

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

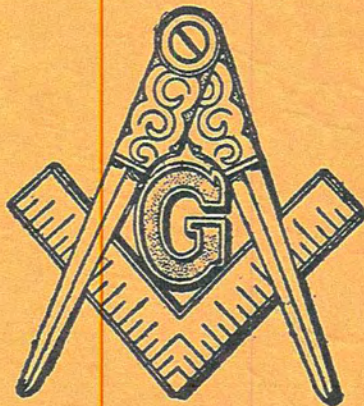
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Michael Vauz

R. W. Grand Master 1868 - 1869

RICHARD VAUX - 1816 - 1895

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1816 of the Episcopal faith, his parents were both distinctive and influential in their community. His father, Robert Vaux, was in public office and a law maker.

Six months before he was 21 years of age, Richard Vaux was admitted to practice at the legal bar and was sent to London with private letters from President Van Buren. He was made the Secretary of the American Legation for two years. He later returned to Philadelphia and served as Recorder for that city for seven years without pay.

In 1842, at the age of 26, he was initiated into Freemasonry. It is claimed that Brother Vaux was made a "Mason at Sight." He received his Fellow Craft Mason's Degree and Master Mason's Degree in Lodge No. 3, held at Philadelphia, in January and February 1843. He resigned from Lodge No. 3 in January 1844 and petitioned Union Lodge, No. 121, held at Philadelphia, for membership. He was elected Senior Warden of Union Lodge, No. 121, the same year and in 1845 served as its Worshipful Master. Later he was elected Treasurer, an office he held for many years.

In 1856, Brother Vaux was elected Mayor of Philadelphia. Always active in the Grand Lodge, he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1862. Elected to terms as Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, he was elected and installed Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for the years 1868 and 1869. As Grand Master he presided at the cornerstone ceremonies of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on June 24, 1868.

Brother Richard Vaux died on March 22, 1895 at age 79.

At his death, The Legal Intelligencer printed the following eulogy:

"Mr. Vaux loved his country, his state, his city his profession and his fellow man. Bold to fearlessness, he was wise and prudent in council and tolerated only the highest tone in thought and action. Those who knew him best, loved him best."

THE HISTORY

RICHARD VAUX LODGE, No. 454 - F. & A. M.

In 1869, Brother James C. Acheson, District Deputy Grand Master, communicated with Brother Richard Vaux, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and received authorization to constitute a new Lodge to be held in the Village of Burgettstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

The Warrant of Constitution was dated December 1, 1869, and was issued to Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454. It authorized either Brother Acheson or Brother Alfred C. Creigh, Past Master of Washington Lodge, No. 164, "to open and constitute the new Lodge and install the proper Officers."

Brother Creigh later reported that he "did open and constitute the Lodge called Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, and install the Officers thereof, according to ancient usage and form," on January 21, 1870.

There were ten Warrant Members, as follows:

Brother George T. McCord, Worshipful Master, from Chartiers Lodge, No. 297.

Brother John. B. Hayes, Senior Warden, from St. John's Lodge, Pittsburgh.

Brother Robert T. C. Stephenson, Junior Warden, from Washington Lodge, No. 164.

Brother William Marshall, Brother William Cole and Brother Alfred C. Stephenson of Washington Lodge, No. 164.

Brother John C. Reed, Brother Pressley Henwood and Brother William O. Stevenson from Chartiers Lodge, No. 297.

Brother Jesse Kemp, whose original Lodge in West Virginia was not known at the time.

The original Dues of the Lodge were set at three dollars per year. The fee for conferring the three Degrees was thirty dollars.

The first Lodge Room was in a building located at Railroad Street and McClure Avenue. The original minute book was destroyed when this building was damaged by fire.

In 1887 a Mason Hall Association was formed and stock was sold. The Lodge Hall was established in the National Bank Building on the corner of North Main Street in 1902. At a later date the Lodge Hall was moved to another building called the Haines Building, where our Lodge has met for many years.

In addition to the ten Warrant Members, 43 Members were initiated during our first year. There were 21 new Members initiated in 1871, our second year, and only seven new Members taken in during 1872. Only five Members were initiated from 1880 through 1888. Twelve Members were initiated in 1889. By 1897 our Lodge had initiated 181 Members. However, 54 had resigned, 45 had been suspended and 14 Members died. Of the 53 Members in our Lodge in 1897, only two of the ten Warrant Members remained.

In 1920 our Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. Brother James O. Fredricks was Worshipful Master and he has long been remembered for his devotion to Richard Vaux Lodge and his more than sixty years of activity in the Ritualistic and Lodge Work. During our Fiftieth Anniversary year the Lodge initiated 56 new Members, holding meetings in each of the twelve months. At the end of that year our Membership totaled 242.

The Richard Vaux Mason Hall Association was incorporated in December 1968 for the purpose of purchasing a building or having a new Masonic Hall built. The following were elected Directors of this Association: Brother Rocco Boni, Past Master, President; Brother Charles Cunningham, Vice President; Brother James C. Wolfe, Past Master, Treasurer; Brother George P. Trenary, Past Master, Secretary; Brother Glenn E. Newman, Brother Harry L. Lee, Brother Ross Krumme, Brother Robert C. Cassidy, Jr., and Brother William Pappas.

The Brethren of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, look proudly and with great esteem at the high goals achieved by many of our Members in professions, in business and in politics.

With grateful hearts and fraternal respect for the Brethren who have made the first one hundred years of our Lodge possible, we now look forward with equal dedication and determination to the best interests of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, in particular, and to the cause of Freemasonry in general.

THE PROGRAM
 One-Hundredth Anniversary
 Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454
 3:00 o'clock, P.M.

Opening of Lodge- - - - -Lodge Officers
 Flag Ceremony
 In Memorium of Departed Brethren
 Welcome - - - - -Brother Harry L. Lee, Worshipful Master
 Reception of- -Brother Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master
 and other Grand Lodge Officers
 The History- - - - -Brother Rocco Boni, Past Master

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR EMBLEMS

By

Brother Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master	
Brother James C. Smith	Brother Daniel V. Chew
Brother Harold B. Purdy	Brother John S. Palin
Brother David McDunbar	Brother James M. Wiegmann
Brother Robert W. Stottlemeyer	Brother Charles H. Sutherland
Brother Charles H. Hibbs	Brother J. Ralph Lee
Brother John M. McKensie	Brother William H. Conrad
Brother Wiley C. Pate	Brother Bert B. Irwin
Brother Edwin Silvers	Brother K. Bruce Myers
Brother George I. Bloom	Brother John S. Johnston
Brother I. C. Bloom	Brother Charles M. Colwes
Brother William W. Lyon	Brother J. Lee Foster
Brother Paul G. Stewart	

Remarks- - - -Brother Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master
 Retiring of Grand Lodge Officers
 Closing of The Lodge- - - - -Lodge Officers

DINNER
5:00 o'clock, P.M By Reservation

MENU

Chilled Orange Juice

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttered Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Rolls and Butter

Apple Pie and Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea

ELECTIVE OFFICERS FOR 1970

Worshipful Master
Harry L. Lee

Senior Warden
James M. Cassidy

Junior Warden
Joseph Gonzalez

Treasurer
George P. Trenary, P.M.

Secretary
Robert C. Cassidy, III

Trustees

James C. Wolfe, P.M. Glenn E. Newman Robert C. Cassidy, Jr.
Representative in the Grand Lodge
Bertram L. Cox, P.M.

Appointed Officers

Eugene G. Painter, P.M. - - - - - Chaplain
Winfred A. Higgins, Jr. - - - - - Senior Deacon
Richard O. Williams - - - - - Junior Deacon
Wallace Bettley - - - - - Senior Master of Ceremonies
Richard Hart - - - - - Junior Master of Ceremonies
Robert E. Hart - - - - - Pursuivant
Clayton J. McGee - - - - - Tyler
Donald, M. Cummings,

P.M.-Representative to the Patton Masonic School

Stewards

J. Leroy Cooke J. Donley Townsend Michael Strunga
Committee on Grievance
James C. Wolfe, P.M. Kenneth C. Miller Dwight Harper
Committee on Charity
Donald M. Cummins, P.M. Edwin O. Wagner Thomas M. Kraeer
Committee on Furniture
Jesse T. Davis, P.M. William Prata William Pappas
Committee on Instruction
John L. Ferrell, P.M. Bertram L. Cox, P.M. Andrew W. Laurich, P.M.
Committee on Masonic Culture
Eugene G. Painter, P.M. Rocco Boni, P.M. James E. Bainbridge, P.M.
District Deputy Grand Master, 29th Masonic District
Walter L. Sykes 230 Belmont Ave. Canonsburg, Pa. 15317

PAST MASTERS

George T. McCord**1870	William J. Pyle*1924
John B. Hayes**1871	Harry M. Richey*1925
Robt. T. C. Stephenson* . . .1872	Boyd E. Sloan*1926
Henry C. Anderson**1873	James C. Wolfe1927
Jesse Kemp**1874	Thomas C. Linn1928
John B. Hays**1875	John L. Riley*1929
Samuel McGough**1876	Harry L. Pedicord* . . .1930
Robert M. Scott*1877	Walter W. Riggle*1931
Charles McCarty*1878	Charles L. Kirsch* . . .1932
R. T. C. Stephenson* . . .1879	Elmer E. Harper*1933
John L. Scott**1880-81	Edward Hamilton1934
James McFadyean** . . .1882	Dwight N. Cook1935
William Cole*1883	Henry B. Hellmers* . . .1936
Matthew R. Parks*1884	Joseph W. Ridgway . . .1937
R. T. C. Stephenson*1885-	
86	
Clement Elder*1887-90	Robert H. Culley*1938
J. Howard Cramer** .1891	John W. Sloan*1939
Albert G. Lee**1892	Joseph V. Hemphill* . . .1940
Louis C. Botkin**1893	J. Francis Reed1941
James A. Donaldson* .1894	Thos. B. Stevenson . . .1942
J. Howard Cramer** .1895	R. Lee Adamson1943
J.K. McFarland*1896-	James H. Jones1944
97	
Thomas D. McCarty*1898	John M. Jones1945
John C. Scott*1899	Stephen Mehalic*1946
William F. Rankin* .1900	Rheuben W. Taylor* . . .1947
John P. Linn*1901-02	Harold Q. Davidson . . .1948
Edwin G. McGregor* . . .1903	Hobson R. Chastain . . .1949
Charles M. Vance* .1904	Paul R. Morgan1950
John L. Hill*1905	George P. Trenary1951
Samuel S. Morgan* . . .1906	Albert P. Bundy1952
Wilson B. Culley*1907	James W. Wiegmann . . .1953
Robert F. Linn*1908	John R. Cunningham . . .1954
George H. Conrad* .1909	Wilbert J. Cunningham* .1955
George L. McKee* .1910	William H. Bundy1956
Charles A. Bingham* .1911	Charles L. Kirsch, Jr. . .1957
George R. Norris* . . .1912	Eugene G. Painter1958
Joseph H. Anderson**1913	Jesse T. Davis, Jr. . . .1959
Charles W. Tope*1914	William L. Morris1960
William W. Stewart*1915	Arthur R. Simpson1961
William B. Linn*1916	Delbert J. Smith1962
John J. Russell**1917	John L. Ferrell1963
Conley O. Taylor** .1918	James E. Bainbridge1964
Charles O. Inglefield*	Rocco Boni1965
.1919	
James O. Fredericks*	James L. Brownlee . . .1966
.1920	
Lee R. McKinney1921	Andrew W. Laurich1967
James C. Smith1922	Donald M. Cummings1968
Frederick H. Illig* . . .1923	Bertram L. Cox1969
* Deceased	
	** Ceased

OFFICERS
of the
Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the
Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons
of Pennsylvania
and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto
Belonging, For 1970

HIRAM P. BALL
R. W. Grand Master
W. ORVILLE KIMMEL
R. W. Deputy Grand Master
ROCHESTER B. WOODALL
R. W. Senior Grand Warden
JOHN L. McCAIN
R. W. Junior Grand Warden
ARTHUR R. DIAMOND
R. W. Grand Treasurer
ASHBY B. PAUL
R. W. Grand Secretary

**COMMITTIES
FOR
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General Chairman
Harry L. Lee - Worshipful Master
Co Chairman
Charles L. Kirsh, P.M.

HISTORY

Rocco Boni, P.M.
James C. Wolfe, P.M.
Thomas B. Stevenson, P.M.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Robert C. Cassidy III
James M. Cassidy

RECEPTION

Donald M. Cummings, P.M.
Jesse T. Davis, P.M.
Bertram L. Cox, P.M.

CHECK ROOM

Jack Dowler
Dwight Harper
Glenn Brady

TYLER AND REGISTRATION

Clayton J. McGee
Andrew W. Laurich, P.M.
John M. Jones, P.M.
George P. Trenary, P.M.
James E. Bainbridge, P.M.

BANQUET

Richard O. Williams
Wallace Bettley
J. Leroy Cooke

GIFTS

Eugene G. Painter, P.M.
James L. Brownlee, P.M.

PROGRAM

William E. Caldwell
John L. Ferrell, P.M.

PUBLICITY AND TICKETS

Jesse T. Davis, P.M.
Andrew W. Laurich, P.M.
Eugene G. Painter, P.M.

FINANCE

Glenn E. Newman

FURNITURE

William Pappas
William Prata
J. Leroy Cooke
Wallace Bettley
Joseph Gonzalez
Winfred A. Higgins, Jr.
Robert E. Hart

FLOWERS

Andrew W. Laurich, P.M.

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