Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, a Philadelphia attorney, is now the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

He was installed as Grand Master at the Annual General Communication in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on December 27, 1961.

Bro. McKinley succeeded Bro. Max F. Balson of Kinsman, who served as Grand Master for two years.


Bro. McKinley is the senior partner of the law firm of McKinley and Andrews, the legal counsel for Grand Lodge.

He graduated from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania and has practiced law in Philadelphia since his graduation.

Bro. McKinley is a member of the Bar of the state, local and federal courts and the Supreme Court of the United States. He is also a member of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations, many social clubs and is past president of the Pennsylvania Scottish Rite Society.

A veteran of World War I, Bro. McKinley was very active in the American legion for many years and served as Commander of Philadelphia Post 292 during World War II and the Korean War. He served as elected official with the Local Selective Service Board, Philadelphia Appeal Board and the State Appeal Board in Harrisburg.

A member of Masonic Lodge, No. 292, F. & A. M., he served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1926. He also served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia for many years. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of "D" Masonic District, Philadelphia, from 1948 until he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1952.

McKinley's Masonic affiliations include: Scottish Rite Chapter, No. 226, Philadelphia; Franklin Commandery, No. 92, Philadelphia; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia; and Lulu Shrine Temple. He was crowned Honorary 33rd Scottish Rite Mason in 1958.

He served as secretary of trustees of one of Grand Lodge's largest trust funds for 30 years, from 1932 to 1966.

Bro. McKinley and his wife, Margaret, have a son, J. Warren McKinley, also a member of Franklin Masonic Lodge, No. 292.

His brother, brother, father, five uncles and grandfather were members of Franklin Lodge. His brother and grandfather also served as Worshipful Master of Grand Lodge.
Jurisdiction Divided into Six Regions for Ritualistic Work

Pennsylvania has been divided into six Regions for Ritualistic Work, an increase of two Regions over last year.

The announcement of the increase was made by the Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication.

Bro. William A. Schnell, Past Master of Southeastern Lodge, No. 524, Everett, Past Master of James W. Brown Lodge, No. 339, Scranton, was appointed to the Memorial Association.

The Regional Instructors and their Districts are:


In announcing the new Regions, the Grand Master said:

"Two years ago, after having served magnificently for a long time, Brother Andrew Snyder found it necessary to retire and Brother Grinn was appointed to succeed him.

"We in the Grand Lodge Line have found Brother Grinn exceptionally well qualified for this work and he has been doing an outstanding job since the day of his appointment."

"I am happy that he is going to continue in this work and have arranged with him for the creation of two additional Regions or Districts under his jurisdiction.

"We have been operating with four Regional

"Pennsylvania Plan"

Endowment Project for Memorial Completed

The program to help endow the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the "Pennsylvania Plan", has been brought to a successful conclusion in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Max F. Balcom, R. W. Past Grand Master, reported at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, "Pennsylvania Masonic Lodges have more than met the goal of $10 from every Masonic Lodge and an average of $1 from every Mason.

"In fact, the quota has been received for every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania."

"The only part of the program to be continued is the $1 from every initiate, Brother Balcom pointed out:"

"We must continue the program for $1 an initiate. I pledged to the Memorial Association that Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania would continue to meet this challenge."

On February 22, the Grand Lodge presented to the Memorial Association three checks, totaling $772.81.

Since February 22, 1961, the quota from all Lodges has been received. Because of this collection, the Grand Master will have the opportunity to present an additional sum of approximately $7,500 to the Memorial Association on February 22 at its annual meeting in the Memorial.

Bro. Balcom thanked Pennsylvania Masons for their dedication and work that enabled the program to be concluded while he was Grand Master.

not passing and will not pass without proper recognition of the invaluable work they are doing.

"It is being done, my Brethren, for one reason, and for one reason only—their love of the Fraternity, since that is the outstanding thing. I have high hopes for the future of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and for the advancement of this Grand Lodge.

"In conclusion, I want to assure you that I am deeply appreciative of the honor you have conferred upon me.

"I stand at that point in my life where just a comparatively few of my fellow Masons, Masonic Brethren have been privileged to stand—a point where I have had conferred upon me the highest office and most important honor which it is in your power to confer.

"I assure you that I will do everything in my power to establish that office with credibility and dignity to conduct the affairs of the Grand Lodge with efficiency, to the best of my ability.

"I will need your help, assistance and cooperation, and I pray you to be assured that I have the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe."

"Anaer view of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The view shows the Grand Lodge Hall and other structures in the central section. It only shows a few acres of the 1500 acres that make up the Masonic Homes.

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Maintenance Costs Increase Out of Proportion to Endowment

There thousand meals are served every day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Box W. LeRoy McKinney, R. W. Grand Master, pointed out: "One of the most serious problems facing this Grand Lodge today, and, in fact, of all fraternal organizations in this country, is that of financing.

"Experience has shown, through the last decade, a continuing reduction in receipts and a constant increase in expenditures."

"When the budget of our Grand Lodge is analyzed, it is clearly evident that our problem in finding ways to help Subordinate Lodges, for by helping them we will help Grand Lodge. And our second problem is to find ways to control expenditures."

"In any undertaking of this kind it is natural to look first to that portion of a budget which encompasses the major expenditures, and here we find that to be the cost of maintenance of our Masonic Homes.

"It is not the intention to curtail the services to our guests there nor to limit the number of guests, but some additional controls must be placed on the cost of such maintenance."

"In 1952 the cost of maintaining our Masonic Homes was $840,000. The maintenance budget for 1962 is, in round figures, $1,800,000—an increase in ten years of almost a million dollars."

Some of the interesting statistics on the operation of the Masonic Homes in 1961 include:

1. 167 Guests were admitted.
2. The greatest number of Guests was 720 of whom 603 were single and 117 were couples.
3. There was a decrease of 60 in the number of deaths as compared with the previous year.
4. The number of Guests at the Homes on November 13, 1961, the end of the fiscal year, was 769, at all time high.
5. As of November 15, 1961, 82 adults were receiving home assistance. They represented 88 Lodges, each of which is entitled to the assistance given.
6. As of November 10, 1961, there were 57 children at the Masonic Homes, of which 17 were girls and 40 boys.
7. During 1961, 765 visitors registered at the Homes.
8. 2 Masonic Bodies visited the Homes during the year.
9. The endowment fund for the Homes has now reached $11,000,000, which under normal conditions would produce a revenue of approximately $450,000 annually.

This $450,000 from the endowment fund only provides 25 per cent of the cost of maintenance. The remainder of the budget must be supplied from current income.

The Grand Master pointed out that the Masonic Homes, Entertainment and Recreation Fund is one method to help Masons at the Homes.

You may wish to make an outright gift to the Homes during your lifetime—but have the pleasure of seeing the results of your generosity—or you may wish by your Will or Deed of Trust, to leave a legacy to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Homes.

When you consider this problem, keep in mind that all gifts of this nature are deductible for income tax purposes, and if made by Will or Deed of Trust are not subject to Federal Estate Tax or Pennsylvania Transfer Inheritance Tax.

Bequests interested in securing more detailed information on the Homes, or the correct wording to use in Wills or Deeds of Trust, please contact the Grand Master’s Masonic Temple, Broad and Fifth Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pa.
Bro. McKinley Becomes R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania


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During World War II and the Korean War, he served as legal officer with the Local Selective Service Board, Philadelphia Appeal Board and the State Appeal Board at Harrisburg. He is a member of the Frankford Lodge, No. 292, F. & A. M., and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1926. He also served as a chairman of the trustees of Frankford Masonic Hall for many years.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master of "D" Masonic District, Philadelphia, from 1948 until he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1953.

Bro. McKinley's Masonic affiliations include: Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 226, Philadelphia; Frankford Commandery, No. 92, Philadelphia; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia; and Leola Shrine Temple.

He was a member of the Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1958.

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Quotes from Grand Master's Acceptance Address on Dec. 27

The following are quotes from Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley's address following his installation as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1961:

"I assume office under extremely pleasant circumstances, with complete harmony reigning in our Grand Lodge. The realization uppermost in my mind is that those who have preceded me have each performed outstanding services to our Grand Lodge."

"We have been most fortunate, my Brethren, in having the type of men who have occupied the East and I approach my task with a full realization of the many duties and obligations it entails."

"With approximately 228,000 Masons in 602 Lodges in Pennsylvania, it is, of course, impossible for the Grand Master to be in personal contact with all members or even with all Lodges, and the District Deputies are (Continued on page 4)

Masons Can Attend Closed Meetings of Youth Groups

Masons who are members of Lodges in Pennsylvania are now permitted to attend an open or closed meeting of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and Order of Job's Daughters.

Decision 238-B states:

"To further clarify Decision 238 and 239, as to Order of Rainbow for Girls and Order of Job's Daughters, the Grand Lodge may now authorize any Lodge to hold meetings which are open to all members, but not necessarily to Masonic Lodges."

"The Grand Lodge may permit Masonic Lodges to participate in any meeting of the Order of Rainbow for Girls or Order of Job's Daughters, whether the meeting is closed or open to the general public."