In Memoriam
BRO. HENRY O. WALKER

Grand Lodge and the Craft were saddened by the sudden death on Saturday, June 26, of Bro. Henry O. Walker, District Deputy Grand Master of the 56th Masonic District.

Bro. "Hank" Wiltse, a Past Master of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1942 and 1943. He was Grand Sword Bearer in 1950, was appointed to serve as Grand Marshal in 1951, 1952 and 1953. He was appointed Acting Grand Marshal in May 1965 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Ralph W. Temple. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District on December 27, 1965, vice Bro. Arthur Van Nort, deceased.

New Masonic Blood Bank Seeks Additional Members
The new Masonic Blood Donor Club of Southeastern Pennsylvania has enjoyed a growth of more than 1,500 members since it was formed in the Spring of 1967.

This new Blood Donor’s Club is open to Masons of Lodges and other Masonic Bodies meeting within 100 miles of Philadelphia. Participation includes protection for the member and his dependents.

Eligible Masons are urged to affiliate with this new fraternal project. Details will be provided by writing to Masonic Blood Donor Club, 2511 Rittenhouse Claridge, 18th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., 19103, or by calling 215-627-6670.

Just dial Mason 76

Because Freemasonry has such a wonderful and rich heritage, there is the added responsibility of each and every Member of the Craft to band it down in its purity.

The Universal League of Freemasons

The Universal League of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, commonly known as the Universal League of Freemasons, has been edited by the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

In the Edit, Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, emphasized: “A member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may not become a member of, or hold membership in, the Universal League of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, commonly known as the Universal League of Freemasons.”

Bro. Young pointed out that Masons in this Jurisdiction who are members of the Universal League of Freemasons must renounce their membership or face Masonic charges for refusing to obey the Edict of the Grand Master.

In issuing the Edit, Bro. Young pointed out: “The Commission of Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters states that the League appears to be indiscriminate in its sources of members, accepting members from Grand Lodges not recognized by any of the Grand Lodges of the Conference of Grand Masters, and of such a nature that some of them may be regarded by us as irregular. This is particularly the case in Europe.”

In 1965, the Grand Lodge of England adopted a resolution with regard to the League to the effect that “membemship of any kind of any kind at any time of its functions is incompatible with regular Freemasonry.”

The Commission of Information advised: “The obvious everywhere should be informed that we cannot be too strict in maintaining our standards of regularity. This must be done by indiscriminate mingling on a Masonic basis with those otherwise regarded as irregular.”

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Grand Master Urges All Pennsylvania Masons to Remember 'Guest Fund'

The 250,000 Pennsylvania Masons have been urged to contribute more than $300,000 to the 1969 Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In urging Masons to continue their generous participation, Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, said: “We are deep in our Stewardship of the $282,000 that approximately 23 per cent of our members contributed to the Guest Fund last year. The increase was $4,000 over the previous year.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, owned and operated by your Grand Lodge, are now caring for 767 Guests.

Our homes are faced with the problem of maintaining adequate standards in an inflationary economy. Each year it is costing substantially more money to provide identical services.

The Grand Master urged all Masons to make a special effort to send a contribution to the Guest Fund. He added: “I also urge those who contributed last year to find a way to repeat their generosity.”

In an effort to inform Pennsylvania Masons how the money is used to benefit Guests at the Masonic Homes, Bro. Young listed the following expenditures from the Guest Fund in existence for the 1968 year:

- $30,485 for the Occupational Therapy Program. This program provides two qualified instructors and materials for guests to pursue their time with creative projects, such as leather and metal crafts, painting, jewelry and pottery crafts, and many others.
- $13,977 to maintain a barber and beauty shop.
- $70,000 for Guests’ spending money. Each Guest is given $10 a month to use as he or she desires. This money is used by our Guests for pleasures not necessarily provided by the homes.
- $33,654 for Guests’ personal needs, such as new eye glasses, eyeglass repairs, hearing aids and hearing aid supplies, new razors and razor repairs, writing paper and tobacco.
- $34,844 for Holiday Gifts and Activities, such as Christmas presents and special programs, Easter treats, other holiday activities, and holiday dinner parties.
- $22,195 to operate the Masonic Homes’ special bus to other locations, to operate the Masonic Homes’ special bus to other locations.

The Masonic Homes are faced with expanding the occupational therapy program, providing an adequate system to the 1969 Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes. The increase was $4,000 over the previous year.

The cost last year adds up to $287,521, or nearly $5,000 more than was collected.

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Proposed Amendments To The Ahiman Rezon

These proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were presented at the June Quarterly Communication in Scranton and will lay over for final action now provided.

The second amendment would clarify the position of at least fifteen Master Masons, not members of any Lodge, or continuously resigned from their Lodges, on the Standing Committee of the District Deputy Grand Master, and of at least five Masons, members of a Subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction. Warrants shall be granted for a Lodge within five miles of the place mentioned in the Warrant of an existing Lodge, without the consent of such Lodge, given under its seal, unless under special circumstances. The petition must be accompanied with Certificates or Transfer Certificates from the Lodge or Lodges to which the petitioners last belonged, or from which they have conditionally resigned, or other satisfactory evidence of the good Masonic standing of the petitioners, and that they are not members of any Lodge or have conditionally resigned from their Lodge and their Lodge Certificates or Transfer Certificates must accompany their petition.

The proposed Amendments read as follows:

Article XVII, Section 1—All Lodges to which petitions are granted are required to forward the petition accompanied by Certificates or Transfer Certificates from the Lodge or Lodges to which the petitioners last belonged, or from which they have conditionally resigned, or other satisfactory evidence of the good Masonic standing of the petitioners, and that they are not members of any Lodge or have conditionally resigned from their Lodge and their Lodge Certificates or Transfer Certificates must accompany their petition.

Article XVII, Section 2—Any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons within the Jurisdiction which does not regularly meet in the Masonic Temple, No. 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, after having secured the approval of the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, shall be suspended from the time it fails to meet for the period of time prescribed in the Warrant, unless such Lodges, upon due notice, hold a meeting in said Temple, and conduct the business of the Lodge, upon the appointment of duly appointed candidates with the approval of the Past Grand Master of the Lodge for the proper conduct of the meeting, which said meeting shall be held at the regular place of meeting of his Lodge.

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which has been very successful. The committee hopes to employ two other persons particularly to work with Guests permanently confined to hospital beds. The Grand Master, after visiting hospital patients taking part in the limited program, said: "It appears that all the hospital Guests want more culture activities. This can only be accomplished by employing additional help."

In concluding his appeal for a generous response, the Grand Master said: "Our goal is $300,000. We need this money to provide programs, as listed above, which are not included in the budget."

"Please use the postage-free envelope that will be provided with your September Lodge Notice and make your check payable to Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown."

"Remember, your contribution is deductible for income tax purposes."

"It is a joy to your kindliness and generosity and know that we can work together to reach the goal of $300,000."
Master of Lodge No. 610 Receives First Patton 'Grand Master's Award'

Bro. George V. Hughes, Worshipful Master of University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia, a 1950 graduate of Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown, was the recipient of the first "Grand Master's Award" for an outstanding Patton alumnus.

The award was presented to Bro. Hughes at the Patton School commencement exercises on June 1, 1968, by the Trustees of Patton School and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

In a specially inscribed scroll, the Grand Master said: "I hereby designate you as the recipient of the Grand Master's Award for 1968 in recognition of your dedication and continued interest in the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys since your graduation in 1950."

Bro. Hughes received his Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree from Penn State University in 1955, served three years in the Army, and is a registered professional engineer in Philadelphia.

The Hughes live in Hatherly, a Philadelphia suburban community, and have three children.

In expressing his desire to create financial assistance for Patton graduates who desire a higher education, Bro. Hughes wrote: "I know the difficulties of college life on a financial shoestring, and, of course, college costs have spiraled upward since then."

Two Couples Needed As House Parents to Children at Homes

Two couples are needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to serve as house parents in the children's program.

Applicants for the positions must have good character, an interest in working with children, and a minimum of a high school education.

In addition to salary, benefits include a furnished apartment, retirement plan, health insurance and vacations.

Couples interested in applying for the positions should contact Bro. Russell S. Trimmer, Children's Counselor, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Renovation Underway In Philadelphia Temple

A resolution authorizing extensive renovations to the interior of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, was approved at the Quarterly Communication held in Scranton, June 3, 1968, and the work has been progressing during the Summer months.

The work being done is designed to improve the meeting and banquet facilities and includes the installation of air conditioning and a dehumidifier unit. The renovation program also includes wall paneling, suspended acoustical ceilings, recessed lighting and improved amplification for the banquet rooms and committee rooms in the basement.

Protective glass is being installed in the first floor windows and transoms and additional legal exits are being installed.

As previously included in the budget, the ceilings and walls of the Library and Museum Rooms have been refurnished during the Summer months.

Our Popular New Booklet, 'The Making of a Mason,' Is Available Upon Request

The newest booklet published by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture and designed to offer advice and suggestions in the handling of the Petitioner and Candidate, is available either in single copies or in quantities free of charge.

This new booklet, titled 'The Making of a Mason,' is provided to serve as an inspiration and guide to Members who accept the responsibility of being a Recommender; for those Members charged with the important task of serving on the Committee of Inquiry, and for those Members assigned to act as Guides during the conferring of the Degrees.

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When You Change Your Mailing Address

Please Notify Your Lodge Secretary

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to notify your Lodge Secretary. This will enable him to keep his Lodge mailing list accurate and current. Your Lodge Secretary will then be able to notify you as to when we can keep a current copy and address sheet in our general mailing list for mailing your copies of "The Pennsylvania Freemason." Following is a form for you to use to notify your Lodge Secretary. It is returned to us with a postage due of 10 cents. Help us eliminate these costly Postal Returns.

Bro. Robert Westcott Appointed Executive Director at the Homes

Bro. Robert W. Westcott, a member of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, Pittsburgh, has been appointed Executive Director of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Paul S. Shank remains as Superintendent.

Bro. Westcott, a 48-year-old business executive, has had varied industrial experiences with General Electric, United States Steel and Phoenix Steel Corporations.

With Phoenix Steel for the past three years, he was a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive and Finance Committees.

His experiences include: personnel, industrial relations, sales, operations, industrial relations, planning.

Bro. Westcott graduated in 1942 from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., with Phi Beta Kappa distinction. He also attended the Graduate School of Syracuse University.

When the Westcotts, with their two daughters, are now living at the Homes, it is recommended that Masonic Correspondence concerning the Masonic Homes be addressed to the Executive Director.

Bro. Robert W. Westcott
Three New District Chairmen Appointed

The following new District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have been appointed by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master:

1. MASONIC DISTRICT 2—Bro. W. Auld, Lodge No. 733.
2. MASONIC DISTRICT 3—Bro. James W. Green, Lodge No. 605.

The Grand Lodge, through its Committee on Masonic Culture, is both proud and pleased for the services being performed by the several District Chairmen.

Sixth and Seventh Sectional Meetings

The Sixth and Seventh Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction were held at the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh.


Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Lodge Officers start a busy schedule after the summer recess of Masonic Lodges. The schedule for the next three months includes:

September 3—Grand Lodge Officers, Committee on Finances, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
September 4—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters and Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
September 7—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Christians Lodge, No. 417, Christ Church, Phila.
September 10—Junior Grand Warden, 125th Anniversary, Rondale Lodge No. 55, Philadelphia.
September 13—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Chapter No. 225, Fort Washington.
September 15—Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication of Grand Lodge to lay cornerstone and dedicate Lower Bucks County Masonic Temple, Woodbury.
September 17—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, University, Waterford Lodge, No. 425, Waterford.
September 21—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Roman Lodge, No. 418, Rittenhouse.
September 22—Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication of Grand Lodge to lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room, Foxes Trail Lodge, No. 783, Report.
September 25—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Williamston.
October 1—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Shrewsbury Lodge, No. 423, Shrewsbury.
October 11—Grand Master, meeting of Phi Alpha Lodge, No. 527, Philadelphia, in honor of Grand Treasurer.
October 12—Grand Lodge Officers, special communication to lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room for Vaux Lodge, No. 406, Hamburg, and attend the 100th Anniversary banquet of Vaux Lodge.
October 18—Grand Master, Isaac Hiereth Lodge, No. 660, Reading.
October 25—Grand Lodge Officers, special communication to lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room for Exeter Lodge, No. 419, Reading.
October 26—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Newtown Lodge, No. 427, Woodbury.
October 31—Grand Lodge Officers, for Masonic Home, Huntingdon.
November 6—Grand Lodge Officers.
November 16—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, A.A.R.S., Greensboro, North Carolina.
November 22—Grand Master, Bloomington, Consistory, A.A.R.S., Bloomington.
November 27—Grand Master, 75th Anniversary, Shadle Lodge, No. 601, Irvine.

Three of our Grand Officers, under the supervision of Mrs. Vivian S. Haines of the Occupational Therapy Staff, are shown making custom jewelry in the Hobby Shop at the Home. Materials for this craft work are made possible by your contributions to the Gift Fund.

Committee Appointed to Plan and Prepare for Masonic Participation in 1976 During 200th Anniversary of Our Nation's Independence

The Grand Master has appointed a 1976 committee to plan for Masonic participation in the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

In announcing the appointment of the Committee to prepare for Masonic participation in 1976, Bro. John K. Young, Grand Master, said: "It was members of this great fraternity who wielded the strength to chart the course of this nation to follow."

"History has recorded the place Freemasonry has played to build this great nation. We are very proud of our heritage. However, we cannot live on our past gloires."

"To recognize Masonic participation in the Declaration of Independence, and to join our nation in properly recognizing this important anniversary, I have appointed an outstanding committee to prepare proper participation."