# Something Special

Pennsylvania Freemasonry is unlike any other in the world. For over two centuries Ancient York Masonry in Pennsylvania has stood as a symbol of tradition, custom and quality in Masonic ritual and instruction.

Here Freemasonry remained dignified, proficient and compliant across the years such that if a Pennsylvania Freemason traveled to the present from some point in the past, he would recognize almost unchanged the Lodge into which he stepped.

Our tradition of mouth to ear ritual, unanimity in our Lodges and class in our conduct and appearance are hallmarks of Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Ours is a tradition of quality and class with rituals that are mysterious and intriguing and lessons that are deep and meaningful.

## What's At Risk

### **Our Unique Ritual**

The custom of Pennsylvania Freemasonry to never write down our ritual or obligations in any manner whatsoever has been abolished.

Our opening and closing ritual that reminds the Brethren of the duties of the officers and of themselves is now permitted to be done away with in Lodges.

The installation of the Worshipful Master, the Past Master's Degree, is now open to those who have not received it.

The obligations and teachings of the degrees have been changed to reflect these innovations such that Pennsylvania Freemasons will not be imparting it as they received it.

Mass conferrals make new Masons who never traveled our same road.

## What's At Risk

#### **Our Ancient Customs**

The unanimity of Pennsylvania Freemasonry has been abolished by raising the ballot threshold to three black balls.

The dignity of our appearance has been sacrificed by the lowering of the meaning of "Masonic Dress".

The essential requirement that a man must seek in his heart to be a Mason and have initiative to ask for entry has been eliminated.

The bond of Brotherhood and the passage of personal experience that adds so much to the Pennsylvania Masonic experience through the ritualistic instruction is lost by making the ritual available for solitary study.

The trust between Pennsylvania Freemasons is injured by limiting a Mason's right to object.

# What You Can Do

#### **Write to the Grand Master**

Take a few minutes to write down all that Pennsylvania Freemasonry has meant to you and why you feel that our unique style was important and should be restored.

### **Sign the Petition**

Go to pamasonicrestoration.org and sign the petition asking our Grand Master to repeal these changes to our ritual and custom and to restore Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

### **Adopt the Resolution**

Go to pamasonicrestoration.org and download the template resolution to introduce and adopt in your own Lodge and then send it to the Grand Master so he knows that your Lodge believes in restoring our unique Pennsylvania style of Freemasonry.

## Who We Are

Pennsylvania The Masonic Restoration is a movement initiated and sustained by Pennsylvania Freemasons who believe in the oaths they took to preserve and maintain our Masonic customs, ritual, landmarks and usages. We believe that Pennsylvania Freemasonry should be passed down to future generations of Freemasons as well preserved and maintained as it was for us.

It is not our goal to challenge the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Master nor to interfere with the administrative functioning of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. We hold our oaths inviolable, including that to support the Constitution and any edicts that may be issued. It is our hope and our goal to see the recent detrimental changes made to our ritual and customs repealed.

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