

Grand Master's Itinerary

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Grand Lodge Approves Independent Living Community



Artist Sketch of Proposed Independent Living Community.

On May 27, 1988, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the master plans for an Independent Living Community to be erected on the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Subsequently, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on June 1, 1988, the Committee on Masonic Homes recommendation was approved for the construction of Phase I.

This community, which will be developed on the north side of the Masonic Homes grounds, will be developed in three phases. Groundbreaking ceremonies for Phase I will take place in Spring of 1989. Phase I will include the construction of the clubhouse, eight cottages, sixty-five apartments, and the courtyard.

The clubhouse will contain activity areas, dining rooms, a library, convenience store, mail room, lounge, wellness center, and administrative offices. The dining area will overlook a meticulously landscaped courtyard and meals will be served in a fine dining atmosphere from a varied menu.

Residents will have a choice of selecting from a variety of available living accommodations which will include one

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Stuart M. Hartzel Recognized for 75 Years of Service



On March 27, Bro. Stuart M. Hartzel of Doylestown Lodge No. 245 was honored for 75 years of Masonic service.

District Deputy Grand Master Clarence E. Heffendrager (District 8) and Raymond B. Greer, Worshipful Master, presented Brother Hartzel with a special Service Award from the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hartzel petitioned Doylestown

Lodge on October 10, 1913. He was entered on November 7, 1913, passed on January 30, 1914 and raised on March 13, 1914. In personal remarks, Bro. Hartzel spoke warmly of his Masonic affiliation. He mentioned the joy he derived from his membership. A faithful attender of Lodge meetings for numerous years, he expressed regret he is "no longer able to sit in Lodge." Addressing the assembled Brethren, Bro. Hartzel asked if anyone else was a 75-year member. None present could claim a similar distinction.

An opportunity to celebrate 75 years of Masonic service with a Brother does not occur very often. Twenty-four members of Doylestown Lodge joined together at his residence to honor Bro. Hartzel and share in his achievement. In an expression of their respect, 14 past Masters were on hand for the presentation.

In addition to the Service Award, Bro. Hartzel was presented with other items, including a Lodge apron.

Five Brothers Made Masons



On Saturday, May 8, 1982 at an extra meeting of Waymart Lodge No. 542, five blood brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. They are Wilbert E., John M., Reynold E., Edward J., Russell H., and Earl S. Vinton. Their father, Wilbert J. Vinton, acted as their Guide. D.D.G.M. John D. Wilson and P.D.D.G.M. Lester O'Dell along with a large number of members and visiting Brethren were present.

The Lodge opened at 10 a.m. in

ancient form; raised two Brothers; closed at 12:15 for lunch; reopened at 1:15; then raised the remaining four brothers after closing for the day. A dinner was held at the Lodge celebrating the proceedings.

At the December 1987 meeting, three of the Brethren were elected to offices. Earl S. Vinton as Worshipful Master, Edward J. Vinton as Senior Warden, John M. Vinton as Junior Warden, with a fourth brother, Russell H. Vinton, as Junior Deacon.

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bedroom, two bedrooms, and two bedroom deluxe apartment units. These apartments will be spacious, ranging from 800 sq. ft. to 1300 sq. ft. Also optional covered parking will be provided in the lower level of each apartment building at a one-time additional fee. One and two bedroom cottages will be available, ranging from 1400 sq. ft. to 1700 sq. ft. which will include a 300 sq. ft. attached garage.

Each unit in the Independent Living Community will be equipped with a washer, dryer, refrigerator, and range. Also all two bedroom units will be designed with two bathrooms. All units will have emergency call systems to assure the safety and well-being of residents.

Admission into the community will be open to individuals presently eligible to enter the Masonic Homes. All residents will need to provide full financial disclosure in order to show evidence of their ability to afford the entrance to the community. The entrance fee will be amortized over eight years, so that if individuals would decide to leave, they will receive their entrance fee back less the amortized amount for the number of months they resided in the community.

Services provided in the monthly fee will include one meal per day, bi-weekly housekeeping, snow and trash removal, maintenance of appliances, water, sewage, electric, real estate taxes, security, housekeeping of common areas, and ground maintenance.

Residents of the Independent Living Community will have access to outpatient services and health care in our 482 bed health care center, on a fee-for-service basis. However, every effort will be made to enable residents to maintain their independence and remain in the community.

We are anticipating having resident contracts and final fees available by September 15, 1988. At that time interested individuals will have the opportunity to make a deposit in order to reserve the unit of their choice.

We invite all interested individuals to visit the Masonic Homes for a personal presentation and explanation of this new and exciting concept of living.

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June Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on June 1, 1988. Over four hundred Brethren were in attendance.

Three mergers were announced after the reading of the minutes of both the last Quarterly and several Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, and after the referral of several Lodges' Full Code By-Laws and Amendments to several Lodges' By-Laws.

Following this, Bro. Charles R. Eshleman, a member of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704 was escorted to the East. The Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, then presented Bro. Eshleman with a certificate from the Masonic Service Association for ten years service as a Field Agent to the Lebanon V. A. Medical Center.

In addition to this, the following Committees made their reports: By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Education; Masonic Homes, and Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms. A report on Project SOLOMON II was also read.

The Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Drew W. Washabau, Director of Project SOLOMON II, then presented the SOLOMON II Throat Medallion to Bros. James T. Young; Thomas R. Sansom; Michael W. Mander; William E. Park, Jr.; Jacob Stein; Charles E. Radcliffe and Ray L. Bieber. This award is given to those Brethren who have

brought twelve or more men into our Fraternity. It was indeed a wonderful sight to see seven men receive the just kudos of the membership. These seven members represent at least eighty-four new Masons.

Following this, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary read the Resolution for the creation of the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, with the addition that the ribbon which suspends the gold medal has been changed to the color purple, from blue, in keeping with the colors of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, R. W. Past Grand Master was then called upon to receive this, the highest honor awarded by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for his service to the Grand Lodge and for his work in creating the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master and General Counsel for Grand Lodge presented three Resolutions to amend the *Ahiman Rezon*. The first of these three Resolutions concerned the elimination of the Committee on Printing and Publishing, whose duties are now performed through the Office of the Grand Secretary. The second and third Resolutions concerned the planned creation of the Grand Lodge Committee on Library and Museum. In accordance with Article 25.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, of these three Reso-

lutions will be acted upon at the December Quarterly Communication. Also read were two other Resolutions concerning the new Admission policy for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Grand Master then instructed the Grand Secretary to read the deaths reported in Grand Lodge. Bro. Albert R. Eisenhower of Lodge No. 283, P.D.D.G.M. of the 8th Masonic District, died on January 1, 1988, and Bro. Frank W. Bobb of Lodge No. 690, Librarian and Curator Emeritus and member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Correspondence, died on March 24, 1988.

The Grand Master then received several contributions to our various foundations and programs from their contributors.

Following this, the Grand Master asked for the ten Brethren who were representing their Lodges to receive the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Award. Then nine other Brethren representing their Lodges received the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Award.

After the Awards were given out announcement was made of the upcoming Quarterly Communication that will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 7, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. and the Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 9:12 p.m.

Bro. James T. Young, D.D.G.M. Earns a Throat Medallion

Bro. James T. Young, D.D.G.M. of the 5th Masonic District of Pennsylvania, Region A-2, is shown in the picture installing Bro. Harry E. Hackman, Worshipful Master of Thomson Lodge No. 340. Bro. David W. Anderson on the far right of the photograph was installed as Junior Warden of Thomson Lodge No. 340.

Bro. James T. Young, D.D.G.M. tells us Bro. Hackman was the first Candidate he recommended for Freemasonry under the SOLOMON II Program. Bro. Anderson was the sixth Candidate Bro. Young recommended. Seven of the men that Bro. Young recommended for

Initiation and Membership are deeply involved in Masonry at Thomson Lodge No. 340. The twelfth Candidate recommended by Bro. Young was Entered on January 13, 1988 and the thirteenth Candidate has received a favorable ballot.

We applaud the efforts of Bro. Young in building our Fraternity. As he brings men of integrity into Freemasonry, his support and influence will live as long as each of his Candidates shall live. Bro. Young says, "I'm convinced that SOLOMON II will work if given the opportunity."



Bro. Young, D.D.G.M., Bro. Hackman, W.M., Bro. Anderson, Jr. Warden

Columbia Lodge Donates "The Constitution Bowl"

Columbia Lodge No. 91 graciously donated a large lead-crystal bowl and stand to the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The piece, "The Constitution Bowl," which was produced by J. E. Caldwell Jewelers, is given in loving memory of Bro. Irving J. Fischer, P.M. (1951), and was formally presented to the Museum on April 25, 1988.

The bowl stands 8 inches tall on its ebonized wood stand and measures 11 inches in diameter. The exterior is embellished with the seal of the United States and those of the 13 states ratifying the Constitution in 1787. The etched designs are restrained and attractive, and provide the numbers of senators, representatives and the population for each state at the time. Pennsylvania had two senators, as do all states, and 8 representatives for the 360,000 people in the Commonwealth, making it the second most populous state in the Union. The whole of the United States boasted 2,897,444 citizens, or roughly three-fifths of the population of the Philadelphia metro area today.

This beautiful bowl has been placed on display in the Museum, and is an elegant reminder of the Constitution's Bicentennial.



Items From Our Museum: From a Forgotten Corner

Do you remember rooting through Grandmother's attic? All old houses have wonderful treasures stashed in the rafters, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is no different. From a forgotten corner of an attic at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia four chairs emerged coated in a blanket of dust. A good cleaning revealed four important pieces in the history of the Grand Lodge.

The first chair is a spear-headed rod-back Windsor, stained brown, with simple turned legs and stretchers (M. 1988.11). The woods are typical of Delaware Valley chairs, with a crest rail of what is probably hickory, the legs and stretchers are most likely maple, and the seat is poplar. Under the seat is a maker's stamp, "J. BURDEN, PHILAD." and the scratched initials, "AB". Whereas the initials have no meaning for us yet, the

stamp identifies the work of Bro. Joseph Burden who was in business from 1793 to 1827. He entered into a partnership in 1896 with one of Philadelphia's most famous Windsor chairmakers, Francis Trumble, and they kept an establishment at Third and Pine Streets.

From 1809 to 1813 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was busy erecting a new Masonic Hall on Chestnut Street. The Committee on Furnishing met on December 28, 1809 and "Resolved that One Dozen good strong Windsor Chairs be purchased of Bro. Joseph Burden for the Committee Room in the New Hall . . ." A year and a half later on September 24, 1811 the minutes record that "Joseph Burden met the Committee and took measure for some Settees which he was requested to make for the small Lodge Room." For all this, Bro. Burden was

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paid \$368 on January 19, 1813 "for his Account for Settees & Chairs for the Lodge Rooms." Whether this chair was one of the sets ordered is unclear, especially considering Burden's thirty-four years in the business. Nevertheless, the minute books for the Committee on Furnishing, and the utilitarian stylistics of the chair suggest a fairly conclusive argument for dating this piece to c. 1810.



The other three chairs [M. 1988.12:1-3] are a matched set of painted fancy chairs. In the early nineteenth century the "fancy chair" was a very fashionable piece of furniture with highly decorated, painted designs of flowers, eagles, houses, symbols, etc. They often came in matched suites, as are these three with the exception of the designs across the crest rails: a plumb, a level, and "C 197 S". This identified the set as having be-

longed to Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 in Carlisle. The chairs, then, were obviously the Senior Warden's, Junior Warden's, and a chair with less specific designation. The decoration follows a simple, yet elegant pattern; faux grain- ing to resemble mahogany covers the plainer woods of maple, hickory and poplar. Details from the turned elements on the legs are picked out in green paint, and fine stringing is likewise painted in green. Ornamental motifs in addition to those on the crest rails include small circles and shields that run down the flat surfaces of the rod-back spindles.

Documentation for these chairs has failed to come to light. Stylistically, the chairs are typical in shape and decoration for the 1820s, and they reflect a naivety that would be found in a more rural area in the Pennsylvania interior. Interestingly, Cumberland Star Lodge constituted in 1825 would fit perfectly as a date for the chairs. There is reasonable room to deduce that the chairs were in the lodge room in 1825 by reading the minutes for Cumberland Star in the Archives of the Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, the records from 1825 do not exist, but start with 1826, and they indicate that the lodge room was already fitted up, and the only expenses in 1826 were for incidental small purchases and for a cleaning woman.

Together, the four chairs assemble to



form a picture of part of the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. We see a utilitarian Windsor being ordered for the new Masonic Hall, and the faithful patronage of a Brother for that order. And in the western areas we see the Brethren in a new Blue Lodge proud of their surroundings, and so order fashionable painted furniture which was all the rage in the big metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia.

These four chairs are currently on exhibit in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

I Want to Know...



Due to the death of Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator Emeritus, the column "I Want to Know . . ." which had appeared in this publication since 1987, will continue to run under the new title of "Notes and Queries," and will be authored by the Librarian and Curator, Bro. John H. Platt.

If any of our readers has a question about Freemasonry that he would like to have answered (with the exception of questions dealing with the ritual), or if any readers have any interesting "notes," or information that would be of interest to the Brethren-at-large, then please submit them to:

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Horse Sense

This poem that follows is an excerpt from Bro. Stewart M. L. Pollard's latest collection of Masonic humor, wit, thoughts and poetry entitled *At Refreshment*. This 1987 publication follows Bro. Pollard's volume *The Lighter Side of Masonry*.

A horse can't pull while kicking,
This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling,
Which is my chief contention.
Let's imitate the good old horse
and lead a life that's fitting
Just pull an honest load and then
There'll be no time for kicking.

(Unknown)

Rededication Planned in West Reading

The "Masonic Family" in Berks County will join Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, and Grand Lodge Officers in rededicating West Reading's Masonic Temple.

The two-day occasion on September 17 and 18 will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Reading Masonic Center in which the Temple is located. In rededicating the Temple, Grand Lodge officers will lay the date stone of the memorial at 1:30 p.m. on the 17th. An Open House, including refreshments, is scheduled from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bro. Earl G. Hasenauer, D.D.G.M., chairman of the rededication committee, said that the ten Lodges meeting in Berks County have been invited to participate. Seven of these Lodges meet in the West Reading location.

All visitors will have an opportunity to meet the other "Family" members. The Rajah Temple Shrine Band and the Scottish Rite Choir will provide music for the rededication services while members of the Blue Lodges, Royal Arch, Council, Knights Templar, Rainbow for Girls and Order of DeMolay will be

hosting the affair, dispensing refreshments and sharing information about their organizations.

Sunday, September 18, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be devoted exclusively to Open House activities. The White Shrine, Amaranth and Eastern Star will join the aforementioned groups while Rajah Shrine Temple will share its String Band, Chanters and Clowns for entertainment.

Bro. Hasenauer emphasized: "This is an excellent opportunity for the Brethren to introduce family and friends to Masonry. They and the public are most welcome."



"Snuffy the Clown," Michael R. Wise, from Rajah Shrine Temple in Reading, Pennsylvania, gets the picture as members of the Masonic family make preparations for September 17. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, will bring the family together as he lays the datestone for the rededication of the Masonic Temple in West Reading. Bro. Earl G. Hasenauer, D.D.G.M., center, is chairman of the committee. Representing Knights Templar is Pennsylvania's newly installed R.E. Grand Commander, John L. Winkleman.



Left to Right: Richard Kerstetter, Ronald C. Sheerer and John P. Henry, Jr.

William Zacharellis Appointed to Committee on Masonic Homes

R.W.G.M. Arthur J. Kurtz appointed Bro. William Zacharellis to the Committee on Masonic Homes. Bro. Zacharellis is a prominent attorney in Scranton. He is a Past Master of Hyde Park Lodge No. 339 and was the Northeastern Ritualistic Instructor for the Grand Lodge from 1960 to October 1982. He is past Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Scranton; former Director of Work; Degree Master for several Degrees; former Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee; former Trustee for the Masonic Temple Scottish Rite Cathedral Association and was coroneted an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, Thirty Third Degree on September 26, 1968.

Bro. Richard M. Wilson, a member of Lewisville Lodge No. 556, resigned from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes after serving 10 years. He was



William Zacharellis



Richard M. Wilson

appointed August 23, 1978 by the late Grand Master, Bro. Walter P. Wells.

Bro. Wilson is a member of Coudersport Chapter No. 263, Royal Arch Masons; Potter Commandery No. 69, Knights Templar, Coudersport and Irem Temple Shrine of Wilkes-Barre.

A member of Coudersport Consistory he was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1972.

Bro. Wilson and his wife, Lois, live in Mansfield.

50 Year Award, New Mason Spans Three Generations in Family Affair in St. John's Lodge in Reading

It was a family affair in St. John's Lodge No. 435 in Reading on May 6. One event featured a 50 year award while the Worshipful Master raised his son.

The Worship Master, Brother Dennis R. Rahn, P.M., assisted Brother Earl G. Hasenauer, District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District, in presenting a 50 Year Emblem of Gold to his father, Brother William H. Rahn. At the same meeting, Brother Dennis R. Rahn, P.M., Worshipful Master, raised his son, Brother Michael Dennis Rahn.

District Deputy Grand Master Hasenauer noted the tradition in Masonry in this family representing more than 100 years of Masonic service. "Brother Michael Dennis Rahn, the newly raised Mason, can look forward to carrying on a rich heritage in St. John's Lodge," Hasenauer said.

The 50 year recipient, William H. Rahn, was entered May 6, 1938; William J. Rahn was entered June 5, 1953, and Worshipful Master Dennis R. Rahn was

entered January 2, 1970. Brother Dennis R. Rahn also was Worshipful Master in 1975.



Left to Right: Brother Earl G. Hasenauer, D.D.G.M., 7th Masonic District, Brother Michael D. Rahn, newly raised Master Mason, Brother William J. Rahn, Brother of the Worshipful Master, Brother Dennis R. Rahn, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 435 in Reading, and Brother William H. Rahn, father of the Worshipful Master.

Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown

Members of Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown, attended the swearing-in ceremony of the County Commissioners of Juniata County held on January 4, 1988. They are Richard Kerstetter, elected to a third 4-year term; Ronald C. Sheerer, elected to a fourth 4-year term; and John P. Henry, Jr., elected to a second 4-year term. Brother John P. Henry, Jr. is also a

P.D.D.G.M. of the 19th Masonic District, having served that position for 11 years.

Union Lodge No. 324 is proud of these Brethren as well as the people of Juniata County. This is a "first" in Juniata County and possibly in Pennsylvania. All three of the Brethren are members of Union Lodge No. 324.

Pennsylvania Masonic Homes Residents Visit New Jersey Masonic Homes

May the 10th is a day that 45 Pennsylvania Masonic Homes residents will long remember and cherish. On that day they, and three staff members, journeyed to the Masonic Homes of New Jersey to enjoy the hospitality of our New Jersey Brethren, ladies, and staff.

The chartered, air-conditioned, coach left our Village Green filled with enthusiastic Brethren and ladies, looking forward to sampling a new adventure and making new friends. The day was bright and sunny as was the mood of all on board during the brief trip to Burlington, New Jersey.

As our caravan pulled into the entrance driveway of our hosts, we could see a welcoming group of residents and staff of the New Jersey Masonic Homes. Doubts of anything less than a perfect day faded rapidly, as we received a warm and sincere welcome and were conducted on a brief tour, before setting down to a well prepared lunch. The Administrator, Brother Rick Small, welcomed us to his facility and joined us for lunch and good fellowship. Throughout the day Rick,



his staff, and residents extended to us every courtesy and consideration.

After lunch our residents were conducted, in small groups, to various parts of the New Jersey Homes, so that each of them had the opportunity to see the entire operation in a personalized way. Introductions and friendships were easily and sincerely made. There was much exchanging of information about each others respective Masonic Homes. Differences were noted, as were the basic tenets of caring and sharing so fundamental to each.

Our residents thoroughly enjoyed touring the building housing the New Jersey Grand Lodge's operations, as well as the adjacent Museum, depicting New Jersey Masonic history. Souvenirs and postcards for keepsakes, were purchased in the well appointed gift shop.

All too quickly, the day passed and then it was time to board the bus for the journey home to Elizabethtown. It had been decided that an overnight exchange visitation program would transpire. Four of our residents stayed overnight at the New Jersey Homes and four of their

residents from the New Jersey Masonic Homes accompanied us back, as our extended guests. A reverse exchange was made later in the week when the New Jersey Masonic Homes residents and staff visited our Home.

It was apparent at our departure, that enduring friendships had been made and common bonds strengthened. Brethren and ladies who had been strangers in the morning, now felt regret when leaving their new found friends. There were hugs and the bus was boarded, and a few tears from the heart were noted.

On Thursday, May 12th, approximately 40 residents and 8 staff from the Masonic Homes in New Jersey arrived at our Elizabethtown Masonic Homes. They were shown an equal measure of hospitality from our residents, as was extended to them, as they visited our Home. Here, like in New Jersey, heartfelt regret would be expressed that the day of visitation had ended all too soon. One thing that was mutually agreed upon was that all of the Brethren and ladies wanted to do another exchange visitation as soon as possible.



Brother Herbert C. Wolstoncroft, Jr.

Since receiving a heart transplant on May 21, 1987, Brother Herbert C. Wolstoncroft, Jr., has been very active in the transplant program. He has appeared on television twice and visits patients who are waiting for heart transplants and those who have just received them at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh. He is an active speaker for the Pittsburgh Transplant Foundation. His talk "A Gift of Life" describes the

quality of life before and after a transplant as well as the need for donor organs. Brother Wolstoncroft is also on the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Chapter of TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization).

He remains active in the Masonic circles where he is a Past Master of Guyasuta Lodge No. 513 F&AM, Past High Priest of Crafton R.A. Chapter No. 312, Past Commander of Chartiers

Commandery No. 78 K.T., Orator Pennsylvania Consistory Valley of Pittsburgh AASR, former D.D.G.H.P. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and P.D.D.G.M. — 57th District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He has received the "Grand Cross of Color" for services to Rainbow Girls and "Cross of Honor," "Legion of Honor," and "Guild of the Leather Apron" for services to DeMolay.

New Admission Policy

The Masonic Homes new Admissions Policy was implemented on June 6, 1988.

With the announcement of the new policy in the May issue of the Freemason, there has been a tremendous response from interested individuals inquiring about admission.

As mentioned in that article, Admissions Counselors will be utilized in the Admissions Procedure. There are approximately seventeen counselors throughout the state of Pennsylvania who will be responsible for completion of the applications and answering questions for admission to the Masonic Homes.

The Admissions Counselors were brought to the Masonic Homes for a week-long training session. During that week they had an opportunity to live with the residents, talk with them about the Homes and to see how the Homes operate. The comprehensive background

and information they obtained will facilitate their positions as Admissions Counselors to communicate with individuals interested in admission.

The admission process still begins by contacting your Lodge Secretary, who will request an application be started. The Admissions Office will then assign the application to an Admissions Counselor.

An information packet is now available to anyone interested in admission to the Masonic Homes. This packet provides information on admission requirements, services provided by the Homes and an explanation of the new Admissions Policy. It can be obtained by calling or writing to:

**Admissions Office
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-1121**

Employment Opportunities at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown

The Personnel Office at the Masonic Homes is actively recruiting candidates for several positions. Below is a summary list of the available positions and basic qualifications.

Full-time Positions

Assistant Director of Nursing
R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s
Nursing Assistants
Landscape Supervisor
Laundry Worker

Part-time Positions

R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s
Nursing Assistants
Kitchen Worker
Boiler Operator

Assistant Director of Nursing must be a graduate from a (N.L.N.) accredited School of Nursing, currently licensed by

the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, five years experience with emphasis in supervising, staff scheduling and nursing education. A.B.S.N. degree is preferred.

R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s must be graduates from (N.L.N.) accredited Schools of Nursing and be currently licensed by the State Board of Nursing.

There are R.N. and L.P.N. Scholarship Programs available at the Masonic Homes for employees who qualify. These programs have been designed to give current employees of the Masonic Homes an opportunity for advancement within the nursing profession by subsidizing their education through scholarship monies.

Nursing Assistants receive a three week on-the-job orientation program.

Landscape Supervisor should be a high school graduate with four years of practical experience in landscape management, general maintenance in

September Quarterly will be Held at Masonic Temple

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will meet in Quarterly Communication on September 7, 1988 at the Masonic Temple located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia. As always, the Communication is open to all Master Masons. Dinner is free and will be served at 5:00 p.m. that evening. The Communication will follow at 7:00 p.m.

ornamental horticulture, forestry, botany and plant pathology, any equivalent combination of experience and training would be accepted.

Boiler Operator should be a high school graduate with at least one year experience with high pressure boilers; however, any equivalent combination of experience and training would be accepted.

The Kitchen Worker and Laundry Worker will receive on-the-job training.

Further information regarding these positions, or other available positions, would be available by writing to the

**Masonic Homes Personnel Office
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022**

or calling

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(717) 367-1121, Ext. 292

YOU AND SOLOMON II: Good News Stories of Pennsylvania Freemasons

Project SOLOMON II District Directors' Conference

The second conference for District Directors of Project SOLOMON II was held at the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on June 3rd and 4th, 1988. A Regional Directors' meeting was held on the 3rd. After the meeting an informal exchange session was held with the District Directors.

The second workshop day began with a church service in William A. Carpenter Chapel. The remarks of Bro. and Rev. Charles H. Lacquement set the tone for the day.

Following the religious service, the conference convened in the Masonic Conference Center. Bro. Drew Washabau, P.M., Director, presided at the conference. Bro. Stewart M. L. Pollard, formerly Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association, presented a challenging and timely talk entitled "Shoot, Move and Communi-

cate." Bro. Pollard encouraged Masons to continue building Freemasonry in Pennsylvania by carrying out the goals and activities of Project SOLOMON II. The activities of Masons should be made a matter of record, for then the vital process of communication will be enhanced.

A packet of information and activities titled "Taking Masonry to the World," developed by Bro. and Dr. Elvin G. Warfel, consultant to Project SOLOMON II, was presented to the District Directors. Dr. Warfel emphasized that the material represented ways the Blue Lodge could follow the lead of the R.W. Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz of taking Masonry to the world.

Concurrent regional workshops were held to discuss the goals and new directions of Project SOLOMON II, examine the new packet, discuss the March

1988 program "Making a More Knowledgeable Mason" and ways to improve project functions.

Bros. Robert Batto, P.D.D.G.M. and Walter Sykes, P.D.D.G.M., gave the Directors a preview of a slide and video program titled "Taking Masonry to the World."

During the concluding session, records from each regional workshop summarized the discussion for each group. Bro. Terry Bentzel, D.D.G.M., highlighted coming Project SOLOMON II activities at Gettysburg, the West Point Picnic and Autumn Days. Director Washabau, concluded the day at 3:35 p.m. by reminding the Masons assembled of their commitment to Project SOLOMON II, the working tools they were given and the continuing work of Project SOLOMON II.

Do You Recognize this Lodge Hall?

According to an historical marker placed in front of this Lodge Hall by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission:

"The Masonic Temple was built in 1823-24. Oldest Pennsylvania building erected solely for Masonic use and now used exclusively for that purpose. Spared when the Confederates burned the town on July 30, 1864."

The information on the sign tells us this building is the home of George Washington Lodge No. 143 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The history of this Lodge goes back to 1815 when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania issued a Warrant to constitute George Washington Lodge.

Land to build this historic building was purchased in 1823. A contract for \$2,500 was given to Silas Harry, a bridge builder, to erect the temple. Bro. Harry was paid \$5 to draw the plans for the building.

The lot on which the Temple was built was not paid for so on November 16, 1829 Bros. Harry, Heyser and Crawford paid for the lot and took control of

the Temple. From references in the Lodge Minutes there is evidence a large part of the subscription to pay for the building was not collected. Membership in the Lodge dropped to thirty men in 1830. The charter was returned to Grand Lodge in 1831.

In 1845 George Washington Lodge was re-constituted. The old Temple became available to the Lodge in 1860 for a cost of \$2,000. During the time the Temple was not the property of the Lodge, it was used as a church printing house.

Prior to the Battle of Gettysburg, General Jobal Early of the Confederate forces, marched into Chambersburg and demanded a ransom of \$100,000 in gold or he would have the town burned. The ransom was not paid and the town was burned, resulting in almost \$2 million damage. The buildings in the half block where the Temple stands were not burned.

The story is told of a Confederate Officer seeing the Temple and the Masonic Square and Compass displayed then asked if the Temple was a Masonic meeting place. The name of the Officer is

not known, but the building stands today as a testimony of the force of Freemasonry in the hearts of men.

The George Washington Lodge is an active Lodge today with 750 members. Bro. Roger L. Warren is the Worshipful Master. Information about the Temple was taken from material prepared by Bro. Carl Flohr, P.M. The story and photograph were submitted by Bro. Donald Wagaman.



Gettysburg Lodge Welcomes Visitors



A large billboard at the Visitors' Center of the National Park — the Gettysburg Battlefield — shows the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 336 seeks the Masonic visitor who visits Gettysburg. An examination of the Tyler's records will show a steady stream of visitors. The Lodge Officers must perform examinations at each stated meeting in order to accommodate visitors.

The photographs show the sign the Good Samaritan Lodge has placed at the Visitors' Center. The first photo shows the sign. In the second photo you see the Lodge Officers, from left to right, Bro. Michael H. Gotshall, Senior Warden; Bro. Robert L. Rohrbach, Sr., Worshipful Master; the sign, Bro. Edward B. McCartney, P.M.; Trustee and SOLOMON II Lodge Director and Bro. Marvin Hoke, Senior Warden. Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M. and Assistant Director of Project SOLOMON II provided the material for this story.



The Erie Earn-It Program

The story of Erie's Earn-It Program is an exciting success story that was submitted by Bro. H. John Loyer of Perry Lodge No. 392. Each Mason in Pennsylvania should take notice of this fine program which seeks to solve a major problem of society.

The Erie Earn-It Program has begun an important and effective process in which the juveniles are being held accountable for their delinquent behavior by performing community service hours and paying restitution. In 1986, the Advisory Board, Bro. H. John Loyer, President, decided to incorporate and become a separate, non-profit corporation. Through the office of the County Executive, Judy Lynch, a contract for janitorial services to clean the Court House complex, the Health Department Building and Children's Services was successfully negotiated.

The juveniles referred to the Earn-It Janitorial Service undergo an orientation program that stresses proper work habits, professional courtesy and job attitude. Training takes place with the program staff who teach operation of machinery and the proper use of chemicals and other cleaning solvents.

The Erie Earn-It Project has exposed the juvenile to the positive aspect of maintaining employment and ultimately becoming a productive part of tomorrow's work force. Businesses in the area such as Gary Miller Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge, Lincoln Metals, The Brown Derby, Laker and Wendy's Restaurant, are participating in the program. Judge Fred P. Anthony, Juvenile Judge, Sixth Judicial District, states

"The Erie Earn-It Program creates a partnership in this community between the business community, the Probation Department and the Court. The people are working together in a common goal for restoring to the individual his loss and at the same time rehabilitating the youth of the community."

Bro. Loyer has been a member of the Advisory Board and its President since its inception. His wife, Paula, serves as Secretary of the Advisory Board. Early in 1986 the Erie Earn-It Program was awarded a special merit award by the National Association of Counties. In the same year, the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges recognized the Erie program as the most innovative and unique program in the United States. On October 23, 1987, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission awarded the Erie Earn-It Janitorial Services, Inc. the program of the year award for court operated programs.

Bro. H. John Loyer served as Junior Deacon of Perry Lodge No. 392 in 1987. He served as Most Excellent High Priest of Temple Chapter No. 215, Illustrious Master of Jerusalem Council No. 33, and Past Chapter Advisor of DeMolay. On November 5, 1987, he was installed as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Loyer told us that 120 juveniles completed their probation through the Earn-It Program in 1987. "To date over \$200,000 has been earned by the kids and returned to the victims of juvenile crime." We commend Bro. Loyer and his wife for their important work to make our world a more just place.

Masonic Handyman's Day

Bro. Brian B. Moyer is the Worshipful Master of Philanthropy Lodge. Philanthropy Lodge No. 225, Greensburg, Pennsylvania scheduled a handyman's day for the members of the Lodge on June 11, 1988. Instructions to the Brethren state: "We will be helping a widow of one of our members and doing the things you do around your house. Bring your favorite paint brush, paint scraper or any other favorite tool."

Keep the Good News Flowing

What has happened to the good news stories about Masons and their Lodges? Since the location for *You and SOLOMON II* has been changed to *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, the number of stories has diminished. No news has reached me in the past three weeks. Send your material to:

Elvin G. Warfel
Box 224
Sellersville, PA 18914

Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children

Reported by Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R. W. Past Grand Master
June Quarterly Communication, June 1, 1988

As a matter of information, we have arranged to continue displaying the "Masons Care About Children" billboards program as free space is available. If any Brother has connections for the use of billboards as a community service, please obtain the necessary information and forward it to the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, c/o Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022-0703.

Now I have a pleasant surprise for you. We all know the value of credit cards in American society today. As you will recall in September 1986, with the approval of Grand Lodge, we entered into an agreement with Maryland National Bank, N.A. to provide such a program for Pennsylvania Masons and named the Foundation as the beneficiary through 1991. In 1987 we received royalties amounting to \$27,019.07 and

for the first quarter of 1988 we have received the sum of \$16,290.40, thereby providing a total of \$43,309.47 to date, thus proving this program to be an excellent means of raising funds for such a noble cause for our children.

Then some of our members in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania executed United Way Donor Option Cards. This procedure generated an unexpected \$1,196.28. We have discussed this method of giving with representatives of several agencies of the United Way and we are assured that we have qualified to participate in such a program. If you should so desire to use this option to make a gift to the Drug and Alcohol Foundation, please obtain a United Way Donor Option Card from your employer. If there are any questions, or if we must file additional papers with other offices of the United Way, we will be glad to do so.

I have said on many occasions that we

must never lose sight of the final objective of our efforts to "help children". The public exposure, however, which Pennsylvania Freemasonry has experienced since the formation of the Foundation has been an unanticipated side benefit outside the initial purpose of its origin. It is not predictable as to what lasting effect the success of the National Foundation may have on the history of Freemasonry.

We can, however, say with little reservation in regard to another great foundation, that the Shrine did not make the Crippled Childrens Hospital; the Crippled Childrens Hospital made the Shrine. Perhaps one of the great needs of the Masonic Fraternity has been a national cause to unite our efforts. Someday it may be said that Freemasonry did not make the National Foundation but the National Foundation made Freemasonry.

St. Francis Medical Center Honors Foundation

Dr. Loretta P. Finnegan reported on a rare but special event at the St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh. The Pennsylvania Foundation Against Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Infants and Youth was paid special tribute.

At its Sixth Annual Alumni Banquet for the graduates and families of its Adolescent Chemical Dependency Program, St. Francis halted the recognition of adolescent wellness and family recovery to thank the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its leadership and sustained dedication in combating youthful chemical dependency throughout Pennsylvania. In specifically noting the broad and magnanimous efforts of the Pennsylvania Foundation, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Director of the St. Francis program, called the gratitude of the over 300 in attendance to the "inspirational leadership and commitment of the Foun-

dation in leading our State and Nation to hope and many sound solutions for the threat of drugs in our society."

Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M., accepted the first plaque ever presented by St. Francis, on behalf of the Foundation.

St. Francis is one of America's largest

and most comprehensive programs for the treatment of chemical dependency. The Foundation has actively supported programs for Maternal Addiction, Adolescent Chemical Dependency and the Children of Alcoholics at this fine Medical Center.



Left to Right: Sister M. Rosita Wellinger, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Medical Center; Sister M. Sylvia Schuler, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Health System; Hiram Ball; Michael T. Flaherty, Director, Chemical Dependency Program, St. Francis Medical Center.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk. . .



My Brethren:

As you have probably noted in the last issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, I have been given the opportunity to present an article for publication in each issue. I intend to use this opportunity as a forum to disseminate information which I feel may be of Masonic interest to you and, perhaps at times, to reflect upon the philosophical principles of Freemasonry.

From time to time I receive requests from various individuals or organizations asking me to relay information to Members of our Jurisdiction, and I will also use this column to fulfill their request if practical. The column in this issue will basically deal specifically with two of these requests.

To most Members of the Masonic Fraternity, knowledge of Freemasonry is limited to perhaps a half dozen Masonically-affiliated organizations in addition to their Blue Lodge, organizations such as the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, the Tall Cedars and perhaps a few others. There are, however, numerous organizations which require Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite to membership. Without considering memberships in Research Lodges, some of our Brothers have affiliation with more than 30 different Masonically-related bodies. Each of these bodies have something specific to offer to Freemasonry in particular and, in many cases, to society in general through their adopted charitable purpose. I never cease to be amazed at the willingness of Members of the Masonic Fraternity to contribute to the welfare of others. Even those

organizations which upon the surface seem to be self-centered when subject to scrutiny divulge the principle of giving.

One request I received was to expose our members to the N.C.T. This year is my 26th year as a Freemason, and I have spent considerably more years enjoying camping. Yet it was only several years ago that I became aware of a camping association composed of Freemasons. This organization is the "National Camping Travelers, Inc." club. It was organized in 1966 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with the object of bringing together Masons and their families who use tents, trailers, campers and other recreational vehicles to "promote good fellowship, make friends and get more out of life."

Affiliation requires Masonic membership in good standing in a Lodge whose Grand Lodge is recognized by other Grand Lodges of the United States, Canada and Mexico. At the present time, membership nationally includes approximately 7,000 members. There is an official "News to Campers" publication along with local chapter publications provided promoting district, state and national rallies.

For N.C.T. members with minor children, there is also a youth N.C.T. under the direction of the National Youth Director.

For any further information contact either Brother Gerald J. Hunsinger, 56 Begonia Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19054 or N.C.T. National Secretary, P.O. Box 14194, Norfolk, Virginia 23518.

In the May issue of "Emessay Notes" of the Masonic Service Association, an article was included recognizing the contribution of Brother and Lord Baden-Powell, Founder of the Boy Scout movement. The article indicated that in many parts of the world there are Lodges named for Baden-Powell out of respect for his contributions.

Brother Kenneth H. Grace, Marshal of the Southern California Research Lodge, is attempting to compile data on how many Members of the Craft have attained the coveted rank of Eagle Scout in the United States or King Scout in Canada.

I have a great deal of respect for the Boy Scout organization and will always acknowledge a debt of gratitude for their influence on my life. I was fortunate to have been awarded the rank of Eagle in 1952 and for that reason feel a personal

interest in the project of Brother Grace. If you have attained the rank of Eagle, we would request that you assist Brother Grace in compiling his data. The information which he is requesting is the year and state in which you attained the rank of Eagle and, Masonically, your Lodge name and number, city and state. Please send this information to Brother Kenneth H. Grace, 5424 West 13th Place, Hawthorne, California 90250-4912.

I trust you have been experiencing a happy and restful summer and will return to your Lodge in the fall with a renewed dedication to our great Fraternity.

Proposed Grand Lodge Committee on Library and Museum —

*to be approved at
December Quarterly
Communication*

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Grand Lodge, continued

Construction of two full scale model units are planned to be completed for the Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes on October 22, 1988.

For more information on Independent Living, call or write to:

Administrator of the
Independent Living Community
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022
(717) 367-1121

Slatington Lodge No. 440 Holds a Project SOLOMON II Reunion



On October 1, 1987 at a regular stated meeting, the Slatington Lodge No. 440 held a Project SOLOMON II reunion. Bro. Leroy K. Reichenbach, P.M. and SOLOMON II Task Force Chairman provided information about the meeting. One purpose of the meeting was to honor eleven Brothers who had completed fifty years and twenty-five years of membership. Bro. Carl W. Kegel, P.M., Bro. Sylvester C. Turnbach and Bro. Paul T. Serfass were given awards for fifty years of membership. Receiving awards for twenty-five years of service were: Bros. Sherwood D. Yenser, P.M., Joseph W. Gower, Russell F. Feller, Milton D. Metzger, William L. Kistler,

Keep It Under Your Hat

The Lodge has just opened. As the Master looked around the lodge room, he noticed a Brother on the back row in the southwest corner who was wearing a hat. Not wanting to embarrass the Brother, the Master called on the Senior Deacon to quietly ascertain why the Brother was wearing a hat. After a whispered conversation with the offending Brother, the Senior Deacon reported back to the Master. He said that the Brother was overjoyed to be asked. It seems that it was the third time he had attended that Lodge and this was the first time anyone had spoken to him.

Jr., Richard F. Yenser, Marvin C. Olewine and John C. McCammon. Bro. Robert S. Swoyer, D.D.G.M., presented the pins to the Brethren. Bro. Paul F. Kunkel, P.D.D.G.M. and Regional Director of A-I for Project SOLOMON II gave a brief history of the Grand Lodge Project. It was conceived as a plan to rebuild membership within each Lodge by creating interest and enthusiasm for Freemasonry. Bro. Charles E. Radcliffe, P.M. of Lehigh Lodge and District 10 Chairman for Project SOLOMON II was introduced. He spoke about SOLOMON II activities in the district. Bro. Leroy K. Reichenbach presented a detailed report of Project SOLOMON II in the Slatington Lodge No. 440. He reported beneficial results in the Lodge since the downward trend in membership has been reversed and the Lodge has experienced a net gain in membership. Attendance at regular and special meetings has increased. The content and quality of programs have shown great improvement. Bro. Gerald C. Berger, Worshipful Master, presided over this important meeting. We congratulate Worshipful Master Berger and all program participants for building toward the future of Freemasonry in the Blue Lodge.

Brother Thomas Cousins, Master Carver

Bro. Thomas Cousins, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and a member of Seneca Lodge No. 805 has been using his talents as a master carver for fifty-five years. He has carved people, animals such as horses, dogs and ducks and Masonic gavels, plaques and double eagles. During that time he has carved items for Ill. Francis G. Paul, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Charles F. Greevy, Active Member for Pennsylvania, Ill. Robert T. Jones, Active Member for Pennsylvania, and Bro. William A. Carpenter, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Presently, Bro. Thomas Cousins is

H. Robert Richards, Master Mason



According to Bro. Richard W. Packer, Secretary of St. James Lodge No. 457, Beaver, Pennsylvania, Bro. H. Robert Richards, P.M., is an outstanding Mason of his Lodge. He has served twice as Worshipful Master of St. James Lodge. He served first in this capacity in 1977 and for a second time in 1985. Bro. Richards has been the Lodge Instructor since the early 1970s. He has been an Instructor in the School of Instruction of the 37th Masonic District. He has been an Instructor of the School of Masonic Education since its beginning. Bro. Richards has conferred a record number of 140 degrees. The Secretary of his Lodge, Bro. Parker stated, "He is attuned thoroughly to Freemasonry. He is happiest when he is working for his Lodge or another Lodge." We join the men of St. James Lodge in honoring Brother H. Robert Richards, P.M. as a Master Mason in the true sense.

serving as Chaplain of his Lodge. He is retired from his job as a supervisor of Schenley Distillery. The information and photograph for this story were provided by Bro. Harvey McNaab, of Kittanning Lodge No. 244.



Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes



Plans are being completed for "Autumn Day" at the Masonic Homes which is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with activities continuing until 4:00 p.m. Food will be provided from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at various locations. There will be a new item added to the menu this year. In addition to the "Homes-made" sausage and sauerkraut, hot dogs, apple butter, ice cream cookies and soft ice cream which have been enjoyed in the past, "Homes-made" bean soup has been added. Beverages will also be provided. These items will be free of charge to you and your family.

There will be Masonic Homes apples, cider, pumpkins, etc. and craft items made by our residents for you to purchase. These items have been very popular in past years. Music will fill the air throughout the grounds with roving musicians, a Nickelodeon, and with concerts in the Village Green, along with merriment provided by the Zembo Shrine clowns for young and old alike. For those who have not seen "A Mission of Love," which is a very in-



formative slide presentation of our beautiful Masonic Homes in all its splendor, it will be shown continuously in the Assembly Room in Grand Lodge Hall. The newest additions to Grand Lodge Hall, namely the Museum and Ice Cream Parlor, will be open for your pleasure. Many of our residents will be opening their rooms for you to visit with them and allow you to view the excellent living accommodations provided at the Homes. In addition, we will have full scale models available of the apartments and cottages which will be offered in our newly developed Independent Living



Community. Additional information on the community will be available at that time. We are very excited about this new concept in living and will be anxious to share it with you and for you to view these models during your visit. A map indicating the location of the events will be provided upon your arrival at the Homes. Masonic Homes personnel will be available to assist you with parking and to provide you with any information you may require throughout the day. Information booths will be stationed at various locations on the grounds. There will also be booths with



information on our new admissions policy, Children's Home, youth groups, SOLOMON II, a first aid and blood pressure clinic, and employment opportunities that are available at the Masonic Homes. Make plans today to come to the Masonic Homes on October 22nd for a day of fun and fellowship for the entire family.

Masonic Homes
at Elizabethtown

**AUTUMN DAY
 AT THE HOMES**
Saturday, October 22, 1988
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Registration Coupon

Name

Lodge No.

No. of Adults

No. of Children

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