
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 90 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, FERLO, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, ROBBINS,
FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH,
BROWNE, WAUGH AND COSTA, APRIL 16, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 282nd anniversary of the establishment of the
2 Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is the
4 oldest, largest and most widely known fraternal organization in
5 the world; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1717, four lodges of Freemasons meeting in
7 London, England, formed the first Grand Lodge; and

8 WHEREAS, The first Grand Lodge chartered Symbolic Lodges and
9 Provincial Grand Lodges in many countries, including the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, there are 51 Grand Lodges in the United
12 States and approximately 1,600,000 Freemasons; and

13 WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of
14 Pennsylvania (Lodge) was established on June 24, 1731, by
15 delegates from the 13 lodges holding charters from the
16 Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lodge is one of the oldest Grand Lodges in this

1 country; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lodge is of the Ancients' tradition and its
3 ancestor Grand Lodge is the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
4 Masons of England, which was founded in 1751; and

5 WHEREAS, The headquarters of the Lodge is in the Masonic
6 Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Jay W. Smith is the current Grand Master of the
8 Lodge; and

9 WHEREAS, Freemasonry is a way of life that teaches tolerance
10 towards all mankind; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Lodge, "Freemasonry is kindness in
12 the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in
13 work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance towards
14 evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for
15 one another and above all reverence and love for God"; and

16 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the long history and
17 positive contributions of the Lodge and its members to this
18 Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 282nd anniversary
20 of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
21 Masons of Pennsylvania.