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# History of The Delaware Freemason

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The official publication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware recently celebrated its 40th birthday. Volume 1, No. 1 was printed in September 1965 by the authority of Grand Master William D. Paulin. The original committee was designated "The Committee on Education and Libraries and the Delaware Freemason". Members of this committee consisted of: Harry C. Johnson, PGM (Chairman), Henry C. Lynch, G. Millard Lang, Elmer F. Cunningham (Editor) and Park W. Huntington. Since that time the Delaware Freemason has continuously brought Masonic news of interest to the entire membership of this Masonic Jurisdiction as well as those of other areas outside our borders.

Over the years the Delaware Freemason has taken many forms. The publication has evolved from a 6 x 9" four page monochromatic to 8.5 x 9" four page monochromatic to 11.5 x 14" four page monochromatic tabloid to our present format of 11.5 x 14" eight page process color tabloid.

Early in its existence the Delaware Freemason was published every other month. Later, the number of issues per year was reduced to four (4) and in 1978 the number of issues became three (3) and have remained so to this day.

In 1970 the Delaware Freemason Committee, as it was now designated, was reorganized by

Grand Master John J. McClearner. It consisted of Henry Seeds (Chairman), Henry C. Lynch (Secretary), Clifford L. Barlow (Circulation Manager), Dana J. Pyle (Editor) and Arthur G. Graig, PGM.

H.T.J. Littleton became the committee chairman in 1971 and continued in this capacity through 1973. Martin H. Levin was chairman of the committee in 1974 and C. Granville McVey served as chairman from 1975 until 1983. In 1983 Richard A. Scarlott became chairman and continued to serve until 1991. At this point in history the records are vague as the publication was brought into house at 818 Market Street in Wilmington, Delaware.

Grand Master James E. Waecker, Sr. established the tabloid format for the Delaware Freemason during the Masonic year of 1995-1996. This format was continued in 1996-1997 by Grand Master Robert E. Trice, Sr. The following year Grand Master Herbert P. Fulmer returned the publication to "in house" status using the 6 x 9" format. The Delaware Freemason remained "in house" until 2001 when Grand Master James S. Russell, Jr. commissioned Charles C. Simmermon, Jr. to re-establish the larger tabloid format using some color.

Today, various correspondents supply the Delaware Freemason with news of the Delaware Grand Lodge and the appendant and con-

cordant bodies thereof. Highfield, the Masonic Home of Delaware, is a major sponsor of this publication and occupies 25% of its coverage. Delaware Freemasons can be proud of the history and heritage of the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.



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