



On Sunday, February 26th, Rev. John H. Weaver, Pastor of Trinity Tower United Methodist Church in Penn Hills, near Pittsburgh, graciously invited members of the Masonic Fraternity to attend church services. The affair was made possible through permission from Bro. Alan T. Male, D.D.G.M., who has urged Lodges in the 54th District to look for ways to bring the *Light of Masonry* before the public.

Members of the Fraternity were given

royal treatment, and the occasion proved to be a moving experience for both Mason and non-Mason alike. Comments from the Brethren reflected a feeling of great satisfaction. "It's good to see Masons in tails and white gloves at something other than a Funeral Service," remarked one Brother. "We used to do this sort of thing all the time," said another.

In this endeavor, the Lodge not only helped expose the public to Free-

June Quarterly will be Held in Harrisburg

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will meet in Quarterly Communication on June 14, 1989, at the *Zembo Shrine Temple, 2801 North Third Street, Harrisburg*. The Communication begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

As always, the Communication is open to all Master Masons; one need not be a member of Grand Lodge to attend. Dinner is free and is open to all Master Masons; and will be served at 5:00 p.m. that day in the Scottish Rite Cathedral which is located within walking distance from the Shrine Temple.

masonry, but it gained a new member. Rev. Weaver's petition was approved just days before this picture was taken, and by now, we may recognize him as a Brother of the Craft. It is our hope that other church members will follow Rev. Weaver's example by seeking *Masonic Light*.

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Grand Master Kurtz Breaks Ground
for the
Independent Living Community



On Thursday, March 9th, Grand Master Kurtz broke ground for the new Independent Living Community which will be located at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Site clearing will begin by the end of March, with construction scheduled to begin in June. Occupancy of Phase I is expected by the Fall of 1990.

At this time we are pleased to inform you that we have fifty-one of the eighty-two units planned for Phase I reserved. This type of response reaffirms our belief that we are developing a community which is both appealing to and needed by the Masonic Fraternity and their families.

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The Grand Master Speaks...



Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master

Brethren . . . It was most gratifying to see the exceptionally large attendance at the recent Philadelphia March Quarterly Communication. Additional chairs had to be set up in Corinthian Hall and every seat in the house was filled . . . It presented a convincing picture of support and interest in your Grand Lodge . . . Thank you, Brethren. . .

The June Quarterly will be held at Zembo Mosque, Third and Division Streets, in Harrisburg on the date of Wednesday, June 14, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.

Please note — because the Grand Lodge Officers and other Brethren are touring Southern Ireland and climaxing the tour with a two-day official visitation to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, from the dates of May 24 thru June 3rd, the June Quarterly has been changed to Wednesday, June 14.

All Brethren are cordially urged to attend the June Quarterly in the beautiful and spacious auditorium of Zembo Shrine Mosque. Dinner for the Brethren will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Harrisburg Scottish Rite Cathedral, just adjacent to the Masonic Complex parking lot.

Brethren, the Great Architect of the Universe has been most kind to your Grand Master and his lady Jane, for a good long time and we are truly grateful. However, this past month of January, HE saw fit to call home our oldest grandson Richard, just 27 years old. Your response to our loss was overwhelming. It helped immeasurably to ease the emptiness and sorrow of those few days. Jane and I thank you, Brother Masons, your ladies, members of our Youth Groups and personal friends, for

your many, many expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls, contributions, kind thoughts and prayers. We shall never forget your love and compassion in our hour of sadness. Thank you so much.

Plans for the Independent Living Community at the Elizabethtown Masonic Homes are progressing nicely. A ground-breaking ceremony was performed on March 9th, and pictures of same will be featured in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Ground clearing is scheduled for the middle of March and actual construction will begin by April 20th. Our Brethren from all parts of the state are looking forward with great expectations to this newest project of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania — the Independent Living Community at Elizabethtown.

We invite you to share in our enthusiasm and interest. . .

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master



Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz congratulates the Building and Grounds Subcommittee on the completion of the plans for the Independent Living Community — Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. and Chairman, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.J.G.W., Bro. John T. Taylor, and Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director of the Masonic Homes.

Grand Master's Itinerary May, June, July and August 1989

MAY 1989

- 2-3 Grand Lodge of Maine
- 6 Lodge No. 348, 125th Anniversary, Hanover
- 11 Harrisburg Chapter, Sojourners, Harrisburg
- 12 Spring Reunion, Valley of Bloomsburg, A.A.S.R.
- 13 Lodge No. 577, 100th Anniversary, Leechburg
- 15-16-17 Grand Lodge of Indiana
- 19 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 20 Spring Reunion, Valley of New Castle, A.A.S.R.
- 24-6/3 Ten day trip to Ireland, including a visit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland

JUNE 1989

- 9-10 Spring Reunion, Valley of Coudersport, A.A.S.R.
- 14 Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Harrisburg
- 16 International Order of Job's Daughters, Banquet, Elizabethtown College
- 16-18 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R. Held at the Sheraton, Valley Forge
- 21 Lodge No. 576, 100th Anniversary, Millvale
- 23 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 24 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of Laying the Cornerstone and Dedication, Lodge No. 462, Berwick

JULY 1989

- 2-7 Imperial Shrine of North America, Canada
- 7-9 Grand Lodge of New Hampshire
- 22 Potentate's Dinner, Irem Temple, Wilkes Barre
- 25 Lodge No. 537, National Camping Travelers Rally, Center Hall
- 28 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 29 Board of Directors Meeting, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Elizabethtown

AUGUST 1989

- 18 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 24-31 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Pittsburgh

The Regional Instructor's Lament: *The Long Drive Home*

The laughter was good
The fellowship great
Hoped for students aplenty
There were only eight.

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

The midnight hour
The blinding snow shower.
Mind your Ps, sound your Ds
Watch your "buts" if you please.

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

The flap of the blades,
The mountain road grades,
Did he say it in the plural?
My memory fades.

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

Is it which, is it that
Is it left, is it right?

Watch out for the deer,
They're out late at night.

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

Village lights in the valley
indicate action.
Be careful of steering, pay
attention to traction.
What would Lodge be without
the Past Master faction?

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

My eyes are tiring,
The truck lights glaring,
What's the use of even caring,
The instructor before me must've
asked the same question.
Look out for the turn he
forgot to mention!

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it

So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

Relief in sight; the
driveway is bare
My wife had it plowed;
she really does care.
Did I tell him "this"
did I tell him "that"
At what point did I say,
"Put on your hat?"

Ah, yes, the ritual
So few want to learn it
So few want to hear it
Why am I doing this?

Bed feels good to these
weary bones.
Sleep will shut out the
ritual's tones.
If I can just keep goin'
to help it survive,
The next Brother, too,
will keep it alive.

Umph! I guess that's
why I'm doing this!

Ah, yes, the ritual.

—Bro. R. Dean Jobe



Items from Our Library and Museum

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The Forget-Me-Not and Hitler:

A Biographical Anecdote



Hermann Oberholtzer, son of Bro. Hans-Helmut Oberholtzer of *Loge Zur Freundschaft* (meaning "Friendship Lodge") in Forstheim near Frankfurt, Germany, was seventeen in 1933. He and his friends were schoolboys when Hitler assumed power, and like anyone else not old enough to vote, they gave little thought to their new government.

When everyone of school age was automatically made a member of Hitler-Youth, he participated happily; it was very much like the American Boy and Girl Scouts. Meanwhile, Bro. Hans-Helmut also happily, in his quiet way, continued his loyal membership in his Masonic Lodge.

Suddenly one day, Bro. Hans-Helmut came home driving one of his company's trucks. He called his sons to help him unload it. They carried a beautiful wooden chest emblazoned with carved symbols to the attic. The boys asked what the symbols represented, and their father briefly, but clearly, explained the working tools of the Masonic Fraternity, and

showed them those contained in the chest. The boys inferred from their father's quiet earnestness, and the sweetly sad look on his face as he covered the chest, that the Freemasons were unwelcome in the new scheme of things. This was also confirmed by the fact that Father no longer was "*bei der Loge*" (or "at Lodge") every first Wednesday evening of the month.

When a boy reached his eighteenth birthday, he received a form in the mail, as automatically as he had become a member of the Hitler-Youth. It was an application for, or really a confirmation of, membership in the Nazi Party. All of Hermann's other friends, had received, signed and returned their applications. They all wore new ties with the eagle-and-swastika emblem. Only Hermann still had the old one, which had only an eagle on it. Finally, Hermann asked the office named on the application why he had not been sent one. "Your Father is a Freemason," they told him. Hermann did not understand: His father had never done anything wrong; in fact, from everything he could see, his father and the Lodge Brothers had always done good things for the citizens and their town of Forstheim. Something told him to keep quiet, especially since his friends remained otherwise unchanged.

The boys, now young men, passed their final exams, which also entitled them to further study, but, because of the economic situation, they either went to work or joined the army. Hermann started to work for his father at the older man's insistence. "You'll get experience. You're young yet. Leave the army alone. Then you can work that required six

months for free for someone outside the family, and you'll be all set for the University." Hermann had to admit that this all made sense.

The year is now 1939. The war has broken out. Hermann was working at his six month's "volunteer" job for a colleague and Lodge Brother of his father. He had just time to finish. The next year, 1940, found Hermann in the army. Bro. Hans-Helmut, his father, had been right. Hermann had learned not only the basics of the furniture business, but had acquired secretarial skills and improved his French and English, all on the job. A superior in the army asked Private Hermann Oberholtzer to deliver a message to another officer. Hermann, without much thought, had taken down the message in shorthand. The officer discovered this as he tried to proofread the message. Hermann became secretary to this officer and his superiors, which saved him from being sent to the Russian Front until almost the end of that terrible winter of 1942. Eventually sent to the Eastern Front, Hermann was wounded, and in therapy for a year. Finally, he received an honorable discharge, and applied for a place in the University. The war ended. Hitler was dead. Members of the Nazi Party could not get jobs nor enter academic programs. "How does it happen that you were never a member of the Party?" asked the University admissions officer. "My father is a Freemason."

Hermann studied engineering, is alive, well, and at seventy-two, still a consulting civil engineer.

The Apotheosis of Washington

Recently, a surprising discovery was made in the sub-basement Archives at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. This discovery is significant from two perspectives: The value it holds for the Masonic world, and the value it holds for the non-Masonic world.

The item in question is a painting which seems to have a certain aura of significance about it when it was discovered quite by accident. The dust of the ages having been cleaned off, the item was recognized as a very rare Chinese reverse-painting-on-glass, made for the export market, known as *The Apotheosis of Washington*. It was taken directly from a print published in Philadelphia by John Barralet and Simon Chaudron in 1802.

The painting depicts an angel and Father Time bearing Washington from his tomb heavenward, while Faith, Hope and Charity mourn. A stylized Masonic Past Master's Jewel is draped over the side of the sarcophagus.

Research so far has shown that this is one of only four known versions of the *Apotheosis*, (or "a deification or exaltation of a person or thing") and that it is in much better condition than at least one of the others. These other versions are located at the Winterthur Museum in Delaware, the Marblehead Historical Society and the Peabody Museum both in Massachusetts. The Marblehead version has an associated date of 1813; the Peabody piece was in the collection by 1821.

The Grand Lodge Museum's version of *The Apotheosis of Washington* is currently on display in the Grand Banquet Hall and forms a part of a larger exhibition celebrating the Bicentennial of the Inauguration of Bro. George Washington. Our version of the *Apotheosis* has an unsubstantiated date of 1824. This exciting discovery demonstrates the wonderful potential, still largely untapped, of the Museum Collection.



Seen in this picture are (left to right) Bros. Michael Ian Steinhardt, Worshipful Master of Shekinah Lodge No. 246; Abraham Awner, a long time member of that Lodge who presented this beautiful Altar Bible to the Lodge, in memory of his parents; and Benjamin Rubin, D.D.G.M.

New Exhibits At Your Grand Lodge

It is with pride that the staff of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum announces to the Brethren and the public that there are two new exhibits in the Grand Banquet Hall. They opened on March 1, 1989 and will remain on view until the end of 1989.

Egyptian Hall Centennial 1889-1989

One hundred years ago, on January 2, 1889, the completed Egyptian Hall was dedicated. Bro. George Herzog (1852-1920), a member of Lodge No. 51 (now University Lodge) was the chief artist and decorator of the Hall. The architecture and ornamentation, copied from the temples at Karnak and Luxor, among other places, were so well executed that architecture students come from all over to study the stunning result that is Egyptian Hall.

The exhibit includes photographs of Brethren who were instrumental in having Egyptian Hall built and decorated; souvenirs of "Dedication Day," January 2, 1889; color architectural renderings; ancient Egyptian artifacts; and descriptive accounts published by the Grand Lodge.

George Washington's Inauguration Bicentennial 1789-1989

Bro. George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789 at the Federal Hall on Wall Street, in New York, the Capital at the time. This exhibit commemorates and celebrates that fact and the life that surrounded it.

The exhibit, of which Bro. Washington's Apron given him by Bro. and Mrs. Lafayette and the "Washington Case" in the Museum should be considered a part, is a pictorial biography of Bro. Washington from the time he was elected to and reluctantly accepted the first Presidency of the new United States until his death on December 14, 1799 and burial a few days later. Shown also are the reactions of the public to these events in Washington's life as well as several depictions of Bro. Washington as a Freemason. The Bicentennial of the inauguration is celebrated by representative articles from recent newspapers, a copy of a newly published Inauguration Cantata featuring melodies which Washington knew, and articles from the Centennial commemoration of 1889.

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Notes and Queries



Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., Librarian and Curator

A question has been raised concerning the guidelines and regulations which must be met for a Lodge to place a sign in the community, acknowledging the existence of a Masonic Lodge in that community. The following is taken from the *Digest of Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*:

61.5 With the approval of the Grand Master, the names of the Lodges and their places of meeting may be made a part of those signs posted along highways and streets at the entrance to communities to denote the existence of service clubs and other organizations.

The only masonic symbol that may appear on the signs is the square and compasses in a form approved by the Grand Master. A copy of the design to be used can be obtained from the office of the Grand Master.

—Williamson, 1982

Copies of one of these approved designs are available by writing to the Office of the Grand Master:

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A Brother from this Jurisdiction has raised the following question: "Can you suggest appropriate music for Masonic meetings?"

In our recently revised edition *Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Circulating Library Catalogue of Books*, page 9, you will find several listings of works on audio tapes which may be borrowed by any Brother who is a member of a Pennsylvania Blue Lodge. These tapes are also available to our Blue Lodges as well, and can be secured through the normal borrowing procedures listed in the *Catalogue*.

While I have not actually seen or heard it, there is a limited amount of Masonic sheet music and marches available from:

**Macoy Publishing and
Masonic Supply Co., Inc.**
3011 Old Dumbarton Road
P.O. Box 9759
Richmond, Virginia 23228-0759

In honor of the Bicentennial of the Inauguration of Brother and President George Washington, a new addition to Masonic music is the *Inauguration*

Cantata — 1789 by Capt. Kenneth R. Force, USMS, which is available from:

Savoy Music House
77 Elm Street
Schenectady, New York 12304
I sincerely wish that there was more music available for use in our Lodges.

A rather important query has recently reached the desk of the Librarian and Curator: "Why is it that some of the Brethren do not have Masonic Funeral or Memorial Services?"

The important thing for the Brethren to remember is that neither the Funeral nor the Memorial Service is done automatically by the deceased Brother's Blue Lodge. *Either the Funeral or the Memorial Service must be requested by a member of the immediate family; or, in the case where there may be no surviving kin, the request must be made by a close friend, or group of friends.* This request must be directed to the current Worshipful Master or Secretary of the Lodge, a record of which may be found on the last page of the Lodge Notice, at the member's demise.

The above information has been taken from a special card which was produced by one of the District Deputies in our Jurisdiction, and it is suggested that it be filed with the important papers of any Brother wishing to have either the Funeral or the Memorial Service performed for him when he dies.

Family of Freemasonry in Selinsgrove

Lafayette Lodge No. 194 in Selinsgrove had a "Family Affair" Day when it conferred the Master Mason Degree on three sons and a brother-in-law of Bro. Nelson L. Lockcuff on January 28, 1989.

Bros. Nelson L. Lockcuff, Jr.; Robert L. Lockcuff; Edward L. Lockcuff and George I. Hottenstein were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during the afternoon and evening, with a dinner served following the conferral of two of the Degrees. Also present on this significant occasion was Bro. Bryan L. Berry,

D.D.G.M. of the 46th Masonic District.

Bro. Nelson L. Lockcuff, Sr. was presented a gold SOLOMON II pin during the evening by Bro. David R. Smeltz, Sr., Regional Director of SOLOMON II.

A week later the same Lafayette Lodge conferred the Master Mason Degree on a father and his son, Bros. Calvin E. Sprengel and Benjamin E. Sprengel.

According to Bro. Mull, the Worshipful Master, two very delightful Saturdays have been held in Selinsgrove's Lafayette Lodge No. 194.



Front row, left to right: Bros. Nelson L. Lockcuff, Jr., D.D.G.M., Bryan L. Berry; Nelson L. Lockcuff, Sr.; Murry N. Mull, Jr., Worshipful Master and Benjamin E. Sprengel. Back row, left to right: Bros. Edward L. Lockcuff, George I. Hottenstein, Robert L. Lockcuff and Calvin E. Sprengel.

Masonic Temple Receives Architecture Award



Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master and Elizabeth Lawson, AIA 1989 President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects unveil plaque.

The Masonic Temple at One North Broad in Philadelphia was awarded the Philadelphia Chapter-American Institute of Architects' 1988 *Landmark Building Award* at a special luncheon meeting held on February 10, 1989. The Philadelphia Chapter recognized the historical, cultural and architectural uniqueness of our Grand Lodge building.

Designed in the 1860's by the then 27-year-old Bro. James H. Windrim, the Masonic Temple is only the fourth

building to be so honored in receiving this award. Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master accepted the certificate from Fred Foote, 1988 President of the Philadelphia Chapter and, along with Bro. Carl D. Homan, Building Superintendent and Chairman of the Committee on Temple, looked on as the bronze plaque was unveiled in the Filbert Street entrance foyer.

Tours of the Masonic Temple are conducted Monday through Friday at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00, and on

Saturday at 10:00 and 11:00 (closed Saturdays during July and August). One need not be a Mason to tour the building. Advance notice is requested for group tours. No tours on Sundays and major holidays. A special color brochure entitled "An Invitation to Visit the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia" is available to those intending to visit the building for tours. This brochure is available by calling (215) 988-1933. For more information on tours call (215) 988-1917.

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Carolyn J. Bair
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Masonic Homes

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022
(717) 367-1121, Ext. 223

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Happenings at Masonic Homes

New Rendering of the Independent Living Community



A new rendering of the Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown has been completed. This new rendering displays the final design for the community. You will note the apartment buildings have been changed from a five story building to a three story design. This change has proven beneficial in improving the aesthetics of the community, as well as allowing us to provide our residents with an additional option of a two-bedroom apartment with a balcony. Also, based on response from *future members* of the community, we have added screened-in porches on all cottages.

Model Cottage and Apartment Units



This full scale model of the two-bedroom cottage and the Unit B, two-bedroom apartment, is located on the grounds of the Masonic Homes. We invite everyone to visit these models Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and receive a personally guided tour by one of our Independent Living Community Staff, or call and schedule an appointment to meet at your convenience. The models are also open for inspection Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at which time our residents serve as hosts and hostesses. There is a special "Open House" scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Interior Design of Two-Bedroom Apartment

These photos were taken of the beautifully decorated Unit B, two-bedroom apartment, that is on display in our model unit located on the grounds of the Masonic Homes.



Living room with large bay window.



Dining area with adjacent fully-equipped kitchen including refrigerator, self-cleaning range and garbage disposal.



Master bedroom features walk-in closet.



Bathroom adjacent to Master Bedroom features full-sized washer and dryer.



Second bedroom features ample closet space.



Two-bedroom units feature walk-in showers, as well as tub/shower combinations.

Children's Home Receives Special Gifts

Last summer, the Children's Home on the Masonic Homes campus in Elizabethtown received special gifts from Bro. William E. Riley, P.D.D.G.M. of District "H," Bro. Frank W. Podrebarac, P.D.D.G.M. of District "C," and Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385.

The members of Olivet-Oriental Lodge donated an Apple IIC computer, an Apple IIE computer and associated software. Bro. Riley and Bro. Podrebarac each donated monitors, printers, disk drives and software to accompany the computer equipment.

This acquisition has made this school year a bit easier, especially when English and science research papers are completed on time with no excuses. The one computer system enabled fifteen young men to produce well-written compositions with a minimum of paper, erasable pens, and headaches.

In February of this year, through a generous gift from the Dormont Lodge

No. 684, the Children's Home received an Apple IIGS computer including monitor, keyboard, disk drives, and Imagewriter II printer. This was a timely donation because the young men now have math computer work in addition to the perennial English essay.

Besides impressive academic improvement, the young men derive considerable self-satisfaction from mastering the computer and software and demonstrating this knowledge to others in school, including their teachers. The Apple IIGS offers many other possibilities in graphics and sound. The Children's Home is anticipating additional software to further increase vocational and academic interest in computer technology.

The residents of the Children's Home are truly grateful for the generosity demonstrated by these Masonic Brothers. Our sincere thanks to the men who made this all possible.



Nursing Scholarships Offered By Masonic Homes — Let Us Invest In Your Future

No doubt you have heard that there is a shortage of nurses throughout the country at a time when the need for nursing care is on the rise. As more of the population becomes elderly and exhibits the problems common to older Americans, this shortage is expected to worsen. Just when the demand for caring professionals is about to skyrocket it seems that fewer people are choosing a career in nursing.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has for many years recognized this growing need for qualified nursing professionals who are dedicated to meeting the needs of the elderly. In fact, since 1910 we have been providing nursing care to our Masonic family. We are proud to have top notch medical and nursing staff serving our residents and meeting the challenges of long term care.

We are always on the look-out for high caliber individuals who may be interested in joining our dedicated team. We are searching for people just like you who are equally concerned with the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our residents, and demand professional ex-

cellence from themselves as well as from the place where they work.

The Masonic Homes currently offers opportunities to pursue a career in nursing through several different nursing scholarship programs. The R. N. Scholarship Program offers tuition reimbursement of \$2,500 per academic year and the L.P.N. Scholarship Program offers fifty percent tuition reimbursement. Both programs require only an eighteen month employment commitment following graduation.


So if you are considering a career in nursing and would enjoy caring for residents at the Masonic Homes, why not ask us about our scholarship programs? Or if you are already a licensed nurse, who may be interested in joining our staff, why not give us a call?

Additional information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the:

**Masonic Homes
Personnel Office**

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022-0703

Phone (717) 367-1121, Ext. 223



**at the
Masonic Homes
Plan Now
to Attend**

R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, has scheduled Autumn Day to be held at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown on Saturday, October 21, 1989.

Plan now to spend this fun-filled day of family atmosphere with good food, interesting displays, crafts, and Masonic fellowship. It's the perfect time to enjoy your beautiful Masonic Homes and grounds.

A full schedule will appear in the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* with events for this day along with information on how to obtain tickets.



Youth Foundation

Scholarships Available

Educational Endowment Fund Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation's Educational Endowment Fund Committee has announced that it will be awarding at least four grants in the amount of \$1000 this year to kick off its new scholarship program.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Educational Endowment Fund of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, an applicant must be a child, grandchild or dependent (IRS definition) of a Pennsylvania Mason in good standing (or who was in good standing at the time of his death), or a present or former member in good standing of one of the Pennsylvania Masonic-related youth groups.

Applications were distributed to each Lodge in March and are due on June 1st. If you need further information, contact

your Lodge Secretary or the Youth Foundation offices.

Scholarship Program Available for All Lodges

The Educational Endowment Fund of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation was created to provide scholarship opportunities to the youth of our Fraternity. It was also created to help Lodges, other Masonic bodies and individuals to establish restricted scholarship programs, without the hassles of administering the funds or granting the awards.

One Lodge has already taken advantage of this unique opportunity. Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown has made an initial contribution into the Educational Endowment Fund, restricting the award of income from that amount to children

and grandchildren of its members. The Lodge plans to continue to contribute to that restricted fund so that more awards can be made over the years, without depleting the principal.

Almost any kind of restriction may be placed upon the funds, so that only applicants who meet a Lodge's criteria will receive funds. Typical restrictions might be applied to a geographical area, relationship to a Lodge's membership, scholastic ability or program of study.

If you would like information on how to establish a specially restricted scholarship fund for your Lodge, please contact the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-1536

Summer Programs Taking Shape



as candy-stripers at the Masonic Homes.

The Job's Daughters Patton Campus Week will be held July 16-22, 1989, and will include activities for all Job's Daughters. Highlights of past programs include visitation with the Masonic Homes residents, the Mrs. Patton Campus Pageant for the adult leaders, a Hawaiian Luau, and a hike for charity purposes.

Plans for the summer programs of the Masonic-related youth groups are being made to provide educational sessions at the Masonic Conference Center — Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

The Rainbow programs will be conducted at the Campus from June 4-11. Three sessions will be held during that time to reward assemblies showing growth in membership, and to help the Grand Officers prepare for their annual Grand Assembly meeting in July. Included in the schedule will be the annual Capping Ceremony for Rainbow Girls who have performed exemplary service

P.Y.F. Representatives

Be sure that your Lodge's Youth Foundation Representative has been registered with the P.Y.F. office to receive mailings and information about the Masonic-related youth groups.

Annual Youth Conventions

Job's Daughters Grand Sessions
June 15-18, 1989
Elizabethtown College

DeMolay Conclave
July 13-16, 1989
Muhlenburg College, Allentown

Rainbow Grand Assembly
July 19-22, 1989
Jaffa Shrine Mosque, Altoona



From the Grand Secretary's Desk...



Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary

My Brethren:

I have become aware through numerous inquiries since I have been in the Office of Grand Secretary that many of our Members are unaware that there is no national level Masonic organization for Craft Freemasonry. Each State and the District of Columbia (with the exception of Hawaii which operates under the Grand Lodge of California) operate its own Grand Jurisdiction and are autonomous in their own right. This is also true of the Provinces of Canada other than Newfoundland.

There was a proposal offered in 1779 that Bro. George Washington be made General Grand Master of the United States. (It is interesting to note that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania supported this proposal.) The proposal, however, was never adopted. There has never been a National Grand Lodge of the United States of America. There is, however, a number of national Masonic organizations supported by the Grand Lodges which function for the benefit of Freemasonry in general. Two with which

you are possibly most familiar are the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, an imposing structure which sits on Shooters Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. It is the only national Masonic memorial in the United States, and was dedicated to the memory of Bro. George Washington in the year 1932. The annual maintenance and operating costs of this Memorial range between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.

The Masonic Service Association was organized in 1919 and has a multifaceted function. The Association serves as an educational and informational organization by publishing and producing a variety of bulletins, digests, newsletters, statistical information, films and audio tapes.

It also serves as a clearing house of factual information concerning the Fraternity. The Association, in addition, is responsible for investigating and issuing appeals to Masonic Bodies for the relief of human needs of Masons and their families resulting from disaster and catastrophies. The operating cost for this phase of the organization is \$250,000 a year which is supported by subscription rates for publications such as the *Short Talk Bulletin* and contributions from our Members.

The second major function of the Association is the operation of the Hospital Visitation Program. The

Hospital Visitation Program operates for the purpose of providing personal services in more than 140 Veteran Administration Medical Centers, Veterans Homes and Military Hospitals. The budget for this program in 1988 was \$353,000 and is solely supported by contributions from the Masonic Fraternity.

This program depends not only upon financial support but also the contribution of time of our Members as Hospital Visitation Field Agents. These Brethren contribute more than one-half million volunteer hours of service each year. Pennsylvania presently has a need of volunteers in three locations: the Veterans Hospital in Coatesville; the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Aspinwall Division, and the Veterans Hospital in Philadelphia. Any Brother willing to provide this badly needed service, please contact my office.

Quarterly Communication September 1989 To Be Eliminated

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, Right Worshipful Grand Master, hereby directs that an Extra Communication be held in conjunction with the December 6, 1989 Quarterly Communication and that the September 6, 1989 Quarterly Communication be eliminated.

Masonic Temple Employee Receives Chapel of Four Chaplains Award



Bro. Dodson along with Bro. J. Walter Price, P.D.D.G.M. admire the Award.

Bro. Paul J. Dodson, P.M. of Integrity Lodge No. 187 and a building maintenance worker at the Masonic Temple was honored recently by being given the Legion of Honor of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award in Philadelphia.

Bro. Dodson received this honor for his dedication and donations to Philadelphia Assembly No. 47, Rainbow for

Girls, in memory of his Mother and Father. Other Masons who have received this distinguished non-Masonic award include several Past Grand Masters, which proves how even the non-Masonic world looks upon Freemasonry as being an organization that is truly "on the square."



Drug and Alcohol Foundation

Pennsylvania Masons and the Commonwealth Student Assistance Program Receive National Recognition

Student Assistance Programs are perhaps the most successful school-based intervention program ever undertaken by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its success can be observed not only in the sheer numbers of students serviced, which in the 1987-88 school year alone exceeded six thousand referrals, but also in its unique public/private partnership.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania underwrites the room and board for participants attending both the Patton Campus and Linden Hall sites. The Departments of Welfare and Health provide staff and funding for adolescent treatment services at the county level. In addition, the Department of Education provides training teams, staff and financial assistance to school districts to assist with program implementation.

A Student Assistance Program is designed to: 1) Identify at-risk students who are having school problems due to alcohol or drug use, depression, or other

mental health problems; and 2) Intervene and refer these students to appropriate community services.

A Student Assistance Program utilizes a systematic process by which school personnel can determine which students are having problems and refer them for help. The heart of the program is a Student Assistance Core Team, which is a group of school personnel who are specially trained to work with these students.

Each core team is comprised of a central office administrator, building administrator, teachers, counselors, and representatives from the mental health and drug and alcohol service providers in the county. There is no other program sponsored by the Department of Education which requires a week-long training commitment by such a team. It is encouraging to note that even with these stringent requirements, a waiting list of districts exists.

Although districts throughout the

Commonwealth have been reporting success for years, the program has most recently been receiving national recognition. The Pennsylvania model was the cover story in the January issue of the *National Student Assistance Program Journal*. In February, Sandy Rakar was asked to present the model at three federal drug seminars in San Antonio, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. In each presentation, the Grand Lodge efforts were highlighted. Since that time, she has received several calls from state agencies requesting additional information on how they might work cooperatively with their Grand Lodge. In March, President Bush visited the Conestoga Valley School District (Lancaster County) to highlight their drug and alcohol efforts. Conestoga Valley was one of the many districts trained at Patton Campus.

New Elevators to be Installed at Grand Lodge

Bro. Carl D. Homan, Chairman of the Committee on Temple and Building Superintendent reported that the Security Elevator Co. will be installing completely new elevators at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The old elevators have, admittedly, been less than

efficient, and their operation has had its ups and downs. The demolition of the existing elevators should occur on or about June 15 of this year, and delivery of the new equipment will be taken in July. Those concerned with the installation have projected that the new elevators,

which are state-of-art in the industry, should be operable by October 1, 1989. Everything possible will be done to see that this completion date will be met, and that any inconvenience to the Brethren and staff will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education Has Three New Appointments

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is pleased to announce that the R. W. Grand Master has appointed three new members to this Committee, which now completes all appointments.

In line with these new appointments, we are pleased to announce that the Committee has adopted the six Masonic Areas now used by the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. By using these

Districts, we will have uniformity of interest and each member of the Committee will hold responsibility for a particular Area. By using the 1989 *Gold Book* under each of the District Deputy listings anyone may find the location of his Lodge within his Area.

The following are those Brothers appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education with their Areas of responsibility:

Area A-1

Bro. Joseph Gentile, P.D.D.G.M.

Area A-2

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, P.D.D.G.M.

Area B-1

Bro. John C. Cavender

Area B-2

Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M.

Area C-1

Bro. Glenn W. Olsen

Area C-2

Bro. Everett J. Elliott, P.D.D.G.M.

The Johnstown Flood: Then, as Now, Masons Care

The City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania will observe a year-long commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the great Johnstown Flood of May 30, 1889, a disaster considered to be one of the greatest the world has known.

The main event in this celebration will occur on May 30, 1989 when there will be a huge parade in the city. Johnstown has prepared for visitors and tourists from all points of the compass.

The program is not intended to celebrate a disaster, rather it commemorates the determination, endurance and indomitable will of the citizens of the area to recover through the years and to build anew after this, and several other devastating floods. Loss of many lives and extensive property damage were suffered in floods in 1889, 1936, and again in 1977.

The action of Fraternal and other societies in aiding the Johnstown sufferers was both speedy and commendable. The first organization to reach the ill-fated district after the flood were the Free and Accepted Masons of Allegheny County. Immediately upon learning that Johnstown had been swept away, Bro. James S. McKean, D.D.G.M. for the areas called a meeting of the local Masonic Committee, and at five o'clock Saturday morning, June 1, less than twelve hours after the flood, Bro. James I. Buchanan left for the devastated district as the Committee's representative. At noon on the same day the remainder of the Committee consisting of Bros. James S. McKean, W. S. Brown, W. J. Carson, W. D. H. Cain and D. L. Gillespie started for Johnstown with many provisions. They arrived there about five o'clock that afternoon, and one hour later had established a commissary nearby.

Nobody, save those who were on the scene after the 1889 disaster, will ever thoroughly comprehend the noble work done by the various relief committees upon their arrival at Johnstown, or of the hardships they endured in getting there. On the Saturday following the flood, the first relief corps found it impossible to get nearer than four miles from Johnstown, and from this point the loads of provisions, clothing and medicine were carried, beneath a broiling sun, upon the backs of men, many of

whom had never before been called upon to perform a single act of labor. At the "stone bridge" a serious obstacle confronted the rescuers. Everything except the stonework was washed away and there apparently was no way to get goods into the city. A rope bridge was soon constructed, and at the imminent peril of the rescuers' lives, the noble band from Pittsburgh carried the provisions to the half-starved families and multitudes.

Nor was the difficulty they experienced in reaching Johnstown the only unpleasant thing the rescuers faced: All along the route grim death confronted them. Corpses by the score were strewn upon the roadways, while starving families who had lost everything they possessed perched on the wet grass on the hills. Many men and women searching for relatives and friends were encountered.

On Sunday morning, a general meeting of the officers of the various Masonic bodies was held in Pittsburgh and in a few minutes, \$4,300 was subscribed to a relief fund. The same day, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, R. W. Grand Master, telegraphed \$500, and later raised this to \$5,000. Within a few days, before the Masonic committee closed its fund, the various Masonic bodies throughout the United States had donated nearly \$100,000.

Realizing the importance of proper sanitation for the area, the Masons appointed a committee consisting of Bros. James S. McKean, T. J. Hudson, C. W. Batchelor, and James I. Buchanan to consult with the President of the United States regarding the best method of procedure. The following correspondence between the committee and the Chief Executive took place:

Pittsburgh, June 3, 1889

Situation at Johnstown appalling in extreme; unless immediate steps are taken to remove dead from water, every river affected by waters of Conemaugh will carry pestilence in its course.

Can you not send a government sanitary Corps to the scene without a moment's delay? Every hour's delay serious. Two members of this committee have been on the scene

for two days. No words can describe the terrible situation and suffering. Houses and whole families swept away by flood and fire. Death and devastation incomprehensible.

James S. McKean
T. J. Hudson
C. W. Batchelor
J. I. Buchanan
Masonic Committee

Then there came this pointed reply from the White House:

EXECUTIVE MANSION

Washington, June 3, 1889

James S. McKean and Others,
Masonic Committee, Pittsburgh:

Our only sanitary corps consists of a few medical officers. One, Dr. Carrington, is stationed at Pittsburgh. You have a State Board of Health, and unless the Governor should request it, Surgeon-General Hamilton could not interfere. We are anxious to extend every possible help, but what you need is systematic work under proper authority. If the Governor and your State Board of Health make any call upon me in any matter in my discretion I will gladly respond and will direct Dr. Carrington to report to the situation and Dr. Hamilton will communicate at once with your State Board of Health.

Respectfully,
Benj. Harrison

Then followed this:

Pittsburgh, June 3, 1889

His Excellency, Benj. Harrison,
President, etc, Washington:

Your very satisfactory telegram received. We thought it proper to communicate with you in view of national government relation to water highways. We thank you.

(signed by the same committee
as above)

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Johnstown Flood, *continued*

The work of the Masonic organizations was wonderfully systematic and effective. Two permanent Masonic relief committees were organized at Johnstown and Pittsburgh. Those Masons involved were early on the scene and late to leave. Bro. McKean's work was particularly effective, and the same may be said of Bro. Buchanan.

Relief work such as that rendered to the inhabitants of Johnstown is typical of the manner in which Masons care; and then as now, Masons still care, not only for their fellow Brethren, but for all.

(Note: Local Masonic Districts, the 41st District in particular, will participate in the parade mentioned in this article. The parade will be held on May 30th, 1989.)

A Member of the Family

Our Right Worshipful Grand Master has chosen to emphasize during his term in office, fraternalism among all Masonic Bodies. In this light we extend our congratulations to a Pennsylvania Mason, Bro. Jacob R. Corwell. Bro. Corwell in being elected as presiding officer on a national level was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America at the Mid Winter Conference in January 1989. He is a Member of Orrstown Lodge No. 262 and has been active in other Masonic Bodies.

He has devoted a considerable amount of his effort in Tall Cedarism to the Muscular Dystrophy Charitable Objective and served as Director of the Foundation in 1981 and 1982 and as Chairman from 1983 through 1986. He is the recipient of the John S. Broughton Award, the highest Award presented by the Supreme Forest.

Bro. Corwell has also been extremely active in community programs, especially those relating to the youth of the area. He was elected to the South Central Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1983. We congratulate Bro. Corwell on achieving this distinguished position.

An Update on The *Emergency Help Network*

Due to a lack of response from the Brethren, the *Emergency Help Network* that was introduced in an article on page 13 of the November 1988 issue of this publication, has been cancelled.

Throat Medallion Recipients



Bros. Robert A. Redden, Jr.; Charles F. Korman; the Grand Master; David M. Howells, Sr. and David M. Howells, Jr.

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, at the March Quarterly Communication, presented the SOLOMON II Throat Medallion to Bros. Robert A. Redden, Jr., Charles F. Korman, David M. Howells, Sr. and his son, David M. Howells, Jr. In the past five years, Bro. David M. Howells, Sr. has been responsible for bringing in sixty-one

petitions, and his son has brought in thirty petitions. This award is given to those Brethren who have brought twelve or more men into the Fraternity. Bro. Michael O. Kordilla also received the Throat Medallion. These members represent more than one hundred new Masons in Pennsylvania.

Raising A Family

Friday evening, November 18, 1988, was a memorable evening for both Peter A. B. Widener Lodge No. 671 and the Levinson Family. On that evening at the Masonic Temple in Tacony, Philadelphia, three generations of the Levinson family were Raised. The Master

Mason's Degree was conferred upon Bro. Abraham Levinson, the grandfather, Bro. Gary D. Levinson, the father and Bro. Craig A. Levinson, the grandson. All three Degrees were conferred by Bro. John J. Gigliotti, P.M.



Front Row (left to right): All members of Peter A. B. Widener Lodge No. 671: Bros. Stewart P. Jenigen, Junior Warden; Abraham Levinson; Gary D. Levinson; Daniel M. Grady, Worshipful Master; Craig A. Levinson; Jeffrey W. Whittock, Senior Warden. In Rear: Bro. John J. Hunt, District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District "D".