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FREEMASON and the Constitution

by Dr. Wayne A. Hass, author of The Master Builders, a History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Two hundred years ago this month, fifty-five men from all of the states except Rhode Island met in Philadelphia to undertake the complicated process of reforming the national government. By the end of the summer they had established a new system based upon federalist principles. On September 17, 1787, thirty-one of the remaining forty-two representatives signed the document outlining this new government—the Constitution of the United States.

The delegates to the Constitutional Convention represented a very high level of talent and ability; they were among the best that the new nation had to offer. Thirty-one of them had gone to college at a time when higher education was rare. Thirty-two were either lawyers or farmers; twelve were successful merchants, manufacturers, or ship owners. Most had extensive experience in politics. Thirty men had served in the Revolutionary forces and eight had signed the Declaration of Independence. Although ranging in age from 26 (Jonathan Dayton from New Jersey) to 81 (Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania), theye delegates were a youthful group of men, with an average age of 43.

A number of delegates also had something else in common—they were Masons. At least eleven men were known to have been members of the Fraternity prior to the opening of the Constitution, another two joined afterwards. Fifteen others had possible Masonic connections, although their membership cannot be definitely confirmed. Although probably not a majority at the Convention, the Masons nonetheless counted among themselves two of the most prominent individuals in the late eighteenth century American politics—George Washington, the president of the Convention, and Benjamin Franklin, the elder statesman. Two other leading delegates— Alexander Hamilton, a staunch supporter of a strong federal government, and James Madison, the so-called “Father of the Constitution”—may also have been Masons at some point in their careers. In certain important respects, Masonic ideals and principles influenced, or at least were in accord with, the way business was handled at the Convention, as well as its results. From the beginning, the delegates decided to conduct their discussions in secret. They did this not because of an autonomous

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The Reverend Ruschhaupt Made a Grand Chaplain

The Reverend William F. Ruschhaupt, Jr., of 507 Meadow Road, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, has been appointed a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The appointment was made by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. and became effective on December 27, 1986.

Bro. Ruschhaupt was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1939 after graduating with honors from Miskinum College in New Concord, Ohio in 1936 and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1939.

He was the pastor of Hampton United Presbyterian Church from 1939 until 1942 when he became a Chaplain in the U.S. Army assigned to the Corps of Engineers, 3rd Engineer Special Brigade until retirement at the end of 1978. The Reverend Ruschhaupt is a founder of Christian Associates of Southwestern Pennsylvania and was the first chairman (for two years) of its Council of Bishops and Executives.

He was honored by the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh in 1986 when he was conferred an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree. The pastor is currently serving the Valley as its Hospitaler.

Bro. Ruschhaupt has been married for the past 44 years to the former Mary Elizabeth Northcott. They are the parents of two sons: William F. III, a physician on the staff of the Cleveland Clinic, and Thomas H., who is employed by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. on the west coast.

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THE NEW MUSEUM AT THE MASONIC HOMES

A number of inquiries were received at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia following the publication of articles on the new museum at the Masonic homes in Elizabethtown in the February issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Those inquiries were forwarded to the Masonic Homes and plans have been made to receive future inquiries directly.

All interested persons are invited to submit questions and comments directly by writing to Masonic Homes Museum, c/o Assistant Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabeth, PA 17022-0703.

All correspondence is welcomed and each inquiry will receive a response.

The categories of items the Masonic Homes Museum is interested in displaying includes those relating to:

1. Masonic Homes’ Guests, the Childrens Home, and the residential buildings.
2. Masonic Homes’ Farms, Maintenance, services and related items and buildings.
3. Patton School students, activities and buildings.
4. Youth programs and activities, i.e., Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay.
5. Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682.

The museum will also consider displaying items of general Masonic interest not directly related to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Grand Master Appoints Floor Officers

The Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. announced the following appointments of floor officers for 1987:

Senior Grand Deacon—Bro. Eric B. Biew of Aitclowntown, Jordan Lodge No. 673
Junior Grand Deacon—Bro. Arthur Lee Rankin of Saxton, Everett Lodge No. 524
Grand Steward—Bro. William T. Wilton, Jr. of Glenwood, Prospect Lodge No. 578
Grand Standard Bearer—Bro. R. Emnet

Grand Master Awards 1987:

Aldinger of Elizabethtown, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682
Grand Marshal—Bro. George H. Holmes of Pittsburgh, Lodge No. 45
Grand Sword Bearer—Bro. Arthur G. Forster, Jr. of Pittsburgh, Whitelock Lodge No. 79
Grand Pursuivant—Bro. Carl W. Feick, Jr. of Pittsburgh, Homefoot Fort Pitt Lodge No. 635
Grand Tyler—Bro. Ralph Rogers of Philadelphia, Pennwood Lodge No. 543

New Pricing Structure for Public Speaking Program

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has announced a new option to participants of the Public Speaking Program which will make it possible to complete the entire course for as little as $28, (plus $1.68 sales tax). Now, the eight audio-cassette lessons (on four audio tapes) may be either borrowed and returned, or they may still be purchased as a part of the Public Speaking Program as those who prefer the convenience of ownership.

The organization purchasing the video training system will now receive four sets of the audio tapes to be loaned to course participants who wish to take advantage of this option. The only requirement to implement the option is that the organization register with us the name of the program coordinator. It is essential that the program coordinator accepts the responsibility of controlling the circulation of the audio tapes. Additional sets of audio tapes are available at $22 each, (plus $1.32 sales tax), if needed.

It is important that all participants complete the audio-cassette portion of the program. It is designed for self-paced learning after completion of the video training and printed exercises. Following are the two options now available to course participants:

Option "A"
Ownership of complete Personal Kit
Printed Materials + Audio-cassettes + Sales Tax
$28

Option "B"
Ownership of printed materials and return audio-cassettes
Borrow + Printed Materials + Sales Tax
$30

The only difference between options "A" and "B" is the price and convenience of ownership.

1. Option "A" allows the organization to purchase all necessary materials which are currently available for viewing and analysis. The only expense incurred is the rental cost of $28 (plus sales tax). This option is designed for organizations that do not have access to audio or video cassettes.

2. Option "B" allows the organization to purchase all necessary materials at a lower cost. The only expense incurred is the purchase of printed materials. This option is designed for organizations that do not have access to audio or video cassettes.

Grand Master Appoints Aides

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, has named the following as Aides to the Grand Master for 1987:

- Bro. Roy A. Callinoff, a Past Master of Sunset Lodge No. 623.
- Bro. Daniel J. Hands, a Past Master of Sunset Lodge No. 623.
- Bro. Harry A. Vinton, Jr., a Past Master of Whitehall Lodge No. 94.
- Bro. Joseph M. Shanbrotz, a Past Master of Rising Star Lodge No. 126.

Bro. Harry W. Nyce (second from left), a member of Warren Lodge No. 310 in Collegeville, is the latest Mason to earn a throat medallion for having brought 12 or more members into the fraternity through Project SOLOMON II. The rebuilding of Freedom Lodge No. 421 in Pennsylvania. Also shown in the photograph, left to right, are Bro. Harry T. Samworth, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 310; Bro. Nelson M. Baird, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Masonic District, and Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, a Past Master of the lodge who also serves as the District 6 Chairman for SOLOMON II. Bro. Nyce was presented the medallion at the March Quarterly Communication.

Another Master Builder

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Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Fidelity and Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, directed the morning activities in which several hundred Rainbow Girls from the eastern part of the state took part.

The afternoon portion of the program was conducted in the Auditorium of the Allentown Scottish Rite Cathedral. Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and an Active for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, made the introductions on behalf of Bro. Charles F. Greavy, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

The Senior and Junior Wardens and the men who had been made Master Masons during 1986 from the lodges in 12 Masonic Districts nearest Allentown were invited to attend with their ladies.

Remarks were presented by the Commander-in-Chief of Lehigh Consistory, Bro. Phoebus W. Herg, who received a bronze medallion from Grand Master Stenberg (see photos above right). A limited number of the medallions were those to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and to mark Bro. Stenberg's tenure as R.W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master gave the time allotted to him to represent the three Masonic youth groups who demonstrated the training they had received through a Public Speaking Program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation in speaking about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. (Please see separate report on page 9.)

Bro. Paul F. Kunkel, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Regional Director for Area A-1, presented an update on Project SOLOMON II. (See photo middle right.)

The make-up of actors who participate in the Scottish Rite degree work was demonstrated by Bro. Merritt K. Freeman, who worked on the Secretary of the Valley, Bro. Richard A. Clauson. (Photograph on page 6.)

A surprise visitor at a noon lunchton was Bro. George Washington, portrayed by Bro. George W. Prosser who plays a significant Washington role in the 20th Degree. The level of skill of both actors, directors, stage crews and set decorators was demonstrated during the presentation of scenes from a dramatization of The Divine Tragedy of the Christ, a production in rehearsal that was scheduled to be presented publicly at the Lehigh Consistory Cathedral from April 2-5. A report on the play is presented on page 6.

The K.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., was honored on Saturday, February 7 during a joint meeting sponsored by the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Allentown. Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Fidelity and Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, directed the morning activities in which several hundred Rainbow Girls from the eastern part of the state took part.

Mrs. Hogue is shown at the right in the bottom photograph in which she and Miss Kathryn Lee Frey, Grand Worthy Advisor, presented to Grand Master Stenberg a framed portrait.
A Full Dress Preview

Field agents who conduct the Hospital Visitation Program for the Masonic Service Association of the United States are seeking the help of the fraternity in locating and identifying the Masons among the patients in Veteran Administration Hospitals and Old Soldier Homes in the state.

Locating Hospitalized Mason Veterans

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The office of the Grand Master will be pleased to act as a clearing house for gathering and disseminating information about hospitalized Mason veterans. We will accept information about veteran members from lodge secretaries or other interested and knowledgeable Masons and transfer it to the field agents in place to each veteran facility. Veterans are hospitalized in facilities located in Altoona, Butler, Coatesville, Erie (two locations), Lebanon, Philadelphia (two locations), Pittsburgh (three locations), and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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Masonic Family Day with the Pirates

The Pittsburgh PIRATES, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania invite you to participate in Masonic Family Day at the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the World Champion N Y Mets!

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Grand Master at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

The dinner begins at 5:30 with continuous serving until 7:00 p.m. By spreading out the dinner period, it is hoped those who have to travel greater distances or who leave work at a later hour will be able to participate.

The Grand Master has also authorized the lodges to pay for bus transportation to bring Masons and their ladies into the Oakland section of Pittsburgh as one means of solving parking problems near the Masonic Temple and Syriza Mosque.

The procession for the Grand Lodge meeting will begin forming at about 6:45 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The ladies' entertainment will begin at 9:30 p.m. in the fourth floor Scottish Rite Auditorium in the Masonic Temple. The featured performer is popular organist, Larry Ferrari. (See photo at left.) Larry Ferrari is well known to Masonic audiences, having performed at many fraternal functions throughout the state. He is a polished, accomplished performer whose television program, The Larry Ferrari Show, has been a regular part of the broadcast day on WPVI Channel 6 in Philadelphia for more than 30 years.

The combined entertainment for Masons and their ladies following the communication is scheduled for 9:15 p.m. in the Syriza Mosque Auditorium. Seating is reserved.

The featured performers at 9:15 p.m. are Clay and Sally Hart. Clay and Sally are known to millions of Americans through their appearances for more than six years on the Lawrence Welk Show.

Clay filled the country music slot vacated by Lynn Anderson and Sally, with her then singing partner, Sandy, won the place left vacant when the Lennon Sisters struck out on their own.

Together, Clay and Sally Hart have blended their individual talents into one of the most energetic, colorful and appealing shows in the country and contemporary fields.

They have performed with such stars as Jim Nabors, Alan King, Jack Jones, Mel Torme, Eddie Rabbitt, Red Skelton, Ray Stevens and Juliet Prowse.


Venue: Terrance Box Seats @ $5.00 each Total $____

Page and Handicap $____

Total Enclosed $____

Mail to: Pittsburgh Baseball Club

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

c/o Masonic Family Day

Game Time: 7:05 P.M.

Bring Your Family and Friends!

See the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the World Champion N Y Mets!

Following the Hart's performance, light refreshments will be served in the Lower Ballroom of Syriza Mosque and there will be dancing to the music of Jack Parcell's Orchestra until midnight.

The R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., is chair of a large committee of Pittsburgh area Masons who are working hard to guarantee the success of the June Quarterly Communication.

A large turnout is expected. Several thousand persons may be accommodated at the Grand Master's Dinner, the actual Quarterly Communication, and at the entertainment.

Three young persons representing each of the three Masonic youth groups, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay, demonstrated the value of the new Public Speaking Program at the Honor Day activities for the R.W. Grand Master at Allentown on February 7. Developed as a leadership training program by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the program is being used to train young people to speak publicly about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in support of the goals adopted by the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Those who participated in the February 7 speeches were:

Miss Becky Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cari A. Carbone of Elizabethtown. Becky is a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls, Parton Assembly No. 155 in Elizabethtown and is a senior at Elizabethtown High School.

William T. Hamilton, Jr., son of Bro. and Mrs. William T. Hamilton, Sr., of Harrisburg. Bill is the Master Councilor of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Harrisburg and is a sophomore at Central Dauphin East Senior High School.

Miss Amy Peterson, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Allen L. Peterson of Mechanicsburg. Amy is a member of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 19 in Camp Hill and is a sophomore at Cumberland Valley High School.

The three speakers were introduced by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Steenberg, Jr., who noted their first public speeches would be before several hundred persons.

"These are Masonically trained young people who will speak to other young people, to their friends and parents, and to us, about the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse," the Grand Master said.

"The training course, "How to Master the Art of Public Speaking," he continued, "has allowed them to become excellent spokespersons for the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children."

Each of the three speakers gave excellent presentations. Their performance was the highlight of a busy day and caused the Grand Master to later say, "Amy and Becky and Bill would not have been able to stand before you today with such a degree of confidence and ease had they not had the benefit of this unique program. They are the vanguard of hundreds, perhaps thousands of young people who will be trained to speak just as well on this subject and many other subjects."

The Grand Master then announced a series of speech competitions with cash scholarships being awarded.

"The ability to speak well and to effectively communicate ideas to others is a skill these youngsters will use to great advantage throughout their life times," the Grand Master said, adding, "I urge everyone out there to see that their children take advantage of this important opportunity."

The public speaking program is also available to Masons to be used in training lodge officers and members who wish to improve their ability to speak.

Information concerning the public speaking program is available through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at 1244 Rainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9432 or by calling (717) 367-1536.
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Appreciation for republican governance took a new form of government that was modern and because of the controversial nature of their work, they wanted a free hand to work out various delicate details without interference. Undoubtedly, the Masonic delegates were comfortable with closed sessions because of the conflict of ideas and because of the controversial nature of their work, they wanted a free hand to work out various delicate details without interference. Democratic bias, but because by establishing an entirely new form of government rather than merely revising the Articles of Confederation, the delegates were exceeding their instructions. In the interest of the frank exchange of ideas and because of the controversial nature of their work, they wanted a free hand to work out various delicate details without interference. They knew that their secret dealings at the Convention did not warrant suspicion or fear from outsiders since their motives were honorable and in the interest of the common good, as were their Masonic activities.

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