Questions & Answers

Question: Who was the first Provincial Grand Master in America?

Answer: Daniel Cose who was appointed in 1730 for New Jersey and Pennsylvania by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Question: Is the Masonic Fraternity a secret society?

Answer: It is not a secret society, one which does not openly acknowledge its existence, keeps its meetings secret and meets in secret. Masonry has some secrets but as an organization is well known to the general public.

Question: What do the letters A.L. refer to?

Answer: The initials A.L. refer to an unrecognized Grand Lodge.

Question: What does the word Freemasonry mean?

Answer: Freemasonry is a recognized Grand Lodge.

Question: Where in the Bible do we read of the story of the building of Solomon's Temple?

Answer: In I Kings, beginning with Chapter 5 and also in II Chronicles, beginning with Chapter 2.

Question: What are the Five Orders of Architecture?

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Question: What were Military Lodges?

Answer: Military Lodges which had no permanent place of meeting but traveled with regiments or other military organizations to which they were attached.

Question: How are Military Lodges organized?

Answer: Military Lodges are organized in the same way as regular Masonic Lodges, with a Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and local Lodges.

Question: What have there been attempts to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States?

Answer: In 1770-1790 under the leadership of the American Union Lodge, a number of Military Lodges advocated the formation of a General Grand Lodge. Later proposals of a similar nature were also not approved.

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Four-month itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers

The Schedule for Grand Lodge Officers for the next four months includes:

**November 24** — 38th Masonic District Meeting, Special Meeting of Homewood-Fort Pitt Lodge, No. 635, Penn Hills Township, Allegheny County.

**December 2** — Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**December 3** — Quarterly Communication, Election Of Grand Lodge Officers, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**December 4** — Visit to December Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**December 5** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**December 12** — 125th Anniversary, Mitchell Lodge, No. 206, Jenkintown.

**December 14** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**December 15** — “Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania,” by Henry S. Borneman, has been authorized to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania scheduled to be celebrated during the years 1948-1949.

**December 27** — 125th Anniversary, Mitchell Lodge, No. 206, Jenkintown.

**January 23** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.


**February 12** — 28th Masonic District Meeting, Special Meeting, Temple No. 244, Temple, Pennsylvania.

**February 27** — 28th Masonic District Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**March 5** — District Meeting, Good Samaritan Lodge No. 9, Shamokin.

**March 19** — 32nd Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 25** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 29** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 30** — 26th Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 31** — 32nd Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 20** — 10th Masonic District Meeting, Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allegheny County.

**March 27** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**March 29** — 31st Masonic District Meeting, Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allegheny County.

**March 31** — 32nd Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**April 4** — 27th Masonic District Meeting, Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Franklin.

**April 10** — District Meeting for “D” Masonic District, Frankford Lodge No. 9 Marks its 200th Anniversary with Costly Gift for Masonic Homes

During the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 9, held at Tacony, Philadelphia, on Friday evening, March 7, 1980, and on the occasion of an informal Visit by the R. W. Grand Master and several of his Grand Lodge Officers to help the Lodge celebrate its 200th Anniversary, the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9 presented two checks to the R. W. Grand Master.

One of the checks, timed to commemorate the 200th year of Lodge No. 9, caught the Grand Master almost speechless. The check was in the amount of $125,000.00 and was accompanied with a letter of intent for the purchase and installation of a Hyperbaric Chamber, used to administer 100% oxygen atmosphere, in the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, in the name of our Masonic Homes. The development of Hyperbaric Therapy is relatively new but is finding its use in the area of geriatrics.

This new equipment, due to be delivered and installed within a few months, is being presented to the Masonic Homes in honor of Bro. Joseph E. Smith, Retired. A feature article in “The Pennsylvania Freemason” including photographs, will be published when the Hyperbaric Chamber is completely installed and the dedication conducted.

A second check in the amount of $4,500.00 was also presented to the Grand Master for use at the Masonic Homes as specified in the policy of Lodge No. 9 for many years.

The 200th Anniversary Banquet followed the Stated Meeting.

It was a great evening of celebration and fellowship for all in attendance and a most profitable one for the Masonic Homes.

The Lodge No. 9, 292, Philadelphia.

**March 11** — 1st Masonic District Meeting, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.

**March 20** — 10th Masonic District Meeting, Barger Lodge, No. 333, Allegheny County.

**March 27** — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

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**When Is A Man A Mason?**

When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness and insolence, and yet have faith, hope and courage — which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that in his heart every man is as noble, as wise, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees, and the glisten of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds in every good faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

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Recent Appointments of R. W. Grand Master

Grand Lodge appointments made by Bro. Joseph E. Tate, R. W. Grand Master, since the August 1980 issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," include the following:

Bro. John T. Taylor, as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes, vice Bro. Milton Fritzsche, resigned. Bro. Taylor is a Member of Lake Erie Lodge, No. 347, and operates a large farm in the Erie County area. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, he has taught agriculture and is active in the Erie County Soil Conservation District. Active in many civic activities of his area, he is also a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Erie.

Bro. Harry C. Heider, Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 404, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 28th Masonic District, vice Bro. James T. Leeder, deceased.


Bro. Donald F. Minner, Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 26th Masonic District.

Bro. John C. Cavander, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 472, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 15th Masonic District.

Bro. John J. Lotz, Frankford Lodge, No. 292, as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Temple, vice Bro. William F. Lotz, Jr., deceased.

11 Sectional Meetings Scheduled for 1981

Bro. W. Harry Shaw, Jr., Instructor of Ritualistic Work, announces the following Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction for 1981:

March 14—Pittsburgh
March 21—Washington
March 28—Harrisburg
April 4—New Castle
April 11—Scranton
April 18—Yorktown
May 2—Kane
May 9—Williamsport
May 16—Meyersdale
May 30—Mt. Union

Lodge Remembers One of its Guests at Homes

MRS. ETTA ROSENHEIMER, 100-PLUS—Shown, surrounded by several of her dear friends of William C. Hamilton, Lodge, No. 500, held at Philadelphia, is Mrs. Etta Rosenheimer, a Guest at our Masonic Homes, Elizabethannah.

To show that they still care and do not forget, several Officers and Past Masters of William C. Hamilton, Lodge, No. 500, Philadelphia, took the time to visit with Mrs. Etta Rosenheimer, a Guest at the Masonic Homes, to help "Etta" celebrate her 100th birthday.

The Brethren, shown in the photograph above, include: Bro. David Milligan, Worshipful Master; Bro. Samuel Taff, Senior Warden; Bro. Alvin C. Schmidt, Past Master and Secretary, and Brothers Gustave Steude, Paul T. Coogih, Penrose Hagerty, Samuel B. Black, William Baumgen and Philip Phigleidger, all Past Masters. The attending nurse, kneeling next to "Etta," said she was so honored and thrilled to be with such "wonderful good people."

It is great to care for others. It is also greatly to remember and pay visits now and then with those we care about.

Merely to Know Is Not Enough!

"Though I understand all mysteries, and have not charity, I am nothing."

These words, from one of the most familiar portions of the Scriptures, the thirteenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, express a truth which all Freemasons should constantly bear in mind. How nicely these words fit the eastern philosophy immediately becomes apparent when the meaning of the term "Mysteries" is understood.

The deeper feelings of the ancient Greeks soon found expression in the practices of certain religious and semi-religious rites which were kept secret from all except the initiated. These were known as Mysteries, and corresponded to the secret societies of our day.

Initiation included an oath of secrecy. It further consisted of various stages or degrees, made up of lectures, exercises, and religious services, and other ceremonies. To confer the four degrees of the Eleusinian Mysteries took three days. The rites were performed in public, though attempts by overzealous Masonic scholars, desiring to establish the ancient Mysteries, have been rather vain. It is to time, to attempts by overzealous Masonic scholars, desiring to establish the ancient Mysteries, that we must turn.

The similarities between the Mysteries and modern Freemasonry have given rise to various attempts to trace an unhallowed connection between the Mysteries and Freemasonry. Such efforts, however, have never proved wholly unsuccessful.

The Mysteries gained great popularity not among the Greeks, and, at a later period, among the Romans as well. Undoubtedly Paul knew of them. Indeed, he may have been an initiate, although there is little evidence to support such an assumption. However, it seems logical to conclude that when he spoke of "understanding all mysteries," he referred to these secret societies which flourished in his day.

If this be so, then there can be no doubt about his meaning: "Though I have been initiated into the Mysteries, and know their ritual, their symbols, and the high and ennobling principles of religion and morality they teach, but have not charity, I am nothing."

What Paul said about the Mysteries may be said with equal truth about Freemasonry.

As a Mason, it is of vital importance that we know all we can about Freemasonry. But if we

Your Annual Dues!

Your Lodge Secretary will always appreciate an early payment of your Dues to avoid that end-of-the-year rush period.

Perhaps you have overlooked paying your 1980 Dues. If so, won't you please pay now.

Keeping your Dues paid is important. It is both an obligation and a Masonic privilege.

Your Correct Address Is Always Needed!

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to promptly notify your Lodge Secretary so he can change it to us on the proper form.

The United States Postal Service Department is now charging us 25-cents for each copy of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" returned due to an incomplete address imprint. Your cooperation in helping us eliminate this unnecessary expense is appreciated.

A MASONIC GIANT HONORED — Highlighting the Annual Past Master's Night, October 2, 1980, in Chester Lodge, No. 230, was the presentation of a beautiful walnut plaque, suitably engraved and adorned, to Bro. Harry W. Collins, the eighty-third Grand Master of the Lodge, in recognition of his fifty years as an active and dedicated Past Master. He was elected in June 1930 at age 23. Flanked by Bro. H. Dean Smith, District Deputy Grand Master for the 36th Masonic District, on the left, and Bro. Allen W. Heigh, Worshipful Master of Chester Lodge, No. 230, on the right, Bro. Collins has his award well in hand. It would take pages to cover the life and career of Bro. Collins which includes the United States Navy, a newspaper executive, a civic leader and a true and dedicated Mason. (NOTE: Your letter is most pleased to process this particular article. Bro. Collins has proven he is also a man of great faith. He not only signs your Editor's petition three-years ago but he headed the Committee of Past Masters that sponsored your letter for R.W.G.W.)
Thanksgiving...1980
Autumn, with its colors so beauti-
ful, its bountiful harvest and the changing
atmosphere, now surrounds us. It
comes the season of Thanksgiving when we
should remember to give thanks to an all-wise and all-powerful Hea-
vily Father for all his loving mercy and kindness.
Yet, as we read our newspapers, listen
to our radios, watch our tele-
vision sets, and look around us, we see
so much of vice and crime, juvenile
development, graft, good, and corruption, it sometimes
takes wonderment as to what we actually have to be proud of and be
thankful for.
While, as Freemasons, we should
not, for one moment, relax our ef-
forts in behalf of moral and upright
living, honesty and integrity in
private and public affairs, let us not fail to pause
and offer thanks to Him for the
blessings we enjoy. Let us thank
him for the privilege of living in a
land where we can meet as Free-
masons, secure from spying and
persecution of a secret police dominated
by a pagan dictum, we are thankful
for the harvest of the fertile soil of America, which assures us against
the
We may be ever mindful of the opportunities which are ours in a free country, allow all
the enterprise which provides for all who are able and willing to work at employment, and earn their daily bread. Thankful that we
live in a country where we can exercise
our lives and recognize our sonship.
Be thankful also for the right to worship, our choice and according to the dic-
tates of our own conscience, free
from domination by a state-con-
rolled Church. May we always keep
in mind the blessings of close fellow-
ship and brotherhood after death which
itself presented within our
Fraternity for the understanding and
good will among our Members.
With charity in our hearts, let us
ever be mindful of a Brother's peril,
whether from a friend or foe, that
which is in our power to supply.
Let us be thankful and grateful for a
world that exists because of a God who
loves freedom, and opportunity are
granted to all. Let us be grateful for a
world in which we exist, a world in which
philosophy which includes God in
our lives and recognizes our sonship

Occasionally the old question of increasing the number of Brethren in our Craft arises and the alternatives we are faced with are, "more Brethren in Freemasonry" or "more Freemasonry in the Brethren.

An analysis of the pros and cons leads us to believe that unswerving devotion to the second possibility will achieve the aims of the first.

In addition to the prohibition laid upon us to avoid proselytizing, it appears to us that an example of Freemasonry's moral virtues translated into the practicalities of everyday life will attract the attention of those who have made up their minds to stay out of the Lodge. It can't help but be a popular Lodge, a Friendly Lodge.

It's from nowhere, a Visitor is welcomed, where he is so entranced, nowhere is his visit not productive of joy and satisfaction to all concerned, as in a Lodge that understands the principles and purposes of Freemasonry.

Peace on Earth... The word has been printed billions of times, uttered in billions of voices, spoken over the radio and voiced thousands of times by every member of the human race across the length of earth. And still we have wars.

It is high time to consider that peace is more desirable than a spot of ink on a piece of paper, or a sound on our lips.

Peace is anything that makes life worth living.

Peace is God on both sides of the table.

Peace is goodwill in action.

Peace is world-wide neighborliness.

Peace is cooperation and teamwork; it is pulling with people instead of pushing against them.

Peace is understanding and common sense in human relations.

Peace is open-mindedness. It is a willingness to listen as well as to talk. It is looking at both sides of a situation objectively.

Peace is cooperation and teamwork; it is pulling with people instead of pushing against them. It means keeping our tempers, rising above petty irritation, taking the long view, remembering that more is gained by giving a chance for a thing to wane away naturally than it is by giving it collision, without enlightening, improving, or cultivating the mind. In this work every word has its significance. Its types and symbols are on the language in which truth is conveyed. These are to be studied and understood. In the spoken language no synonomous are permitted. In the Masonic Lodge, all communications are, "In the Ritual the modern day is not observed."

Four Young Brothers
Eques More Than 75 Years Of Masonic Service

Landscape Supervisor Needed at Homes

There is an opening at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., for the position of Landscape Supervisor.

A Degree in Horticulture, with technical as well as design experience, is neces-
sary.

The position offers a competitive starting salary, a beautiful maintenance-free home, paid vacation, paid medical insurance including a dental plan, and other ben-

A resume is required and should be mailed to: Mrs. Carol J. Blair, Personnel Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

The Masonic Homes is an equal opportunity employer.

Pennsylvania Work is
"Sublime from its Simplicity"

Albert G. Mackey, in his Ency-
clopedia of Freemasonry, has in it a fl-
tering and proper to use the very
words of a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Brother Richard
Vaux, as pertaining to the Ritualistic
and Lodge Work of Lodges in Penn-
sylvania.

Brother Vaux, who served as
Grand Master in 1868 and 1869,
speaks of the Masonic Works of his
Jurisdiction with pardonable, if not
impartial, commendations.

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licity. That it is the Ancient Work is best shown conclusively, and not
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