings Available in Fall Classes At Patton Masonic School for Boys

Patton Masonic School for boys, at Elizabethtown, Pa., has 25 vacancies in all high school grades, starting with the September school year.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, has asked Pennsylvania Masons to assist in an effort to fill the vacancies with qualified applicants.

Patton Masonic School is a comprehensive, secondary boarding school that offers academic and technical or vocational education in grades nine through twelve.

There are no charges for tuition, board and room. This is paid by Grand Lodge. Students are only required to pay travel, clothing and spending money.

The admission requirements are:

1. Orphaned boy with one or both parents deceased.
2. Age 14 through 18, and having satisfactorily completed at least the eighth grade.
3. Good character and sound health.
4. Must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge, but applicant need not have Masonic connection.

Brochures and application forms for Patton Masonic School can be obtained by writing to: Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

The Grand Master urges:

“I hope every Mason in this jurisdiction will do everything possible to interest worthy orphaned boys in your Patton Masonic School.

“Please check your community for eligible applicants, make a personal visit to their homes and explain the outstanding educational opportunities at Patton. I also suggest a visit to Patton School with prospective applicants.

“Patton Masonic School is a preparatory school that every Mason should be proud of. Help to keep it operating at capacity with qualified students.”
The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is being held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport, Pa., on Wednesday, June 1, 1966. The Cathedral is located 120 miles northeast of Oil City, Pa., home of Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master. Coudersport is a small community in Potter County in the beautiful mountainous region of North Central Pennsylvania.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for this event. This will be the first time in history that a Quarterly Communication has been held in this section of the Jurisdiction.

The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport, Pa., located in Potter County in North Central Pennsylvania, is the site of the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Wednesday, June 1, 1966.

Masonic Culture Program: Being Explained, Promoted at Workshops

The several Masonic Culture Workshops conducted in recent months have accomplished much in the way of explaining and promoting the over-all Masonic Culture program of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is appreciative of the initiative and dedication of many of the District Deputy Grand Masters and their District Chairmen in arranging Masonic Culture Workshops for the benefit of their respective Lodge Officers and Masonic Culture Committees.

Since the last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, successful Workshops have been conducted in the Harrisburg area, Milton, the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton area, Delaware County, Johnstown and Uniontown.

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is always ready and willing to cooperate and participate in these Masonic Culture Workshops. Masonic Culture Packets, sets of Masonic books for establishing Lodge Masonic Libraries, and other items of literature are provided for these Workshops by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in addition to the explanations and techniques adopted and recommended by the Committee.

The initiative in arranging and scheduling a Masonic Culture Workshop should be taken by the District Deputy Grand Master and his District Chairman to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. The combined efforts of two or more Districts have proven very successful.

As usual a great deal of Masonic activity centered around the March Quarterly Communication. The Ritualistic group was busily engaged for two days preceding the Exemplification of the Work on Tuesday evening. Important Meetings of the Committees on Finance and Masonic Culture as well as an interesting discussion session with the Grand Chapter Thirteen conducted in the room continuously occupied prior to the Quarterly on Wednesday morning, March 2nd, which was well attended.

Committee Reports

The Committee on By-Laws has carefully reviewed the By-Laws or amendments submitted by 16 Lodges and recommended the approval of 12, the disapproval of 1 and that action on 3 be deferred for further information. These recommendations were approved by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Earl F. Herald, Past Grand Master and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Finance, briefly reviewed the budget receipts and expenditures for the first fiscal quarter, ending February 15, 1966, the receipts being $1,085,415 and the Expenditures $1,035,415. Two Resolutions were adopted whereby the Committee on Masonic Homes was authorized to purchase Ophthalmic Equipment for the Grand Lodge for the amount not to exceed $4,500, while the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were directed to set and sign for Grand Lodge in connection with an account with the J. L. R. Co.

Bro. William E. Yoager, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, announced that approximately 19% of the Lodges had not submitted the names of the Chairman of the Lodge Committee on Culture; also that all of the Lodges are still not making full use of the Grand Lodge program.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and a Trustee of the Patton School for Boys, stated there will be openings for quite a few additional Boys for next Fall's term. Also that Bro. David H. Stewart has submitted his resignation as Superintendent of the School.

Bro. Glen T. Renegar, Chairman of the Committee on Temple, reported expenditures for the past Quarter of $30,115.

Statute of Bro. George Washington


This proposal is detailed elsewhere in this issue.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture, announced that the Guest Fund receipts for the fiscal year now amount to over $250,000. In Memorials


Conference of Grand Masters

Reports were presented covering the various Meetings held in conjunction with the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., late last February.

The preliminary Membership Statistics are as follows:

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The total of Officers of the 65th Masonic District who participated in the exemplification of the Work before the Right Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers was 304.

This, the group from the Butts Memorial, who excelled in the exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree, are (front row, left to right): Bro. Maurice R. Albee, Lodge 462; Bro. Charles B. Mullen, Lodge 467; Bro. Gerald F. Connell, Lodge 472; and Bro. Howard H. Martin, Lodge 473. In memorials include: (front row, left to right): Bro. Maurice R. Albee, Lodge 462; Bro. Charles B. Mullen, Lodge 467; Bro. Gerald F. Connell, Lodge 472; and Bro. Howard H. Martin, Lodge 473.

Our thanks to all who participated in the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D. C., late last February.
Another Great Undertaking

Grand Master Appeals for Funds To Erect a Nine-foot Statue of Brother Washington at Prayer

The Grand Master has urged Pennsylvania Masons, Lodges and appendant Bodies to contribute $50,000 to erect a nine-foot bronze statue of Bro. George Washington at Prayer for Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, Grand Master, pointed out that Masons in other Grand Lodges have erected statues of Bro. Washington, adding:

"Knowing the dedication of Masons in Pennsylvania, I have authorized the erection of the statue, to stand at the entrance to the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation.

"It was at Valley Forge that Bro. Washington and the remnants of his army suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78 in order to obtain our freedom.

"The heroic spirit and devotion to freedom which burned in the hearts of Bro. Washington's Army must again be aroused in the hearts of our people to overcome the present apathy and unconcern for the danger which threatens our way of life and free institutions such as the Constitution." (32x144)

"The statue will be erected on top of a hill, overlooking 52 acres of historic Valley Forge, known as the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove.

"In this area, a tree will be marked in perpetuity for every patriotic Mason who contributed to the fund.

"A complete history of recipients of the Medal of Honor will be contained in a memorial building that has been erected near the site for the statue of Bro. Washington.

Elaborate Dedication Program Planned

The Grand Master said that when the statue is completed a huge Masonic dedication program, along with a suitable banquet, will be held at Valley Forge.

It will take from twelve to eighteen months to complete the casting of the statue. Therefore, no funds have been set aside at this time for the dedication. Bro. Deyoe added:

"If every Mason in Pennsylvania would contribute twenty-five cents, it truly could be said that it was presented by Masons in Pennsylvania.

"However, experience has shown that this is practical impossible.

"Therefore, I am urging every patriotic Mason in Pennsylvania, particularly our 611 Masonic Lodges, to do everything possible to help me obtain the $50,000." (32x221)

Famous Sculptor Commissioned To Create Statue of Washington

Donald DeLue, of Leonard, N. J., past president and fellow of The National Sculpture Society, was commissioned to create the "George Washington at Prayer Statue," overlooking The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge, Pa.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, shown with the plaster model of the nine-foot statue of Bro. George Washington at Prayer which he has authorized erected on a hill overlooking the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

Help Wanted—At Masonic Homes

The tight labor market is beginning to affect the operation of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

There is an immediate need for men and women employees in the following positions: nurses, practical nurses, nurse aides, hospital attendants, waiters and porters.

Bro. Robert E. Deyoe, R. W. Grand Master, has urged Masons to do everything possible to point out this immediate need to persons who can be recommended by Masonic Lodges.

The pay includes room, board and laundry.

Interested persons should contact Bro. Paul S. Shank, Superintendent of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., 17022, or call for an appointment.

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Moral to know is Not Enough

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Those words, from one of the most famous portions of the thirteenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, are among which all Freemasons should constantly bear in mind. How nicely they fit into the parts of modern Freemasonry immediately becomes apparent when the term "Mysteries" is understood.

The deeper feelings of the ancient Greeks first found expression in the practice of certain religious and semi-religious rites which were kept secret from all except the initiated. These were known as Mysteries, and corresponded to the secret societies of our day.

Initiation included an oath of secrecy. It was based on the idea that for the stages or degrees, made up of acts, elements of sacred drama, and other ceremonies. To convey the four degrees of the Eleusinian Mysteries took a period of nine full days.

As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

The Mysteries gained great popular favor among the Greeks, and, after a later period, among the Romans as well. Although the details are not well known, there can hardly be any doubt about his meaning: "Though I have been initiated into the Mysteries, it seems logical to conclude that when he speaks of "understanding all mysteries," he is referring to these secret societies which flourished in his day. It will be remembered that in this 18th edition, this Digest of Decisions is arranged more systematically and the new index makes it more practical and useful for ready reference.

In this new edition, with three rings, doctor blue 6 inches by 9 inches, self-covered, $1.50 each plus 15 cents to cover mailing charges. Consult page 84 of the Lodge Secretary's Form for Recording Minutes for mailing charges. A single copy may be ordered.

Orders may be made by writing to Ashby B. Paul, Fr. W. Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Check or money order covering cost of book and mailing charges must accompany order.

Measure our stature by the rule of the mind. We must use the yardstick of the heart.

How do we live our profession? Do we possess good and man? Do we serve as best we can? If our answer to these questions is in the affirmative, we may say that we possess the basic principles of what we are as Masons.

Though I understand all mysteries and have not charity, I am nothing.

Banquet Night

By Brother R. H. Stirling

"Once in so often," King Solomon said, "a woman doth drip the waters of the fountain.

"We will call our stills and wine and bread and banquet together beneath my roof. And in that day I will also make a great feast: As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

"讲解 shall tell us all in the house of fair berny trees, Soy the Brother and I drink.

"Talk with the Brothers who use the sea. And we shall be happy to meet them at times As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

"Crazy this coming to Eirica Abdi—

"Excellent Master of mule and sable—

"And the Brethren would like it.

"Ho and the Brethren will come to join.

(Quoted from Brough or morning-mass) As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

"God gives the hemp and Cedar their place—

"Along the Trestle, the Big and the Thorough—

"But that is no reason to black a man's face.

"And, as touching the Temple, I hold and hold—

"As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

The questions are harder than Hirinna's foray.

"No man is safe from the dogface's reach, It's a broad one up Upham Common.

"And it's always blowing over Juniper Bank.

But what do we do with the hogs? Our professional Solomons' mandate: "Forget these things!"

Brother to Brothers and Fellow to Kings, the book is now in your hands.

"As Fellow-Craftsmen—forget these things!"

So it was ordered and so it was done.

By authority of the Sidon Sinn and New Lodges from the 'Royal Ark,'

As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

Two More Deaths

Hot District Deputies

Pennsylvania Masonry was saddened by the sudden deaths of two District Deputy Grand Masters since the last mailing of The Pennsylvania Mason.

Ben Forrest W. Hunt, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th District Masonic Temple since his service to New York and Pennsylvania, and discovered that it was no longer necessary for them to remain in execution without making a sacrifice. The death of District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District, died on April 15, 1966.

This brings to life the number of District Deputy Grand Masters who have died in the past nine months. The previous report showed the basic differences stemmed from Pennsylvania's view that they were not independent, but subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Masonry, while the other states had formed their Grand Encampments generally without delegate authority from any other body; and, whenever the Grand Master had to delegate, he insisted that the degree of Mark and Most Excellent Master were prerequisites for the Master of High Priesthood.

Pennsylvania considered these "unnecessarily engendered upon ancient craft Masonry." The Order of the Red Cross was another controversial subject among the Masons.

Pennsylvania, after three tries at Grand Encampments under Grand Lodge sanction, organized a Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Encampment in 1854. It is today's Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, continuing the Grand Commanderies throughout the Commonwealth with a membership of 24,000.

At the 1816 formation convention in New York, the distinguished DeWitt Clinton (first Governor of New York, Eminent Grand Master) was elected as the first Grand Master of the New York Masonic Lodge. Clinton was elected the first Eminent General Grand Master. Succes­sively, he served in the State Senate, as the Mayor of New York for ten years, and was elected Governor for this term by the New York Legislature. When attacks on Freemasonry began in the early 19th century, the on­slaught was a public response of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to Clinton's address.

It is today's Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, after three years of discussion, was the meeting was adjourned to New York City to continue the subject. At the session on June 16, 1816, a constitution was"formed, adopted and ratified"by delegates from Boston, Providence, New York City, Albany, Stillwater, Newburyport, Newport and Portland. The dream of a General Grand Encampment became a reality. The meeting was called the first session of the convention at Philadelphia and is expressed in the report, partial­ly quoted, of one of the New York representatives:

"The delegates think it unnecessary that the lepers be cut off from the Lodge and that any proceedings be taken against them on this score."

As Fellow-Craftsmen—no more and no less.

The candidate, or the young Master Mason, is another. Freemasonry becomes even brighter as we bring it beneath my Throne.

Talk with the Brethren who use the seas.

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The Members of your Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have the responsibility of introducing not only the wealth of material contained in the several publications available, but also the complete picture of Freemasonry in all its meanings and beauties.

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"I know that Freemasonry, properly understood, is a society of men to­gether, is friendly to religion, morality, liberty and good government; and I never shall under­stand the mode of excitement, or any extent of mis­apprehension, from hearing testi­monies in favor."

Yet Pennsylvania Masonry is a leader and a teacher.

"I purpose to make the difference of one of the New England representatives.

"The candidate, or the young Master Mason, is another. Freemasonry becomes even brighter as we bring it beneath my Throne.

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The candidate, or the young Master Mason, has opinions which differ from those of some of the Masons. Yet in dealing with Members of various stations in life, men of varied degrees of training and education, we must always respect the personality and opinions of others.

Masonic Culture program calls for leaders who are dedicated Masons and teachers.

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