A Big Top in a Small Place:

A Model Hobby

Bro. Lawrence Stu Garr is a lifelong enthusiast of the circus. Bro. Stu Garr saw his first circus when he was four, and his interest never waned. He has followed the "Big Top" for his entire life, and has seen every major circus and circus performer in his lifetime.

As his interest in the circus grew over the years, Bro. Stu Garr reached the point where he wanted a circus of his own, and he began carving one out of wood. He carved every performer, every animal and every wagon, completing over one hundred elephants and wagons for his display. Each piece has been painted and decorated to duplicate the circus designs exactly. They are set up in three rings, under a big tent, a "side show" completes the display. The layout is currently on display at a friend's private museum in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where "children of all ages" come to see his incredible work.

Bro. Stu Garr, who is now eighty-six years old, has resided at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethown for the past twelve years. He has been a member of Muncy Lodge No. 259 for the past sixty years. He also holds membership in the Scottish Rite and to the Shrine.

In connection with his interest in the circus, Bro. Stu Garr is proud of the fact that he has held memberships in the Circus Fans' Association, the Circus Model Builders and the Circus Historical Society.

Bro. Stu Garr keeps one of his carved elephants on display in his room at the Masonic Homes as a momento of his lifelong love and interest.

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the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children symbolizes the care that we, as Freemasons, give our youth. It was inspired by a window at the William A. Carpenter Chapel at the Patton Campus.

The emblem of the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been used since the early part of this century. It contains the ever-burning lamp of knowledge, within the familiar Square and Compass, surrounded by a garter which is symbolic of faith.

The Master Builders

A History of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $________ for purchasing the following volume(s) of the MASTER BUILDERS:

Make check payable to Grand Secretary:

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Mail to:
The Library & Museum
The Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Construction Begins on Independent Living Community Models

Full scale models of an apartment and a cottage are shown and were completed in time for "Autumn Day" at the Masonic Homes, held on Saturday, October 22, 1988. The ribbon cutting ceremony, performed by Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Grand Master, was the main event of the day. Masons and their families were escorted through the attractively decorated models throughout the day.

Through prior articles in The Pennsylvania Freemason, several thousand Masons have expressed an interest in our newest concept of living at the Masonic Homes and have been provided with the preliminary information. A survey which accompanied this information has been returned by hundreds of those receiving the information wishing to be included on our priority list.

If you have not received our new brochure on the Independent Living Community, please contact the Masonic Homes and a copy will be sent to you.

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The Grand Master Speaks...

My Brethren:

After ten months as your Grand Master, having visited Lodges and other Masonic bodies throughout the Jurisdiction, I am pleased to advise you, that despite the gloom you may have noticed, Freemasonry is alive, and doing well in Pennsylvania. Our Masonic image, that of being good men of moral and charitable endeavor, is once again becoming known and acknowledged in our communities. Most everywhere I have traveled, I find enthusiasm and support for our Lodges and in the work they are doing. Local celebrations, parades and other community events have encouraged the general public to seek out and become aware of the Masons and of the good that they do. Our SOLOMON II program must be given the recognition it deserves as an important, community-oriented, and philanthropic program.

However, my Brethren, becoming known in the community places a yoke of responsibility upon every member of the Fraternity. We must present an image that is in keeping with our moral values. Always remember, one never gets a second chance to make a first impression. You, my Brother, may be the only "Masonic example" a young man next door, or a neighbor down the street, may ever know.

I would hope that every Brother would be proud to wear the Square and Compass, the only really recognized Masonic symbol to those outside the Craft. I hope that every Lodge would proudly display on their well-kept Lodge Building, a large Square and Compass indicating that here is where Masons teach their truths and morality.

Also, in my travels, I find evidence of our District Deputy Grand Masters going the extra mile to bring Blue Lodges into harmony with the Grand Lodge. Each of these Deputies represents me to you, in his District and likewise, you to me, in Grand Lodge. I compliment these Brethren for their excellence and efforts made thus far this year on my behalf. Truly, the Grand Master does, indeed, depend upon his District Deputy Grand Masters.

A recently held Masonic Congress consisting of all the Masonic bodies within our Commonwealth, reviewed common problems, and suggested possible solutions which would improve the Fraternity in general. This was a prime example of Masons going hand in hand with unanimity, I sincerely and truly intend to address many of these items in the very near future.

I am especially excited about our new venture at Elizabethtown: The establishment of a new Independent Living Community. This new concept at our Masonic Homes is another service we are offering our senior members and their spouses. A new brochure, explaining the Independent Living Community in depth, is being prepared and will be available very shortly.

And, finally, Brethren, a major renovation of the Hospital Complex at our Masonic Homes is being undertaken, which will result in one of the finest geriatric facilities in the entire country. To finance these projects, of course, my Brethren, we will need the support of all our Lodges and our members. May I call your attention to the recent Masonic Homes Charities Appeal sent to all Pennsylvania Masons, and I ask you to give it serious consideration... Thank you.

Sincerely and sincerely,

Grand Master’s Itinerary

November, December 1988, January 1989

DECEMBER 1988

4-6 Eastern Regional Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Hershey Pocono Resort
11 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, York Forest No. 30, 75th Anniversary
12 Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 2, Oakland
15 Lodge No. 453, New Castle
19 Jaffa Temple, Ceremonial, Altoona
30 Meeting, High Twelve Club, Reading

JANUARY 1989

2-3 Sectional Meeting, Scottish Rite, Uniontown
7 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Corinbian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
8 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
9 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
16 Fall Class, Valley of Pennsylvania, A.A.S.R., Philadelphia

Help to a Brother

The following story was related to us by Bro. Francis A. Deodio, P.M., and Secretary of Pocomo Lodge No. 790.

—The Editors

Bros. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M. and Francis A. Deodio, P.M.

Just about a year ago, on Saturday, November 21, 1987, Bro. Francis A. Deodio was attending the Secretary’s Seminar held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, he did not stay for the entire Seminar due to the following incident.

Shortly before the lunch break, he started to have sharp pains in his back. He figured it was the chair in which he was sitting that caused the pain, and that the uncomfortable chair was to insure an attentive audience. He was never more wrong in his life. He decided to skip lunch, and search for a more comfortable chair in which to sit to ease the worsening pain. While trying various chairs and positions, numerous Temple employees offered their assistance, for which we report he is very thankful. Bro. Deodio finally asked one of the employees to go to the kitchen and get Bro. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M. of the 50th Masonic District. Bro. Jones responded along with some Temple employees, and suggested that Bro. Deodio go to the hospital. Very reluctantly he agreed, and a Philadelphia police car arrived and took him to the emergency room at Hahnemann Hospital, accompanied by Bro. Jones. An ambulance was not sufficient due to the fact that Bro. Deodio was unable to lie down. Upon arrival at the hospital, a team of doctors proceeded to examine Bro. Deodio. The diagnosis was that Bro. Deodio had an abdominal aortic aneurysm which required immediate surgery.

Bro. Jones, after consulting with the doctors about the operation, took charge of Bro. Deodio’s valuables, and returned to the Masonic Temple. Meanwhile, Bro. Deodio was immediately rushed into surgery. The patient was told by the surgeon at a post-operative visit that he had been experiencing internal bleeding when the operation started, and that he would have lived only about three hours had the operation been delayed.

Meanwhile, back at the Temple, Bro. Jones arranged transportation home for two other Secretaries from the 50th District. Bro. George W. Clark, Jr., Junior Warden of Bro. Deodio’s Lodge, Pocomo Lodge No. 780, and Bro. Jones then proceeded to make arrangements to have Bro. Deodio’s wife driven by three wives to Philadelphia, a journey of over one hundred miles. After many phone calls, they finally found the three women in Allentown and brought Bro. Deodio’s wife to the hospital.

The next day, Bro. Jones drove Mrs. Deodio to the hospital and stayed with her until their son, who is in the Navy, arrived from San Diego. During Bro. Deodio’s stay at Hahnemann, Bro. Jones kept in constant touch with Mrs. Deodio with regard to her husband’s progress.

When he was discharged from the hospital ten days later, Bro. Jones arrived with Mrs. Deodio, and drove them home. Bro. Deodio was overcome with such a display of Masonic friendship and brotherly love.

To the great assurance of Bro. Homer Jones that Bro. Deodio went to the hospital, and Bro. Deodio states that “I owe my life to that service.”

He would also like to point out that Bros. Michael J. Peters, P.M., Moderator of the Seminar, and John Hunt, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District “D,” were also involved in his well being, and visited him in the hospital.

Rules for Submissions to The Pennsylvania Freemason

When making submissions for publication in The Pennsylvania Freemason the following rules must be observed:

1. Articles must have a Masonic theme, connection or background, and must have an interest for the Masonic Fraternity in general. In addition to this, articles must concern Synalogue, Blue Lodge, Masonic Homes only (Grand and Subordinate Lodges).

2. Articles must be typed on 8½" x 11" single sheets of paper, double spaced, and subject to our editing. We do not have staff personnel to write articles.

3. Photographs must be clear, black and white glossy prints, and must have clear identification of the subject of the photographs. Minimum size: 4" x 5".

4. Please be advised that photographs and articles can not be returned.

We thank those who have properly submitted their articles to this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason. We hope that we will continue to receive stories and information that will benefit the Fraternity in general, and the Brethren in particular.

Three Times Three

We often receive stories for The Pennsylvania Freemason about a father making his son a Mason, or several brothers being made Brothers, but the following story is indeed a bit out of the ordinary.

At a stated meeting of Cressona Lodge No. 426, three brothers, triplets even, received their Twenty-Five Year Service Emblem. Bros. Brent, Brian and Bruce Hoover were all Initiated on April 4, 1963; Passed on May 2, 1963 and were Raised on May 18, 1965.

Celebrates Two Anniversaries

Cromwell Lodge

The Grand Lodge Library announces with pride the publication of the Library Catalogue of Books. This completely updated and revised publication has been cross-referenced, and many new titles have been added. New headings in the Catalogue include humor, philately (Masonic stamp collecting) and Masonic research related to London.

The "Biography" heading has been broken down into the sub-headings "Washingtonians" and "Franklinians".

In addition to the "History" heading in the sub-heading "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania"; "For the Newly Made Mason" and "Preparatory Works for Lodge Officers" are additions to the old heading "Encylopedias, Handbooks and Guides.

Not only are these videos suitable for home viewing, but they are equally appropriate for use in Lodge programs. The audio tapes include, among other things: music by Bros. Mount and Sousa, a lecture by Bro. Carl Henry Clancy and lectures on various aspects of Freemasonry produced by QMaster Coronati Lodge, London.

The Catalogue is also a part of the Masonic Education Packets that are given to the Candidates upon their receipt of their various Degrees. Specifically, the Catalogue will be found in the Entered Apprentice Packet.

The Grand Lodge Library would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons of the library that requests for books may be made by post card, letter or in person; whatever is most convenient, but the initial request must be made on the form that is found in the Catalogue. Your full name, address and the name, number and location of your Lodge must appear on the initial request for books, and on all subsequent requests for books. No deposit is necessary nor is there a charge for the use of the material borrowed.

The postage required to return the material will be your only financial obligation.

Additional copies of the Catalogue for distribution among the Brethren may be obtained, free of charge by telephoning 215-988-1935, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or by writing to:

Library and Curator
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2998

We would like to remind the Brethren that the Grand Lodge Circulating Library represents only a small fraction of the approximately seven thousand volumes in the Grand Lodge Library. We encourage the Brethren to use these other books (which do not circulate) that concern almost every aspect of Freemasonry, among other things, during the following hours: Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Construction Begins,

Applications are now being accepted for entrance in our Independent Living Community. At the time of application, a $2,000 deposit check will secure the living accommodation of your choice. Make your appointment now to discuss your plans and to visit the model living accommodation by calling or writing to:

Raymond E. Tierny
Administrator
and
Patricia L. Gibble
Marketing Manager
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 937-1121

The models will be also be open for inspection on Saturday, December 3, 1988. From 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4th, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. At that time representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Masonic Picnic is Held at West Point Park

On Saturday, August 20, 1988, a Masonic Family Picnic was held at West Point Amusement Park near Lansdale. For its annual picnic the Masonic Picnic Committee chose the location of our Independent Living Community.

The picnic provided an opportunity for various Masonic organizations to make presentations to those who are interested in the work of our Lodges.

The Masonic Picnic Committee, the Independent Living Community, the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Family Picnic Committee and the Independent Living Community are all working towards the goal of providing a meeting place for all Masons.

A Timely Item

Soon, Scranton, Pennsylvania's City Hall will be celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. The original cornerstone was laid on January 1, 1888, by the Mayor of Scranton who was also a Freemason.

To commemorate this fact, a time capsule was placed in the cornerstone. Items of Masonic interest is being placed in a vault outside City Hall. It is complete with a plate containing all of the information about the Capsule.

The following letter has also been placed into the capsule.
Notes and Queries

As reported in the last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, due to the death of Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator Emeritus, the column once called “I Want to Know…” will now be called “Notes and Queries.” It was felt that not only do the Brethren have questions that they would like to have answered, but they may also have interesting notes and insights that might benefit the Fraternity in general, and the Brethren at large in particular. The new column is being written by Bro. John H. Platt, Librarian and Curator, and an Associate Editor of this publication. In addition to this, Bro. Platt serves as the Secretary to both the Committee on Masonic Education and the History Committee.

Bro. Platt is a member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712, Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, Girard Mark Lodge No. 294 and the Scottish Rite Valley of Philadelphia. He is also a member of Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle Ltd. in London, and holds numerous library, research and historical society memberships.

Bro. Platt came to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum well suited for the job. Previously, he was the Head Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, where he had worked for twenty-five years. Bro. Platt is also the President of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and is currently serving on the Bicentennial Committee of the Pennsylvania Constitution (U.S.).

Several questions have reached Bro. Platt’s desk since the last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, and Bro. Platt has a few “notes,” and the answers to a few questions that he would like to pass on to the Brethren:

- A question was raised concerning the name and number of a “Colored” or as it is now preferred, Black Lodge working under the Jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

The noted Masonic scholar, Bro. Harold V. Voorhis, authored a work entitled OUR COLORED BRETHREN: The Story of Alpha Lodge No. 116, New Jersey. In this work, Bro. Voorhis tells the story of Alpha Lodge No. 116, F.A.M. of New Jersey. This Lodge, originally Constituted in Newark, still holds meetings today in East Orange, New Jersey. For a fuller account of this interesting Lodge, we suggest that you secure a copy of the Lodge history from our Circulating Library; the call number for this volume is “98 A.” A more recent history of this Lodge has been prepared, but the Grand Lodge Library does not yet hold a copy of it.

Today, this Lodge remains predominantly Black. It should be noted, however, that there are recognized Black Masons in other Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

- A frequently asked question concerning what has been termed as the “Eastern Star Edict.”

This edict, which attracted nationwide attention in 1921, is still in force. Specifically, this edict stated that it was unlawful for a Pennsylvania Mason to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem and Order of Amana. It also ordered that Pennsylvania Masons who were members of any organization whose membership was comprised of both sexes, and which had their niceties of initiation as a prerequisite, had to sever all relations with those organizations within six months. The edict does not affect members of Masonic organizations, but since a Pennsylvania Mason may not attend a meeting of those organizations that is not open to the public. Many Eastern Star Chapters meet in Masonic Temples, and excellent relations exist between the two groups. Some officers of the Grand

September Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, September 7, 1988, at seven o’clock, at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. More than 360 Brethren attended.

After the usual opening ceremonies and fraternal greetings made by Bro. Arthur J. Kaziutis, R. W. Grand Master, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read. Following this, the Grand Secretary reported that the Full Code By-Laws of eight Lodges, and the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of fourteen Lodges had been received. These were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

In addition to this, the following Committees made their reports: Appeals, By-Laws, Finance, Masonic Homes, and Masonic Temple, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

The Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Denver Washburn, presented SOLOMON II, then presented the SOLOMON II Throat Medallion to Bro. Dale R. Hoover, Harvey R. Miller and George S. Drivelle.

The appointments to the various Grand Lodge Committees were read, and the Grand Master then received several contributions to our various foundations and programs from their constituents. Following this, the Grand Master asked for a representative of Abbeville Lodge No. 482 to come forward and receive the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Award. The presentation of the

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

Newsletter

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Newsletter is published quarterly to promote the activities of the Foundation and the Masonic-related youth groups. It also addresses issues facing our young people, and the issues facing our Lodges as they become involved with youth programming. The newsletter is mailed to all Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Lodge Secretaries, youth group adult leaders and to those who have shown an interest in our youth program. Camera circulation exceeds Masonic membership, which is why we like to receive the newsletter, write us to the address below and request to be added to the mailing list. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1214 Bairbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 17022-4129.

1987 Annual Report Published

The 1987 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Annual Report has been published and has been distributed to all Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and others. Ask your Representative to give a summary report on the Foundation at your next stated meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available on request.

Scholarship Guide Published

A new Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation containing information on more than twenty-five scholarship and loan programs sponsored by organizations in the Masonic Family. The booklet was distributed, free of change, to all Masonic-related youth group leaders, District Deputy Grand Masters, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Chapter Secretaries, Council Recorders, Commandery Recorders, AASR Valley Secretaries, and over five hundred guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania.

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Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Award was then given to Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.C.M., Chairman of the Foundation. His gift was the result of monies received by him for his personal services as an executor to the estate of our late Bro. Luther Pfeifer.

The business of the Grand Lodge at this Quarterly Communication was indeed conducted with utmost dispatch so that the Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 8:32 p.m. This is in accordance with the Grand Master’s promise that he would finish the business of the Quarterly under two hours.
Masonic Homes: Admissions Policy

(Adopted April 26, 1985, Revised October 1, 1988)

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is 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, mothers, grandmothers, and never-married daughters of living, as well as deceased members of the 543 Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 187,369 as of December 27, 1987. These Lodges operate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge, The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate with regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the bodies of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&M of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never-married daughters of living, as well as deceased, members is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and treated with regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, beds, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with another race.

4. Employees will be assigned to patient services with regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of either the patient or employee.

5. Staff privileges will be denied professionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant.

6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons, however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected in any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.

Physical Therapist Needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

The Personnel Office at the Masonic Homes is seeking candidates for the position of Assistant Physical Therapy Supervisor. The successful candidate will work in conjunction with the Physical Therapist/Supervisor to organize, coordinate, and supervise the medically prescribed activities of the Physical Therapy Program. Physical Therapy services are an essential part of our restorative program to keep our residents as active as possible.

Florida Admissions Counselors Needed for the Masonic Homes

The inception of the new Admissions Policy at the Masonic Homes, effective June 1, 1988, has caused a great interest and response from Florida Masons seeking information and requesting applications.

We are looking for volunteers in Florida who would be interested in serving as Admissions Counselors. The Counselor would assist the applicant in completing the application and provide information concerning the Masonic Homes.

Fee Structure Approved for the Independent Living Community

Special meetings of the Committee on Masonic Homes were held on September 12 and September 20, 1988 to approve the final plans and to establish the policies, the Entrance Fees and the Monthly Service Fees for Phase I of the Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The Fee Structure is as follows:

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The Entrance Fees are effective for sales through January 1, 1989. The Monthly Service Fees are estimated costs for 1989.

The Monthly Service Fee will include:
- 24-hour security
- The evening meal served in the dining room, selected from a menu
- Water and sewer
- Electric
- Twice monthly housekeeping of each unit
- Use of available recreational amenities such as indoor/outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, gymnasium, walking and bike paths
- Access to health care services on an fee-for-service basis

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A Training Seminar will be planned and held in Florida at the beginning of 1989 for individuals interested in assisting with this service. Please write to the following if you are interested:

Admissions Office Masonic Homes Elizabethtown, PA 17022-0705

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Provisional Resolutions to Amend the Ahiman Rezon

Brothers, please find listed at left the proposed Resolutions which will effect a change in the Ahiman Rezon to be balloted upon at the December Quarterly Communications. We are printing the proposed Resolutions in The Pennsylvania Freemason in lieu of mailing them separately as has been done in the past.

December Quarterly Notice

The December Quarterly Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, December 7, 1988. Grand Lodge will meet in Cornish Hall at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a luncheon at noon which will be served at no cost to the Brother.

At 1:00 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume labor. Please note that you need not be a member of Grand Lodge to attend: All Masons are welcome.

Renewing Old Ties

The vastly popular men's neckties with a representation of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia emblazoned at the bottom, are again being made available through the Grand Lodge library and museum. They came in two colors, a dark blue with a thin diagonal red and white stripe, and a maroon with a thin diagonal blue and gold stripe. With this flexibility of color, a Brother is afforded the opportunity of wearing these ties at many Masonic and non-Masonic functions.

Price is $11.00 a piece, these ties make excellent personal, as well as Lodge gifts, for the Holiday season. Proceeds now benefit the Library and Museum, and the ties may be purchased by a Lodge in person in the Museum at the Temple in Philadelphia, or by writing to:

The Library and Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19107-2598

When you select a Brother for the office of Deputy Grand Secretary, you must pay a price by reason of financial hardship determined after an investigation by the Lodge shall not be suspended but may have their dues remitted.

The By-Laws of any of the Lodges which are in conflict with the foregoing are hereby annulled.

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

Brother:

At the March 4, 1987 Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, I was afforded the great privilege and honor of presenting an Apron designating Bro. David C. Adams, P.M. as a Past Deputy Grand Secretary. The then R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Steinberg, Jr., designated Brother Adams as a Past Deputy Grand Secretary for the many years of outstanding service that he has given to Freemasonry in general, and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular.

The significance of this event passing without great fanfare is characteristic of the life that Bro. Adams has led, one where he asked little, but gave much. He was one who quietly made his contribution to the Masonic Fraternity, and made it well. I am certain that every Lodge Secretary who had the pleasure of working with Bro. Adams respects the efficiency of the manner in which he handled his position.

Indeed, this was an historic moment for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for it was the first time that this recognition has been given to a former Deputy Grand Secretary. The position of "Past Deputy Grand Secretary" was created specifically to honor him.

Before coming to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. Adams was a financial director in the town of Easont where he had lived with his wife, Rene, and daughter. He initially worked in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a short period of time in the Grand Master's Office, and then returned to the Office of the Grand Secretary in 1970 as the Office Manager for the R. W. Grand Secretary. He served in that capacity until 1980 when he was made Deputy Grand Secretary, in which position Bro. Adams served until his retirement on December 27, 1985.

Bro. Adams has had an enviable Masonic career which began in Dallas, Texas in 1956 where he was Raised a Master Mason on May 13, 1952, and served as Worshipful Master in 1960. He became a Warden Member of General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 795 in 1961 where he served as Secretary from 1961 to 1963. Bro. Adams served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 795 in 1967 and is currently serving as their Junior Warden. He is also that Lodge's Representative in the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Education Chairmen for the 9th Masonic District. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1963 and resigned in 1961 to come to the Grand Lodge.

He is a Past High Priest of Eastern Royal Arch Chapter No. 173, and has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest. He is also currently serving as Junior Warden of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216. He is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Pomp Council No. 30, Royal and Select Masters, and a Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19.

In the Scottish Rite, Bro. Adams is affiliated with Lehigh Consistory in the Valley of Allentown where he has been active in the degree work for many years. He was Consecrated an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, 33rd Degree in 1981.

In addition, he is a Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantin and is a member of Penn Valley, Knights of the Red Cross of Honour; Pennsylvania Council of Delegation; Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11; Penn Council, Knight Masons of the United States of America; Kawkawlin Council No. 185, Allied Masonic Degrees; the Joshua Association; Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch; Commander of the American Legion; and Life Officer of the State Commanders and Line Officers of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Adams' talents have also been shared outside the Lodge. He has been very active in the Lutheran Church, serving in numerous capacities including Vice President of the Church Council. He has served as a leader in the Boy Scout of America, has been involved in the Civil Air Patrol, the Parent Teachers Association, and he was the Medical Director of the Eastern Ambulance Corp.
Our Grand Lodge Seal

Recently, questions have been raised as to the meaning and origin of the so-called “Ark of the Covenant” symbol enbroidered in the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

These questions have caused some concern among the Brethren. We assume that these questions about the Seal stem from the recent “hard-line” attitude that many religious groups are taking toward fraternal societies.

The primary mode of attack used by these groups is to “expose” the fact that a great many of the symbols of Freemasonry are not readily recognizable by non-members, or that predates the Christian era. Freemasonry is one of these far-out ideas under attack.

The radiant face on the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is of Apollo. It was adopted in 1825 and has been in use ever since. The Seal was chosen at a time when the classical style enjoyed wide use in art, architecture, music and literature. It is representational of the ancient Greeks, who believed Apollo drove the sun in his chariot across the sky each day, and the word was later, literally meaning “day.”

The former Seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania actually contained much more symbolism than the present Seal. The first Seal (Figure 1) was the same as that used by the Grand Lodge of England, with the exception that the word “Phylad” was substituted for “London.” The second Seal, adopted in 1700, contained even more symbolism, and it also contained a representation of a face surrounded by a glory surmounting the left-hand pillar. This particular symbol was possibly one of the inspirations for the present Seal (Figure 2).

While the ultimate origin of Freemasonry is unknown, many of the Fraternity’s symbols can be traced to the remotest reaches of time. Many of Freemasonry’s symbols are pre-Christian; but the fact that a symbol is pre-Christian does not make it pagan. Many ancient symbols simply presuppose things in which we now believe. Many later-day religious holidays are remnants of ancient festivals.

Apollo, as bringer of light, can symbolize that which governs the day, that which enlightens and educates, and Him who governs as Great Architect of the Universe.

A Family Affair in Canton

On Saturday, March 19, 1988, a father and his four sons became Master Masons in Canton Lodge No. 415. Those Raised on this occasion were Bro. Homer L. Parker, Sr., and his four sons: Bros. Homer L. Parker, Jr., Son of the Lodge; Craig D. Parker and Timothy S. Parker.

Sharing in the coterie of the Master Masons’ degree on the five family members were Bros. Roland E. Morgan, P.M. and William E. Harmon, P.M. Bro. Floyd D. Taylor is the Worshippful Master of the Lodge. Bro. Richard M. Robinson, D.D.G.M. of the H.L.Masonic District, made an official visitation to the Lodge for this significant event in its history.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened at 2:00 p.m. Three of the degrees were conferred during the afternoon following a delicious dinner, the remaining two degrees were conferred.

Bro. Homel L. Parker, Sr. now retired, and his sons are business partners in the Parker Machine and Fabrication Company, Inc., located in Canton, Pennsylvania.

Throat Medallion Presented

At the conclusion of the evening grand officer of the Lodge, Bro. Marion L. Long, had the honor of presenting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, SOLOMON II Throat Medallion to Bro. Homer L. Parker, Sr., the father of the newly Raised Masters.

From the Grand Secretary’s Desk

In the preparation of this article, I acknowledge the tremendous assistance Bro. Adams has given me for almost nine years. I still find myself calling Dave once in a while for an answer to a problem. Of all the associates with whom I have worked over the years, I have never re- garded anyone approaching the position of being indispensable to me as Dave. With very few possible exceptions, I have never met anyone with more knowledge about Pennsylvania Freemasonry than Bro. Dave Adams. When he chose to retire it felt as though I had lost my right arm, and Pennsylvania had lost one of its most qualified leaders.

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DeMolay Wants Former Members

While the Order of DeMolay is seeking its former members to replace lost records and create a complete directory of all its Senior Members, if you were a member of the Order of DeMolay, please send your name, address, phone number, home Chapter name and location and, if still in existence, the chapter name, location and mailing address for your chapter so the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation can assist you with your request.

Educational Endowment Fund Created

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board of Directors, under the leadership of Chairman W. Scott Steamer, R.W.G.M., has created an Educational Endowment Fund to develop special opportunities for our youth people to receive scholarships for higher education.

New Job’s Daughter Brochure Produced

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has produced a new full-color brochure promoting the International Order of Job’s Daughters in Pennsylvania. The brochure, written for young people, is an active member of the Order, fully explains the Job’s Daughters program. Copies of the brochure are available upon request from the Foundation offices.

YOU and SOLOMON II

Masons Helping Masons: The Emergency Help Network

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has prepared a program for an Emergency Help Network for Pennsylvania Freemasons and their families. This Network would allow any Pennsylvania Mason to call 1-800-MASONIC, from anywhere in Pennsylvania when he has an emergency that cannot be resolved through normal, local channels. The Emergency Help Network would provide for a Pennsylvania Freemason to come to the aid of the Brother in need within thirty minutes, identify the exact need required and then obtain assistance for the Brother.

DeMolay meets with Knights of Pythias

For the fifth consecutive year, members of the Order of DeMolay held a Brotherhood Retreat on August 26-28, 1988 at the Masonic Conference Center, with members of the Knights of Pythias, the oldest Masonic fraternal organization sponsored by the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The program included a tour of the Masonic Facility, athletic competitions, ritual and public speaking seminars, a formal banquet and a worship service conducted by the youth leaders. The group photograph was taken in the William A. Carpenter Chapel.

DeMolay and Knights of Pythias at the William A. Carpenter Chapel.
A Century of Living

When you ask the residents at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to name something special about the conventicle living area, often they come up with the same answer, "Hettie." Mrs. Hettie Mauger is a very special resident at the Masonic Homes. She is a lady who enjoys everything about life, living every day to the fullest. She loves people and is willing to do anything to help others. Hettie has maintained this refreshing outlook on life as she begins her second century of living. On August 30, 1988, she reached the age of one hundred.

Hettie was born on August 30, 1888. She lived with her parents until their death. She was married to Robert Mauger in 1913. Upon the death of Hettie's parents, the Maugers sold the house in Reading and moved into a smaller home in the area. They lived there until their admission to the Masonic Homes in 1979. Upon arrival at the Homes, the Maugers were well adjusted. They were admitted to the conventicle living area and enjoyed their lifestyle very much. Bro. Mauger passed away in 1986 and Hettie continued to stay active. Her hobbies include drawing and painting in watercolors. The real love of her life is dancing.

With a big family celebration on August 28th and a big Masonic celebration on August 30th, Hettie now has many more special memories to add to her first one hundred years. Some of these memories include plaques, certificates, and a personal letter from the President of the United States.

Three Pennsylvania Masons, and Ten Thousand Hours of Service

Three Masons were recently honored by Reedes Hurt, the administrator of the Highland Drive Veterans Administration Hospital. The three Masons, Bros. Harry G. Simler, Joseph Susalla and Leslie E. Carlyle, Sr., were awarded citations in the form of certificates for their ten thousand hours of time in serving the hospitalized veterans.

Bro. Simler is employed as a mechanic for the Port Authority, and yet, on Sundays, his day begins at 5:30 in the morning. He proceeds to make rounds at local doughnut shops, gathering "stinkers" and taking them to the hospital. Here he and the Chaplains provide coffee and doughnuts for the patients following the Sunday religious services.

Bro. Simler is also still regularly employed. During the week he has the very responsible job of assuring that school children are assigned to their correct buses. Yet Bro. "Bud" finds time between his morning and afternoon assignments at the school to go to the hospital where he serves as an "escort." This entails taking waiting wheelchair-bound patients to their various medical and therapy appointments.

Although Bro. Carlyle has been retired as a Postmaster, he uses his lifelong expertise to help operate a branch post office at the hospital which provides almost every postal service that can be found at any major post office.

The hospital administrator, Reedes Hurt, is also a Mason and a Shriner. He is a member in Kentucky, where he was assigned prior to his transfer to Pittsburgh.

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September 20, A.D. 1988

To the Freemasons of 1888:

Greetings

Into the year 1888, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has continued the SOLOMON II Program. Hopefully in the year 1888, we will have an abundance of Freemasons.

The Masonic Fraternity is very rich in the area. The Masonic Temple is located in the heart of the community in the year of 1888 and beyond.

The present Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania is Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Enclosed are items of Masonic interest:

"Freemasonry A Way of Life"
"To Fraternity"
"We Masons We Care"

A Lodge Notice, Hyde Park Lodge No. 399

The By-Laws of Hyde Park Lodge No. 399

Fraemly, Richard A. Hoffman, P.M.

Hyde Park Lodge No. 399

District Director

Project SOLOMON II

13th Masonic District

At the Sign of...

Beginning with this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, the emblems and symbols of the various individuals, departments, foundations and organizations that regularly contribute articles to this magazine will be found at the beginning of each article. This is being done so that better identification of each article may be made. A description of each emblem is given here:

The seal of the W. W. Grand Master contains a bright sun within a triangle. It is symbolic of the fact that all Light always emanates from the East in Freemasonry, and that this Light is true in its perfection.

The emblem of the W. W. Grand Secretary includes the crossed quills, or pens, and an open Bible. It is symbolic of the Grand Secretary's job of accurately recording all of the proceedings and communications of the Grand Lodge in minute detail, and of communicating with the subordinate Lodges.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation's emblem consists of a sunburst which is reminiscent of the Seal of the Grand Lodge. It was adopted in 1981.

The emblem that is used by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation

Fernwood Lodge Presents Inkstand

On Thursday, September 8, 1988, Fernwood Lodge No. 543 presented the Grand Lodge Museum with a reproduction of the Bro. Philip Syng Inkstand to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution this year.

The Inkstand is a highly polished pewter reproduction which faithfully copies the silver inkstand at Independence Hall, Philadelphia. In 1775 the Pennsylvania Assembly commissioned Bro. Syng to create an inkstand and tray. This graceful Georgian piece was used for both the sealing of the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution. Bro. Syng joined St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1775, and is recognized among the Grand Masters of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1775.

In 1987, the Inkstand admiringly collected its museum's collection received this year from the Bro. John Wanamaker Museum of reproduction pieces from Independence National Park. This includes the Signer's Desk, used as a desk in the 1790s Congress, under whom the new Constitution met in Philadelphia before relocating to Washington, D.C. in 1800, and the Rising Sun Chair, so named by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, and which was made by Bro. John Folwell for the Old House (now called Independence Hall) in 1779, and used by Bro. George Washington.

Cornerstone is Laid in Waynesburg

On August 6, 1988, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, W. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of all of the elected Grand Lodge officers, laid the Cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple of Waynesburg Lodge No. 153, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. A luncheon was served for the Brethren and their wives by the Ladies of the Eastern Star and Rainbow Chapters prior to the men calling on to Labor.

Ground had been broken for the new Temple in a ceremony by then Grand Master, Bro. Carl W. Steenberg, Jr. In August of 1987, this new Temple will be the first building to be used, solely for Masonic purposes, by Waynesburg Lodge. Waynesburg Lodge has the honor and distinction of being able to call itself "the third oldest Lodge west of the Alleghenies." The Lodge was constituted on July 17, 1817, and it presently has a membership of 481.

The Grand Master at work.

The Grand Lodge at work.