Classes for September Term at Patton School Being Formed; New Brochure Explains Details

Applications are now being accepted for the September term at Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown.

Vacancies exist in all grades, nine through twelve.

Patton Masonic School is a privately endowed secondary boarding school for young men who have lost one or both parents through death.

Sons of Master Masons receive first consideration, but all students must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

The approximate cost of $2,500 a year per student for board, lodging and education is free. The money is provided by the income from the Masonic Homes.

A new brochure on Patton Masonic School has been completed, outlining the school for possible Masonic Lodges and other Masonic Bodies who might consider this school for their members. The new brochure is available to interested students and their families.

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3. Courtesy in social contacts.
4. Unity in work and undertaking.
5. Resistance to selfishness.
6. Trust and confidence in good men.
7. Forgiveness for the sinner.
8. Vigilance toward one another and, above all,

When sending your check, do not forget your ZIP Code.

If you are unable to send your check, please mail your application to the School. A limited number of the medals will be struck.

The Grand Master has authorized Patton Masonic School to use Lodge Funds, if so desired, to pay the cost of chartered buses.

He has also authorized Patton Masonic School to use Lodge Funds, if desired, to purchase banquet tickets for lodges or Brethren representing the Lodge.

In accordance with our Masonic Law, Lodge funds cannot be used to purchase banquet tickets for ladies if Brethren desire to be accompanied.

The Grand Master urges special attention to this matter.

The cost of $5.00 covers boxes and mailing.

The medal will be in bronze and will have a diameter of three inches.

To be assured of receiving a medal, send your check for $5.00 for each medalion to the Dedication Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

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The Grand Master has urged Masonic Lodges and Masonic organizations throughout the state to make a special effort to participate in the dedication of the George Washington in Philadelphia, September 9, 1967. He said:

"This is one of the most important public events ever sponsored by Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. Since the dedication is open to the public, we cannot afford not to make an outstanding showing."

The dedication will start at 3 p.m. and will be followed by a special Dedication Banquet at 5:15 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet are limited to 2,000, at a cost of $7.50 each.

Tickets can be obtained by sending a check to the General Dedication Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

In a letter to Worshipful Masters and heads of other Masonic Bodis in the state, the Grand Master said:

"I would sincerely appreciate your organization doing everything possible to assist in making this an outstanding undertaking."

Worshipful Masters and Wardens of Masonic Lodges who attend the dedication in full Masonic dress have been invited to take part in the procession and accompany Grand Lodge Officers throughout the dedication program.

Masonic Lodges and other Masonic Bodies have been urged to charter buses for the trip to Valley Forge.

Private automobiles are to be used, it is suggested that automobile pools be formed in order to eliminate the one-passenger cars.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON
Issued Quarterly
February, May, August and November at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
By the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, having for its purpose the study of Masonic Culture and the
Masonic Community. The means by which the Masonic Home is maintained is hereunto Belonging, through its
Masonic Homes, machinery, power, facilities in the Elizabethtown area. The Grand Master has urged all
interested Masons to take part in the tours and to attend the June Quarterly Communication.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown have been outstanding.

Culinary, the benefit of the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School will soon be available. Each

Largest 'Guest Fund IsAcknowledged by R. W. Grand Master

I am very pleased to report that our Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which ended March 15, 1967, totaled $278,033.36, the largest total ever attained. The total collection is 59% more than last year's total of $162,955.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts and sacrifices of those who found a way to contribute to this outstanding charitable activity of Freemasonry.

This money is used for the comfort of our Guests, and makes our Homes a "home" and not just another institution.

The $278,033 represents an average contribution of $41.11 for the approximate 25,000 Masons in Pennsylvania.

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of the 25,000 Masons participate in this important office. Our statistics show that direct contributions to this fund were made by 41,127 Masons. I estimate that another 19,000 Masons contributed at Lodge banquets and meetings, where the money was paid directly to the Masonic Homes without identity of the donor.

This means that 60,000 Masons, or approximately 23 per cent of our membership, contributed an average of approximately $4.80 to attain the record collection.

I sincerely urge those who participated last year to continue to participate in the next appeal and support this important office.

And, I urge those who have not participated in the past to plan a special effort to at least send something, regardless of the amount, when the next collection starts in the fall.

I am confident that your efforts have been outstanding. Your gifts have been gratefully received. Your dedication to the Masonic Homes and the comfort of our Guests in the Homes have been deep and constant.

As Grand Master, I commend you for your charitable considerations.

Fraternally yours,

Robert E. Deyoe
R. W. Grand Master

Names of Honor Roll Brethren Requested

Any member of the Order of the Royal Secret Society and Masonic Jurisdictions Thoroughly Eligible will please see the Notice to Members of the Lodge

June Quarterly to be Held at Masonic Homes

The June Quarterly Communication will be held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

Guided tours through the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School will be available during the day for interested Brethren.

Grand Lodge will convene in the Deike Auditorium, which comfortably seats approximately 600.

Those who arrive early for tours will be able to attend a special cocktail reception in the Elizabethtown area.

The Grand Master has urged all interested Masons to take part in the tours and to attend the June Quarterly Communication.

Bro. William E. Montgomery

Freemasonry in general and our Grand Lodge in particular has suffered a great loss in the passing of Bro. William E. Montgomery, February 4, 1967.

Most active in all Bodies and phases of Freemasonry, Bro. "Bill" Montgomery served for many years on the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. His informative and entertaining lectures in The Pennsylvania Freemason since its inception in 1919, November, 1919.

Bro. Montgomery’s devotion and excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry will be evidenced in the continued use of the various booklets and pamphlets used in our Lodges. His research and writing, Freemasonry has lost a Masonic scholar.

From the Grand Secretary’s Office

Those Members who were unable to attend the March Quarterly Communication of your Grand Lodge were glad to know that the attendance was quite large—527 Brethren were present.

Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of Bro. Frank Gamboa, who is a M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Brother Gamboa’s address was most interesting. It is now known that there are six autonomous Grand Lodges in Australia. The New South Wales Grand Lodge still operates under the United Grand Lodge of England and seventeen Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

There is no right of succession of office in either their Grand Lodge or the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master is elected annually— with a maximum period of holding office of 5 years. All Grand Officers are appointed by the Grand Master and then usually for only one year.

Two amendments to the Ab Initio Resolutions were proposed and will lay over until the December Quarterly Communication to be held in Lower Burrell, Pa., in the Deike Auditorium, which comfortably seats approximately 600.

Many years ago, a property was purchased on the Parkway in Philadelphia as a possible site for a new Masonic Building. The purchase was found to be unnecessary and the property was sold. The receipts from this sale have now been made a part of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund.

The Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia has hundreds of interesting Masonic books and pamphlets, for our Members to read. If you are interested, contact your Lodge Masonic Library Committee. The Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown need employees, especially in the hospital. If anyone is interested, get in touch with the Superintendent.

A new Brochure for the Patton School will soon be available. The Patton School will supply a copy of it to every member.

Our membership, unfortunately, is still declining. The 611 Lodges admitted 600 and initiated 5,721 during the past year.
Proposed Amendments to Ahiman Rezon

Processing of Lodge Inquiry and Mileage Rate

Two proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were presented at the March Quarterly Communication and will lay over, as required, until the December Quarterly Communication.

In our Grand Lodge, a person having the requisite qualifications can present a petition for initiation and membership to any Subordinate Lodge. But when the petition is received by a Lodge other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, an inquiry must be made of the nearest Subordinate Lodge to ascertain whether it has a Masonic objection to the Lodge, which received the petition, acting therein.

Article XXI, Section 8, now requires that the Lodge inquired of shall ballot on the Inquiry and a single black ball establish an objection. The petitioner is then declared rejected in the Lodge originally receiving the petition.

The proposed amendment would still require an inquiry to the nearest Lodge. The latter Lodge would then appoint a Committee of three Masons to determine the standing and character of the petitioner and his fitness to be a Mason. The Committee would then publish a notice of the inquiry in the Lodge, stating the name of the petitioner, the date and time of the inquiry, and describing the petitioner's occupation and residence.

At the inquiry, the petitioner would be allowed to present evidence in his own behalf. If the Committee finds that the petitioner is fit to be a Mason, it will recommend him to the Lodge. If the Committee finds that the petitioner is not fit to be a Mason, it will recommend him to another Lodge.

The proposed amendment would increase the mileage rate from 15c to 20c per mile, which would be paid by Grand Lodge to each Representative attending the December Quarterly Communication and voting therein. The proposed amendment is as follows:

"Article XXI, Section 8 — When a petition is received by a Lodge, other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Lodge receiving such petition for initiation and membership, shall, under its seal, request a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, to appoint a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge, to be appointed as soon as the request is received. The notice of the inquiring Lodge shall be published in the Lodge, indicating the name of the petitioner, the date and time of the inquiry, and describing the petitioner's occupation and residence. At the inquiry, the petitioner shall be allowed to present evidence in his own behalf. If the Committee finds that the petitioner is fit to be a Mason, it will recommend him to the Lodge. If the Committee finds that the petitioner is not fit to be a Mason, it will recommend him to another Lodge. The proposed amendment would increase the mileage rate from 15c to 20c per mile, which would be paid by Grand Lodge to each Representative attending the December Quarterly Communication and voting therein. The proposed amendment is as follows:

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Over 23,000 Grand Lodge 50 Year Masonic Service Emblems Presented

Bro. William H. Brumm, while R. W. Grand Master, early in 1940, directed the officers of the Grand Lodge, then W. G. Grand Secretary, Bro. Matthew Galt, Jr., to obtain the names and addresses of all the Members of our Lodges who had been Masons in good standing for at least 50 years.

The resultant survey indicated that approximately 1400 had achieved that goal.

The Grand Lodge Officers agreed that the above Brethren should receive Fifty Year Emblems and the following Resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge on June 5, 1940:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, on proper certification by the Secretary of the Lodge, present, through the Grand Master, or by someone delegated by him, a Member of a Lodge under whose jurisdiction he has been for a period of standing for 50 or more years and to those others who shall hereafter attain such distinction, an emblem, style and design to be approved by the present Elected Grand Officers, as a token of its appreciation for such long and faithful service.

Immediate steps were then taken to obtain the required number of Emblems and many of the presentations were made at the meetings of the District Deputy Grand Masters, with appropriate ceremonies in the Full form of the Officers.

When Bro. John A. Latham became R. W. Grand Master, he had a suggested Plan prepared by the Grand Secretary which was to be used in the presentation of the Emblem. This Plan was disseminated to the various District Lodges in May, 1951. The method of presentation is now left to the discretion of the District Deputy Grand Master, or his representative.

The details in determining the eligibility to receive the Emblem in full, the procedure for requesting them and their presentation in full are outlined on Pages 76-78 inclusive in the Form for Recording Minutes.

Since the previous issue of The Grand Lodge Bulletin, over 23,000 Emblems have been presented to our Members.

The number of Emblems given our Brethren has steadily increased over the years. In 1940, 1400 had been presented, the average number for the next five years was 310 a year. This increased to 2000 for 1950, then jumped to 8000, followed by 4900 and for the last five years the number has reached 11,695.

Senior Mason of 15th District Keeps Active

Bro. Frank B. Halkyer, Past Master of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 42, held at Uniondale, in northeastern Pennsylvania, has established quite a record of service in the 15th Masonic District.

Receiving his Degrees the early part of 1923, he was attracted to the Ritualistic and Emblematic Work and was soon found conferring Degrees in proficient and impressive form. His love for the Ritualistic and Floor Work is reflected in the unusual number of Degrees he has conferred and the endless hours of instruction he has afforded Brethren in his area.

Nearly 80 years of age, Bro. Halkyer is still teaching the Ritual, installing Officers, conducting Masonic Funeral Services and conferring the three Symbolic Degrees. Often called upon to confer Degrees in neighboring Lodges, Bro. Clark W. Howell, District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District, relates that Bro. Halkyer has kept a detailed list of all the Degrees he has conferred, showing the name of the Member receiving the Degree, the date and the Lodge in which the Degree was conferred.

The list of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees conferred goes into several pages. The number of Master Masons conferred is far in excess of two hundred.

Still in good health, for his age, Bro. Frank enjoys attending the many other Masonic organizations in which he has been active for years, but he still maintains his loyalty to the Symbolic Work in which he has inspired a vast number of Brethren through the years and impressive way he has been conferring Degrees for many years.

Wide Insurance Coverages for Lodges Purchased by Gr. Lodge

Religious, fraternal and educational institutions are now legally liable for damage caused by one of their members, even if that member is against their interests. This has been made possible by recent court decisions which have established the principle that individuals and organizations are liable for the negligence of their members.

To help cover these losses, the Grand Lodge, with the approval of the Special Committee on Insurance and Investment, has purchased insurance policies which provide comprehensive protection against all types of losses, including death, illness, injury, auto accidents, and other forms of liability. These policies are designed to protect the well-being of all our Lodges and their members.

The above insurance program is provided without cost to the Lodges. The premium on this coverage will be paid by the Grand Lodge. In those Lodges where Members have taken some of the above classifications, it is suggested that they cancel the policies where duplications exist. If a policy also covers a Temple building or other property which the Lodge should cancel.

In the near future, each Lodge will receive a letter which will contain more of the details of each coverage together with the explanations and instructions for the Lodges to follow.

Help Wanted

At Masonic Homes

There is an immediate need for men and women employees in the following positions: nurses, practical nurses, janitors, cooks, secretaries, waiters, and porters. Interested persons should contact Bro. Paul S. Shanks, Superintendent of Masonic Homes, at 6000 W. Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19128, or call for an appointment. (Area Code 215) 737-3202.