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Bro. Carpenter Begins Second Year As Grand Master

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has begun his second year as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania with the same degree of energy and enthusiasm that carried him to more than 400 meetings and into 252 of the state's 566 lodges during 1984. His 1985 schedule requires an even greater effort as he continues an unprecedented program of visitations that will cause him to travel more miles, and allow him to greet more Masons. He hopes to carry his work into those Masons in the history of this Jurisdiction.

Bro. Carpenter was again elected Grand Master during the December Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge held in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on December 5. By taking advantage of legislative changes that simplify the booking and installation procedures, the Grand Master and other elected Grand Lodge officials retained their respective stations through a vote by acclamation.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Bro. William A. Carpenter

The Grand Lodge of Maryland
Adopts Project SOLOMON II

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has entered into an agreement to share Project SOLOMON II, its membership re-building program, with the Masons of Maryland. Membership loss is an almost universal problem among the Grand Lodges in the nation, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland is the first Jurisdiction to look for a solution in the program developed by Pennsylvania. All printed and audio-visual materials for SOLOMON II will be made available.

Bro. Carpenter was serving as the Director of Masonic Education when he was elected in 1975 as the R.W. Grand Secretary.

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March Quarterly to be Held in Philadelphia Centre Hotel

The March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Reception of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel on Wednesday, March 6.

The hotel ballroom was successfully used at the December Quarterly Communication (see article on page 9) and will be set up in the same manner for the March meeting.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, decided to again use the hotel in anticipation of a crowd larger than can be comfortably handled in Corinthian Hall at the Masonic Temple. Large attendances there require the use of closed circuit television to nearby Renaissance Hall, as a consequence the Grand Master wants to avoid whenever possible.

The Grand Master has invited the lodges with new District Deputy Grand Masters to attend in a group and be seated in a reserved section for a special ceremony when the new Deputies will be presented.

Ordinarily, new District Deputy Grand Masters are presented individually in their home lodges, but the Grand Master’s schedule of individual invitations to the lodges during 1985 is completely filled. There are nine District Deputies to be presented.

Those who attend the 7:00 p.m. communication are also invited to attend a 5:00 p.m. dinner to be held in the hotel dining rooms, including the Pennsylvania Room, on third Fl.

The dinner is free, but it will be necessary to fill in the coupon in order to reserve a place. (See page 24.)

Up to 1,000 persons can be seated in the dining area and reservations will be issued on a first request basis until all seats have been assigned.

Reservations will be accepted at the Office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 until Monday, March 4. Please include a stamped, addressed envelope with your ticket request in order to speed the mailing process. Your ticket will be mailed to you as soon as the request is received.

Please realize that you do not have to be a member of the Grand Lodge to attend a Quarterly Communication. It is only necessary that you be a Master Mason in good standing and carry a 1985 dues card.

Master Masons are required to register with the Grand Tyler and fill out a slip that indicates their status as a member of the Grand Lodge or as a visitor.

Please call the Office of the Grand Master at (215) 988-1920 if you have any questions or require assistance.

Lodges Number 566

Three lodge mergers approved at the December Quarterly Communication have reduced the number of lodges in Pennsylvania to 566.

Potter Lodge No. 441 merged with Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, both held in Philadelphia, to be known as Philadelphia—Potter Lodge No. 72, effective December 27, 1984.

Potter Lodge No. 441 had been a part of Masonic District G under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master J. Walter Price.

Orion Lodge No. 289 merged with Richmond Lodge No. 250, both held at Philadelphia, to be known as Richmond Lodge No. 250, effective December 6, 1984.

The merger took place within Masonic District F under the supervision of District Deputy Grand Master Heinz Wendt.

Oakland Fraternity Lodge No. 535 merged with Solomon Lodge No. 231, both held in Pittsburgh, to be known as Solomon Oakland Lodge No. 231, effective December 15, 1984.

Both lodges were part of the 51st Masonic District and the merged lodge will be directed by District Deputy Grand Master Joseph F. Acton.

Directly from the Grand Master

Back-to-Basics of Freemasonry, and then...

A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

My Dear Brethren:

Having been elected for another Masonic year on your Right Worshipful Grand Master, I approach this second year with a greater experience, a broader vision, and a sense of greater humility. I have realized, truly only too well, during the past year that the affairs and business of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are most extensive. It would be virtually impossible for any Grand Master to perform all that is expected of him if not for the support and assistance found in the unwavering loyalty of so many of the Brethren. For all of this I am most grateful.

A Grand Master, following his election and as he stands before his Grand Lodge, searches deeply for the words that will allow him to express how moving an experience it is to him. I am certainly no exception in this situation. I do, with a sense of great pride, accept the honor the responsibility and I have already祈祷 that I shall be endowed with sufficient wisdom that will permit me to administer the affairs of our Grand Lodge during 1985 such that my stewardship will be pleasing to the Great Architect of the Universe and satisfactory to you.

The general theme of my first year as your Grand Master was: "Dare We Be Masons?" To encourage this challenge, I have made informal visits to more than 250 "Blue Lodges" within our jurisdiction. We did manage to get our great renewal and revival program for Pennsylvania Masonry off and running, I refer to the timely and excellent program introduced by our previous Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Samuel C. Williamson, and already nationally known as "Project SCLOMON II." Then, we found the need, after many months of research and study, to introduce a series of resolutions and amend the Almahon Reson. Each of these legislative changes are calculated to improve and assure the future of Pennsylvania Masonry. A few decisions of the Grand Master were also introduced to provide better ways and means of fulfilling our purpose and cause as a Grand Lodge.

My theme in 1985 will favor a continued effort in seeing that all endeavors of 1984 are maintained and enforced, along with another challenging theme and program. That theme and program for 1985, in brief is: "Back to the Basics in Freemasonry and then... A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE."

"Dare We Be Masons?"

I have long been of the mind that Freemasonry can do no less than strive for a PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE at all times. In reality, the only purpose of Freemasonry is a PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE. What else is there for Freemasons to accomplish?

A return to the basics could very well be the only direction or avenue Pennsylvania Masonry should be taking now. The base of something is the foundation, the sustaining factor, the principal academic and the basic principle or theory—such as a system of knowledge.

When we refer to a base we refer to that on which something rests or stands, the foundation or most important element—such as a system or set of lines, a point from which a start is made: anything that gets something on its way, the center of operations or source of supply, the underlying structure.

When we get down to the word, "basic," we find the adjective defined: "... of or at the base; simple, base, or fundamental: essential."

"Freemasonry is A Way of Life"

Having traveled over 100,000 miles throughout Pennsylvania this past year and having chatted with over 7,000 members of the more than 250 "Blue Lodges" I have visited, the joys and pleasures of the excellent receptions and hours of social fellowship, have, in a way, been dampened by the rather sad experience of learning just how un-Masonic some of our Pennsylvania Masons have been and continue to be. With a membership bordering 200,000, you will encounter members of the Masonic fraternity who "tied on their knees" and have allowed themselves to become entrapped in or attracted to un-Masonic conduct. Some of these members have been caught. Some of them are still affiliated and may eventually be caught, or they may try to escape Masonic discipline as long as their un-Masonic conduct remains unknown to the proper Masonic authorities. To this we have long been of the mind that Freemasonry is intrinsically a fundamental and underlying structure.
Directly from the Grand Master A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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court of law for being a Master Mason, would there be enough evidence to actually convict you?" Gives you something to think about, doesn’t it? Right now, my Masonic term is almost over. My statement went something like this: "Wouldn’t it be just wonderful if all the members of our Blue Lodge were Masons"? This is something I think about often, as well. There is a vast difference between being a Mason in the true sense of the word or just being a name registered on the membership roll of a lodge.

At one time when Freemasons are numbered by the millions, when we are more unified than ever before, when material assets exceed anything the fraternity has previously accurred, the internal problems we have accumulated should cause us to ask ourselves whether or not we are transmitting the excellent tenets of Freemasonry and whether or not we are supporting and maintaining the established laws and regulations of our Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodge.

With the news releases of each day reflecting the greed, the selfishness, the crime, the division, the cruelty and the Godlessness stalking our society today, there was never more need than now for a concern and compli­ance to the basics of Freemasonry if we expect to continue the influence we have long enjoyed for the good and well-being of mankind.

"Freemasonry is A Faith to Live By"

It is most unfortunate that we haven’t been more alert and more determined to make certain that each Pennsylvania Mason processed by our Symbolic Lodges was made more acquainted with the real basics of Freemasonry. That better time is there to share and indoctrinate new Masons, and Masons so new to, for that matter. In the basics of Freemasonry, however, when they are "Blue Lodge Masons," there are none better than our Junior Grand Lodge. It is more convenient for the initiate Mason in Pennsylvania to attend our Junior Grand Lodge and be initiated in the craft than any other. We can make the masses of people more familiar and initiated into the Craft of Freemasonry. This is a matter of very great importance and long identified with the Craft.

In 1950s when I was just as interested in Pennsylvania Masonic history as I am now. My statement went something like this: "Wouldn’t it be just wonderful if all the members of our Blue Lodge were Masons"? This is something I think about often, as well. There is a vast difference between being a Mason in the true sense of the word or just being a name registered on the membership roll of a lodge.

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I would also like to commend a per­sonal Masonry that will help us to clear doubt, aid, and assist you in acquiring a back-to-basics knowledge of Freemasonry that will definitely assist you in A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE. This rather unique and small Masonic library can be had without too much trouble and ex­ pense. One of the books is a copy of "The Supreme Court of Freemasonry," a most interesting and important symbol. Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge" as commonly called, is the most important unit in the structure of Freemasonry. The "Blue Lodge" is where it all begins. The Masonic Lodge, the Lodge of a Mason, is the most significant item in the Masonic world. At one time, the Masonic Lodge was the strongest and most active unit in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. If we can expect to achieve the cause of Freemasonry in the generations to come.

One of the first requirements in a back-to-basics of Freemasonry effort is an absolute allegiance to the basic unit of Freemasonry, the "Blue Lodge." This requires regular attendance, supporting the various activities of your "Blue Lodge," and, of course, paying your way and not hanging around a depth of a freemasonry.

Learning and living the basics taught in the "Blue Lodge" is all that is needed to fulfill the one and only requirement of Freemasonry, which is A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.

As I have been, brethren, if you are still listening, to share with you a way and means in which you can assure yourself of a working knowledge of what the basics of Freemasonry really are all about. Our Pennsylvania Mason should listen most attentively to the catechism and obligations that have been given to him in the Ahiman Rezon. You, as a Mason, should listen just as attentively to the lectures given for each of the Symbolic Lodges. Also, as you should listen to knowledge as you can in all the liturgical and the dialogue used in the open­ing and closing of a Symbolic Lodge and during the business of the Lodge. All of this is most urgent and so necessary in order to reinforce our Masonic knowledge of the basics of Freemasonry. When you accept, you can then proudly converse about Freemasonry in an intelligent fashion, if and when the opportunity presents itself. Most of this, if not all, you actually committed yourself to do when you signed and presented your petition to be made a Mason.

"Freemasonry is A Cause to Live For"

The "Old Charges," the real base of the Craft, are concerned with a man’s re­ lation with his God, his fellowmen and his brothers, and each Mason is responsible for a Back-to-Blue Lodge Movement and for the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, a complete, original work, and suitable for our Grand Lodge. This particular book contains THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND PROPHANE MASONRY, THE HISTORY, CHARGES, REGULATIONS, & C. (ALL OF THAT MOST ANCIENT AND MOST WORTHY FRATERNITY). FOR THE USE OF THE LODGES. Copies of the Charges featured in this unusual Masonic publication are available by inquiring of our Grand Lodge and for our Grand Lodge. This particular book contains THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND PROPHANE MASONRY, THE HISTORY, CHARGES, REGULATIONS, & C. (ALL OF THAT MOST ANCIENT AND MOST WORTHY FRATERNITY). FOR THE USE OF THE LODGES. Copies of the Charges featured in this unusual Masonic publication are available by inquiring of our Grand Lodge and for our Grand Lodge.

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The fourth and final book of my rather original work is a copy of The Holy Bible The Great Light in Masonry, King James version. There is a listing of available certain books, chapters and verses throughout The Holy Bible as pertinent to our Symbolic Degree, but the complete Bible is referred to, Masonically, as our "Volume of the Sacred Law." Consent on librarian and Curator for the printed listing of passages in The Bible pertaining to our blue lodge degrees. These four books, which I keep handy all the time, have enabled me to find answers and inspiration not only when I was somewhat of a "part-time Mason," but over the many years that I have been happily engaged in being a Mason. And, it has been in these four books that I have found the basics of Freemasonry a storehouse as it may be said, of the basics of Freemasonry today are the same as they were at the inception of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity and during the formative years of the Craft that followed.

In the Carmichaels Manuscripts and Anderson’s Constitution you will become excited and fascinated with the undisput­ed and time-honored principles which constitute the Landmarks of our Fraternity. Also the listing and explanation of the seven “Liberal Sciences” in the arts.

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Autumn
Day at the Masonic Homes

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Reserve Saturday,
October 12 for
An Autumn Day at
the Masonic Homes
at Elizabethtown.
Masons, their families
and friends will gather
to bask in the beauty
of nature, and the
common bonds of
fraternity. More
information to come.

Communications Schedule for 1985

The Grand Master has established the following schedule for communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1985:

March Quarterly Communication — Wednesday, March 6 in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

June Quarterly Communication — Wednesday, June 5 in the Million S. Eisenhour Auditorium on the campus of the Pennsylvania State University, State College. It is expected the communication will be held at 7:00 p.m.

September Quarterly Communication — Wednesday, September 4 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

November Quarterly Communication — Friday, November 22 in the Masonic Temple in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. The meeting will feature the installation of officers, and the presence of distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions, may convene the meeting at any number of locations in the city. The communication will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Grand Communication — Friday, December 27 in the Masonic Temple, 400 bronzes miles by air and 1,900 miles by automobile. He crammed two and three activities into a single day by driving to the office in the Masonic Temple to Philadelphia in the morning to catch up on paper work, then attending an early afternoon meeting before flying in the evening to visit a lodge in another part of the state his schedule required him to be.

In all, the Grand Master attended 407 hotels and lodges during the first 365 days of his tenure as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Grand Master's Record After One Year

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, visited 253 of the lodges in the jurisdiction during his first year in office. Traveling approximately 87,000 miles by air and 1,900 miles by automobile.

The Grand Master has established the rare opportunity to visit the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia to share his Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with the guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabithtown.

During his travels the Grand Master presented in 1984 no less than 289 of the Masonic Saints Awards he personally de
distributed, and distributed more than 550 packages of Masonic literature. He also presented to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges and to distin

He has established a pace far greater than what might be expected of a Grand Mason. He is not a man to live off the activity. "Occasionally someone will ask me why I am "full of energy," he said, adding, "I have to work hard to stay in shape. I am doing something I believe is right and I am enjoying every minute of it."
Realignment Reduces Number of Districts to 63

As a result of changes the districts receiving lodges will be aligned.

A realignment of the Masonic Districts that went into effect on December 27, 1984 has resulted in the elimination of four districts and a reduction in the number of districts to 63. Those districts that have been eliminated in the new alignment are numbers 4, 28, 43, and 44. The lodges in those districts have been reassigned to other districts as follows:

- **DISTRICT 6 Lodges 4, 28, 43, and 44.**
- **DISTRICT 44 Lodges 575 and 615 to District 29.**
- **Lodges 463, 628, 638, and 643 to District 31.**
- **Lodge 505 to District 49.**
- **DISTRICT 44 Lodges 556 and 602 to District 17 and Lodges 342, 505, 580 and 598 to District 22.**

In addition, several other lodges have been transferred from one district to another as follows:

- **DISTRICT F Lodges 569 and 519 to District B.**
- **DISTRICT 3 Lodges 681 and 781 to District 2.**
- **DISTRICT 22 Lodges 566 and 627 to District 33.**
- **DISTRICT 38 Lodge 746 to District B.**

As a result of the above changes the districts receiving lodges will be aligned as follows:

- **DISTRICT B Lodges 114, 368, 450, 519, 529, 545, 605, 725 and 745.**
- **DISTRICT F Lodges 125, 134, 155, 230, 359, 453, 500, and 650.**
- **DISTRICT 2 Lodges 21, 364, 446, 486, 629, 681, 698, 756, 775, 783, and 798.**
- **DISTRICT 3 Lodges 143, 197, 260, 202, 302, 315, 361, 443, 506 and 801.**
- **DISTRICT 17 Lodges 247, 317, 350, 351, 373, 421, 477, 556 and 602.**
- **DISTRICT 22 Lodges 334, 342, 388, 505, 555, 560, 580, and 598.**
- **DISTRICT 29 Lodges 153, 164, 257, 297, 357, 447, 545, 604, 615, 625 and 807.**
- **DISTRICT 31 Lodges 60, 228, 252, 346, 491, 562, 614, 626, 638, 643 and 651.**
- **DISTRICT 35 Lodges 379, 392, 495, 532, 567, 627, 639 and 675.**
- **DISTRICT 38 Lodges 546, 548, 590, 635, 662, 699, 706 and 719.**
- **DISTRICT 42 Lodges 266, 336, 348, 425, 456, 503, 640, 663 and 706.**
- **DISTRICT 47 Lodges 513, 544, 630, 652, 655, 657, 669, 674 and 747.**
- **DISTRICT 48 Lodges 288, 430, 488, 573, 576, 676, 716, 725, 793 and 796.**
- **DISTRICT 49 Lodges 575, 526, 582, 583, 593, 608, 641, 685, 714, 742 and 785.**
- **DISTRICT 50 Lodges 502, 612, 613, 644, 746, 765, 783, 786, 789 and 799.**
- **DISTRICT 55 Lodges 45, 219, 221, 253, 287, 318, 508, 697 and 769.**

Nine New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. William A. Carpenter, K.B., Grand Master has appointed nine new District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:

- **Masonic District A** Bro. Benjamin Rublin of Philadelphia, a Past Master of Athelstan Lodge No. 462 meeting in Philadelphia.
- **Masonic District B** Bro. John J. Utz of Philadelphia, a Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 52 meeting in Philadelphia.
- **3rd Masonic District** Bro. George H. Nobesbick of Mechanicsburg, a Past Master of William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756 meeting in Harrisburg.
- **5th Masonic District** Bro. James T. Young of Paoli, a Past Master of Thornmont Lodge No. 540 meeting in Paoli.
- **10th Masonic District** Bro. Robert S. Sywer of Allentown, a Past Master of Athelstan Lodge No. 673 meeting in Allentown.
- **15th Masonic District** Bro. Edward E. Tourle of Union Dale, a Past Master of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 472 meeting in Union Dale.
- **22nd Masonic District** Bro. Harold O. Oakes of Kane, a Past Master of Kane Lodge No. 566 meeting in Kane.
- **25th Masonic District** Bro. W. Jack Yates of Meadville, a Past Master of Lodge No. 406 meeting in Meadville.
- **51st Masonic District** Bro. Joseph F. Acton of New Eagle, a Past Master of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 357 meeting in Monongahela.

Grand Master Names Aides

Distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of the Mystic Temple in Philadelphia to the Grand Ballroom in the Philadelphia Centre Hotel in order to easily accommodate what was expected to be a larger than usual attendance.

Some predictions proved to be accurate when more than 15 hundred persons, representatives of more than 420 lodges and almost 100 distinguished visitors from Grand Lodges and Masonic bodies throughout the world, attended the meeting.

They came to cast their ballots for the election of Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and to vote on no less than 10 amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, particularly those amendments regarding honorary membership and the payment of dues.

Another amendment that helped swell the crowd, especially the number of visitors from other jurisdictions, called for the elimination of the Annual Grand Communication in the years when the Grand Lodge officers are normally reelected to the same offices.

All the proposed amendments were adopted.

The change in meeting place caused a great deal of heavy work for the staff at the Mystic Temple. The maintenance and custodial staffs under the supervision of the building superintendent, Bro. Bill Vogt, moved lodge furniture from the Masonic Temple to the hotel, some four blocks away.

Some pieces, the Grand Master’s chair from the furniture group in Corinthian Hall as one example, weighed several hundred pounds and required four men to move them.

The change in meeting place was well received, especially by those members of the Grand Lodge who were forced in the past to view the proceedings by closed circuit television in another lodge room.

There has been a trend toward increased attendance at Grand Lodge communications in recent years prompting the Grand Master to look for larger meeting places than those that can be provided in the Masonic Temple.
**DECEMBER QUARTERLY**

**Eleven Are Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters**

- Bro. Carl O. Homes, Masonic District A, a Past Master of Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 481 in Philadelphia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. James T. Amacher, 22nd Masonic District, a Past Master of Bradford Lodge No. 643 in Belle Vernon, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. James D. Campbell, 28th Masonic District, a Past Master of Fox Chapel Lodge No. 177 in Carlisle, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.
- Bro. Glenn L. Roller, 4th Masonic District, a Past Master of Patmos Lodge No. 481 in Hanover, served as District Deputy Grand Master for five years.
- Bro. James H. Ramen, 5th Masonic District, a Past Master of Howell Lodge No. 405 in Honey Brook, served as District Deputy Grand Master for six years.
- Bro. C. D. Foret Yxler, 10th Masonic District, a Past Master of Ranger Lodge No. 784 in Verona, served as District Deputy Grand Master for ten years.
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**Grand Master Appoints Floor Officers**

- The Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, announced the following appointments of floor officers for 1985:
  - Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. James L. Ernet of Latrobe, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518
  - Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. Arthur Lee Rankin of Saxton, Everett Lodge No. 524

**Understanding Masonic Law**

We need to reaffirm our respect, understanding and obedience to the rules and regulations, the customs, usages and procedures of masonic law and to the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

**Developing Maturity**

We must improve our attitudes and accept the responsibility for our actions as mature adults.

**A New Publication**

A new publication, The Exemplar, (A Guide for a Mason's Actions), is designed to serve as a comprehensive reference for the Blue Lodge Mason who truly wishes to become a respectable, regular and proud Master Mason.

**Completion of the Chapel**

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Grand Master Makes Two Masons at Sight

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The event marked the second time Grand Master William A. Carpenter has convened a meeting of the Grand Lodge to, as described in the Ahiman Rezon, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, “cause Masons to be made in his (the Grand Master’s) presence, at any time and at any place, a Lodge being opened for that purpose.”

Bro. Raymond A. Helst, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Wilkinsburg and a personal friend of the Grand Master, was made a mason at sight on June 30, 1984.

The authority to make masons at sight rests exclusively with the Grand Master, a right that has been exercised at least 67 times since 1885 according to Grand Lodge records.

Grand Master Carpenter noted the record when introducing his candidates to the more than 500 persons, officers of the Grand Lodge and the lodges in the 35th Masonic District, who attended the meeting in Chester.

“Of course,” he added, “that good men who ought to be members of the fraternity do not find the time in their busy lives to follow the normal path to membership.”

That is the case in both instances here at the Grand Master’s court, “with an Army man who really doesn’t know from day to day where his path will lead and a university president who hopes he is finally able to settle down after many career moves as he climbed the academic ladder.”

Bro. Robert J. Bruce graduated from Colby College in 1959 and taught history at Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, Maine that lasted from 1974 through 1977. His first assignment was with the Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, his first tour of duty that lasted from 1973 through 1977. He was then assigned to the United Kingdom in 1964-65 on a Fulbright Grant as a lecturer in British and American History at Chorley Teachers College and Ewyon College, an Army Reserve officer and battalion commander in the British Army, the Chichester Royal Grammar School, Chichester.

Bro. Bruce served as the development officer and director of annual giving at Colby College in Waterville, Maine from 1965 to 1969 when he accepted the position of executive director of development at Bard College, New York.

He was named vice president of Bard College in 1970 and acting president in 1974 before becoming vice president for University relations at Clark University in Massachusetts in 1975.

In 1975, Bro. Bruce was made vice president for development at Widener University. He became the fifth president of Widener in 1981.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the American Association for Higher Education, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Bro. Bruce is a member of the Executive Committee and chairman of the Institutional Affairs Committee of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities and is a director, treasurer, and past chairman of the Education Commission of the Delaware County Economic Development Commission.

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New Chapel to Grace Patton Campus in Elizabethtown

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is constructing a chapel on the grounds of the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, the first house of worship to be built for the fraternity since the completion in 1927 of the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel at the nearby Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. It is expected the cost of the 232-seat chapel, including furnishings, will not exceed $1.2 million and that it will be completed in time for its dedication in full ceremony on Saturday, September 14.

Designed by architect John Hoffman, the chapel will be 35 feet wide and 83 feet long, with a 30-foot tower. It will be constructed of steel with brick interior and exterior. The ceiling will be wood and the floor will be flagstone.

A dominant feature of the design is the 879 square feet of stained glass windows above the chancel area on the south wall and the full length of four separate panels on the north wall. The chapel floor will contain more than 26 hundred square feet of space including the sanctuary, lobby areas and stairways. The basement level will contain an all purpose room of more than two thousand square feet that will be used primarily as a lounge room by the three youth groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

The entire building will be air conditioned and the basement lodge room will be made available to the lodges and other masonic bodies for meetings when the youth groups are absent.

Ground was broken in late November in a ceremony conducted by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, and Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master and chairman of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Work began immediately by the Wardell Construction Co. of Lancaster. The firm has been engaged since 1979 in the continuing renovation of residential guest buildings at the Masonic Homes.

As indicated in the photographs accompanying this article, trees were removed from the pine grove on the hillside behind the new swimming pool addition to the Memorial Hall building. Favorable weather in December and early January allowed for the completion of a great deal of the foundation work.

Officers of the Grand Lodge have begun a campaign to raise funds for the chapel among the lodges, other masonic bodies and interested individuals.

The cost of the stained glass window in the chancel area, estimated at about $30,000, has already been pledged by the Rainbow Girls of Pennsylvania.

A program of memorial contributions for pew boxes has been established for gifts of $1,000 and a special area will be prepared in the lobbies on both sides of the chapel for the erection of bronze plaques to recognize contributions and gifts of $1,500 or more.

A separate Chapel Construction Fund has already been established by the Grand Lodge to receive contributions and to hold them until they can be used to reimburse the various funds used to pay for initial construction costs.

Construction of the chapel will provide several unique means for lodges and groups to participate in providing windows, pews, an organ, a sound system and any number of items normally required in the establishment of a house of worship.

This is the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that individual Masons will have the opportunity to be a part of a chapel building effort. (The Sell Chapel at the Masonic Homes was a gift of Mrs. Kate E. Sell as a memorial to her husband, Bro. John S. Sell, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania in 1920 and 1921.)

Also, again in response to the unique qualities of the project, a complete photographic record will be kept from start to finish. You are invited to send your contribution to the Chapel Construction Fund in care of the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions are deductible for tax purposes and will be acknowledged by letter. Should you have any questions you are invited to write to the Office of the Grand Master at the above address or to call the office at (215) 988-1920.
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In this jurisdiction because of the effects of legislation, adopted at the December Quarterly Communication, concerning suspensions for nonpayment of dues. Statistics at the end of November indicated almost 75 percent of the losses experienced in 1965 had been trimmed away. The increased number of suspensions recorded by the Lodge in December will have to be tracked through the computer center for several months to determine how many of those members seek restoration before a clear picture will appear. Then, too, suspensions for nonpayment of dues in January and February in keeping with the new legislation that requires the payment of dues in January of each year will also have to be tracked separately so that the integrity of the statistical base can be maintained.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter recognizes the dues legislation has washed away some of the progress made through Project SOLCOM II. "We have to redouble our efforts," the Grand Master said, adding, "The fraternity cannot afford to lose those who refused to pay dues and carry their own weight. If we are to grow, we must build on a firm foundation, and while the immediate effort may appear harassing, the long-term results will prove to be beneficial."

March Quarterly Communication

Wednesday, March 6, 1985

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