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A MESSAGE FROM THE
GRAND MASTER
Brethren:

Throughout this issue, you will see and read examples about what I've found to be a wonderful trend in Pennsylvania - growth! Not only have we approved the formation of another Traditional Observance lodge, but our youth have shown a renewed enthusiasm with the recent addition of two Rainbow Assemblies, a new DeMolay Chapter and a new Job's Daughters Bethel. I believe that as a result of Masonic Helping Masons, our commitment to Freemasonry and to each other has yielded a greater interest in the bonds we share within our Masonic family.

These bonds are strong, and have lasted for many generations. I am pleased to report that so far, Grand Lodge has presented approximately 1,700 30-year emblems, 2,300 60-year emblems, 400 70-year emblems, and 60 75-year Diamond Jubilee Awards to deserving brethren. I have had the honor of granting many of these awards personally, and remain in awe of the dedicated, admirable men I have the privilege to call "brother."

Another interesting and positive trend is that since 2002, the average age of our new members has steadily declined. Five years ago, the average age of a new member was 44; in 2005, it was 40, and so far this year, it has been 39! This demonstrates a new era of interest in our fraternity by younger generations, who are recognizing the many benefits our brotherhood provides. Our challenge is to maintain our members' interest in the traditions, ritual and service opportunities we present in order to continually strengthen these bonds as brethren. This heritage of strong tradition and selfless service was recently recognized by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with a resolution this spring (see p. 1).

While we are still planning changes to this publication based on the survey responses we received from the May issue, you will notice that we have taken your comments to heart and made some modifications already. Many of the ratings and comments were extremely positive, but we strive to continually improve our services to our members. Some of you mentioned that you would like to learn more about the present and future of Pennsylvania Freemasonry. I am pleased to report that at the end of 2006 and in the first quarter of this year, the Grand Lodge and its entities, including the various Masonic Charities, were under the budget recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by the membership. I believe this demonstrates a commitment to fiscal responsibility while providing high quality fraternal and charitable services as Masonic Helping Masons.

Some exciting and significant events are planned throughout this year, including for Grand Master's Charity Golf tournaments, the gala in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Autumn Day at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, where we will pay tribute to all veterans, Masonic and non-Masonic, who have made significant sacrifices to preserve the freedom we enjoy every day. If you are a veteran, please be sure to attend this meaningful ceremony and give us the opportunity to thank you for your service to our country as we dedicate the new Veterans Grove in your honor.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.
R.W. Grand Master

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PA House Passes Resolution Honoring the Masonic Fraternity

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania adopted House Resolution No. 202, “recognizing the many Freemasons resident throughout this Commonwealth and honoring them for their many contributions to the nation and this Commonwealth.”

The resolution was introduced by 64 State Representatives on Friday, April 13, 2007. Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.; R. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Jay W. Smith, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, were present on the floor of the House to witness the passage of the resolution by the impressive vote of 197 Yes, 2 No, 7 members on leave, and 18 not voting.

To read the complete text of Resolution No. 202, go to www.legis.state.pa.us and click on the “House” tab. Under “House Information,” click on “Daily Session Report” and select April 18, 2007. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “HR202.”

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Masonic Mentoring

"Freemasonry has given me a purpose," he said. "If I was touched like this, I want someone else to be equally excited. That's a lot to offer here." Being a mentor isn't about having all the answers, but knowing where to go and knowing when to shut up and just listen. In finding their questions. If a mentor has got to give to their community and help others, but knowing only the two men who signed their membership, wrote a check to the Masonic Mentoring program with directing these men in finding a comfort zone and enabling them. Be patient. Frequent visits and a steady presence can make a difference for both the lodge and the Masonic Mentoring program, as well as tips on conducting a successful program.

Brethren Awarded for Years of Service

Bro. Richard J. Leidler, Honored for 75 Years

Bro. Paul George Fedele, Schrothkill Lodge No. 138, Lower Saucon Township, was recently awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award by Bro. Ronald A. Augur. Sr., R.W. Grand Master. A 75-year veteran of the Craft, he was initated on April 20, 1901. Taking part in the presentation ceremony, Sr. left to right: Brethren Carl F. Berg, District Deputy Grand Master of District 11; Grand Master Augur; Larry Coleman, S.W.; Raymond Meyer, S.D.; Gary Reager, D.W.M., and Earl Dibbert, former master of Shaylor Lodge. Following the presentation ceremony, a luncheon was held, at the Wyomissing Country Club, for the brethren and guests.

75 Year Presentation to Bro. Hayes

Bro. H. Conley Hayes, a 75-year member of District 11, was recently awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award at a ceremony held at Wyomissing Country Club. Bros. Kenneth W. McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master of District 11, was presented in recognition by Bro. Donald H. Greiner, Worshipful Master, District 11, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, D.M. was present. The presentation ceremony, a luncheon was held, at the Wyomissing Country Club, for the brethren and guests.

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Becoming a Mason, committing to a fraternity with hundreds of years of history and tradition, can be both fulfilling and overwhelming. The road to Freemasonry, however, is not one that is traveled alone.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Mentor Program introduces new members to the fundamentals of the Craft and instills the knowledge that will prepare them for active participation in their lodge and community. The program is carefully designed to maximize the benefit to both the lodge and the Masonic Mentoring program, as well as tips on conducting a successful program.
Plan for Your Continuing Retirement

Planning for retirement is crucial to your quality of life in your senior years. Of special importance is having your estate planning and long-term care plans in order so that you are prepared in the event you should become ill. Finally, there is the need to have estate plans reviewed on a regular basis to make sure you are taken care of should you become incompetent, and for the orderly distribution of your assets upon your death.

Bro. Alvin Blit, Esq., a Pennsylvania Licensed Attorney with private practice experience in the field of estate and trust law, has conducted numerous workshops for residence on the Masonic Villages on many topics pertaining to elder law and estate planning. He has worked with many fellow brethren in advising them where to obtain professional advice to prepare a proper estate plan or to answer questions concerning continuing care, whether it be at one of the Masonic Village campuses or elsewhere.

Meeting with our fellow brethren and their wives or widows to advise them on how to plan for their senior years is an important and valuable service offered by our office," Bro. Blit said. "I have found that many seniors have outlined their friends and admirers and not sure where to turn for help. That is where the Masonic Charities can be a resource.

Recently, Bro. Blit was contacted by Bro. Richard Brownfield, Orient Lodge No. 603, Penn Hills, from Unknown about purchasing a Charitable Gift Annuity from the Masonic Charities. After much discussion by phone about his situation, Bro. Blit sent him information on founding an annuity with stock along with other valuable estate planning articles on living trusts, wills, powers of attorney and living wills, including a comprehensive guide for personal planning for seniors.

Subsequently, Bro. Blit traveled to Unknown to meet Bro. Brownfield at his home to discuss his particular circumstances. With Bro. Blit's guidance, Bro. Brownfield was able to update his estate plan and better understand how to handle his financial affairs.

Grand Master Presents Awards During Florida Masonic Reunion

At the Masonic Reunion in Palm Beach Gardens, Tampa and Sarasota, Fla., about 1,000 brethren and their guests attended the events, at which they received warm greetings from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers, as well as updates on the Masonic Villages and the Outreach Program. The Grand Master also awarded qualifying brethren their 50, 60 and 70-year service medals. Pictured here is Bro. William Hodge of Lodge 504 in Moscow, Pa., receiving his 70-year service medal from the Grand Master at the Palm Beach Gardens Masonic Reunion.
June Quarterly Communication
June 30, 2007
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

The Grand Lodge officers and their ladies enjoy watching the sunset behind downtown Pittsburgh.

Brethren enjoyed lunch outdoors after the June Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Jeff Biddle, D.D.G.M., for the 49th District, and his wife, Susan, arrive for the Lunch. Normal Amusement used a set of carriages made from a steel pet rabbit to her pet.

Bro. Daniel Pinto, a retired high school teacher, receives the Pennsylvania Founders Medal for his years of service as Superintendent of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Stephen Casper, W.K., Deputy Grand Master, stands with Bro. Ronald N. Arango, Sr., W.K., Grand Master, in the boat at the commencement of the dinner.

Brethren and their ladies enjoy a delightful evening on the cruise.

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Bro. Cox Honored for His Service to District 30


Although brief in his remarks, Bro. Cox said, "I stated my activity in the lodge in 1957 and I have loved every minute of it.' In an emotional and touching moment, Bro. Cox also said: "The reason I got involved in the School of Instruction...is that my wife died...and I needed something to do." With that, the assembled brethren and ladies gave Bro. Cox a standing ovation in tokens of their appreciation for all his work for Freemasonry over the years. Bro. Cox is another shining example of Masons Helping Masons in two ways—he helped countless officers learn the ritual work over the past 20 years—and all that, the was helping by having a purpose and a place to go after a loss that obviously still grieves him to this day. Freemasons, supporting and helping our brother...the way it always has been...is the way it always should be.

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High Frequency Help

Part of the appeal of amateur, or Ham, radio is the opportunity to connect with friends and strangers across the country and even the world. Even though many people may never meet "the voices" they hear, using a Ham radio builds a unique relationship based on a shared hobby.

For Bro. Joe Shaver (NE8M), Enruck Lodge No. 102, Mechanic, the connections he made over the airwaves came in handy when he needed some mechanical assistance with the main of his Ham radio antennas. After his antennas were damaged by a wind storm that past spring, he sent out a call for help. Face to face with friends quickly responded. Although the call was sent to many individuals, whose they met with the repairs on April 20, they discovered themselves in the middle of another example of Masons Helping Masons.

"It's always good to get together with other Ham radio enthusiasts, so we spend most of our time communicating via the air. We collaborate, not only to help each other, but to better the Ham radio community, and for our own personal enjoyment. I'm sure that Bro. Shaver is very grateful to those who helped with his antenna repairs."

Officers Show Support for Masonic Unity

Royal Arch Masons from Susquehanna Chapter No. 276, Eureka Chapter No. 179, Warren Chapter No. 180, and a Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of New York, met in the Susquehanna Masonic Hall for an official visit of John B. Zacker.

"The alpha-numeric color after each brother's name is their Ham radio call letters. The purpose of the visit was to show support for the Masonic Unity and to be a source of pride for our members.

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Brothers Become Masons in One Day

Douglas C. DeMattei always wanted to become a Mason; however, his U.S. Air Force career, which included three deployments to the Middle East, prevented his joining. In 2020, Bro. Kenneth E. Packer, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of District 2, made an appeal to Grand Lodge about the possibility of conferring all three degrees in one day. After a positive response, Douglas submitted a petition to Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Hamburg, for membership. When his brother, Paul M. DeMattei, learned of his plan to become a Mason, he, too, submitted a petition to Robert Burns Lodge so that they might receive their degrees on the same day.

On Sunday, April 28, by a dispensation from the Grand Master, an Extra Meeting of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 was held and Douglas and Paul were entered, passed and raised to the degree of a Master Mason. The Entered Apprentice Masonic degrees were conferred by Bro. Carl E. Kastetter, JW, and Bro. Michael P. McGinnis, S.D. The Fellow Craft Masonic Degrees were conferred by Bro. Richard L. Cooper, J.D., and Bro. Shawn E. Fabian, WM. The Master Masonic degrees were conferred by Bro. Michael P. McGinnis, S.D., and Bro. Carl E. Kastetter, JW.

Both new Masons are the stepsons of Bro. Robert M. Spiezio, Jr., IM, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464.

Brethren Deployed to Iraq

Most of our brothers are headed for the Iraq war. On April 26, about 200 citizen-soldiers, members of the 20th Army Support Group, rolled from the Currituck Army in Allentown, headed for Fort Bragg, N.C., for final training before being deployed to Iraq to provide support and supplies to fighting Iraqi units. This is the second time the 21st has been sent into a war zone in the last four years. The unit deployed to Afghanistan in 2003.

These citizen-soldiers have also been deployed to hurricane Katrina victims as well as recently helping motorists stranded along Interstate 77 in Pennsylvania when the highway was closed for two days during a winter ice storm.

Honoring Our Brothers and Sisters Who Gave All for Freedom

Memorial Services were held every Memorial and Veterans Day at Philadelphia's Washington Square Revolutionary War, Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials in Center City. Representing Richard Vaughan-Broome Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia, at the Veterans' Day Services on Nov. 11, 2005, at the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans War Memorial were the Brethren: John A. McGrath, John J. Kline and Charles Holloway, PM, shown in the photograph below.

Left to right: Brethren Charles E. Hammers, Jr., PM; W. Robert Bratton, Jr., IM, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Faith, Master; and Brethren Ronald C. Cohn, PM; and George W. Hagedorn, Jr., PM.

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Brothers Holloway and Kline also placed lodge wreaths at the rededication ceremonies of the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial on Oct. 7, 2005. The Korean War Memorial's landscaping had to be redesigned and renovated to remove damage created by skateboarders.

Left to right: Brethren Edward H. Behes, SW; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., RW; RM, for his Masonic achievements and the prestige he has brought to his lodge.

Lodge Preserves Masonic Monuments

Each year, the brothers of St. Alban Lodge No. 29, Waynesburg, work together to clean up the Mount Moriah Cemetery in Southampton,Philadelphia and preserve its Masonic monuments honoring past brothers.

The cemetery, featuring an elaborate Renaissance entrance and from a gazebo designed by noted Philadelphia architect Stephen D. Bottom, was built at a time when the city was on the cusp of a renaissance. Philadelphia, once known for its small churchyard graves, was to change forever, making it mark on the world, with large Paris-inspired pastoral cemeteries indicative of its progress. Laid out in 1863, it was among the first of its kind, followed by Monument Cemetery, the Woodlands Cemetery and eventually St. Joseph Cemetery in 1885.

Though the views, Mount Moriah Cemetery grew from 54 acres to 50 acres, straddling the border between Delaware County, its largest forest and busiest cemetery, to become the final resting place for all members of Philadelphia, both prominent and obscure, who derived from the city and to two successive principals, making it "A Point Within A Circle." Furthermore, the inscription states:

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The Brothers of St. Alban Lodge have made a number of trips since 2003 and continue a great effort to remove the grounds in this vicinity to the "harmony and good order", better the grounds, and their families who have traveled to that "house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens." Those efforts have expanded from just a physical cleanup of the area to working with the City of Philadelphia and exploring legal options to assure this venerable place is maintained properly.

Aside from this ongoing project, in September, the lodge will sponsor and host the annual International Gathering of Lodges in Philadelphia on Sept. 12-14, an even that will reunite Masons from all over the globe to the United States and Philadelphia.


Warren Lodge Dedicates Library to Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.

On May 5, at a stated meeting of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville, the members dedicated a library to Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., RW; RM, for his Masonic achievements and the prestige he has brought to his lodge.

Left to right: Brethren Joseph R. Strawn, PM; Nathan A. Fizer, D.D.G.M.; Brian R. Swoyer, PM; Charles S. Wilde, PM; Evan Herrmann, PM; Gary A. Gray, PM; Eugene R. Grace, PM; and Timothy C. Bush.

Freedom Lodge Pays Respect to Bro. Seeley

Members of Freedom Lodge No. 328, Thompson, traveled to Arlington National Cemetery, Va., to pay respect and honor their brother, Master Sergeant Robert J. Seeley, who had served his country for 20 years in the United States, Europe, Korea and Iceland, with a Masonic Funeral Service. Bro. Seeley was laid to rest with full military honors. The Masonic service was conducted at the niche in the columbarium following the military service.
Second Pennsylvania Traditional Observance Lodge
Presented at June Quarterly Communication

The day after the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Master's Lodge at Luzerne No. 812 in Pennsylvania, Bob Rup, District Deputy Grand Master for District 13, if he left there, would have been invited to a Traditional Observance (T.O.) lodge in the western part of the state. The answer? An emphatic "Yes!" This was something Bro. Rup had been passionate about for quite some time. He knew a number of other brothers in his district were too, including Bro. Ernest Allen, Duquesne McKinsey Lodge No. 731, Duquesne, who had approached the Grand Master with the concept a few years ago. On March 30, 2007, Bob read the brethren conducted their first organizational meeting, "It just picked up steam from there," Bro. Rup said.


Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 Celebrates 50 Years

Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 of Camp Hill, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on April 18, with a special reception by P. W. Grand Master, followed by a banquet at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Harrisburg. The Grand Master presented certificates and 50-year medals of Emblems to four members of the lodge: Brothers George E. Fischelburger, Jr. F. L. Latorre, Rodney N. Abbott and M. D. B. Ruhl. He also presented certificates and 50-year Service Wreath to five members of the lodge: Brothers Robert R. Rhodes, Robert L. Irrows, Edwin A. Juliano, P.M., Leonard W. Sorenson and Eugene H. Steffy.

The Grand Master then presented the lodge with his Masons Helping Monona Medallion and a copy of the lodge's history. To show the lodge's appreciation, Bro. Douglas E. Mickey, Worshipful Master, presented the Grand Master with a $5,000 contribution for the Temple Institute.

Myself, after a delicious six-nation dinner was served to all brothers in the Barzel Hall. Following dinner, a Table Lodge was held. The brethren then proceeded to the Scottish Rite Temple, where they were entertained by a well-known award-winning group of 50 sinners, the Keystone Capital Chorus. At the completion of the performance, the benediction was given by Bro. James R. Richwine, Grand Chaplain, and the brethren joined hands for the "Four Long Syngs."

Lodge Ad Lucem No. 812, meeting in Pittsburgh, will become the second T.O. Lodge to be constituted in Pennsylvania on Sept. 25, 2007. Ad Lucem means "to the Light," signifying a Mason's journey and quest for the eternal truths. The lodge will meet at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association on the fourth Monday of each month. The Warrant Officers are Robert T. Adlstein, Jr., W.M., Pleasant Hills-Guthrie Lodge No. 597, Pleasant Hills; Robert P. Matzinger, S.W., Bethel Lodge No. 799, Lower Burrell; and Robert B. Rounding, J.W., Plum Creek-Monroeville Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh.

For Lodge Ad Lucem, membership is open to all Masons, but it is capped at 50. The membership is kept intimate to encourage deeper bonding and relationships within the lodge. As such, the brethren are expected to attend at least seven of the ten stated meetings each year.

Each stated meeting is followed by an Agape feast in the tradition of the ancient lodges, who would retire from lodge to eat and drink with their brethren.

A few other notable differences are that the candidates are expected not only to understand the ritual, but also to research the symbolism and meaning of each degree and present a paper to the lodge before advancement to the next degree. It is expected that at least six months may elapse between degrees. Therefore, to allow all brethren to be a part of the experience throughout their journey, it may be necessary for the lodge to meet at the first degree.

T.O. Masonry is a unique North American approach to Freemasonry. According to the Masonic Education Foundation, there are only six recognized T.O. lodges, including Key & Key and five recognized T.O. chiefs, including the Western PA T.O. Club, organized for the purpose of eventually becoming a T.O. lodge. More information on Traditional Observance Freemasonry can be found at www.masonicconsecration.com.

H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge
Continues "Living" Heritage of Brother John Philip Sousa

by Andrea A. Zeller-Fronteire, Executive Director, The Masonic Library and Museum of PA

H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem, commemorate their Centennial Anniversary in 2007 by bringing together the Masonic community of friends, family and brethren and hosting a concert of the music of Brother John Philip Sousa. The concert was performed by the Liberty High School (LHS) alumni band under the direction of Ronald Sherry.

Continuing the success of the 2006 Sousa concert, the lodge hosted a similar Sousa concert on Feb. 18, 2007, in the lodge grand hall. The concert was offered gratis to the brethren, friends and families of the lodge, as well as the general community of Bethlehem. This year's concert was highlighted by a once-only occurrence: Ronald Sherry had the distinct honor of conducting the LHS alumni band with the actual baton used by Bro. Sousa himself while conducting his last rehearsal in Reading, Pa., on March 6, 1932. The last piece, Bro. Sousa conducted was "The Stars and Stripes Forever," the official U.S. march, which he wrote and first conducted on Dec. 25, 1896.

After the rehearsal, Bro. Sousa retired to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, where he died. According to information provided by Bro. Max Filbert, P.M., the baton was found that day by a band member and was given to his daughter, Marianne Werner of Reading, Pa. Later, the baton was given to a friend, Shannon Sunday, who, with a performing musical background herself, has kept the baton until it was used to conduct this year's Sousa concert, 75 years after his death.

With the continuing success of the Sousa concert, Bro. Jack Filbert, W.M., and the brethren are now considering making this concert an annual event.

Bro. Sousa, known as the "March King," ranks among the most famous American composers and conductors, having written 196 marches, as well as operas, waltzes and hundreds of other pieces. He was also the inventor of the sousaphone. Born in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 6, 1854, Sousa began studying music around age 6, including voice, violin, piano, flute, cornet, baritone, trombone and also horn. His father entered him in the Marines at age 13 in an apprentice after he attempted to join a circus band.

Bro. Sousa began composing in 1872 and in 1875, was discharged from the Marines. He began performing on violin, touring and eventually conducting theater orchestras and on Broadway. In September 1890, he returned to Washington to assume leadership of the U.S. Marine Band, a post he held until 1892, when he left to form his own band. The first Sousa Band concert was performed on Sept. 16, 1892, at Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

After three European tours, Bro. Sousa's band became the first American musical organization to go on world tour in 1910, traveling more than a million miles and performing for more than a million people including performances in New York, Great Britain, Canaries Islands, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Hawaii and Canada. The band even had its own baseball team.

During World War I, Bro. Sousa joined the U.S. Naval Reserve at age 62. Assigned the rank of Lieutenant, he was paid a salary of $1 per month. After the war, Sousa continued to tour with his band. He was an advocate for the cause of music education and fought for composers' rights, testifying before Congress in 1927 and 1928.

Bro. Sousa was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Harris Lodge No. 10, Washington, D.C., on Nov. 18, 1981. He was also a member of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 4; Columbia Commandery No. 2; and Alma Shrine, all in Washington, D.C.
Scouting and Freemasonry

How Scouting Ideals Led Me to Freemasonry

by Bro. Dennis R. Malcolm, of Ames, New York, number of Indiana-Franklin Lodge No. 313, Indiana, PA

My Scouting experience predates my becoming a Mason by many years. I cannot say Scouting led me to becoming a Mason.

Scouting has been part of my life for well over 57 years. Starting as a Cub Scout and continuing to the rank of Eagle, the basics of Scouting were laid out by leaders who were truly mighty men in my life. From using electricity to knowing tree names without using the bar to cooking to learning how to become a Troop administrator, these men molded my thoughts, words and deeds. They introduced me to the outdoors, cultivating a love for the outdoors and for the Spirit of America.

Eagle Scout and Wood Badge Trainer in Orange County, in 1965, Scouting taught ideals through the 12 laws and the Scout Oath. The most important three ideals are: 1) God, 2) Country, 3) Others. Always are visible. I remember these three ideals being mentioned above the Empire masonic lodge in the dawning of the Scout camp.

Now, after over 37 years and obtaining many great memories as a Scout Leader myself, I feel I have passed on my Scouting knowledge to a younger generation. I am an Eagle Scout, recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Award, and the Celtic Cross from The Presbyterian Church. But I am most proud of helping 13 young men obtain the Eagle Scout award.

So, how does this tie into Masonry? I came to be a Mason through my father’s guidance; he was one of those mighty men mentioned before. The first thing I noticed was like Scouting, Margaret and his own father’s commitment passing on the ideals to a younger generation. Many of these men have just as much passion as a Scout Leader myself. Indeed, ideals are of the most important. These have been passed on Scouting in 1) God, 2) Country, 3) Others. Masons use the same leadership principals from the Woodrow Master down to the Tyler. Each works with others and all work for the same goals. This is the same as in Scouting. Scouting goes from Scoutmaster down to the boy leader and through leader guidance, all work for the same goal.

Freemasonry and Scouting share the same ideals through arts and laws. If the three Scouting ideals were followed by others today, in America today, our greatness would be assured of continuing for future generations.

A Few Recent Recipients of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

Bro. Richard W. Shauston, Ill., was presented with the award at the April Stated Meeting of Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tazewell, on April 10, 2006. A moving presentation was made by Bro. Michael J. Petho, District Deputy Grand Master for District 50, after a “Boy Scouts of America” presentation by Bro. Brian L. Hill, PM, Barga Lodge No. 321, Staunton. Dispensation was received for all awardees from districts 8, 10 and 10 to attend in their Boy Scout uniforms, shown in the photo below.

The other day, a solemnity was making delivery on a piece of equipment to my employer at a job site. He was wearing a rather large Masonic ring on his left ring finger. I am not sure at it was the on the cover on his ring that stirred my attention.

I have been a Mason for 15 years, and am used to seeing others in all walks of life, wear Masonic rings and lapel pins. Sometimes I make a point of introducing myself as a brother, sometimes I don’t. Often the other man will notice my ring or lapel pin and take the opportunity to introduce himself to me. I have often made good friends through these random exchanges.

Because I was with my employer, who is not a Mason, I was not going to mention the stateroom’s ring as so not to enter a private conversation that could possibly exclude him. As luck would have it, the salesman noticed my ring. He said, “Where did you get that?” I replied that it had been a gift when I became a Mason and asked about his. He surprised me by saying, “I am not a member. It was my father’s ring. I loved him and when he died it was the only thing I took. I wore it to remember him.”

Before I could respond, the salesman launched into a story about how one day, soon after his father had died, 30 years ago, one of his coworkers had noticed the ring and loaned him it. He told me of the ring and animal symbol of the incident. It told me how his coworkers had determined that he remove the ring he had refused, how they almost came to fistfights, and ultimately the ring had been fished for the afterlife.

Then he said, “I know you probably don’t approve of me wearing it, but it is my memory of my father. I wear it for him.”

I replied, “I don’t mind.”

As I sat with him finishing the delivery, I was thinking about giving information on Freemasonry. I thought about explaining what the lodge is and the history of the organization of which his father had been himself a part. I considered telling him about how much his father’s ring means to other Masons — his father’s brother. I thought about apologizing for his co-worker’s — my brother’s reaction. I sat silent, thinking about what a Masonic ring is and what mine means to me.

A ring, or a lapel pin, is simply that. It holds no magic, no connection, no badge of meaning — even to Freemasons. They are simply something that you wear for the wearer’s soul, through the western, about our fraternity.

For this man, this father’s ring is a living symbol of the man who had raised him. It is his memory of his father’s presence, of a good man who had loved his son. It is a symbol of all that Freemasonry hopes to be and portray in the world. It is the symbol of his love and respect for his father.

In the future, one can be assured that this man will visit every night to wear his father’s ring and he will wear it for exactly the right reasons. His father’s ring says more about Freemasonry than I have lived in 15 years. Then the man who wears it is not a Mason says even more.

DDGM’s Son Becomes Mason at Age 18

Zack Samuel Morgan, 18, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Dormont Lodge No. 684, Pittsburgh, on April 16. The degree was conferred by his father, Bro. David W. Morgan, District Deputy Grand Master of District 57. His guide was his grandfather, Donald L. Dunloup, EM. The degree team consisted of current and past District Deputy Grand Masters. The ceremony was followed by Bro. Robert L. McKnight, DDGM, and the Bible presentation was made by Timothy F. Templeton, District Deputy Grand Master for District 55.

Bro. Zack is very impressed with the degree and with the 70+ brethren who came out to support him on this very special evening. When asked why he joined at such a young age, Zack said, “I have wanted to be a Mason ever since I was very young. I have attended many family lodge functions over the years and met many nice people. I attended the grand prize rine parties at Edna-Eldefonten, the Benjamin Franklin memorial service in Pittsburgh, attended the Masonic Temple and have attended a couple Scottish Rite events and have been very impressed with the quality of the Freemasons I have met and the quality of the facilities they own.”

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Front row, left to right: Brother Wayne H. Smith, Escan Lodge No. 112, Richard W. Shauston, Ill., awardee, Michael J. Petho, DDGM, for District 50; Bryan L. Hill, PM; and Claude Joy Eaton, Escon Lodge No. 152.

Back row, left to right: Brothers George W. Young, PM; Robert L. Sorley, Kichee Lodge No. 254, North Carolina; Paul R. Kirklin, Eason Lodge No. 151; Ralph S. Hedle, DDGM, for District 19; Judy C. Potter and Kenneth, J. Rutt, PM, both of Franklin Lodge No. 211; and Frederick J. Ritter, Jr., Property Masters Lodge No. 567, Boggsville.

In September 2006, Bro. Jack E. Flaugh, PM, District Deputy Grand Master for District 25, presented Bro. Terry L. Barton, Sr., No. 313, Indiana, with his Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. He, along with Bro. Dennis R. Malcolm, who also was presented his Daniel Carter Beard Award in 2004 by Bro. Flaugh, is shown to the left with Dennis’s brother’s sons, James Palo and Jacob Palo. Bro. Flaugh presented these young men their Eagle Scout Awards, along with the Grand Master’s Apportionment Awards for appointing the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. These two fine young men have both served as leaders of their Chapters, Order of Boys. They are a Past Master Councilor, and James is presently the Junior Counsellor.

For more information on the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, log on to www.pugmwordodge.org/jpgs/gscocer.
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Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007
The next session of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on
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Amy McEachler
Masonic Chapters, 301 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Scottish Rite Joint Session
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For the first time in history, the two Scottish Rite jurisdictions in
the United States will come together for a joint meeting on Aug. 26-28 at the Washinton Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The meeting will take place in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction and the annual meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction. The special event is expected to attract more than
Scottish Rite representatives from many jurisdictions throughout the world.

PA Lodge of Research Special Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.
Lodge No. 408, Meadville Area Masonic Center
2635 Star Route, Meadville, PA 16335
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Special Holiday Gifts

One of the most important individuals in Pennsylvania Freemasonry and American history is Brother Benjamin Franklin. A two-term Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Franklin achieved countless, now legendary triumphs, both in America and internationally, for the fraternity, as well as in science, literature, technology, diplomacy and government.

Last year marked the 300th anniversary of his birth, which was celebrated throughout Pennsylvania and the world. To continue honoring the memory of this renowned American patriot, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania has collaborated with the acclaimed family-owned and Pennsylvania-based company Byers' Choice, Ltd., to produce a limited hand-made edition of one of their trademark carolers.

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The limited edition Brother Franklin Caroler was exclusively produced for The Masonic Library and Museum of PA. Bro. Franklin is shown in 18th century attire worn when he proudly served two terms as Grand Master. PA hand-made, he stands 11” tall and would be a welcome addition to any home.

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Secret Societies: Illuminati, Freemasons, and the French Revolution
by Ursula Born Book Review by: Charles S. Canning, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

In his introduction, editor James Webster provides an overview of the Illuminati, Allfather Crowley and the Greek Catholic Church, the Comte de Saint Germain and their involvement in the French Revolution. He also supplies the back rounding understanding for the reader about Freemasonry and their lodges were involved. He provides an overview of the above and an elaboration on this process. He gives a background understanding for the reader about Illuminati and their general understanding of the French Revolution, which lasted from 1791 to 1799, and the reign of Napoleon from 1799 to 1814. Webster implies the association of Illuminati with the Illuminati and notes that, “It is also inadmissible that key members of Freemasonry had been Illuminati..." He then goes on to state that "The Illuminati, Freemasons, and particularly Freemasonry, were involved in the precipitation of the French Revolution, so few realize the rich history shared with the revolutionaries. The last text gives little insight into Freemasonry, other than general statements of location of lodges and the idealism of the brotherhood. Documentation is rather sketchy, obscure, or downright absent. Arthur Burritt's work is cited as "primary sourcebrook" and I have found him to be an anti-Masonic critic with a definite bias.

While the text does not give much verifiable insight into Freemasonry's role in the French Revolution, it does provide many statements that should be questioned and subject to additional scholarly research.

Adopted Son: Washington, Lafayette, and the Friendship That Saved the Revolution
by David A. Clark Book Review by: Cathy Giampa, Assistant Librarian, The Masonic Library & Museum of Pennsylvania

On Sept. 6, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the third President of the United States, the Marquis de Lafayette. "Adopted Son" by historian David A. Clark is a fine tribute to the aristocratic Frenchman who made the cause of American freedom his own through his close relationship with Bro. George Washington.

Though their backgrounds could not have been more different, Bro. Lafayette, a wealthy orphan, and Bro. Washington, a wounded Virginia planter, found common ground. It was Lafayette's search for a figure to influence and direct the young republic that brought them together. Their friendship endured throughout their lives, Bro. Lafayette's loyalty and connections to the French court made him useful to the Continental Army, and his arrival as a 19-year-old Major General ready to fight the rebels' cause of freedom made him a natural choice for the guidance of Bro. Washington, who was charged with winning the war. His actions, which were aimed at preventing the young man from being shot himself, were condemned by his father. Mr. Clark describes these events, showing Bro. Lafayette's devotion and loyalty to Bro. Washington and in turn Bro. Washington's advice and encouragement to his young protégé. Throughout the war, Bro. Lafayette proved his loyalty to Bro. Washington while some around him betrayed him or were just plain self-serving. Bro. Washington appreciated his fidelity and courage, and the two leaders shared a mutual admiration and respect for each other.

Lafayette was especially effective in recruiting General Cornwallis to serve the Continental Army. From Yorktown in October 1781, in December, Bro. Lafayette returned to France to champion the new American government in the court of King Louis XVI. He was placed under watchful eyes by British agents, but he was allowed to speak freely and was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on foreign affairs and to pick up intelligence from foreign sources. His role was to have secret meetings, councils, and Masonic lodges named in his honor.

Upon his death on May 20, 1834, he was not on the radar of the French government as he was by the French citizens. He was given a state funeral and was buried in his native town. The U.S. government, however, had no qualms about honoring one of its most heroic figures. Bro. Lafayette returned to France and became a figure of national hero and was appointed to the Senate in 1812. He died in 1834.

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2007 Marks the 250th Birthday of Brother Lafayette
by Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

When the great names associated with those who fought during the American Revolution speak, always beginning with Bro. George Washington, the name of Bro. Lafayette is invariably mentioned as a close second. Marie Joseph Pierre Victor de La Fayette, or Lafayette (in English), was a young French aristocrat under 20 years of age, when he learned of the struggle for independence in America and resolved to support the brave cause. Arriving in America in 1777, he fought in key battles, from Brandywine, where he was injured in September, to Yorktown in October 1781, where he developed a deep friendship with the United States in the French Revolution.

That Saved the Revolution

Adopted Son: Washington, Lafayette, and the Friendship

From the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Translation of Letter from Bro. Lafayette to Peter Du Ponceau
La Graffe 10 August 1828

This letter will be delivered, my dear constituent-in-arms, by a young man who was employed for a time at the American Consulate in Paris, and who was kindly recommended by Mr. Burnet and by Mr. Le Coady, mayor of the Arrondissement (district) of Paris, where I live. He recommends himself also by his own merits and by his father's name. I assure you of my advice, and I renew the expression of my esteem, which I had you know.

Lafayette

Note: Du Ponceau (1769-1844) was a lawyer, Bro. Baron Von Bar, noted for his emigration to the United States. His letters contain numerous references to the American Indian languages, including a petition on Indian affairs, to the Pennsylvania Harpers, and a letter to the Masonic Library Museum of Pennsylvania. His works were published in a series of essays, "Letters on the Masonic Library Museum of Pennsylvania."
Support DeMolay!

The Benefits are Waiting for Young Men in Pennsylvania!

On Sunday, April 29, Licensing Chapter, Order of DeMolay, welcomed its first eight members during induction ceremonies held in Williamsport, marking the return of DeMolay to the north-central region of Pennsylvania for the first time in seven years. The induction was planned by the Pennsylvania DeMolay State Officers and included participants from Pittsburgh, Butler, New Castle, Scranton, Philadelphia, Reading, Harrisburg and Elizabethtown, with additional help from some DeMolay college students in Williamsport.

The Advisory Council of Licensing Chapter is comprised of Masons from the 11th Masonic District headed by Bro. Wilmer Hall, Advisory Council Chairman; Bro. Sam Faimer, Chapter Advisor; and Bro. Kenneth McCracken, District Deputy Grand Master for District 11. Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, was a special guest of the day. He warmly welcomed the new members and congratulated the DeMolay State Officers on the degree conferred.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Grand Master Aungst will again join many of these young men when Pennsylvania DeMolay hosts him for a new member induction Ceremony held in his honor. The Grand Master’s Class will be held at the Masonic Conference Center – Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

The Grand Master’s Class provides an outstanding opportunity for young men from all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the DeMolay organization. This is an invitation to encourage your son, brother, grandsons, nephews or neighbors to become a part of the best fraternal organization that exists for young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years.

Many men become Masons for the opportunity to bond with a fraternity of men who share the same moral standards, benevolent causes and civic and social activities. Most communities in Pennsylvania have at least one lodge where these members can attend and be active.

The DeMolay experience offers young men a similar opportunity with DeMolay chapters meeting in 33 communities in Pennsylvania. DeMolay offers benefits and opportunities that all young men can enjoy, including the annual Pennsylvania DeMolay Convention and the world-recognized PA DeMolay New-Man Conference; visitation to DeMolay chapters; attendance at social activities like dances, paint ball outings and brotherhood athletic tournaments; participation in community and Masonic service projects; eligibility for DeMolay scholarships, and of course, fraternally-building experiences.

If you know a young man between the ages of 12 and 19 who would benefit from membership in DeMolay, please encourage him to join this special class honoring the Grand Master. Contact Executive Secretary Dave Berry at 800-266-8414, ext. 4 or e-mail him at demolayonline.

Job’s Daughters Pageant Produces a Triple-Crown Winner!

Where can you find the Grand Master surrounded by 13 beautiful young ladies? At the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, of course, where the 98th Annual Miss Job’s Daughter Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, March 31. After a day of personal interviews, a written etiquette test, a written ritual test and a memorized oral presentation, these young ladies approached the stage with poise and confidence. No, they weren’t judged on their looks or their gowns, but simply on their appearance and confidence as young women. They competed to represent their home lodges, and to help raise funds for an important Job’s Daughter Scholarship Fund.

The stage was filled with anticipation as the Master of Ceremonies, our own Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, announced the top five finalists. Each of these young ladies was asked to answer a very poignant question, and then Miss Lindsey Kinser, retiring Miss Congeniality, announced that her successor for 2007-08, chosen by the pageant contestants, was Miss Kristen Pietra, from Bethel #12 in Gettysburg.

After the final computation of all the scores, Miss Christy Daniels, the retiring Miss Job's Daughter, introduced the new Miss Job's Daughter for 2007-08: Miss Kirstin Pietra. Although a rare occurrence, this had happened once before where one young lady had been selected to serve as both Miss Job’s Daughter and Miss Congeniality. But this time it was different, because it was accomplished through the hard work of Kirstin and all the other contestants as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the Maryetta Wright Grand Bethel. Job’s Daughters had realized its triple crown winner! Congratulations to Kirstin and all the 2007 Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant Contestants!
PA Rainbow Grows by Two Assemblies

On March 24, the Grand Officers instituted Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 in the presence of Bro. Ronald A. Augs, Jr., R.W. Grand Master. Also present were Miss Barbara Garza, Superior Lieutenant for PA Rainbow to the Supreme Assembly, many Grand Deputes, Mother Advisor, Masonic and Eastern Star Daughters and Rainbow Girls from all over Pennsylvania.

The day came to a reality after several years of hard work by Bro. Glenn R. Kryglo, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of District 17, Bro. William Weachol, E.D.G.M., and many brothers of that district.

Left to right: Brand new members of Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 pictured with Bro. Ronald A. Augs, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, and Barbara Carson, Superintendent Lists for PA Rainbow for Girls, following their installation.

HODEGOS Honorees for 2007 Herald

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce and congratulate the 2007 HODEGOS HONOREE CLASS. The Honorees are E. Boyce and Jack R. Freedman from the Order of DeMolay; Loretta D. Chubb and Lee Ann Larson from the Order of Job’s Daughters; and Nancy L. Blackwood and Anina Scott from the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

The HODEGOS Award, established in 2003 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to recognize the outstanding efforts of volunteers for the Masonic Youth groups in Pennsylvania, is given to outstanding adult leaders of the youth programs. The award takes its name from the Greek word hodegos, meaning “a leader, a guide and an instructor of the inexperienced” and is administered by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation.

The HODEGOS Award is given to volunteers who have a minimum of seven years of service to a DeMolay Chapter, a Job’s Daughter Chapter or a Rainbow Girl Chapter in Pennsylvania. The award consists of a solid gold hand-crafted oval and the wording HODEGOS written in Greek. The emblem may be worn as a lapel pin, or crafted into a necklace for ladies.

Bro. Rodney E. Boyce, Deputy District Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District, has been involved with the DeMolay program since 1982 when he joined Westmoreland Chapter in Greensburg. He has served as Warden of Westmoreland Chapter for over 17 years and as a Deputy Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and a Deputy Master of DeMolay International.

Bro. Rick S. Freedman, Past Master of miscellaneous-Great Western Lodge No. 919, has been a member of the DeMolay program longer than anyone in the program. He has served as Chapter Advisor for Beaver Chapter No. 19 in Beaver County.

He has served as Chapter Advisor for the chapter for 12 of those years and was Director of the Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference for over 8 years. He is a Deputy Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and an Active Member of DeMolay International.

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The Grand Officers initiated 12 new members of Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187. The Initiating Officers were Bro. Kryglo; Sue Ellen Covren; Anina Scott, Grand Worthy Adviser; Nancy Blackwood, Grand Regent; Rachael Schmitt, Grand Doll Lewler, Marshall; and Katie Campbell, Grand Recorder.

Following the regalia, a delicious dinner was served by Beaver Valley’s Advisory Board. The installation of the honorees of officers followed, with Patti Branthoover being installed as the first Worthy Advisor; Mrs. Patricia Hall is the Mother Advisor.

On April 12, 12 members were inaugurated into Meri Assembly No. 124 by the PA Grand Officers (see photo on front cover). The inaugurating officers were Mrs. Cordy Schiehde, Worthy Matron; Sue Ellen Covren, Grand Regent; Christopher John, Grand Chaplin; Martha Kryglo, Grand Constructional Adviser, Acting Grand Matulat; and Anina Chelfe, R.G.G., Acting Grand Recorder. Following the installation ceremony, nine new members were initiated by the Grand Officers.

Following the installation, Bro. Murry Magdul, E.D.G.M. of District 13 prepared the Lambshek Apron Talk. Rotes were presented to the twenty-five New Members No. 1, welcoming them into their districts. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Jane Allen, Mrs. Jan Goran and members of Meri Chapter No. 27. O.E.S. Following dinner, John Holland, Grand Hope, was installed as the first Worthy Advisor of Meri Assembly. Marsha Holland is their Mother Advisor.

PMYF Scholarships Awarded

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation recently selected 39 students to receive scholarships. The annual program runs from Oct. 1 through March 15, when applications may be submitted. There were over 250 applications this year, representing students from every county in the Commonwealth. Many were deserving students, but the awards are limited to the income from the Educational Endowment Fund, which only provides enough for the financial contributions. The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2008 program, and the 2009 application, will be available Oct. 1, 2007. The application and the scholarship names are always current and available on the internet at http://www.pigmolodge.org/pmyf.

The 2007 award winners are:

Grand Master’s Scholarships: $750

- Sarah Bell, Stephen Logan, Jr., Nadine L. Dinting

Harry M. Ormston Four-Year Renewing Scholarship (2007-2010): $2,000 x 4 years

- Michael L. Brown, Jamie Runnings, Elizabeth Lenz

Lawrence Distich Smith Memorial Scholarship: $1,000

- Krista Kohl, Melissa Patrick, William D. Miller, Jr.

Harry M. Ormston Scholarship: $2,000

- Lauren Edith Logan, Samantha M. Magrini, Kelly Ann</p>
The pre-marketing presentations for a potential Masonic Village at Erie have yielded a great response from individuals who have expressed a strong interest in becoming future residents of the community. Based on this feedback, the Masonic Village at Erie will proceed to the next step, which will include contacting prospective residents to select the type of residence they are interested in, and to submit a deposit and a lease agreement.

The Masonic Village at Erie is ideally located within five miles of numerous recreational venues, including Lake Erie, Edinboro University, Erie Zoo, the Warren Theatre, Erie Art Museum, Millcreek Mall, Jerry Ue Life Ballroom and Toho Arena.

On campus, the Zem Zem Shrine Center could be renovated to provide additional services for Zem Zem members and residents of the Masonic Village at Erie, including a Clubhouse featuring amenities such as an event hall, dining room, bar, lounge, fitness center, library, ceramics and art rooms, host care studies, convenience store, meeting rooms and administrative offices. The Masonic Villages will negotiate preferential provider agreements with local healthcare providers to ensure residents access to quality services either in the Erie area or at any other Masonic Village in Pennsylvania.

If you have not yet heard about this spectacular new community proposed to be built on the beautiful 46-acre Zem Zem Shrine campus, make plans today to attend an upcoming presentation by completing and mailing the coupon below indicating which date you would like to attend. To place your name on a list for information to be mailed to you, call toll-free (800) 676-6452.

The presentations will be held at the Zem Zem Shrine Center, 1322 W. 50th Street, Erie, PA 16506. Presentations will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a luncheon.

Yes! I/We want to learn more about the new Masonic Village at Erie!

- I/We will attend the presentation on Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Aug. 22)
- I/We will attend the presentation on Sep. 18 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Sept. 11)
- I/We will attend the presentation on Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Oct. 25)
- No, I/We will not be able to attend; however, please send a brochure.

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ___________________ State __ Zip
Phone Number ____________________
Number of persons attending ________

For more information about Masonic Village at Dallas, call the Administrative Office at (866) 851-4243 today!
The fourth Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix was held on June 2, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Fifteen teams faced with vigor despite the heat and humid weather. Through sponsorships and food sales, the event raised more than $25,000 to benefit the Masonic Children’s Home and the Grand Master’s Charity.

Special thanks to the following individuals and groups whose efforts made the event a success: Jeff and Beth Mohn of Oval Track Concepts for providing technical services; Tom McQuaite, Masonic Children’s Home junior who designed the cover of the 2007 Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix program; members of the Pennsylvania DeMolay, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 662, Elizabethtown, and Masonic Children’s Home residents and staff for setting up and tearing down the race track; and Leonora Logan, member of Pennsylvania Rainbow Girls, who sang the National Anthem.

And the Winners are...

Championship Race Winners:
1st K.L. Heating Transportation
2nd Masonic District 45
3rd Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 662, Elizabethtown

Fig Stop:
1st K.L. Heating Transportation
2nd Moscow Lodge No. 304
3rd Masonic District 45

Most Authentic Uniform:
1st Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 662, Elizabethtown
2nd Pennsylvania DeMolay

Most Creative Uniform:
1st Masonic District 40
2nd SimplexGrinnell Operations Dept.

Dash for Kids:
1st K.L. Heating Transportation
2nd Masonic District 45

Most Creative Paint Job:
1st Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh
2nd Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 662, Elizabethtown

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Youth Appreciation Day

The 8th Annual Youth Appreciation Day was held on May 25, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown to honor the 37 youth residents in the Masonic Children's Home for their various academic, athletic and civic achievements. The theme was, "What is your promise for a better tomorrow?" This question was perhaps best answered by the four graduating seniors, all honor students, who will soon begin a new chapter in their lives as they continue their education to prepare for their chosen careers.

Karen Maloney, from Shamrocksale, has been a resident since Oct. 9, 2000, and is sponsored by Abraham Teichler Lodge No. 681, Elizabethtown. She served as secretary of the Masonic Home Society and was selected to participate in the Knowledge Bowl for scoring in the top four of her class at Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). She ranked on the third place in the competition and was named All-American Scholar in 2000, which qualified her to participate in the half-time show during the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2. During the past four semesters, she has volunteered at Camp Victory for the PA West Camp. Karen is employed by the Gymnastic Center of Hershey, where she coaches young girls. She will attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, as a pre-med student and plans to become a pediatrician.

"I can't believe I'm 18 and I'm graduating," she said at the celebration. "I owe my thanks for the opportunities that the Heroes has made available to me and the dreams that they helped to make possible. And last but not least, I want to thank God for never giving up on me and blessing me with this loving family. I have in front of me that will continue to grow." 

Jacqueline Bee, from Lancaster, has been a resident since Nov. 6, 1998, and is also sponsored by Abraham Teichler Lodge No. 681. Jacquie has already begun classes at Central Penn College in Summerdale, Pa., pursuing an associate of science degree in paralegal/legal studies.

During her farewell speech, she said, "I want to thank you, for making me the person I am today. Because of you, I grew to appreciate things, to try new things, to respect others as well as myself, not out of necessity, but to solve some of my own problems. I became a more honest, responsible kid, for the most part, a well-behaved young lady. Thank you, Masonic Children's Home, for helping me to make my dreams come true." 

Richard Miller, from Dover, has been a resident since Aug. 6, 1996, and is sponsored by York Lodge No. 286. As an honors student at LCCTC, Rich has explored his goal of becoming a cardiologist. Rich is also very involved in church activities. Rich will attend Harrisburg Area Community College in York, pursuing an associate of science degree in pre-morning.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who helped me to be the man I am, who was there when I needed them and never gave up on me. To all the Masons that are here today and that aren't here today, I say thanks for everything you have done for creating a program like this. Because without this place, I don't know where I would be. Because this place was created I know I have a chance to succeed in life. I want you all to know I will make a great man."

Stephanie Crouse, from the Philadelphia area, has been a resident since Aug. 30, 2000, and is sponsored by Boyer Lodge No. 778, Prospect Park. She has achieved many awards for football and weight training, and has volunteered at the Masonic Health Care Center, where he enjoyed the interaction with the elderl)• residents. After seeing so much crime in the Philadelphia area, Stevle determined to continue his education at Central Penn College to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

"Never thought it would be this hard to say goodbye," Steven said in his emotional remarks. "It is so hard to only thank you for everything my houseparents and my houseparents have done for me. For everyone who will be graduating in the future, do the things you want your goals, don't let anyone tell you that you can't do everything that you want to do or be in life. The words that others say are worthless, you have to have the drive to believe in yourself." 

The celebration also included the traditional Bible presentations from Bro. and Rev. R. Altina Van Voorhis, Director of Pastoral Care for the Masonic Village and also a Masonic Children's Home graduate, and the Tare Presentation Ceremony, during which the seniors plant a tree in a living symbol of their roots to the Masonic Children's Home. Bro. Albert Manger, LL, Lansdowne Lodge No. 711, Lansdowne, representing the Masonic Alumni Association, presented the students with membership, Ronald A. Aug Dest, R.W. Grand Master, assisted with the presentation of the students' awards and shared an inspirational message: "No matter how much we provide to you, all is for no significance unless you believe in yourself and strive to succeed."

The day concluded with the dedication of the Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home, recognizing the gifts from generous contributors.