

A Masonic Milestone *By Bro. Thomas W. Hiller*



From left to right: Bros. Thomas W. Hiller, Worshipful Master of Sylvania Lodge; Bro. Oliver's son, Howard E. Oliver; Bro. Oliver and John W. Haines, Jr., D.D.G.M.

Bro. Eugene B. Oliver, 98, of Kinston, Pennsylvania recently marked seventy-five years of service to Sylvania Lodge No. 354 in Shickshinny. Bros. John W. Haines, Jr., D.D.G.M. of the 35th District and Thomas W. Hiller, Worshipful Master of Sylvania Lodge, presented Bro. Oliver with a special service award from

the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge and a plaque from Sylvania Lodge. Also present was Bro. Oliver's son, Bro. Howard E. Oliver of Shiloh Lodge No. 558 in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Bro. Oliver plans to return for his 100th anniversary.

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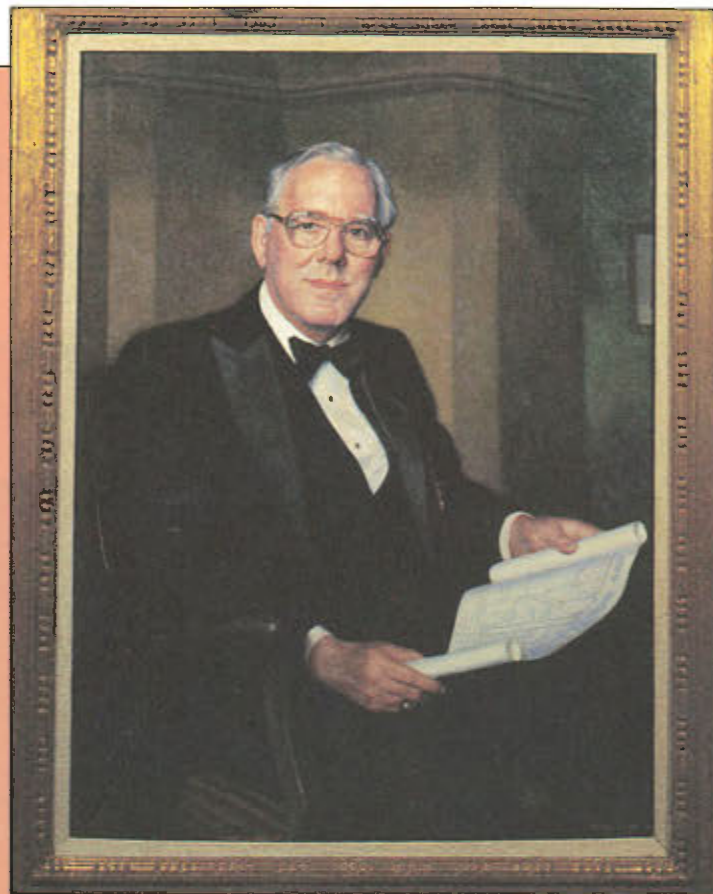
Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, is pleased to announce the availability of Volume III of *The Master Builders: Grand Master Biographies*. This long-awaited work is the concluding volume of the series on Pennsylvania Masonic history by Dr. Wayne A. Huss to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the Grand Lodge of England.

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# The Grand Master Speaks...



Portrait of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz  
R. W. Grand Master  
by Bro. Henry Cooper

My Brethren,

The ever forward-flowing passage of time, now brings your Grand Master to the eleventh month of his second year. This is, indeed, a time for deep reflection as I prepare this column for the No-

vember edition of *The Pennsylvania Freeman*. In fact, in just a few more short days, St. John's Day, December 27th, to be exact, a new corps of Grand Lodge officers will take on the mantle of

leadership in your Grand Lodge. This event will also mark the closing of the 99th Grand Master's term.

When that day arrives, I would hope to be judged by my brethren, as a worthy Past Grand Master, who, in his administration, made a reasonable and sincere contribution to his beloved fraternity.

It has been an unique and inspiring experience. Thus far, in retrospect, it has been twenty-three months of enthusiasm, cooperation and mutual fulfillment from all brethren and appendant bodies in Pennsylvania's Family of Freemasonry. As Tevya, the village diaryman in "Fiddler on the Roof" said: "Tradition! Tradition! I'll tell you about tradition. Tradition tells you who you are and what is expected of you." Thus, it is with the Family of Freemasonry. We are, indeed, brothers all, and we stand firm on the principles and obligations at the altar of Freemasonry.

Some of my goals, also, have been met, or, at least, are in the process of being completed. The Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes is coming along extremely well and over one-third of the 236 units have been sold.

Over the summer months, two new electronic elevators, replacing the fifty-year old ones at Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, have been installed. They have been operating admirably since the end of September.

Volume III, the biographies of all Pennsylvania's Grand Masters, and an

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

### NOVEMBER 1989

- 1 Lodge No. 347, 125th Anniversary, Girard
- 3-5 Eastern Regional Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Hershey Pocono Resort
- 9 Lodge No. 802, 25th Anniversary, Hershey
- 16-18 Reunion, Valley of Scranton, A.A.S.R., Scranton

### DECEMBER 1989

- 2 DeMolay Honor Day
- 6 December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, Masonic Temple, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Philadelphia
- 8 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 27 Annual Grand Communication, Harrisburg, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, 10:00 a.m.

## Volume III of The Master Builders, *continued*

Whereas the two previous volumes offer a comprehensive narrative history of the Grand Lodge from its founding to 1986, Volume III presents for the first time the biographies of all 107 men who have served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, from Bro. Daniel Coxe (1730-1732) to Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz (1988-1989).

Volume III, the result of two years of extensive research into Masonic and non-Masonic sources, discusses information on the public and private lives of the Grand Masters, including their family backgrounds, education, occupations, religion, financial status, non-Masonic memberships and, of course, their Masonic careers and their contributions to Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Each biography is accompanied by a photograph of that individual's official portrait, if extant; and a source list and two comparative charts for easy reference make up the appendices.

Who have been the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania? They have come from a variety of backgrounds, professions and religious denominations. Some attended college but most did not; some have been wealthy but a few died in near-poverty; some have been well known outside Masonic circles but most are not; some have been innovators in Masonic practice but most have been traditionalists.

Volume III reveals many fascinating details about these 107 men. For example, one Grand Master danced with Queen Victoria; one claimed to have shaken hands with the first fourteen presidents of the United States; one had a city in Texas named after him; one had his writings translated into seven foreign languages; and one spoke in the first national radio broadcast.

How many Grand Masters were bachelors? Which one had eighteen children? Which one had to flee his native country

because of a police record? Which Grand Master was wounded four times during the Civil War? Who was the youngest Grand Master? Who was the oldest? Which one held the shortest term of office and which one the longest? How many Grand Masters have had Blue Lodges named after them? Who is the only Grand Master buried in the Masonic Homes cemetery in Elizabethtown?

Volume III of *The Master Builders* answers these and many other interesting questions about Pennsylvania's Masonic leaders. Although intended as a fitting supplement to the first two volumes, it can be appreciated on its own.

Order your copy today by using the order form included in this issue; only a limited supply has been printed.

## First New School of Instruction in Philadelphia Area in Four Decades is Chartered

*By Bro. John J. Hunt, D.D.G.M.*



On January 23, 1989, Masonic history was again made in Philadelphia. It was on this date that a fourth Masonic District School of Instruction was opened. The School to be known as District "D" School of Instruction, had a ribbon cutting ceremony, and the new School officers received their Charter. After the exemplification of the Opening and Closing of the Lodge, supervised by Bros. Howard E. Vaughan, Regional Instructor and William M. Norris, P.M., Principal, all those in attendance retired to the banquet hall for refreshments and the cutting of the cake.

On behalf of the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. John J. Hunt, D.D.G.M. of District "D" is shown presenting the Charter to Bro. Guy T. Matthews, W.M. of Tacony Lodge No. 600, and President of the School of Instruction.

## Four New Appointments Made by the R. W. Grand Master

Brother Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Grand Master, has made the following appointments effective immediately:

**Bro. Thomas F. Toscani, P.M.**  
*Administrator of the Grand Lodge Pension Plan*  
Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia

**Bro. Gary P. Wendt, P.M.**  
*A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Higher Education Gifts and Loans*  
Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg

**Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Grand Chaplain, P.M.**  
*A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Higher Education Gifts and Loans*  
Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg

**Bro. Robert Luther Haar, P.M.**  
*A Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on Audits*  
Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill





# Items from Our Library and Museum

## Some New Additions to Our Circulating Library

There have been some interesting additions to our Circulating Library since the new *Circulating Library Catalogue of Books* was published in 1988, mostly in the areas of biography and Masonic history. Many are tape recordings (indicated by "AT" before the number) and video tapes (VHS format only, whose numbers are prefixed by "AVT"):

**Judge David Sentelle . . . . . AVT 1**  
(Bro. Sentelle's admirable acquittal of himself and Freemasonry, given during discussions of his final confirmation as a Federal Judge.)

**Welcome to the Craft . . . . . AVT 2**  
(An introduction to Freemasonry)

**The Freemasons . . . . . AVT 3**  
(A general explanation of the Craft with emphasis on its role in society — by the Grand Lodge of England.)

**Cathedral . . . . . AVT 4**  
(A narration by David Macaulay of the building of the great cathedrals of Europe.)

**Masons Care . . . . . AVT 5**  
(An explanation of Freemasonry for the general public — by Project Solomon II.)

**A Series of Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle Recorded Talks:**  
100 Years of Quatuor Coronati Lodge . . . . . AT 2:1

Historical Notes on Grand Lodge Certificates . . . . . AT 2:1  
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Your Lodge Room . . . . . AT 2:3  
English Craft Aprons . . . . . AT 2:3

The Loyal Toast . . . . . AT 2:4  
Masonic Fire . . . . . AT 2:4

The Birth of Organized Freemasonry . . . . . AT 2:5

Freemasonry — Men Only! . . . . . AT 2:5

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Music in Our Lodges . . . . . AT 2:6

Brother Mozart . . . . . AT 2:7  
Kipling . . . . . AT 2:7

Freemasons' Hall, London . . . . . AT 2:8

The Board of General Purposes . . . . . AT 2:8

There are Several Degrees . . . . . AT 2:9

Tracing Boards . . . . . AT 2:9  
Understanding Freemasonry . . . . . AT 2:10

**Haydn: A Creative Life in Music . . . . . 159B**  
(by Karl Geiringer)

**Mozart . . . . . 159A**  
(by Marcia Davenport — a reprint of the first American biography of Mozart — a standard work)

**Seekers of Truth: The Story of the Philaethes Society . . . . . 200G**  
(by Allen E. Roberts)

**At Refreshment . . . . . 195A**  
(by Stewart M. L. Pollard — Masonic humor)

**The Clergy and the Craft . . . . . 130A**  
(by Forrest D. Haggard)

**A Family in Recovery . . . . . AVT 6**  
(by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children)

**Musique Rligieuse: Maosnic Ritual Music . . . . . AT 5**  
(by Jean Sibelius — also includes his *Finlandia*)

**The Craft and Its Symbols: Opening the Door to Masonic Symbolism . . . . . 61A**  
(by Allen E. Roberts — a classic introduction to Freemasonry)

**Ancient Wisdom and Secret Sects . . . . . 176A**  
(by the Editors of *Time-Life Books*. From the "Mysteries of the Unknown" series, this book describes Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism and other brotherhoods and mystical groups.)

## A Masonic Family in Mifflinburg

By Bro. Gary W. Walter, P.M.



Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370 has within its membership a true family of Masons. The Wehr brothers, all six of them as pictured, are Freemasons. Two of their brothers-in-law are also members of Mifflinburg Lodge, but are not pictured: Bro. Glenn F. Zimmerman, P.M. and Warren Dietrich (deceased). Bro. Karl Wehr's son, Mark, is also a member.

## New Rainbow Brochure in Production

A new full-color brochure promoting the Order of the Rainbow for Girls is being produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The brochure will highlight the activities of a typical

Rainbow Assembly, and is designed to interest all girls in becoming a member of the Order. Copies of the brochure will be available for distribution by the end of this year.

## Shrine Sponsors Youth Publication

The Youth Committee of Lu-Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., sponsors the *Lu-Lu Temple Masonic Youth Newsletter*, a quarterly publication which highlights the activities of the Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters groups in southeastern Pennsylvania. The newsletter, which is a good example of computer-generated desktop publishing, includes information about each of the

groups, their activities, and a schedule of events which they can all attend. This is an invaluable tool in coordinating the activities of so many groups, and encouraging mutual support of their programs. The publication editor is Bro. David Mosher and the Lu-Lu Temple Youth Committee Chairman is Bro. James T. Clancy.



# Drug and Alcohol Foundation

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

In 1988 Brighton Woods Treatment Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a grant from the Pennsylvania Masons, trained 24 Allegheny County School Districts in "Here's Looking At You 2000." This self-contained curriculum includes drug and alcohol information and skill development activities. Each curriculum set is age appropriate for all grade levels, kindergarten through grade 12. All levels emphasize the information necessary to make decisions. The skills to make these decision, including refusal skills, are emphasized. As they acquire decision making skills and integrate information, youth are less likely to make high risk choices.

Brighton Woods believes that primary preventive activities such as "HLAY 2000" are effective in precluding or reducing the incidence of drug and alcohol use among our children and youth.



From left to right: Chuck Goetz, Jackie Hogan, Marilyn Morris and Beverly Banyay, Director of Outpatient and Prevention Services.

## Bro. W. Harold Worth, P.M. is Awarded Sixty-Five Year Certificate By Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M.



From left to right: Bros. William R. Worth; W. Harold Worth, P.M.; Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M.; Wayne Birster, Master of Lodge No. 410.

On Thursday evening, April 26, 1989 at the 121st Anniversary Banquet of W. K. Bray Lodge No. 410, I was pleased

and Honored to present a Sixty-five Year Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. W. Harold Worth, P.M. of that same

Lodge. Bro. W. Harold Worth received his Masonic Degrees in 1924. He served as Master of Lodge No. 410 ten years later in 1934.

Bro. Worth has been a great credit to his Lodge and still continues to be an asset to Freemasonry in general, and to W. K. Bray Lodge No. 410 in particular. Several weeks ago, Bro. Worth Raised his son, Bro. William R. Worth, to the Degree of a Master Mason. This was the first Degree he had conferred in more than fifty years and he did a super job.

I asked his son, whom he recently Raised, to assist in the presentation. A large portrait of Bro. Worth and his son, made the night he Raised his son was also presented to him.

Bro. Worth was very much impressed with the Award of the Sixty-five Year Grand Lodge Certificate, and I was indeed honored to make the presentation to Bro. Worth. He is a friend of many years, and a truly dedicated Mason.



## Notes and Queries



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

There does not seem to be a day that goes by in which I do not receive a piece of anti-Masonic literature of some sort, or have someone tell me about his having received the same sort of material. The question which comes up the most con-

cerns Freemasonry and Religion. While there is nothing in print that will absolutely appease our critics, I think that the following publication does present a very straightforward approach to the question:

*Freemasonry and Religion*, published by THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33° MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A. WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum does have a few copies available for use through the kind generosity of the publisher.

One of our Brethren recently raised the question concerning the absence of activity on the North Side of our Lodge Rooms, and the significance of this side of the Lodge Room in our Fraternity.

The following is taken from *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* and is Coil's interpretation of "North." For a fuller description one should also consult Mackey, Claudy, etc.:

*"North in the Lodge is said Masonically to be a place of darkness, and this is explained by saying that the rays of the Sun at meridian height will not enter a north window . . . but, this is not true, south of the Tropic Cancer . . . where the opposite holds true and the Sun never enters the south window."*

### Grand Master, *continued*

outstanding addition to *The Master Builders*, is completed and is available for sale at Grand Lodge.

Autumn Days at the Masonic Homes last month was a superb day. Our attendance record last year of 9,000 brethren and their families, was exceeded by a goodly number. My thanks to all who participated and contributed to make such a glorious event.

Brethren, I look forward to greeting each of you at our December Quarterly in Philadelphia on the date of December 6th.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Arthur J. Kurtz  
R. W. Grand Master



On June 10, 1989 Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617 celebrated a noteworthy event. A father and his two sons were all Raised.

(Front row l-r): Bros. Frederick T. Hemphill, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District; Raymond L. Peterman (father); R. Eric Peterman and Douglas P. Peterman (brothers); and Harvey F. Fishel, W.M.

(Back row l-r): Bros. Jerome A. Sciallo, S.W.; Brooks L. Breakey, J.W. and John D. Ladik, P.M., one of the conferring Officers.



## Youth Foundation

### Youth Foundation Scholarship Awarded



The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship Award is presented to Lisa H. Buhler at the Curwensville Area High School Auditorium. Lisa is a member of Clearfield Assembly No. 80, International Rainbow for Girls. Bro. Jay W. Buhler, Lisa's father, is Junior Warden of Noble Lodge No. 480, Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

Pictured from left to right are Bro. Leslie S. Mays, W.M. of Nob Lodge No. 480; Bro. Clifford E. Reed, Sr., D.D.G.M. of the 21st Masonic District; Lisa; Sandra, Lisa's mother and Bro. Jay W. Buhler, Lisa's father.

### Scholarships Listed

The second edition of the *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide* has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. It includes a summary of more than forty scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic bodies for Masons, their families, and

members of the Masonic-related youth groups. Over four thousand copies of the guidebook have been distributed, free of charge, to all of the Masonic-related youth group leaders, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, York and

Scottish Rite bodies, and over five hundred guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania. Additional copies are available upon request from the PYF offices, at 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022. 717-367-1536.

### DeMolay Class to Honor Grand Master

The Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania will be conducting an initiation class in honor of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, on Saturday, December 2, 1989 at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus. The conferral is open to all Master Masons and DeMolay members.

The Initiatory Degree will be conferred at 10:30 a.m., followed by a presentation of the Flower Talk. After lunch, the DeMolay Degree will be conferred. The DeMolay State Officer Corps held try-outs to determine which officers would confer the degrees. They have been rehearsing since August, and the

work promises to be some of the best ever performed.

By naming the class in honor of the Grand Master, the DeMolays are expressing their appreciation to all Pennsylvania Freemasons for their support and sponsorship.

### National DeMolay Meeting in Philadelphia

The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay will meet in Philadelphia for its annual session on April 25-29, 1990. The only other time the DeMolay Grand Council (as it was known at the time) met in Pennsylvania was in Pittsburgh in 1929. The Grand Master of DeMolay, Bro. Joe R.

Manning, Jr. chose Philadelphia specifically to make use of the Masonic Temple for the meetings. The Supreme Council has met in hotel facilities for many years, and it was time to return to a Masonic facility, as a reminder of the rich Masonic heritage which the Order of DeMolay enjoys. The Philadelphia Hershey Hotel

will be used as the convention headquarters. The Supreme Council meetings are open to the public, and Masons are especially encouraged to attend. Further details will be included in the next issue of the *Pennsylvania Freemason*.



# Happenings at Masonic Homes

## Social Events Spark a Community Spirit for the Independent Living Community



The Independent Living Community being erected at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is well underway. Several special get-togethers held at the Masonic Homes for members of the new community have truly exemplified the fellowship and comradery which can always be found when Brethren and their families come together.

As can be seen in the pictures shown

here, those Brethren and ladies who are securing their future at the Independent Living Community are active, independent people who wish to enjoy the security and fellowship which can be found in a Masonic Community. The setting for these photographs was at the picnic held for members of the Community at the Patton Campus on July 28, 1989.

Besides enjoying the use of the swim-

ming facilities at the Patton Campus and meeting with future neighbors, this day provided an opportunity for the Brethren and ladies to view slides of the construction site and keep apprised of our progress.

The day's activities included a presentation by representatives of Hamilton Bank on the services which will be available through the installation of a full service bank in the Independent Living Community. Also, we were pleased to share the Committee on Masonic Homes' decision to approve Phase III and modify the fee for optional covered parking located beneath the Phase I apartments for a onetime fee, or a monthly rental fee of \$75 per month.

Our most recent gathering for the community members took place on September 22, 1989, at which time Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master, held a Datestone Ceremony at the site of the Independent Living Community. The ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by the Grand Master.

Construction for the Independent Living Community remains on schedule with plans for occupancy of Phase I

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## Is It Your Will or That of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

by Bro. Charles V. Watt



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Director of Development and Public Relations  
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Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

You have the right to indicate your wishes and desires as to the distribution of your estate after your death . . . and no one can change that. However, if you do not exercise that right prior to your death do not *assume* distribution will be completed according to your desires, "because the family knows your wishes."

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has prepared a will for you which will automatically and immediately go into effect if you have not written your own . . . regardless of your known personal desires. You are determined to have died "intestate" and the laws and statutes of "Descent and Distribution" will govern who will be given your personal estate and in what proportion.

Let's consider for a moment that you did die prior to the preparation of a will or any other instrument which would pass outside your estate:

*The intestate share to your spouse is as follows:*

- First, if there are no children or parent your spouse would receive your entire estate;
- Second, if there are no children and, you are survived by a parent or parents, your spouse would receive the first \$30,000 plus *one-half of the balance* of your estate. The other half would go to the parent or parents.
- Third, if there are children, all of whom are issue of the surviving

spouse also, the first \$30,000 plus *one-half of the balance* of your estate would go to your spouse and, the other half would go directly to the child or children.

- Fourth, if there are surviving children, one or more of whom are not issue of the surviving spouse, your spouse would only receive *one-half of your estate*.

The laws of "Descent and Distribution" go on to also describe what would happen to the distribution of your estate if your spouse has died prior to your death. Just to consider for a moment the uncomplicated portion:

- If your spouse has died prior to your death, and there are surviving children — the child or children would share equally in the entire estate.
- If there are no children, and there are surviving parent or parents on your side of the family, the parent or parents would receive the entire estate. It would not be shared with parents on your spouse's side of the family.

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## Admissions Policy

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

The admission to the Masonic Homes of Lodge members, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never married daughters of living, as well as deceased members is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand

Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, grandmothers, and never married daughters of living, as well as, deceased members are also received by the Com-

mittee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied

the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.
4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of either the patient or employee.
5. Staff privileges will not be denied professionally qualified personnel on

the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.

6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap.
7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.



## From the Grand Secretary's Desk...



Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary

My Brethren:

One of the most frequently asked questions I receive is "What is Freemasonry?" You would think that for someone in my position this question would have an easy answer, but after all these years, I still find it difficult to come up with an explanation which everyone can understand.

We have many beautiful sounding words and phrases which we use to define the Fraternity, but tend to leave the questioner unfulfilled, such as "a beautiful system of morality veiled in

allegory and illustrated by symbols." The simplest and perhaps most meaningful definition, however, is: "Freemasonry is a Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

A second frequently asked question is how we are any different from other fraternal organizations. Other than obvious differences such as the social atmosphere and the beneficent character of these organizations, our promotion of the Brotherhood of Man with the belief in God as a foundation stands forth with uniqueness.

I suspect that a major cause of the lack of interest today by many members of society in our great Fraternity is that the feeling of Brotherhood is not nearly as strong as it was in the past. Freemasonry evolved from the operative to the speculative and, hence, from a Fraternity of the practitioner to a Fraternity of the Idealist. It was the strength of these ideals which caused Freemasonry to become the greatest Fraternity in the world.

Our modern way of life has regrettably deprived Freemasonry of the opportunity

of doing many of those personal and Brotherly acts which cemented us together in the past.

Masons today, and especially our younger Brothers, have not had the opportunity to experience this quality of Brotherhood nor the feeling of satisfaction which accompanies it.

We must strive to regain our stature of former years, to move Freemasonry outside the Lodge Room and again make it the constructive influence in the lives of the community. We must re-emphasize this basic tenet of Freemasonry. Then, indeed, we will be a Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

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## LaFayette Lodge's Fifty-Year Members



From left to right: Bros. Ernest J. Cross, a member since 1936; Charles H. Held and Morris F. Karstetter, who both joined in 1935; A. Nowland Elmer, who joined in 1938; Roy H. Herlocher, a member since 1930; and Dr. David C. Ulmer a member since 1931.

LaFayette Lodge No. 199 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, recently recognized those who have been members for at least fifty years. The Lodge has twenty-two such members. Shown with Robert Roach, Master, at the far right, are six fifty-year members who were able to attend the meeting.

## Sixty-Five Year Certificate Awarded

By Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M.



Bro. Warren F. Bietsch, P.M. receives his Certificate from Bro. Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M. and Bro. John H. Thomas, W.M. of Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776.

Bro. Warren F. Bietsch, P.M. of Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776 receiving a Sixty-five Year Certificate from Bro. Clarence Heffendrager, Jr., D.D.G.M. of the 8th Masonic District and John H. Thomas, Worshipful Master of Fairless Hills Lodge. Bro. Bietsch is both a Warrant Member and Past Master of Fairless Hills Lodge. He is Secretary Emeritus of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Trenton. He has served as presiding officer of three of those Bodies.

Among his many other accomplishments, Bro. Bietsch in 1979 wrote the Silver Anniversary History of Fairless Hills Lodge, and is still very active in the Valley of Trenton.

### Social Events, continued

scheduled for Fall of 1990. Phase II is scheduled for occupancy by early Spring of 1991 with Phase III following by early Summer of 1991. Applications are being accepted for both Phase I and II of the Community with a variety of attractive options remaining.

Once again, we invite all members of the Fraternity and their families to visit the Masonic Homes and receive a personally guided tour through the model units by one of our staff. The model units are available for inspection Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m.

and 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tours of the model units will also be available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 1989, which is Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes.

## Three Generations of Freemasonry By Bro. William S. Arnold, Sr., D.D.G.M.



Monday evening, June 19, 1989 was a delightful occasion for Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and for the Trautman Family as well. On that evening, two grandsons of Bro. Hardie Trautman were Raised in the Masonic Temple at 127 North 8th Street, Lebanon. The Degrees were conferred by Bro. Robert E. Hirneisen, Worshipful Master and Bro. Ray A. Trone, Senior Deacon. In attendance were members of the Trautman Family representing a total of 107 years of Masonic Service.

Front row, left to right: Bros. Gary L. Trautman and Larry A. Trautman, newly Raised Master Masons. Second row: Bros. James H. Trautman (their uncle, 21 years a Freemason), Ralph W. Trautman (their father, 41 years a Freemason) and Hardie E. Trautman (their grandfather, 45 years a Freemason).



# Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Masonic Temple / Philadelphia 19107 Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 1989, A.L. 5988

The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 6, 1989 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon*.

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

### Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted December 5, 1984, the Grand Lodge provided that the Grand Lodge Officers re-elected to the same office need not be re-installed in those offices; and

WHEREAS, the *Ahiman Rezon* was not brought into conformity with this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 4.04 of the *Ahiman Rezon* shall be amended so that, as amended, the same shall read:

"4.04. The Grand Officers shall be installed in their respective offices and stations, if practicable, on St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election. The Grand Officers who are re-elected to the same offices need not be re-installed in those offices. When St. John the Evangelist's Day falls on a Sunday, the installation shall take place, if practicable, on the day following. The other Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master after his installation, all of whom must be members of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Chaplains, who are not required to be Past Masters."

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

### Disability of Elective Grand Lodge Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that the *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be amended in accordance with Article 25.01 thereof by having added to it a new Article as follows:

"4.06. If the question of the disability or misconduct of any of the Elective Grand Lodge Officers is raised, the determination of such disability or misconduct shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Committee on Landmarks.

Once affirmatively determined, the Grand Lodge Officer in question shall be replaced either by the Officer next in

station or by appointment by the R. W. Grand Master or by the Acting Grand Master.

The individual taking the place of the Grand Lodge Officer whose disability or misconduct leads to his replacement shall hold office until the next Annual Election."

## RESOLUTION NO. 3

### Grand Lodge Communications

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 8.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon* be amended so that, as amended, the same shall read:

"8.01. The Grand Lodge shall hold Communications on the first Wednesday of June and December and may hold Communications on the first Wednesday of March and September by Order of the Grand Master.

An Annual Communication shall be held on St. John the Evangelist's Day in those years when Grand Lodge Officers are advanced in rank and a new Grand Master takes office. When St. John the Evangelist's Day falls on Sunday, the Annual Grand Communication shall be held on the day following.

The Grand Lodge may also meet in Extra or Special Communications by Order of the Grand Master. The Grand Master may by his Order substitute an Extra or Special Communication for the Communication held in June after giving due and timely notice to the members of the Grand Lodge of the elimination of the June Communication and of the time and place of the Extra or Special Communication."

## RESOLUTION NO. 4

### Committee on Landmarks

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 13.09 of the *Ahiman Rezon* shall be amended so that, as amended, the same shall read:

"13.09. The Committee on Landmarks shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters, who, in conjunction with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Junior Grand Warden, shall be a standing Committee, to which shall be referred all questions, touching the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of the Fraternity, and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee on Landmarks shall meet at least twice in each year."

## RESOLUTION NO. 5

### Creation of a Committee on Library and Museum

WHEREAS, an effort is being made to secure an exempt tax status for contributions

to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed essential to that effort to create a Committee on Library and Museum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *Ahiman Rezon* be amended by adding as Article 13.29 the following:

"13.29. The Committee on Library and Museum shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Grand Master annually whose duties shall be as follows:

To provide for the management of a Masonic Library and Museum located at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Grand Lodge.

To maintain the Library for the use of Freemasons and the general public consisting of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints, and related materials illustrative of the history, work, nature and the objectives of Freemasonry.

To maintain the Museum for the display of regalia, jewelry, emblems, and other items of whatever character dealing with Freemasonry and related subjects.

To make an Annual Report to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December."

## RESOLUTION NO. 6

### Committee on Masonic Education

WHEREAS, the Library and Museum are by amendment to be removed from the Committee on Masonic Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article 13.33 of the *Ahiman Rezon* be amended to read as follows:

"13.33. The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Grand Master annually whose duties shall be as follows:

1. To engage in Masonic research and to publish from time to time treatises illustrative of Freemasonry in general.

2. To disseminate Masonic Education through lectures, exhibits, forums and other means.

3. To make an Annual Report to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December.

## RESOLUTION NO. 7

### Grand Lodge Jewels

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 16.02 of the *Ahiman Rezon* shall be amended so that, as amended, the same shall read:

"16.02. The jewels of the Officers of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

Grand Master — The Compasses, extended to 45, with the segment of a Circle at the points and an Eye within a Triangle, surmounting a Glory, in the center.

Deputy Grand Master — The Compasses and Square united, with the blazing Sun in the center.

Senior Grand Warden — The Level

Junior Grand Warden — The Plumb

Grand Treasurer — The Cross Keys, tied by a ribbon

Grand Secretary — The Cross Pens, tied by a ribbon, the points resting on an open book in scroll form.

Past Grand Master — The Compasses and Square united, with the irradiated Sun, in the center, setting behind clouds, and with the Gavel pendent between the legs of the Compasses.

Past Deputy Grand Master — The Compasses and Square only.

Past Grand Treasurer — The Cross Keys, tied by a ribbon, in the center of a wreath.

Past Grand Secretary — The Cross Pens, tied by a ribbon, the points resting on an open book in scroll form, surrounded by a wreath.

District Deputy Grand Masters — The blazing Sun in the center of a wreath composed of two branches of laurel, tied by a ribbon.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters — The blazing Sun setting behind clouds in the center of a wreath composed of two branches of laurel tied by a ribbon.

Grand Chaplains — The open Bible within a Triangle, surmounting a Glory.

Deputy Grand Secretary — The Cross Pens on a scroll, tied by a ribbon.

Grand Deacons — The Dove and Olive Branch

Grand Stewards — The Cornucopia

Grand Marshal — The Sword

Grand Sword Bearer — The Broadsword

Grand Pursuivant — The Cross Swords

Grand Tyler — The Sword, with the Key across the Hilt.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplains, Deputy Grand Secretary, Grand Deacons, and Grand Stewards, are within a circle, upon which is engraved a sprig of Acacia and an ear of Wheat."

## RESOLUTION NO. 8

### Lodge Audit Reports

BE IT RESOLVED that Article 17.16 of the *Ahiman Rezon* shall be amended so that, as amended, the same shall read:

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## Mozart Lodge Honors Some Builders

By Bro. G. Kent Hackney, D.D.G.M.



Some SOLOMON II Builders.

At a Stated Meeting of Mozart Lodge No. 436, some twenty-six members were honored as SOLOMON II builders and presented with their pins. Included in this group were Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Builders. Also recognized were four members who are to receive the Throat Medallion for twelve or more new members during the SOLOMON II Program.

Those in Mozart Lodge feel this was a most successful program and has improved both our Fraternity as well as their Lodge by its growth in membership. Many of the new members are active in Lodge work with five presently holding officer positions.

## Your Will, continued

- Next, if there are no children, and no surviving parent or parents, the distribution would begin with your brothers, sisters, and their children.
- Finally, if there are no living relatives on your side of the family, and you die without a will... the entire estate goes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

Is this your desire? Now is the time to consider all the options available to you and make the proper preparations for the distribution of what you have worked and saved for over the years.

You may wish to make a charitable contribution in your will to the Masonic Homes or other charitable institution. There are many cases where a charitable bequest could save the estate a considerable amount in estate taxes... payable to the federal government and/or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Development Department of the Masonic Homes is available to assist you and provide information which in turn should be discussed with your own legal counsel. Do not hesitate to give us a call or drop us a note if further information is desired.

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Amendments, continued

"17.16. A Committee shall be appointed and announced at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year to audit the accounts of the Lodge as of the close of the current calendar year. The Trustees of the Lodge shall present a copy of their Report to the Audit Committee by February 15 and report to the Lodge at the Stated Meeting next following such date. The Audit Committee shall submit their Report to the Lodge no later than the March Stated Meeting for approval, a copy of which shall immediately be sent to the District Deputy Grand Master. After review by the District Deputy Grand Master, the Report shall be at once forwarded to the Grand Secretary, to arrive no later than April 15."

The Members of the Grand Lodge are also requested to attend the Annual Grand Communication at the Zembo Shrine Temple, 2801 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Wednesday, December 27, 1989 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which the Grand Officers will be installed.

Thomas W. Jackson  
Grand Secretary

Project SOLOMON II: Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant!

By Bro. Jonathan D. Schau

As many of the Brethren already know, Project SOLOMON II will come to an end as of December 27, 1989. This very successful program had, from its beginnings, been planned to have a definite date of termination. This had been done to insure its success as a relatively short-term project.

Project SOLOMON II has achieved many things. It had endeavored to build the Fraternity from the standpoint of membership as well as public relations on a wider scale, and did achieve this in a very short period of time. An ambitious brainchild the likes of which the Fraternity has not yet seen, Project SOLOMON II approached the problems within the Fraternity with optimism, and with an attitude that these problems would be solved.

One of the many services that Project SOLOMON II rendered was the *Masons Care* program. This is a ten minute video tape presentation which discusses, through members and their families, all

Annual Grand Communication to be Held at Zembo Temple, Harrisburg  
Annual Communication Dinner-Dance at Hershey, December 27, 1989

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 1989 in the Zembo Temple Mosque, 2801 North Third Street, Harrisburg.

The communication will mark the end of the administration of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz as R. W. Grand Master, and the beginning of the expected term of Bro. W. Scott Stoner as R. W. Grand Master. The communication of the Grand Lodge will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. to allow for the installation of the Grand Master at noon. All Master Masons are welcome to attend.

Tickets for the Grand Master's dinner dance in the Chocolate Ballroom of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center are available to the Brethren and their ladies at a cost of \$20.00 per person and will be sold on a first request basis.

Tables will accommodate ten people, should you wish to attend as a group. Please use the coupon included and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your reservation and your tickets will be mailed to you.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by entertainment and dancing scheduled to end at midnight.

of the many facets of our Fraternity. Included in it are such aspects as the programs for youth and our care for the aged, not to mention the good Freemasonry does for the individual members. This program, like other SOLOMON II programs, will be available for distribution to and for use by the Brethren whenever they want it.

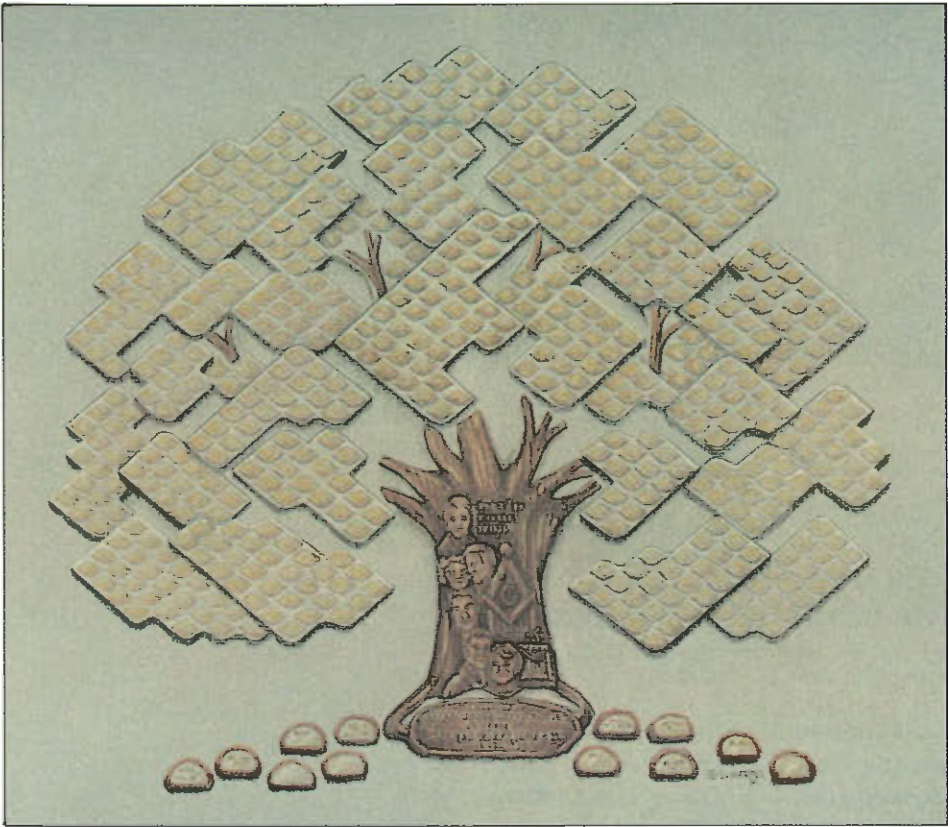
Due to the ongoing nature of the work involved, rather than being entirely dismantled, Project SOLOMON II will be absorbed by the newly restructured Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. This development is part of the separation of the Committee on Library and Museum from the Committee on Masonic Education due to take place at the end of this year.

Following its restructuring in 1987, by the order of Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., Project SOLOMON II came under the able leadership of such men as Bros. Drew W. Washabau, Director; Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M.,

Assistant Director; and the Regional Directors, Bros. Paul F. Kunkel, P.D.D.G.M.; Edward O. Weisser, P.D.D.G.M.; David R. Smeltz, Sr.; David L. Kempfer, Sr.; Robert Batto, P.D.D.G.M. and Walter Sykes, P.D.D.G.M. This cadre of seasoned Freemasons led SOLOMON II to such laudable achievements as bringing suspension for the Non-payment of Dues under control and the publication of "Friend To Friend," both of which has helped to stabilize the membership in terms of numbers. This, in turn, has led to the hope of increasing our membership, in both quantity and quality.

Furthermore, through their tireless efforts both individually and as a group, these Brethren have secured hope for our Fraternity through showing that the future of Freemasonry depends not on a Project, or a Committee, but on each and every one of us.

Tree of Life



The Tree of Life — original sculpture being carved by Sanford Werfel.

The *Tree of Life* original sculpture, currently being carved by sculptor Sanford Werfel, will be presented to the Masonic Homes Independent Living Community to be placed on the lobby wall of the Community Center by Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in honor of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R. W. Grand Master.

Each one of Mr. Werfel's works is signed and copyrighted. The design features of the unique *Tree of Life* have been created in conjunction with suggestions made by both Robert Burns Lodge and Bro. Kurtz. No two sculptures are alike. As Mr. Werfel states, "I tell the story of the particular institution. I learn about it by reading whatever information is available, touring the buildings and grounds (where possible, as in the case of the Masonic Homes), and talking to people. Then I sketch a few designs which I feel tell the unique story."

This particular *Tree of Life* will be carved in one of the finest dark woods available, and will be a lasting remembrance to the outstanding accomplishments of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz.

The leaves on the *Tree of Life*, as well as the stones at the base, may be purchased and inscribed in honor or

memory of the individual, or purchased by a particular Lodge. They may also be purchased as an expression of gratitude, and so inscribed. Particular details concerning the exact prices may be obtained through the Development Department of the Masonic Homes. Funds provided from this endeavor will be used in the development and operation of the Independent Living Community.

*"The groves were God's first temples. Ere man learned to hew the shaft, and lay the architrave, and spread the roof above them — ere he framed the lofty vault, to gather and roll back the sound of anthems; in the darkling wood, amidst the cool and silence, he knelt down and offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks and supplication."*

Bryant

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