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Face Lifting Operation

Temples Being Prepared for 1976

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is getting a "face-lifting" operation that will cost $106,000.

Since its dedication, this architectural jewel has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to Philadelphia — the mother city of Freemasonry in America.

The "face-lifting" process includes:

- Clean exterior with sand, water or mild chemical to remove dirt and stains from all stone work and pavements above roof and down to pavement level.
- Cut out and repoint all joints around perimeter of building.
- Coat all cleaned stone with water repellent sealant that will last a minimum of ten years.
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In addition to Grand Lodge, 79 Blue Lodges and 21 other Masonic Bodies held their meetings in the Temple. This required a continuous homeownership. The Grand Lodge Officers recommended that open territory be approved.

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Grand Lodge Officers Have Busy Schedule

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- September 4 — Quarterly Communication, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- September 14 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Armstrong Lodge No. 139, Freeport.
- September 27 — Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- September 28 — Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
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- October 20 — Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- October 26 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Lafayette Lodge No. 194, Selinsgrove.
- November 2 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, John Marshall Lodge No. 734, Pleasant Hill.
- December 6 — Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Masonic Culture Is Holding Seminars

Masonic Culture Seminars are being conducted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in an effort to stimulate Lodge activity and improve attendance.

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New Culture Manual Prepared For Candidates

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture has developed a new Masonic Culture Manual for the use of Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture. It is designed for instructing candidates in areas of Freemasonry not covered by the Ritualistic Work.

- The Manual supplements the Four Candidate Booklet presented to petitioners when approved and after each degree.
- Work on the Manual was started in 1973 by a committee chaired by Bro. Richard A. James, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman of Area "B".
- Chapter One in the Manual discusses the beginnings of Freemasonry. It is to be used for pre-initiation instruction.
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Memorials Available At Homes

The reconstruction program for the Masonic Health Care Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will require many new Guest Rooms and Service Areas.

- Single Room Guest and Building Fund
  - Single Room including furnishings $11,500
  - Double Room including furnishings $17,500
  - Single Room Furnishings $1,500
  - Double Room Furnishings $2,500

The names of donors and memorials will be placed on bronze plaques, similar to those used in the Masonic Building, and larger donations can be recognized by the allocation of special rooms, lounges, treatment areas and other facilities that will be incorporated in the reconstruction process.

Three Patton Students Cited In "Who's Who"

Three Patton Masonic School students have been cited in the Eighth Annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.


Funeral Service Booklets Have Been Distributed

The distribution of the new Masonic Funeral Services booklet has been sent to all Masonic Lodges in this jurisdiction.

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All the seminars were well received.

The two Area Chairmen reported a renewed enthusiasm in Masonic education. The packets containing Masonic literature distributed to the participants aroused considerable interest and discussion.

The Committee hopes that Brethren who did not attend the seminars held in their area will try to attend one of the remaining seminars to be conducted in September by Bro. Edward A. Hayes, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman of Area "B," covering Districts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 56, 40, 42 and 60.

Information on time and place will be sent in the near future to District Deputy Grand Masters, Masonic Culture District Chairman and Lodge Masonic Culture Chairman Chairman of the other Districts.

Lodge Masonic Culture Chairmen of other Districts wishing to attend one of these seminars should write for information to Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Freemasonry was a dominant unifying force in Civil War

Freemasonry was not involved in the Civil War, but Brother McKinley fought heroically on both sides. Though it was sometimes referred to as the “War Between the States,” painlessly divided families and friends, but Freemasonry was a dominant unifying force.

The background of the struggle was not only slavery, but economic and political positions of both North and South. Whatever the differences, it is agreed that the issues were often overemphasized by agitators, Union and Confederate, who whipped up excitement and aroused public emotions.

Through such awesome times, however, the spark of humor, frequently bitter and satiric, was alive.

In the collections of the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are 308 Civil War envelopes covering the period 1861-1865. They are clever Lithographic cartoons poking wry fun at some idea, incident, or person involved with or in the war.

Many of the illustrations show the American flag with fervent patriotic slogans or sayings. Some envelopes proclaim the “Loyal States” with the Goddess of Liberty, holding the American flag, resting against the individual State or others mark the “Rebel States” with the Devil, spear in hand, holding the seals of the second States.

A number of drawings poke fun at Jeff Davis, war profiteers, and high-spirited troops showing army “rations” as either rum or molasses.

A number of cartoons bring to task J.B. (John Bull England) for his commercial interest in cotton and hence his support of the South.

It is strange that there are no envelopes in the collection bearing the name Pennsylvania. It is possible that the collector may have been a Pennsylvanian and kept them for his own private use. All these envelopes, of which thousands must have been issued, were part of the continuous campaign propaganda put out by both sides during the Civil War. The Grand Lodge Collection is exclusively Northern issue.

It is interesting, with difficult communication between Northern and Southern Lodges, that Freemasonry with its belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul, had an influence for good on both sides.

There are many recorded instances where Masonry penetrated the heavy shield of hatred and brought forth compassion and understanding.

One story involves President William McKinley, then a Major with the 23rd Ohio Regiment of Volunteers assigned to protect and manage the army hospital at Winchester, Virginia. Major McKinley was struck by the bonds he saw existing between some Union convicts and Confederate prisoners. When he learned the reason for such a Brotherly spirit, he asked to be admitted to the Craft.

If Freemasonry could hold such power for good in time of war, Brother McKinley wanted to belong to that fraternity. His petition was presented to Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester, Virginia. He was initiated May 1, 1885, passed May 2, and raised May 3.

In the book “One Hundred and Fifty Years of Freemasonry in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania” by Brother William E. Montgomery, is an account of the Confederate invasion of that town in July, 1864.

General Jubal A. Early issued orders to Generals John McCausland and Bradley Johnson that unless the citizens of Chambersburg came up with $100,000 in gold or $500,000 in northern money to pay for Union vandalism in the Lynchburg, Virginia, campaign, the entire town was to be burned in retaliation.

The town was set afire, but the block in which the Masonic Temple stood was not touched. A Confederate officer of high rank, recognizing the Masonic Temple, posted guards to prevent the burning of the Temple and such nearby buildings that could endanger it.

The book continues: “Although his identity cannot be ascertained, George Washington Lodge can well be profoundly and everlasting grateful to the Southern Mason who obeyed the dictates of fraternal sentiment rather than the orders of his superior officer.”

George Washington Lodge No. 143 still meets in this Temple, 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, whose cornerstone was laid June 24, 1823.

The year 1864 ended with the death of Brother George Millin Dallas, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and former Vice President of the United States. He did not live to see, within only a few months, the end of the war between North and South.

Bitterness and hatred still split the Nation, but in Masonic circles, both North and South, every effort was made to reunite our country.
Brethren Festival Attracts Large Attendance

Dedicated Past Masters

Brownsville Lodge No. 60, Brownsville, Fayette County, is proud of its Past Masters. Twenty-one of them attended the Annual Past Master's Night of the Lodge. The senior representative was Bro. Herman D. Graham, 93 years young, who served as Worshipful Master in 1916. The attendance was documented by a group picture in The Brownsville Telegraph. Bro. David J. Cagnon, the Worshipful Master, pinned an American Beauty Rose on each one of the honored Past Masters. It was the Annual Strawberry Festival of the Lodge, and 75 Brethren attended.

Family Affair

The McMurray Lodge No. 807, Washington County, was recently filled with Lodge. Bro. Walter F. Long, Sr., was the candidate. The father, Bro. Walter F. Long, Jr., was the Worshipful Master; the grandfather, Bro. Walter F. Long, Sr., was the guide.

Scranton Mason Honored

Bro. Robert F. Bush, member of Union Lodge No. 291, Scranton, is president of the American Engineering Association Technical Conference. His home is in New York, and is the chief engineer for the Erie Lackawanna Railway Company.

First Masonic District

Bro. James Buckham, the 15th President of the United States, was a member and Past Master of Lodge No. 45, Lancaster. In 1824 he was the first District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, then included Lodges in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties.

First Oil Well

Bro. Edwin L. Drake, a member of Oak Creek Lodge No. 303, now Titusville Lodge No. 724, did drill the first oil well at Titusville on August 27, 1859.

Independence Hall

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its Communications in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, in 1800, 1802 and 1805.

No Named Lodges

There are 603 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania — 12 of them are identified by numbers.

Average Age Increasing

There are approximately 600 adult members of the Masonic Homes at Etters, PA. Their average age is 84.5 years. In 1927, it was 75 years.

Grandfather Confers Degree

Bro. Mark G. Kendig, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 435, Reading, will confer the Degree of Master Mason. His grandfather, Bro. David H. Kendig, Jr., was a Worshipful Master in 1918. He conferred the Degree of Master Mason. His father, Bro. David H. Kendig, Jr., was a Worshipful Master in 1950. He conferred the Degree of Master Mason. His son, Bro. Ben H. Kendig, III, is a Worshipful Master. He conferred the Degree of Master Mason. His father, Bro. Martin P. Stoner, Mark's father-in-law, served as an officer in the first Degree.

Sons of Members


51 Year Member Didn't Retire

Bro. Andrew B. Bower, former Worshipful Master of Verona Lodge No. 548, Venango, and Warden and Willimantic No. 2, has been very active in his Lodge. He served as the Secretary and still practices, and how much of his service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lebanon, PA. In addition to the many hours he devotes to the Veterans Administration, he finds time to attend classes at local universities to keep abreast of the latest in medical inventions, Bro. Bower made a Mason in 1925.

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Large and Small

Spartan Lodge No. 372, Spartansburg, Crawford County, has the distinction of being the smallest Lodge in Pennsylvania with 57 Members. Equi Lodge No. 591, Philadelphia, is the largest Lodge with 2,752 Members.

Busy Lodges

Three Lodges were very busy conferring Degrees in 1973. They are: Lafayette Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia, with 47 Candidates, Perseverance Lodge No. 426, with 35 and Manhattan Lodge No. 299, with 33.

Bro. William A. Carpenter
R. W. Grand Secretary

Brethren Festival Attracts Large Attendance

Masonic Leaders To Attend Dec. 27 Dinner-Dance

The Grand Master's Banquet, Show and Dancing will again be open to all Brethren and their Ladies on Friday, December 27. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia. The cost will be $15.00 per person. This covers the following:

- A delicious roast beef dinner
- An outstanding show floor show
- Dancing to Bro. Joe Martin's 12-piece orchestra
- Free parking in the Sheraton Hotel garage
- Access to Kennedy Blvd., from the Hotel.

Masonic leaders throughout the country will attend the Annual Grand Communication, which has been exemplified throughout the years. They will also attend the Grand Master's Banquet.

Dress for the affair will be tuxedo, but dark suit acceptable.

The tickets this year will be limited to approximately 700 in order that all those attending will have a seat in the open areas of the ballroom.

They will be reserved on a first come basis. Don't put this off if you hope to attend.

Further information can be obtained from the Reservations Office of the Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

HOTEL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE

These double room reservations are available in the City of Philadelphia. Each room can be obtained by mailing a request to Conferences Office, Sheraton Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Two-night stay reservations are available from $35.00 to $50.00 per night.

Single rooms are available from $22.00 to $25.00 per night.

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Send to: R. W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple
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NOTE: Please use self-addressed stamped envelope.