
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 155 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY PAYNE, READSHAW, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, V. BROWN,
CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, EVERETT,
GINGRICH, GRELL, HAHN, J. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY,
HICKERNELL, M. K. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAJOR, MARSHALL,
MARSICO, MASSER, MATZIE, MILLARD, MURT, PETRI, ROSS, ROZZI,
SAINATO, SANTARSIERO, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SONNEY AND VEREB,
MARCH 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 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

1 Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lodge is one of the oldest Grand Lodges in this
3 country; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
22 282nd anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of
23 Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.