Masonic Homes Policy

Listed for Regulations

The following is intended to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

Admissions Policy, Masonic Homes

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. There are housed at the Masonic Homes members, their wives, widows and mothers of deceased members of the 5th Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 210,000 as of December 27, 1970. These Lodges operate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Neither the Constitution of the Grand Lodge nor the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges restricts membership by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed and there are many among our members who are not of the Caucasian race although no record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed.

The admission of our members, or their wives, widows, or mothers of deceased members, to the Masonic Homes is governed by an elected Committee on Masonic Homes. This Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed. The Committee operates without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, or religious creed of the applicant.

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When You Move Please Let Us Know

Copies of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" returned to us by the Post Offices, due to incorrect addresses, have become rather costly.

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You can help us greatly in reducing this additional and rather unnecessary postal fee by notifying your Lodge Secretary as promptly as you can when your mailing address is to be changed.

Acting promptly when your address changes also assures you of a copy of the next edition of "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

All addresses whose income is from family allowance across a river was asked. "How many times a day do you cross the river?"

"Often as I can," he replied. "The more I go, the more I get. If I don't go, I don't get."

So it is with attending Lodge Meetings. The more we go, the more we get out of our Lodge Membership.

FROM SON TO FATHER — Bro. David M. Clawson, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 48th Masonic District (right) had the rare privilege and pleasure of presenting a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem to his father, Bro. Frederick M. Clawson, Past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 355, Harrisville, in the 19th Masonic District. The occasion just happened to be the 72nd birthday of our new Fifty Year Mason. It was a great evening for all.

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Ours is a peculiar Fraternity. It is in no sense a club or an insurance society and it offers nothing to any man by way of pecuniary return. It is, on the other hand, a Brotherhood, a Fraternity of high ideals, seeking to place before the individual a practical theory of living and to help men to realize the higher and better things of life.

Freemasonry Can’t Afford

To Take Time Off

The mission of Freemasonry is never ending. It requires a 24-hour day, a seven-day week, and a 12-month year.

As long has been the custom, many Masonic meetings are "called-off" for certain months. And, with a "call-off," there is always that possibility that some may tend to relax or let up in the performance of our Masonic responsibilities.

Living the life of a true and worthy Mason is a full-time endeavor. Hence, the "call-off" of Masonic meetings and the brief let-up in the mailing of meeting notices should not cause us to relax in the performance of a Masonic way of life.

Whether it be during the most active months of a Masonic Year or during those weeks, so often needed for recreation and relaxation, a Mason should be ever mindful of his responsibilities as a Mason and the mission of Freemasonry.

We should continually remind ourselves that we are full-time builders and workers, Masons are welcome. Our Lodges are open to any man by way of pecuniary return. It is, on the other hand, a Brotherhood, a Fraternity of high ideals, seeking to place before the individual a practical theory of living and to help men to realize the higher and better things of life.

men and Masons, the mission of Freemasonry — with its time-tested principles, its ritualistic teachings, and its time-tested ideals for the betterment of mankind — is both urgent and never-ending. Freemasonry or Freemasons just can’t afford to take time off at any time.

June Quarterly — Williamsport, Pa.

The Quarterly Communication, Wednesday, June 4, 1980, will be held in Williamsport, Pa. The Communication will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 348 Market Street and will begin promptly at 7:00 o’clock, P.M. (E.D.T.)

You do not have to be a Member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master was born and reared in Williamsport. Hence, it is his will and pleasure that a goodly number of the Brethren join him in his return to the "old home town."
GRAND MASTER AND HIS FLOOR OFFICERS — Shown (left to right) in the front row are Bro. Mark H. Ferren, Grand Steward; Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Joseph F. Palmer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Bro. George H. Hott, Jr., Grand Purveyor. In the back row (left to right) are Bro. William A. B. Shaw, Junior, Grand Deacon; Bro. P. Franklin Hartsel, Sr., Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. William H. Siegel, Grand Chaplain, and Bro. William D. Spargo, Grand Steward. Missing when photo was taken were Bro. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal, due to illness, and Bro. Ralph B. Rogers, Jr., Grand Tyler, who was at his place Tyding the outer door as the Brethren were attending the March Quarterly Communication.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR 1979
(Before Complete Examination of General Returns)

Number of Lodges, December 27, 1978 393
Number of Lodges during 1979 5
Number of Lodges of December 27, 1978 221,297
Admitted during 1979 851
Suspended during 1979 1,553
Resigned during 1979 611
Net Decrease for 1979 3,111
Membership as of December 27, 1978 218,286

A review of the membership records shows that the total number of Lodges which are active in our jurisdiction is 393. Of these, 5 Lodges have been admitted during 1979, bringing the total number of active Lodges to 221,297. However, 851 members were admitted during 1979, while 1,553 were suspended and 611 resigned. The net decrease for the year was 3,111, bringing the membership as of December 27, 1978 to 218,286.

The mail that arrived at the Grand Master's Office one day about the middle of February this year contained a gracious letter and enclosure from two of our wonderful Guests at the Masonic Homes. They are Bro. and Mrs. Williams A. Brightmyer, who were admitted to the Homes on December 15, 1975. Bro. Brightmyer has been a Member of Lodge No. 62, held at Reading, Berks County, Pa., since January 25, 1928.

Both Bro. “Bill” and his lovely wife have been happy and contented during their four years and two month residence at the Homes. And, to express their gratitude for the security, care and comfort provided them, they enclosed a check in the amount of $1,500.00 with their letter as a contribution toward the renovation program now underway for the buildings at the Homes now housing the residential Guests.

Truly, this is a generous and gracious gesture on the part of Bro. and Mrs. Brightmyer. But, what also must be considered is the contribution was accumulated from the monthly savings allowances they have received plus a few extra cash gifts for special days over the past four years, their generous contribution becomes more impressive. Yes, we have wonderful good Guests in our Masonic Homes.

Mason and His Wife, Guests at Homes
Contribute Savings to Furnish New Room

Bro. and Mrs. William M. Brightmyer

GRAND MASTER ATTENDS SECTIONAL MEETINGS

Bro. W. Harry Shaw, Jr., Instructor of Ritualistic Work, reports that the several Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction conducted thus far this year have enjoyed exceptional Lodge representation and attendance.

An added highlight at several of the Sectional Meetings has been the attendance of Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Grand Master accompanied by one or more of his Elected Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master has been real pleased with the proceedings of the Four Sectional Meetings he has attended and says he will continue to attend these important Ritualistic sessions when his schedule permits.

The Sectional Meeting at Pittsburgh on March 15th attracted 226 with 65 Lodges being represented.

The Sectional Meeting at Uniontown on March 22nd was attended by 189 with 39 Lodges represented.

The Sectional Meeting at Harrisburg on March 29th was attended by 431 with 84 Lodges represented.

The meeting at Scranton on April 12th was attended by 364 with 81 Lodges represented.

The meeting at New Castle on April 19th was attended by 187 with 49 Lodges represented.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Your current "Blue Lodge" Dues which have been paid on or before the last Annual Meeting of your Lodge. Most Annual Meetings, with the exception of a few Masonic Lodges, are held in the month of December.

If you are not carrying a current "Blue Lodge" Dues Card, why not forward your check to your Lodge Secretary now and preserve your Masonic Standing.

If your most recent Dues Card reads the Annual Meeting in 1979, avoid being suspended by making a prompt payment. We do not want to lose you.

Keeping your "Blue Lodge" Dues paid when due is not only a Masonic obligation — it is a Masonic privilege.

Prominent Mason Also

An Active Ritualist

Word comes through that Bro. Floyd E. Mummert, Past Master and Trustee of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 156, Scranton, and Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg and also Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of the York Rite, is quite a Symbolic Lodge Ritualist.

Bro. Mummert has recently conferred all three Symbolic Degrees upon his son, Bro. Paul R. Mummert in Robert Burns Lodge.

The privilege of conferring the Symbolic Degrees on a son is not experienced by many Masons. We are certain both father and son will always cherish the pride and emotional feelings that gather on such occasions.

39 Lodges being represented.

The session at Johnstown on April 26th was attended by 127 with 29 Lodges being represented.

The Sectional Meeting at St. Marys on May 3rd was attended by 105 with 25 Lodges being represented.

The Sectional Meeting at Williamsport on May 10th was attended by 148 with 39 Lodges represented.

The meeting at Williamsport on May 10th is scheduled for Williamsport with the meeting on May 17th. Your attendance will be very important.

The meeting at New Castle on April 19th was attended by 187 with 49 Lodges represented.

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New Appointments by R.W. Grand Master

Bro. Joseph E. Trale, R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, has made the following new Grand Lodge appointments since the last issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason":

- Bro. Frederick A. Albright, Lodge No. 423, Shrewsbury, York County, as Eastern Regional Instructor, No. 423, for Masonic District 43.
- Bro. Stanley V. Logan, Lodge No. 334, for the 22nd Masonic District.
- Bro. Richard A. Reddi, Lodge No. 601, for the 30th Masonic District.
- Bro. Kenneth A. Fuchs, Lodge No. 676, for the 32nd Masonic District.
- Bro. James R. Hill, Lodge No. 503, for the 40th Masonic District.
- Bro. Joseph D. Doer, Lodge No. 794, for the 57th Masonic District.

Bro. David C. Adams has been appointed Deputy Grand Secretary.

By unanimous approval by Grand Lodge, the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia on March 5, 1980, Bro. David C. Adams was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary by Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Adams received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Dallas, Lodge No. 396, Easton, in 1952 and served as Worshipful Master of Dallas Lodge in 1966. He resigned from Dallas Lodge in 1965 to become the Secretary of General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge, No. 795, Easton, and was served as Worshipful Master in 1967.

Appointed Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District in 1967, he resigned from that office in 1964 when he became an employee in the Grand Mason's Office.

Bro. Adams has been a full-time employee in the Grand Secretary's Office since April 1975 and serves as Office Manager since September 1973. His dedication to Freemasonry and knowledge of Pennsylvania Masonic Law and general procedures between Grand Lodges and the Scottish Rite Bodies in Pennsylvania has been valuable to the Office.

Bro. Adams is a member of all the York Rite Bodies in Pennsylvania and Valley of Allentown. He is a member and Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave, Redon Charitable Foundation, Allentown; and was Grand Chaplain in 1973 of Grand Lodge.

In Memoriam

Our Grand Lodge and particularly the Ritualistic Work of Freemasonry suffered the loss of a dedicated Mason on the afternoon of Saturday, April 12, 1980, when Bro. Maurice A. Singer of Philadelphia, a Regional Instructor for the Philadelphia Region, was Acted Grand Marshall and was in the process of proceeding to the opening of the Special Communication when he suffered a heart attack.

Bro. Singer was transferred to a local hospital following anxious minutes of efforts and treatment to keep a pulse but expired a short time after being admitted.

Bro. "Maurie," as he was called by a never-ending list of Lodge Officers and Members for nearly forty years of dedicated Masonic service, especially in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, was a Past Master of Perkins Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.

Born in 1896, he was a Mason in 1941. Within a year he was associated with the Special Instruction and in 1944 became a Life Member of the Germantown Masonic Council of Instruction and was appointed Principal in 1950 and in 1961 was appointed the Philadelphia Regional Instructor, an office he served faithfully and with true Masonic dedication until his death.

A man of many responsibilities for many years ago, Bro. Singer will also be long remembered for his dedication to the care of the Boys' Home, for the maintenance of the Lodge's offices, and for his service as an officer and member of a special committee charged with arranging a testimonial dinner for Bro. A. Ralph Taylor, second from the right, who retired as District Deputy Grand Master for the 15th Masonic District after nine years. The testimonial was a dinner party attended by 500 Masons and their ladies.

Our deep appreciation of the Masonic Lodges of the 15th Masonic District is the love and care they have shown for the Children's Home.

Have you heard about our Children's Home At the Masonic Homes?

The conception of Freemasonry comes largely from what we see in us as Freemasons.

Do you know that we operate a Children's Home in cooperation with our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown?

Since its founding in 1924, there have been 650 wonderful young men and women who have come to our Children's Home and either left the pack or studied in life. During their stay at the Homes, they have profited greatly by their association with the professional staff and the discipline and protective care of the Homes.

We have had as many as 60 children between the ages of 4 and 18 in the Children's Home at one time. At present, headcount registered has dwindled to nine children, five boys and four girls. One of the boys will graduate from High School in June and will be leaving to attend Washington University this fall. One of the girls is also graduating from High School and will be leaving to attend Nursing School.

The Children have always been housed in beautiful and comfortable buildings provided by certain wilds and bequests. These buildings are furnished with libraries, recreational rooms and a gym. They also have access to the swimming pool, playground, tennis courts and swimming pool at the Homes.

The Children are adequately taken care of by the competent Medical Staff of our Masonic Homes Health Care Center.

At school age they are enrolled in the Elizabethtown Area Public Schools. In the case of the other children they are enrolled in the Children's Home, one of the finest. The children who require it, are provided with tutors during their study periods at the Children's Home.

Upon graduation from the area schools, funds are made available for those children who wish to profit from what we have to offer at our Children's Home at the Homes.

The requirements for admission are as follows:

1. Any orphan by one or both parents, or a social orphan (from a broken home), or a child who has a good need for the care and protection provided by the Children's Home.
2. The child you endorse must be sponsored by one of our White Lodges.

The first step is to contact the Secretary of the Blue Lodge selected to sponsor the child and request the necessary application form.

It is the considered opinion of our Grand Lodge Entrance to Masonic Homes and our Grand Lodge Officers that the entrance to Pennsylvania should be made a determined effort to increase the enrollment at the Children's Home at this time.

Surely, there must be many devoted serving children who would profit from what we have to offer at our Children's Home at the homes.

Popular Ladies' Pin Is Still Available

The Pennsylvania Ladies' Pin, introduced in May 1980, has received much attention from the ladies.

This attractive pin has been acclaimed by not only Pennsylvania Masons but by a number of other jurisdictional Masons. It is one of the most attractive, tangible expressions of appreciation of the Masons of Pennsylvania to their ladies.

So popular has this pin become that a new supply has been ordered and processed by the manufacturer and they are once again available to the single pin or in quantities.

The purchase price of the pin is $3.00 and covers the actual cost of manufacturing and distribution. You may order the pin by writing to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. An enclosed check should be made payable to the Grand Secretary.
Two-day Seminar for District Deputy Grand Masters Well Received

The dates of Friday and Saturday, March 14th and 15th, 1980, will long be remembered by our present corps of District Deputy Grand Masters, all the Grand Lodge Elected Officers, several of our R. W. Past Grand Masters, members of the Grand Master’s and Grand Secretary’s Staffs, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, the Instructor of Ritualistic Work, and a few of our friends who are experts in their chosen professions.

The occasion was another first for our Grand Lodge. It was a well-planned and excellently executed Training Seminar for District Deputy Grand Masters, designed by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Honorable Host Worshipful Grand Master.

The site selected was the ever-popular and spacious Host Inn, located along many approaching highways near Harrisburg, Pa. Despite an unwelcome intruder, the year’s heaviest snow fall that made its appearance in Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 13th, sixty-three of our seventy District Deputy Grand Masters registered and participated in the rather rugged agenda that began following a comfortable and at ease luncheon served at Noon Friday.

The agenda for the Seminar, designed by the Grand Master and his Committee on Arrangements, consisted of twelve 50-minute sessions spread over a 5-hour period on Friday afternoon; a 3-hour period on Saturday morning; and a 4-hour period on Saturday afternoon. The Grand Master conducted interesting critiques and general discussion periods following dinner on Saturday evening and also following the Noon luncheon and evening meal on Saturday.

Each District Deputy Grand Master was assigned to one of three conference rooms set up for the several sessions. The several instructors, most of them our own Grand Lodge Officers, Staff members, Masonic Culture leaders, Ritualistic authorities, and a few experts on finances, investments and taxes, rotated on schedule so that all three conference rooms received the same instruction.

Pocket of literature, forms, booklets, etc., etc., pre pared in advance of the Seminar, were distributed to each District Deputy Grand Master prior to each session held. A large three-ring binder issued to each District Deputy Grand Master when he registered served to file the papers and booklets handed out. When filled, the three-ring binder weighed fourteen and a half pounds.

The subjects covered at the various sessions were many. They included: Lodge visits, dispensations, correspondence, record keeping, audits, responsibilities of Lodge Secretaries, preparing reports for Grand Lodge, Schools of Instruction and the Ritual, Grand Lodge visitations, programming for Lodge Meetings, qualifications of Lodge Officers, the Proficiency Program, Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, applicants for admission to the Masonic Homes, physical qualifications of candidates, our Children’s Home, our Youth Program, Home Assistance, Masonic Law, required tax forms and other government forms to be filed, Lodge finances and recommended ways to invest funds, and many other issues that were prompted by questions posed by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

As you will note from the accompanying photos, the dress, as directed by the Grand Master, was informal and casual. The Grand Master warned the District Deputy Grand Masters that the Seminar was to be a real working session and he wanted all to be comfortable and at ease. Well, there were a few jackets and a few ties, not many. The Junior Grand Warden paid the penalty by having his $17.00 Pierre Cardin tie clipped right below the knot.

It was the consensus of all who participated in this first of all such Seminars for District Deputy Grand Masters that it was a successful endeavor. Just how successful it was, only time will tell. It is the hope of all that the Symbolic Lodges throughout the jurisdiction will prosper from the knowledge and inspiration our District Deputy Grand Masters can now share with their respective Lodges.

One of the many highlights of the two-day Seminar was the high level of sociability and fellowship evidenced among all who participated. It was great. The several hours together enabled us to get better acquainted and, in a sense, become a close-knit family of Brothers working for the cause and the well-being of Pennsylvania Masonry. Of the many casual comments recorded, one seems to sum it all up. It was: "Why don’t we do this more often?"
Explanation of the Two Masonic Homes

In answer to a question raised now and then relative to the Masonic Homes located at Elizabethtown, Pa., and the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania located now at 801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia, we offer the following explanation.

The Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pa., are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania with its headquarters located in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A Committee on Masonic Homes composed of thirteen Members of Grand Lodge is elected annually by the Grand Lodge to oversee the administration of the Masonic Home.

We rely on all Pennsylvania Symbolic Lodges, Pennsylvania Masons and interested friends of Pennsylvania Masonry for contributions to help maintain the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown.

The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Lafayette Hill, Pa., and formerly located at 333 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is conducted by Masons and is for Masons and their dependents. It is a private corporation and receives no financial support from the Grand Lodge. However, Pennsylvania Masons, especially those residing in the Greater Philadelphia area and not too distant, have been contributing to the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill for many years.

Grand Master Plans to Hold 68 District Meetings

In his determination to help strengthen Freemasonry at the “Blue Lodge” level, Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, is adding another facet to his ambitious program and plans.

The Grand Master has a desire to reach every Mason in our jurisdiction through a concept of “District Nights,” in which one Lodge will host for the night the remainder of the Lodges in a given Masonic District.

Such “District Nights” have been held thus far and each one proved to be a successful and rewarding occasion.

Bob Wood of Carlisle is Outstanding Competitor

Bros. Robert and Richard Wood

A Son and a Proud Father

We learn from recent news coverage around the country that Bro. Richard S. Wood, District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District, and his brother Bro. Robert Wood, have raised a son who has become one of our N.C.A.A. Diving Champions.

Bro. Robert’s son, shown above with his dad, was Enterled, Crafted and Raised by his dad in Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, Carlisle, in 1979. Active in the Order of DeMolay prior to petitioning the craft, Bro. Robert Wood was a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councillor of the Carlisle Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He received both the Representative DeMolay and Honorary Chevalier Awards.

Bro. Robert Wood is now a senior at Shippensburg State College and has been majoring in accounting. Attracted to diving, a sport in which he has excelled, he is a three-time All American diver. During the 1979 N.C.A.A. competition, Bro. Robert earned All American by placing in the ninth position in one meter diving. This year he has earned two All American honors by placing seventh in both one meter and three meter competition. In the one meter he won the three meter competitions of the Division II of the PSCAC Pennsylvania Conference Championships held recently at thewow.

Grand Lodge Officer’s Three-Month Itinerary:

The schedule of activities for the Grand Lodge Officers for the next three months includes:

June 4—Meeting of Grand Lodge Committee on Finance; session with District Deputy Grand Master; Quarterly Communication, all held in Westport, Pa.

June 20—Order of DeMolay Annual Convocation at Tamiment in the Poconos.

July 21—Grand Master attends Cordial of Lulu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. New class named in his honor.

June 26 and 27—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

July 11 and 12—Pennsylvania Council of Delegation at Altoona.


July 13 and 14—Supreme Assembly (National) International Order of United Matrons.

July 24 and 25—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

August 14 through 16—Grand Assembly of Pennsylvania, Order of the Rainbow for Girls at Pennsylvania State University, State College.

August 20 and 22—Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Outstanding Distinctions: The Rainbow for Girls were as follows, showing the year of recognition or presentation:


Bro. Robert L. Crum, Jr., Secretary of St. John’s Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburgh, shares us a listing of sixteen Members who have sixty years or more of Masonic service. They are as follows, showing the year of their vision and the year they were elected:


Summer Youth Program Ready to Go at Patton

Plates and arrangements for the Summer Youth Activities Program, sponsored by our Grand Lodge and arranged by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Services, have been finalized and soon the Patton Campus will come alive with activity.

The Pennsylvania Order of the Rainbow for Girls and their Advisors will arrive for a separate four-day sessions between June 12 and June 18.

The Pennsylvania Order of Job’s Daughters and their Advisors will arrive for a separate four-day sessions between July 17 and July 23.

Then the Pennsylvania Order of the Rainbow for Girls and their Advisors will arrive for two more separate four-day sessions between July 24 and July 30.

It is estimated that nearly 600 of the girls and their Advisors will participate in these Summer sessions designed for recreation, training and character building.

On the weekend of August 9 and 10, a full capacity of 120 DeMolay members representing the key members of the DeMolay Chapter, throughout Pennsylvania, will include the Patton Campus for a Leadership Training Seminar as the guests of our Grand Lodge.

Additional DeMolay activities, using the Patton Campus, are in the planning stage for the balance of the year and early next year.

A New Member Speaks

I see you at the meetings, but you never say hello;

“Blessed are the ones with Members already known;

I sit among the Brethren, yet you pass us by;

I’ll try to attend more meetings, on the left receiving an engraved plaque in recognition of his 51st year as a Past Master of Unity Lodge.

Making the presentation is Bro. Edward W. White, who was the Worshipful Master of the evening on September 9, 1979, at the Stated Meeting, when the recognition was made. On that same evening, Past Master’s Fifteen Past Masters were present representing 286 years of Masonic service.
Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association of the United States

Bro. Julian R.V. Johnson

Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association of the United States

Bro. Julian R.V. Johnson was recognized at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on March 5, 1960, when he was presented with the coveted Award Certificate of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The Award Certificate is a recognition for ten years of dedicated service for the Veteran's Hospital Visitation Program conducted by the Masonic Service Association, Bro. Johnson has been the Field Agent for this worthy charity administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In 1961, Bro. Johnson was installed as a Field Agent on the Masonic Service Association of the United States. The appointment was a reward for his dedication to the service of the veterans and their families.

Bro. Johnson was a Past Master of Euclid Lodge, No. 698, Harrisburg, and his father, Bro. Henry H. Rolston, now a Past Master of Euclid Lodge.

The one exception is the suggestion in Colls' Masonic Encyclopedia (1901). The writer of the article on Ahiman Rezon points out that few seem to have confused the name of Ahiman Rezon with the name of the 84th Psalm: "... and in Verse 19 they gave and in Verse 19 they went, and in Verse 19 they went."

Here this writer interposes the name of the village half-wit and the lost mule, that all the villages had failed to find. The half-wit, when told not to go further, would go and find him, and started off amid the laughter of his townsmen. Yet, in a few minutes he was back, telling them that he had found the mule. An astonished villager asked him how he knew where to go. "Well," answered the half-wit, "I said to myself, if I were a mule, where would I go? So I went, and there he was!"

Bro. Borneman said to himself: "The most likely source of unusual words available to Bro. Borneman in Rutland or Lenox was probably the King James Version of the Holy Bible. Bro. Borneman therefore made a systematic study of the Old Testament and with this result:

Ahiman is found in the First Book of Chronicles, Chapter LX, Verse 17; and in Verse 19 he is, de­

Give Us a Call

The new telephone system installed in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and called Centres, is now working very satisfactorily. It is a vast improvement over the previous system.

For your convenience and use, the general numbers in the new system are:

Offices of the Grand Masters
215-988-1920
215-988-1900
215-988-1933
215-988-1916

Another Field Agent Honored by M.S.A.

“Sideliners Are Important, Too!”

“Ahiman Rezon – An Explanation”

The Ahiman Rezon is a name which Bro. Laurence Derrmot, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Yorkshire, used in his Lectures on Masonic History. He has continued to be the name of the Book of Ahiman Rezon, which is the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a direct descendant of that Grand Lodge. Bro. Derrmot’s first edition appeared in London in 1955. Ever since then, many interpretations of that name have been suggested, but none has received the same recognition as the original. A recent interpretation of the name Ahiman Rezon claims for the name a Spanish origin, with far-fetched supposed misspellings, that purports to say: "There is the Full Account of the Law."

In another respect, the name is a vast improvement over the previous system.