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Grand Master Pleased With State of Craft—Highlights Teamwork

Dear Brethren:

With this final comment as your Grand Master, I express a feeling of personal pride and encouragement in the "State of the Craft" in our Jurisdiction.

Every Grand Master looks forward to his term in office with hopes and desires of advancing the cause of Freemasonry. As I look back over the past two years, I am pleased with the accomplishments and activities made possible by the cooperation and dedication of so many Masons.

A more detailed listing of the activities of my term as Grand Master will be covered in the Abstract of the Proceedings.

Highlighting the many accomplishments of the past two years was the display of teamwork evidenced in the fulfillment of most, if not all, of my objectives, both large and small. I have been inspired with the determined efforts of so many "to get the job done." Without this teamwork, your Grand Master could not have carried out his mission.

With great pride and satisfaction, I can now refer to the wisdom and efforts of many dedicated Masons in bringing about a more efficient administration of the Masonic Homes; the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; and to the extensive renovations of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the headquarters of our Grand Lodge.

Bro. Alvin A. Gasser, Sr.
Appointed D.D.G.M. of Masonic District "F"

Bro. Alvin A. Gasser, Sr., Past Master of Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "F," effective January 9, 1969.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, presented Bro. Gasser to the officers in Masonic District "F" at a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 230 in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on November 16.

Bro. Gasser resides at 1104 Bloomdale Road, Philadelphia.

Three-month Itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Lodge Officers have a busy schedule for the next three months, including:


December 3 — Grand Lodge Officers: Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

December 5 — Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabeth.

December 17 — Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Visitation, Mesta Lodge, No. 269, Philadelphia.


January 9 — Grand Master: Visitation, Corinthian Lodge, No. 573, Millvale.

January 10 — Grand Master: Installation, Ohio State Lego, No. 733, Cincinnati.


January 22 — Grand Lodge Officers: Reception for Guests, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

January 24 — Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabeth.


February 23 — Grand Lodge Officers: Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

February 27 — Grand Lodge Officers: Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

A few prize-winning apples picked from the orchard at the Homes. The "king-size" apples on the scale actually weighed 2 pounds. This happened to be a large apple year, due to the heavy rains. Some varieties had fewer apples on the trees, but they were big ones.
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Married Couple, Guests at Homes, 75th Wedding Anniversary

Bro. and Mrs. Frank Strait, Guests at the Masonic Homes since 1965, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at the Homes on October 18, 1969.

Bro. and Mrs. Frank Strait, Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on October 19 at a dinner party in their honor at the Homes.

Mrs. Strait, age 94, and Mrs. Strait, age 93, became Guests at the Masonic Homes on April 13, 1968. Bro. Strait is a member of Lodge No. 106, held at Williamsport.

News of their diamond anniversary celebration was carried by a national news service.

“The most important things,” said Mrs. Strait, “is that after 75 years we still like each other. All of the other women I know got second husbands, but I’ve got just one, and I expect that’s all I ever will have.”

“We’re very happy that God has given us all these years together.”

Old age hasn’t dulled the senses of either the bride or the groom of 75 years ago. She calls him “Dad” and he calls her “Mom.”

“I don’t and I have our roots over the years, and I expect that’s all I ever will have.”

“The Straits admit to a couple of things:”

“We play a lot of camping,” he said, “but Mom is a better player than me and she beats me more than I can beat her.”

“We also have TV right here in our room,” he added, “and we watch a lot of that.”

Mrs. Strait also has a big hobby at the moment and spends considerable time in the Home Shop where she creates costume jewelry.

“It is lovely,” she said, “and I’m always giving the stuff away to my friends.”

You cannot pay the Lord’s Prayer and even once say, “I.”

You cannot pay the Lord’s Prayer and even once say, “Me.”

Nor can you pray the Lord’s Prayer and not include another person in your daily bread.

You must include your Brother.

You must include your Brother.

In such and every place.

The first two lines to the last word, The Lord’s Prayer doesn’t once say, “Me.”
Increase Committee on Masonic Culture: covered for Workmen's Compensation, Masonic Culture is most appreciative. District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge, has appointed the following:

- E. Leslie, Lodge No. 218.
- Kaufman, Lodge No. 91.
- L. Anderson, Lodge No. 534.

A review of the Insurance carried the coverage was inadequate in many, or no Insurance. It was also appreciated that the cost for this coverage, carried by each Lodge separately, was excessive.

This subject was discussed frequently at the annual Grand Lodge Conferences held in Washington, D.C. and as a result a prominent Insurance Company agreed to make the necessary Insurance coverage available for all the Grand Lodges and their Subordinate Lodges. Early in 1965 in order to assure that each of our Lodges was at least covered for Workman's Compensation, our Grand Lodge Policy and paid the premium at no charge to the Lodges. The Lodges were notified of this coverage and were requested to cancel their Policy, if they chose to do so.

By the spring of 1967, arrangements had been completed for broad and extensive Insurance coverage for all our Lodges. The Lodges were so notified, and the May, 1967, issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason carried a detailed article on this coverage. As Grand Lodge Policy for this Insurance, the Lodges were informed their similar Policies could be immediately cancelled.

On May 24, 1967, each Lodge was forwarded a copy of the "Memorandum of Insurance" prepared by the Company carrying this coverage giving a detailed explanation of the differences Policies then in effect.

The Policies include:

1. Comprehensive Public Liability — $1,000,000
2. Medical Payments — $5,000 per person/$50,000 each occurrence
3. Fidelity Bond — $5,000 each person
4. Money and Securities — $5,000
5. Depositor's Fidelity (checks, etc.) — $1,000
6. Paraphernalia (Based on Inventories furnished by each Lodge) — $1,000
7. Workman's Compensation and Employer's Liability — Statutory

The above Insurance protection applies to Lodge activities, but does not cover Masonic Temples, Halls, or Lodge Room furniture and equipment, only parapernalia.

Following is a brief description of the various coverages:

FIDELITY BONDS — ($5,000)

This Insurance covers the loss of money, securities or other property sustained by fraudulent or dishonest act or acts committed by any Lodge Officer or Member.

COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY — ($1,000,000 Maximum — Each Occurrence)

This Insurance provides protection for Personal Injury and Property Damage Liability. Each Lodge Officer and Member, individually or collectively, is insured while attending any Lodge activity or acting in connection with such Lodge (or Grand Lodge) functions. This Policy extends to cover any owned building property only if the building is not used or occupied by other Lodges, organizations or tenants. Otherwise the building and elevators must be separately insured.

MEDICAL PAYMENTS INSURANCE ($50,000 each occurrence)

This Insurance covers Members and Guests for reasonable necessary medical, surgical, hospital, etc., expenses caused by injuries or sickness resulting from activities in Lodge Rooms or Quarters. Also for accidents away from the Lodge Quarters if loss arises out of authorized Lodge activities which liability insurance is provided. This Insurance is available in connection with any other comprehensive liability coverage carried by the Lodge or the individual, including Workmen's Compensation.

MONEY AND SECURITIES ($5,000)

This Insurance covers the loss of money and securities by destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction without the fraudulent intent of the Lodge or any member thereof. Coverage in all cases extends for any cause whether fraud or natural calamity or otherwise.

PARAPHERNALIA ($1,000)

This Insurance covers loss sustained through forgery or alteration of Lodge checks or similar papers.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ($5,000)

This Insurance covers loss sustained through forgery or alteration of Lodge checks or similar papers.

This Insurance covers the loss of money and securities by destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction whether or not the fraudulent intent of the Lodge or any member thereof. Coverage in all cases extends for any cause whether fraud or natural calamity or otherwise.

FORGERY BOND ($5,000)

This Insurance covers loss sustained through forgery or alteration of Lodge checks or similar papers.

NOTE:

Each Lodge must carry its own Unemployment Compensation Insurance. Each Lodge Officer and Member, individually or collectively, is insured while attending any Lodge activity or taking part in any Lodge business meeting or conference. This coverage is in addition to the above.

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Newest Amendments To the Ahiman Rezon Ready for Final Action

Action will be taken at the Quarterly Communication on December 3 on the Revised Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were submitted at the June Quarterly Communication. They were discussed briefly in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

The proposed Amendment to Article XIII, Section 34, to limit the term of newly elected members of the Committee on Masonic Homes to ten years.

Another Expression of Gratitude

Mr. William Yang, Jr., Chairman
Executive Committee, Committee on Masonic Homes
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022

Dear Sir:

Our Mother, Mrs. Cornelia Teeters, recently passed away at the Masonic Homes. She was a Guest and also a frequent patient at the hospital for four years. We cannot speak highly enough of the care and treatment our Mother received at the Masonic Homes. Your Staff and all the employees of the Homes are truly dedicated to their patients. We are most grateful that Mother had such fine doctors. We also wish to extend to you and yours a Happy Holiday period, deeply grateful for your contributions to the Guest Fund.

We especially want to mention your excellent facilities, The Philadelphia Freemason Hospital. Never have we seen such well equipped hospital in this area. The cleanliness of the patients and the rooms is outstanding. We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Linn, Dr. Meckstroth and Dr. Homblock while he was in residence.

The medical care plus their genuine interest in each patient was most outstanding. We are most grateful that Mother had such fine doctors. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Rathmill and Mrs. Angstead plus the many other nurses and aides who were dedicated to the patients in the hospital.

We were pleased with the work done at the Frank Miller Funeral Home.

All arrangements between the funeral home and the Masonic Homes were handled exceptionally well in every respect.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Emily H. Summ John W. Teeters
Where to Stay in Pittsburgh

Brethren desiring to make hotel reservations in Pittsburgh for the Annual Grand Communication have many selections, including:

- Hotel Webster Hall, 4415 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213; and the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213, both located in the Oakland section near Syri a Mosque, where the Annual Grand will be held.
- The hotels downtown Pittsburgh include:
  - William Penn Hotel, William Penn Place, Pittsburgh 15222; Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 15230; Pick Roosevelt Hotel, 607 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh 15222; and Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at Chatham Center, Washington Place, Pittsburgh 15219.

Sectional Meeting of School of Instruction Held at Philadelphia

A most successful Sectional Meeting of the School of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on October 25, 1969. Eleven District Deputy Grand Masters and 367 Lodge Officers and Members attended. Approximately 40% of those present were attending a Sectional Meeting for the first time.

The rehearsal of the work was well performed by Officers of Lodges in the Philadelphia area. Credit must be given to the Principals of the three Philadelphia Schools and their Instructors for proficiency of the work. The Regional Instructors most ably conducted the rehearsal.

The following are tentative dates for Sectional Meetings during 1970:
- March 7—Harship
- March 14—Uniontown
- March 28—New Castle
- April 4—Scran ton
- April 11—Pittsburgh
- April 18—Everett
- May 9—Pleasant Hills
- September 12—Oil City
- September 19—Tarentum for Instructors at Everett
- September 26—Philadelphia

Masons and Their Ladies invited to Attend Grand Master’s Banquet and Entertainment—December 27, 1969

One of the highlights of “Masonic Day in Pittsburgh” will be the Grand Master’s Banquet in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel at 7 p.m., December 27. For the first time in Masonic history, Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies have been invited to participate in the banquet that follows the installation of the Grand Master.

Tickets are limited to 1,100. They will be reserved on a first come basis. Masons interested in attending this outstanding Banquet and Entertainment should complete the coupon provided in this issue and send it as directed as soon as possible to assure their receiving tickets.

An outstanding entertainment will follow the banquet. The Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel is located at the apex of Pittsburgh’s Golden Triangle as shown on the photo that precedes this issue. The Master Grand has sent letters to all Pennsylvania Masonic Lodges, urging them to participate at “Masonic Day in Pittsburgh” if at all possible.

Masonic Lodges desiring to assist in the participation of their own members and ladies at the banquet should reserve an entire table. There are ten places at a table. Those desiring to make reservations should send a check or money order immediately to Bro. John A. Hollingsworth, Treasurer, Masonic Temple, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.

Lodge Secretaries have been requested to include the following in Lodge Notices:

- “Brothers and their Ladies are invited to attend the Grand Master’s Dinner and Entertainment at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, in the ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Tickets are limited to 1,100 and cost $15 each.”
- Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies will be available at 6:15 p.m. to greet Brethren and Ladi es who arrive before the banquet starts at 7 p.m.
- Dress for the banquet is: tuxedo preferred, dark suit acceptable.

Grand Mason to be Received in Lodge 787 Following Installation

Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, will officially receive the newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 27, at a Special Meeting in the Syrian Mosque, Pittsburgh. The Grand Master will be accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers including District Deputy Grand Masters and Masonic visitors from other jurisdictions.

The Brother who will officially become Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 787 at Noon on December 27, will receive the Grand Master.

The Lodge has invited all Masons interested in attending the Annual Grand Communication, to remain for the Special Meeting to assist the Lodge in honoring the Grand Master.

Annual Grand to be A First for Pittsburgh

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The Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, is one of the largest in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic use. It is located near the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, on Fifth Avenue between Thomson and Lytton Avenues. Brethren attending the Annual Grand Communication on December 27 will have an opportunity to see this famous Masonic Temple.

The schedule for “Masonic Day in Pittsburgh” on Saturday, December 27, includes:
- 8:00 a.m. — Doors of Syrian Mosque open for all Brethren.
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. — Coffee and doughnuts served in Syrian Mosque.
- 10:00 a.m. — Grand Lodge convenes.
- 12:00 noon — Installation of new Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.
- 1:00 p.m. — Lunch for Brethren in dining room of Syrian Mosque.
- 3:00 p.m. — Special Meeting of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, in Syrian Mosque to officially receive the newly installed Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished guests. All Brethren are invited.
- 6:15 p.m. — Receiving line of Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies in the Grand Ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. — Grand Master’s Banquet and Entertainment, Grand Ballroom, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

Program at Pittsburgh

John A. Hollingsworth, Treasurer, Masonic Temple, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213

Enclosed is my check for $ for tickets at $15.00 per ticket. Ten to a table.

Print Name

Address

City State Zip

Note: Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.