

Bro. Harry E. Duff 100th Birthday!



Shown in the picture above, left to right, are Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.D.G.M.; Bro. Harry E. Duff, P.M., and Bro. Joseph F. Acton, D.D.G.M. of the 31st Masonic District. Not shown, but participating, were Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M.; Bro. Walter L. Sykes and Bro. Joe Warren Findley.

On October 6, 1990, the Brethren from Pittsburgh and Uniontown, together with his family, relatives and friends celebrated the 100th birthday of Bro. Harry E. Duff. A congratulatory letter was presented from Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W.G.M., together with certificates from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.

Bro. Duff is a member and Past Master of Fayette Lodge No. 228 in Uniontown having served as Master in 1982 when he was 92 years old. He is also a 33rd Degree

Mason with membership in the Valleys of Uniontown and Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R. and is also a member of Keystone Priory No. 26, K.Y.C.H. During his year as Master, he marched the entire parade route at the Patriotic Pilgrimage Parade held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The Masons of Pennsylvania salute Bro. Harry E. Duff for his seventy-five years of faithful service to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and congratulate him on his 100th birthday.

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Grand Master





The Grand Master Speaks...



Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master

More than a year ago, we took on a major challenge of the times for our Fraternity. We committed to reach out across the Commonwealth to communicate who we are and what we stand for as Masons. I concluded the inaugural address on December 27, 1989, in Harrisburg, proclaiming, "Over the next two years, Masonic Awareness is our Grand Lodge Mission."

Our trestle board contained a master plan to revitalize fraternal understanding and commitment among our members, to encourage service to mankind and our communities and to communicate — to advertise and publicize — Masonic character and values. It said something else is key to the success of the program. It will require the leadership of all our

officers, the help of our members and the support of all of us.

Districts and Lodges across the state have joined in support of the Grand Lodge Awareness Program. It is gratifying to see the number of Lodges that have become involved in community service projects, are participating in community events and parades and have taken the initiative to spread the Awareness messages locally.

"Keeping the Promise..." is making an impact. Our neighbors in communities who knew little, or nothing, about Masons and Masonry are asking and finding out about our values. Not everyone can be a Mason; nor does everyone want to be, but everyone should know us and our principles.

In telling others about ourselves and our values, we are learning some important lessons about our Fraternity. Our esoteric work is all that is kept to ourselves. There is no secret as to who we are, our belief in God and our high ideals, our support and help for the young, the aged and the afflicted, where we meet and what we do.

Already in 1991, there are opportunities at hand for us to enjoy and demonstrate our Masonry and for the public to gain new appreciation for our endeavors. Prominent among them will be our recognition of the 200th anniversary of the birthdate of Brother James

Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States and the only native Pennsylvanian to become President. Brother Buchanan was also an early District Deputy Grand Master in our Grand Lodge.

To honor his memory, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held in the Lancaster Masonic Center, 213 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

It is a positive sign that the Masonic flag adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1990 is being so well received. Orders are coming in regularly from Lodges and from other Masonic bodies. It is good that we show our pride and it would be a pleasing demonstration of support for the Fraternity to see the Masonic flag displayed as I visit around the state.

Again, I want to say "thank you" to every Mason for his exemplary effort in our Awareness Program and in maintaining the high ideals of Freemasonry. Your continued support is needed in "Keeping the Promise of America" through 1991.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Scott Stoner

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master

Grand Lodge Officers Re-Elected for 1991



Grand Lodge Elected Officers (left to right): Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary; Edward O. Weissner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master; W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master; George H. Hohenschildt, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; and Marvin G. Speicher, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Appointed Officers

Senior Grand Deacon	Bro. David R. Smeltz, Sr. Lodge No. 224
Junior Grand Deacon	Bro. Jay Warren Smith Lodge No. 551
Grand Steward	Bro. Ralph C. Rickard Lodge No. 43
Grand Steward	Bro. John W. Hisiro Lodge No. 615
Grand Marshal	Bro. George N. Holmes Lodge No. 45
Grand Sword Bearer	Bro. Jay Vernon Smith Lodge No. 551
Grand Pursuivant	Bro. Larry Emigh Lodge No. 537
Grand Tyler	Bro. Ralph Rogers Lodge No. 543

Grand Master's Itinerary

FEBRUARY 1991

17-20 Conference of Grand Masters, San Diego, CA

MARCH 1991

- 1 Lodge No. 359, 125th Anniversary, Humboldt
- 19 Lodge No. 365, 125th Anniversary, Corry
- 22 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

APRIL 1991

- 6 Lodge No. 583, 100th Anniversary, McKeesport
- 13 Lodge No. 143, 175th Anniversary, Chambersburg
- 20 Valley of Lancaster, A.A.S.R.
- 20 Lodge No. 585, 100th Anniversary, Royersford
- 23 Special Communication, 200th Anniversary, Bro. James Buchanan, Lancaster
- 26 Library and Museum Meeting, Patton Campus
- 27 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting, Elizabethtown
- 27 Lodge No. 588, 100th Anniversary, Peckville

MAY 1991

- 4 Lodge No. 589, 100th Anniversary, Hyndman
- 10 Lodge No. 361, 125th Anniversary, Newville
- 11 Honor Day, Rainbow for Girls, New Castle, PA

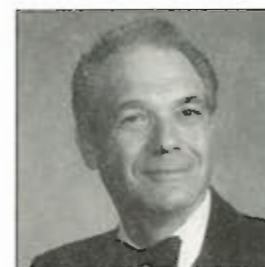
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- 16 Lodge No. 367, 125th Anniversary, West Reading
- 18 Valley of Reading, A.A.S.R. Spring Reunion
- 23 Lodge No. 364, 125th Anniversary, Elizabethtown
- 24 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 25 Lodge No. 144, 175th Anniversary, Lewisburg
- 31 Grand Commandery, 138th Annual Conclave, Seven Springs

JUNE 1991

- 1 Grand Commandery
- 5 June Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia Masonic Temple
- 7-8 Valley of Coudersport, A.A.S.R. Spring Reunion
- 10 Lodge No. 51, 200th Anniversary, Philadelphia
- 15 Lodge No. 363, 125th Anniversary, Oil City
- 20 Opening Session, Job's Daughters, Elizabethtown College
- 22 Lodge No. 587, 100th Anniversary, Manheim
- 23 97th Session, Grand Chapter of PA, Eastern Star Banquet
- 24-26 Masonic Homes, Executive Directors' Meeting, Hershey

Three New District Deputy Grand Masters Appointed



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Bro. Gary L. Waters
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For Lodges Nos. 19, 91, 126, 135, 155, 230, 368, 773 and 782



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For Lodges Nos. 70, 108, 163, 263, 306, 415, 418, 471 and 618



25TH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bro. Kim W. Jeffreys
Lodge No. 304
4825 Nye Road
West Springfield, PA 16443
For Lodges Nos. 234, 258, 304, 408, 424, 473, 498 and 790

Grand Master Appoints Subcommittee Member

R. W. Grand Master, W. Scott Stoner, is pleased to appoint Bro. Ernest J. Gazda, Jr., member of Acacia Lodge No. 579, to the Masonic Homes' Development Subcommittee to share his professional expertise.

Two Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

The following were created Past District Deputy Grand Masters after serving five or more years:

Bro. Richard M. Robinson	16th Masonic District Lodge No. 108
Bro. Dio M. Yost	25th Masonic District Lodge No. 498

New Aide to Grand Master

Bro. Keith J. Caito Lodge No. 582

New Grand Chaplain

Bro. Alexander E. Levin Lodge No. 155

Grand Chaplains Become Emeritus

Bro. Marshall D. Berryhill (1957-1990) Lodge No. 290
Bro. David J. Wynne (1964 to 1990) Lodge No. 759
Bro. Lewis M. Mowdy (1966 to 1990) Lodge No. 344

"Keeping the Promise" Across the State in Advertising and Public Relations

From "Grand Lodge to Grassroots," the Awareness Program in 1991 will blanket the state combining the advertising programs with targeted, cooperative district and Lodge promotional efforts.

The Masonic information messages will be carefully scheduled to set the stage for local placement of both advertising and publicity by the Districts and Lodges in their own service areas. This is being done so that we will be able to keep the story of Masonry before the public more steadily and more consistently virtually all year long.

Grand Lodge will provide the "tools" — that is, the video, radio, newspaper and billboard advertising materials — for Lodges and groups of Lodges to develop their own support for the "Keeping the Promise of America" program. Since Grand Lodge will communicate its schedule of advertising in advance, Districts and Lodges will be able to plan to "fill in the time gaps" to keep up a steady flow of information to their friends and neighbors. Further, to encourage Districts and Lodges to help make it work, Grand Lodge also will provide some incentive to help put the show on the road.

By placing advertising and commercials locally, the Lodge officers and Brethren will be able to "team up" their friends and neighbors in the hometown media for the most beneficial scheduling and placement.

At the same time, Lodge representatives will be equipped and encouraged to be Masonic public relations coordinators; to place news stories in the papers and on radio and to foster radio and TV talk show appearances for local, District and Grand Lodge personalities.

All of the advertising and publicity — every opportunity we get — will feature the 800-545-1980 telephone number inviting everyone — members and non-members — to learn about who we Masons are, what we stand for and what we do. Through 1990, the Awareness Program has generated a substantial number of inquiries, for which the Grand Master has been gratified.

The Program has proven that there are fine people who want to know more about Masons... about men of high and ennobling character with clear values and undaunted vision... men who are

concerned for their fellows. It should be every Mason's pride and duty to receive them and their questions... to give them an understanding of our principles and of our belief in God and the Brotherhood of Man.

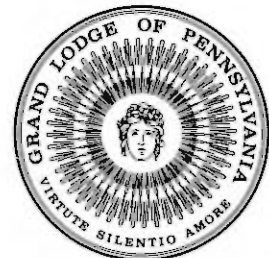
But, how does the Mason talk to the non-Mason... perhaps the lady... who wants to know about us, who we are, what we stand for and what we do? Masonry isn't so secret that we can't talk about it — and ourselves — with pride and honesty. Our esoteric work is fraternal; but beyond that, there is nothing secret. We know that Masonry is not for every man; nor does every man want to be a Mason. However, an appreciation for the Fraternity and its principles is bound to engender an interest in the craft that may make good men want to be part of the Fraternity.

"Keeping the Promise of America" is an awareness program. It is not an advertising campaign or a recruiting effort; but it is an information source for our communities... our neighbors... for all who want to know the important facts: who we are, what we stand for and what we do.



**Masons Keeping
The Promise
Of America**

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On July 7, 1990, a large Sesquicentennial Parade highlighted a four-day celebration of Logantown, Pennsylvania's 150th birthday. The one hundred-unit parade included a Blue Lodge float from the 21st Masonic District, Zafar Grotto String Band and Hearse Act from Williamsport, the Jaffa Drum and Bugle Corps and Mounted Patrol from Altoona and the Lockettes Rainbow Girls Drill Team.



From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

My Brethren:

For generations, our Members have been pointing with pride to the greatness of our Fraternity, and justifiably so.

Disregarding the influence in any way of any religion, there has probably been no organization ever conceived by the mind of Man that has created more reason for pride than has Freemasonry.

None has the potential to do so much good. None has a comparable philosophy developed for the absolute promotion of the Brotherhood of Man. None encourages any more vigorously the devotion and support of their faith and their country.

However, it has been our inclination to point more to Members who have been known for their greatness and not nearly enough to the greatness of the organization itself.



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There have been many great men who have been Masons, and, again, we have been justifiably proud that we attract great men, but there is a difference between great men who have been Masons and great Masons. Great men who are Masons are a noted asset, but great Masons are our future. Great men who have been Masons are counted in many thousands. Great men who were also great Masons are counted in several hundreds.

As a result of this inclination, we have a tendency to lose sight of the need for quality leadership within the Fraternity. There is nothing wrong with being proud of our past unless, in so doing, we ignore the present upon which we base our future. We must stop looking back if it is going to interfere with looking forward.

We cannot afford to ignore the future for we must spend the rest of our lives there, and what we do today totally determines the quality of that future.

Preparation for the future must include more than expressing loving platitudes and referring to ancient accomplishments. We cannot assume that Freemasonry, because it is so old, is eternal. Nor can we afford to assume that leadership will always be provided by others.

We, my Brethren, are the only internal

variable of Freemasonry, and if we become less than what we are, we must shoulder the responsibility for the regression.

Undoubtedly, we have all permitted ourselves to bask in the knowledge that so many great names eternally recorded in the annals of history have been Freemasons. We must also, however, recognize that for future generations to have the same privilege, we need the contribution of those with the capability of becoming great Masons. Greatness is a quality earned, not a quality passively acquired or passively maintained.

Each one of us, when we knelt before the Altar and assumed our Obligations, became not only a Member of the Craft but also assumed the responsibility to preserve that Craft, not necessarily in the phraseology of the Obligation but in the acknowledgment of the privilege granted us.

Freemasonry has become the end product of some of the greatest thinkers of the ages. We must be egotistical enough to recognize that the world needs us. The future of Freemasonry lies now in our hands. I would hope that it can never be said sometime in the distant future that our Fraternity failed due to lack of contributions of leadership in our time.

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



Bros. Larry L. and Robert J. Stambaugh are Master Masons of Patmos Lodge No. 348 in Hanover, Pennsylvania and were raised by their father, Bro. Burnell C. Stambaugh, over twenty years ago. On October 24, 1990, Bro. Burnell C. Stambaugh again raised a member of his family, Bro. Todd L. Stambaugh, his grandson. From left to right: Bros. Clarence Heffendrager, D.D.G.M. (8th), who presented the Masonic Bible; Burnell C. Stambaugh; Todd L. Stambaugh, the newly raised Candidate; Larry L. Stambaugh; Robert J. Stambaugh and Richard C. Hoover, Master of Newtown Lodge.



Notes and Queries

Three Challenges Face The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

With the incorporation of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, formerly known as The Grand Lodge Library and Museum, last April 6th, 1990, many new challenges face the Board of Directors and the Staff. Obviously, one remaining challenge is that of securing persons to complement the ranks of those who have joined our very faithful core of Volunteers. We are pleased to say that those who have committed their time and talents to the Library and Museum have had a most fulfilling experience working with our Staff. However, we still could use Volunteers to cover the important task of supplementing our two Tour Guides. We really need to have people available to help on Saturdays, as well as during the week.

The second challenge is that of the establishment of a new group within The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania to be known as the Friends of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. This group has been approved by the Grand Master and the Board of Directors, and will consist of those who are interested in the support of

this important and outstanding research institution. Those desiring to become members may do so by contributing to the Library and Museum in one of the following three categories:

Members, who contribute thirty dollars or more annually.

Fellows, who contribute one hundred dollars or more annually.

Benefactors, who contribute one thousand dollars or more annually.

A new brochure, giving full details, is in the process of being distributed which will indicate how joining may be accomplished and what will be available to Friends. It should be noted that this group is open to *anyone* who has an interest in the Library and Museum, not just members of the Craft. We would like to mention that all of those becoming a Friend during the calendar year 1991 will be considered "Charter Members," and will receive a special certificate which will be suitable for framing. The Board of Directors and the Staff of the Library and Museum sincerely hope that this program will be a most successful one for our Library and Museum. Please re-

member that many companies will donate matching amounts when their employees or retirees contribute.

The third challenge is that of educating our Blue Lodges and other Appendant Bodies, as well as individuals, to the need for financial support for this Library and Museum. Since our incorporation, we have received our 501(c)(3) approval and all contributions to The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania are tax-deductible under the federal income, estate, and gift tax laws. We would sincerely hope that thoughtful consideration be given to the possibility of including this organization in the Annual Charitable Contributions of our Masonic Bodies, and to those of like interest in including The Masonic Library and Museum in their Wills.

The Board and Staff look forward to these challenges in 1991, but it will only be through the generosity, interest and support of everyone, both within and without the Craft, that this Library and Museum will help to further assure the preservation and growth of these outstanding Masonic and historical collections.



Items from Our Library and Museum

Some New Additions to the Circulating Library

There have been some interesting additions to our Circulating Library since the *Catalogue of Books* was reprinted in early 1990. Many of these are audio tapes (indicated by "AT" before the number) and video tapes (VHS format, whose numbers are prefixed by "AVT"). A partial list follows:

Where History Begins: 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in America (AT 9) — by Bro. William H. Siegel, G.C.

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

Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry (59B) — by John J. Robinson.

Who are the Shriners? (AVT 13) — by the International Shrine. An excellent explanation of Shriners' philanthropies.

Faith and Works! (AVT 16) — a sermon by Bro. Rev. Dr. Raymond L. Fetter, G.C., at the Matins Service, December 27, 1989.

Mozart (159A) — by Marcia Davenport. A reprint of the first American biography of Bro. Mozart.

The Craft and Its Symbols (61A) — by Bro. Allen E. Roberts. A classic introduction to the Fraternity.

A Family in Recovery (AVT6) — by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

The Clergy and the Craft (130A) — by Bro. Forrest D. Haggard. Examines the implications of church membership and Lodge membership.

Workman Unashamed: The Testimony of a Christian Freemason (57A) — by Bro. Christopher Haffner. Excellent explanations by an enthusiastic Freemason and a believing Christian.

The Presidency of James Buchanan (131A) — edited by Elbert B. Smith. An account, more detailed than the usual biography, of this phase of Buchanan's career.

Nota Bene! We have additional copies of some popular works, and for your reference only (please come in!), we have a "Masonic Presidents Shelf".



Happenings at Masonic Homes



Estimated 8,500 Attend Autumn Day at Masonic Homes



The sun shone and the temperature was brisk as would be expected for October as Masons and their families came from all over our state to attend the Fifth Annual Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes.

The annual celebration began with the Laying of the Datestone for the Independent Living Community by R. W. Grand Master, W. Scott Stoner, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, numerous Past Grand Masters, the Committee on Masonic Homes, representatives of the architectural firm which designed the Community, representatives of the construction firm, and many local dignitaries. Music was provided by the Masonic Youth Choir and enjoyed by all.

Immediately following the Datestone Laying, R. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M., and members of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 unveiled the new Masonic Tree of Life which was donated by Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in honor of Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M.

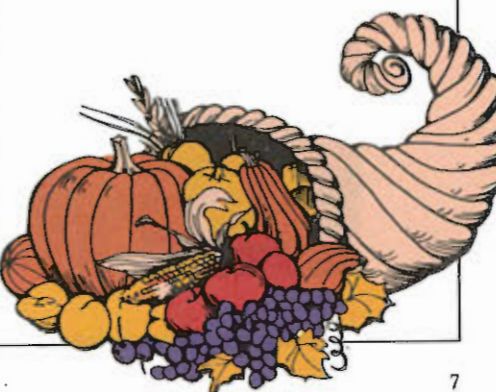
The new Independent Living Community was then opened for tours for the remainder of the day. Guests lined several blocks long to walk through the new

Community, viewing the country store, barber/beauty shop, library, Hamilton Bank Branch Office, the exercise facilities, administrative offices, main dining room, private dining room, sample apartment and cottages.

As usual, Autumn Day would not be complete without Masonic Homes' home-made foods. How can anyone resist the sausages, sauerkraut, hot dogs, bean soup, apple butter on bread, *plus* ice cream and beverages. No one left hungry!

Tours were also provided by bus of the entire Masonic Homes and Patton Campus grounds. The Museum of the Masonic Homes was visited by many, along with tours through several resident rooms. The Masonic Health Care Center also offered an individual "self walking tour" this year which was enjoyed by all attending. Blood pressure checks were offered by the Health Care Center staff just as a good personal physical check-up.

All in all, one might say it was a wonderful day 'enjoying the Masonic Homes grounds, experiencing the activities, eating great foods, being entertained by numerous Masonic bands, and just visiting with old friends and residents, it was "just what the doctor ordered."





Independent Living Community . . .

"Our Thoroughly Planned Community has Much to Offer its Residents."



Driving onto the grounds of the beautiful new Independent Living Community is like entering an enchanted forest. Surrounded by woods and meticulous landscaping, the first building you will see is the Clubhouse, the hub of activity for the Community. Leaving your car parked in the adjacent lot, you will walk through the covered vestibule leading into the Clubhouse.

Upon entering the Clubhouse, you will be captivated by the comfortable elegance of the lobby. The main floor of the Clubhouse features a rustic country store, full-service bank, hair care center, fully-equipped exercise room and library. The formal dining room and a coffee shop are located on the lower level of the Clubhouse. Both offer varied menu selections. In addition, you will find a beautiful private dining room, designed to accommodate special get-togethers of family or friends.

Walking out through the French doors of the dining room onto the central courtyard, you will be overwhelmed by the charm and splendor of the Independent Living Community. Carefully sculpted landscaping, accented by a fountain and wooden trellises forming a semi-circle, the courtyard is the perfect place to sit and relax alone or share the beauty of your surroundings with friends and family. Two covered walkways, leading from the Clubhouse to the apartment units, help to enclose the courtyard.



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The second bedroom (*lower left*) can be used as a sitting room. It features another walk-in closet. The second bathroom contains a large walk-in shower. Both baths are equipped with hand rails and include spacious linen closets.



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Happenings at Masonic Homes



Independent Living Community Datestone is Laid



The Procession

Hundreds of Masons and their families gathered at Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown in October for the dedication of the new Independent Living Community, or ILC as it is being called. Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge performed the Ceremony of the Laying of the Datestone.

During the ceremonies, Bro. Stoner espoused his Masonic philosophy stating that Freemasonry involves help to our aging citizens, guidance of our youth and service to the community. The Grand Master said that "There is nothing more important as family life, character, self-respect and a commitment to service."

The Homes boasts an eighty year

history, and the ILC is yet another project in the excellent continuing care to older members and their families. The three-phase construction of the ILC will be completed in the Spring of 1991, and is a fine example of the new concept in geriatric facilities: A continuing care retirement community. When it is finished, the \$30,000,000 ILC will have 220 apartments, sixteen cottages and a clubhouse, and will have increased the Homes' population to four hundred residents.

The ILC is already quite popular: twenty-seven units are already occupied and 110 units have already been reserved. The cottages, sixty-six apartments and the community center have been completed so far. Residents of the ILC, those

members 62 years of age and older, can maintain their independence and insure their happiness through access to the health care services, as well as many other featured facilities including both indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a gymnasium and walking and biking paths.

The Community Center is the focal point of the new facility. It provides services such as a main dining room, private dining facilities, a coffee shop, a full service branch of a bank, a country store, a beauty and barber shop, a post office, an exercise room, a library and a woodworking shop. Contractors from three separate counties have been involved in the construction of the community which is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge on the 1,730 acre campus of the Masonic Homes in West Donegal Township.

YES, I'm Very Interested In The Independent Living Community!

- ☐ Have a representative call me to schedule a visit to the Independent Living Community.
- ☐ Send me more information on the Independent Living Community (with no obligation)

Name _____
Address _____
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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 and widows is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Com-

mittee 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 and widows are also received by the

Masonic Education

Bro. Richard S. Spering, P.M. Wins 1990 Lodge Program Competition



The R.W. Grand Master and Bro. Spering.

Bro. Richard S. Spering, P.M. of Warren Lodge No. 240 in the 15th Masonic District has been declared the statewide winner of the 1990 Masonic Education Lodge Program Competition. In his paper entitled "Free-

masonry and the Family," he utilized the word "Love" to illustrate his profound feelings for his Fraternity and his family. He used each letter of the word "Love" and attributed various facets of Freemasonry to each letter.

Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Grand Master, congratulated Bro. Spering and presented him with a large plaque for his program which he read at the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. This paper is now available from the Office of Masonic Education.

In addition to the statewide winner, there were also seven area winners of the Competition:

Bro. F. Patrick McCluskey, III
Dallas Lodge No. 396, 9th District

Bro. Sheldon S. Farber, P.M.
and
Bro. Michael P. Freedman, P.M.
Shekinah Lodge No. 246, District A

Bro. Jay E. Best
Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, 2nd District

Bro. Danny R. McKnight, P.M.
Victory Lodge No. 694, 27th District

Bro. Robert D. Weslager, P.M.
Corinthian Lodge No. 573, 48th District

The Committee on Masonic Education thanks every Mason who wrote, judged and supported the Programs. We look forward to seeing the programs of the 1991 Competition on Bro. James Buchanan.

April 1990 Lodge Program Competition Participants

The response to the Committee on Masonic Education's April Program Competition was immense, and was indicative of the interest the members have in participating in Lodge Programs.

Below is a partial list of participants in the 1990 Competition. Areas B-2, C-1 and C-2 will appear in a subsequent issue. The District winners are marked with an asterisk (*). We thank these participants and we look forward to seeing them participate along with the other Brethren in the 1991 Lodge Program Competition on Bro. James Buchanan:

• **Area A-1:** George F. Miller*; William D. Jamison, P.M.; Paul H. Eshenauer, P.M.; H. Horst Hildebrand, P.M.; Frank E. Daniels, P.M.; Ralph W. Knoblauch, P.M.; William H. Lengel, II, P.M.; Thomas C. Keen, P.M.; Thomas G. McNamara; Russel R. Mabry, W.M.; Christopher P. Miller, W.M.; Carl L. Swope, W.M.; Kevin O'Neill, S.W.; Benjamin Larzelere, P.M.; James A. Stuart; Raymond W. Wentz, W.M.; Thomas R. Eynon, P.M.; Daniel Miller; Charles Kelly; Andrew W. Babesh, P.M.; James Steigerwalt, P.M.; Frank Ehrenfeld, III, W.M.; Edward E. Watson, P.M.; Frank F. Aldeman, P.M.; Joseph A. Williams; Jerry J. Hamilton, J.W.; Robert T. Hahn, S.D.; Ronald Norcross, P.M.; Kenneth K. Zellner, P.M.; Wallace H. Smith, P.M.; Chester A. Feidler, P.M.; Joseph J. Ryno, P.M.; Daniel G. Hess, P.M.; Jeffrey C. Berger; Robert Mitchell, P.M.; Charles S. Canning, P.M.; Eric Blew, P.M.; Paul R. Breitenstein, P.M.; Nelson Rabenold; Richard Christine, P.M.; David Howells, Sr., W.M.; Joseph Daddona; John D. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M.*; Frank G. Perkoski, P.M.; Walter Hartman, P.M.; David W. Stiller, P.M.*; Michael J. Kane, W.M.; William B. Mullen, W.M.; Robert J. Strohl, P.M.; Andrew J. Hudock, J.W.; Joseph Lukashunas; Rogan Hart Moore, S.D.; Donald Leidich, P.M.; Joseph Gorka, P.M.; George S. Davis, S.W.; Joseph E. Olexy, P.M.; Harold R. Drumm; Arthur Kulish, P.M.; Kenneth C. Breisch, W.M.; Willard B. Hockin, P.M.*; Walter C. Emery, P.M.; John Woodling, P.M.; Rodney W. Applegate; Harry E. Peck, III, P.M.; Carl J. Shook, P.M.; Ernest S. Fehnel, P.M.; Theodore H. Keller, W.M.; Francis A. Melliland*; Frederick Pencek; Wilson Clark, P.M.; Marcellus Kunkleman, P.M.; Robert R. Marcy, J.W.; Peter Rozdilski, P.M.; Willard A. Stephens, P.M.; Earl Trygar, P.M.; William D. Seaman; Robert C. Webb, P.M.

• **Area A-2:** Vernon E. Quay; Charles R. Hazelwood; J. Richard Kiefer, Jr.; Eugene Wallworth*; Dawn Redeagle*; Mark Belas*; Bill Houser; James Smith; Ronald Stucky; J. Walter Price, P.D.D.G.M.; David M. Handler*; Irvin H. Heller; Andrew L. Tarter; Joseph S. Solomon; Eugene M. Polter; Alvin Berg; Norman C. Freeman; Steven J. Mayover; Edward Doneson; Jerry Polin; John I. Achuff, Sr.; David M. Block; Alvin Berger; Michael Z. Fischer; James S. Massey, P.M.; Robert J. Grow, Sr., P.M.; Curtis C. Gensemer, II, P.M.; David S. Katz, P.M.; Albert F. Tapkin, P.M.; Thomas Glidden*; William D. Hartman; Charles A. Fricke, P.M.; Richard L. Vona; Wallace Brower, P.M.; John M. Roushey, P.M.; Meredith Johnston; Joseph W. Capone*; John C. Gabel, Jr.; Eugene H. Ott; William R. Yeats; Andrew Valetsko; David H. Axner; David T. Schultz; John W. Burlingame, P.M.

Henry A. Siegel; John Anzengruber, W.M.; Franklin W. Judd, P.M.; Sidney Chilofsky; Morton Lewis, P.M.; Donald Grant, S.W.; Lee Weinstein, J.W.; C. Barclay Hoopes, Jr.*; William O. Barlow; Walter C. Burkey; Joseph O. Bell; Gordon Pry; Michael Wealer; Paul Swank; Jacob L. Eshleman; Carl E. Buflington; Jon R. Smith; Charles F. McNeal; Gary L. Shumate; C. Edwin Elmore; Harry E. Hackman; Rev. Harry S. Mills; William R. Law; Rev. Edward Price*; Paul K. Price*; Bradley C. Blaine; William Henry Michener; Richard Jones; W. Paul Sacks; Jeffrey Welaish*; Raymond R. Miller; Lewis H. Worrall; Charles W. Hollenback; John Bielecke; David B. McLaughlin; Earl Christy*; William J. Mills*; Richard J. Scott; Robert A. Jones.

• **Area B-1:** Dino Augustini*; Jack Roberts; William A. Davis, P.M.; Clement H. Norman, II, P.M.; Oliver Foster London; A. Ralph Taylor, P.M.; John A. Moore, P.M.; George F. Fair, P.M.; Burgess L. Decker; Paul Kerr, P.M.; Douglas W. Overfield; Warren R. Williams, Jr., P.M.; James W. Phillips; Thomas F. Chamberlain, P.M.; James Millard Shaw, P.M.; Bruce L. Seamans, P.M.; S. Victor Wood; George A. Davidson, P.M.; Adrian Miller, P.M.; William Hand, P.M.; Gerald D. Harvey; Frederick O. Gaehring, P.M.; Gerald M. Williams, P.M.; Nathan A. Foster, P.M.; William J. Brown, W.M.; Jack Fries, P.M.; John C. Cavender, P.M.; James Stepanski*; Gerald L. Wynnck, P.M.; James C. Shaler, W.M.*; Gary L. Bennett; James M. Evans; Richard L. Vanhorn; F. Michael Earnest, W.M.; Robert H. Christie; Gary V. Hoover; Jack E. Edwards, P.M.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., P.M.; George R. Brown; Sylvan S. Klewans; Kenneth T. Seutlemeyer; William A. Young, P.M.; Philip B. Lovett*; Lester W. Pooler; David W. Berry; Walter Stitzer; Carl C. Vaux, W.M.; John L. Warsing; Dennis Leisure; Gary R. Kroh, P.M.; Gordon G. Burdick, P.D.D.G.M.*; Robert D. Jackson, P.M.; George F. Baxter, P.M.; Charles Catlin; Gordon Irons, W.M.; Pete Berkhouse, P.M.; Paul Duke, S.W.; Gilbert Irons, P.M.; Secretary; Merle Zetler, Treasurer; Donald Tracy; Larry Fitzsimmons; Ron Fitzsimmons; Carl Shuey; Leo Dittman, P.M.; Donald Burrows, P.M.; Terry Danielson; Orin K. Smith, W.M.; Kenneth H. Batt, S.W.; Elmer N. McDevitt, J.W.; John C. Powers, P.M.; Ross Z. Neiditch, P.M.; Peter P. DePalma; Kermit Sandberg*; David I. Bronson, W.M.*; Franklin W. Mohr, P.M.; Floyd W. Yeager, P.M.; Fred R. Moser, P.M.; Terrence R. Klock, W.M.; Michael T. Chapel; Harold R. Dalious, P.M.; John W. Conrad, Jr.; John R. Thomas; Theodore C. Burkland; Robert E. and Randy Spriggles*; Dennis R. Mack, J.W.; Gary Krick; Lester Kieft; John Workman; Jon J. Strine; Carl Briner; Allen Sinko.

Will your name be listed amongst those who participate in the April 1991 Program???



Youth Foundation

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Leading our Masonic-related youth groups are three talented young people.

State Master Councilor



William L. Reed of Troutville, is the son of Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Reed. He is a Past Master Councilor of Garfield Chapter in DuBois and received the Degree of Chevalier. He is a senior at Penn State University, majoring in chemical engineering. He is a member of the Nittany Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Grand Worthy Advisor



Terri-Lynn Castellan is a Past Worthy Advisor of Mars Assembly No. 124. She is a sophomore at George Washington University, majoring in international affairs, and concentrating on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honors society, and is active with the College Democrats, Amnesty International and Habitat for Humanity.

Miss Job's Daughter



Christy E. Hubley, of Dover, is a Past Honored Queen of York Bethel No. 1. A 1990 graduate of Dover Area High School, she was a secretary of the local National Honor Society. Currently a freshman at Ithaca College in New York, she is majoring in communications and broadcast journalism. She is active with ICB-TV as a reporter on a campus television program.

Jobies H.I.K.E.



Pennsylvania's Job's Daughters raised \$1,400 for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment, when 150 girls hiked 5-miles at the Masonic Homes in November. Cheryl Stoner of Bethel No. 4, Lancaster, collected the most contributions with over \$270 in pledges. Harmony Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia, presented special H.I.K.E. t-shirts to all who participated.

Youth Protection Program

The Order of DeMolay has instituted a new Youth Protection Program, designed to prepare DeMolay's adult leaders to deal with the problems of emotional and physical child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, neglect, and molestation. It is an unfortunate sign of the times that these

problems can reach into almost any family, regardless of social or economic standing.

The Youth Protection Program will help Advisors to become aware of the signs of these various forms of abuse, and will provide them with action plans and resources for help. The Order of DeMolay

stands firm in its commitment to providing a safe environment for young men to mature and grow into adulthood. The Youth Protection Program is one of the means by which DeMolay can provide that environment.

Committee on Masonic Homes to Serve in 1991

The elected members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes for 1991 are as follows:

Bro. P. Thomas Feeser	Lodge No. 270.
Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson	Lodge No. 804.
Bro. Guy E. Walker	Lodge No. 358.
Bro. John T. Taylor	Lodge No. 347.
Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R. W. Past Grand Master	Lodge No. 612.
Bro. Walter L. Sykes	Lodge No. 297.
Bro. William Zacharellis	Lodge No. 339.

The Grand Lodge Line officers and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are also members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes and Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master will serve as Chairman of the Homes' Committee as dictated by the *Ahiman Rezon*.



Drug and Alcohol Foundation

Drug and Alcohol Foundation Has New Brochure

"The most recent survey (1989) among Pennsylvania students reveals that 14 percent of the high school seniors and 7 percent of the ninth-graders smoke marijuana at least once a month.

"Almost half of the seniors drink alcohol at least once a month, and one out of four drink weekly or more; 75 percent of those high school students get drunk at least once a month.

"The percentage of sixth, seventh and eighth graders who drink and smoke pot is equally disturbing.

"More than half a million high school

students use cocaine regularly. About one in five uses amphetamines (uppers) and barbiturates (downers) which are prescription drugs.

"And, 62 percent — that's nearly two-thirds — of young Americans admit they have tried some type of illegal drug before they left high school."

Those are the shocking facts and that's why the chain of addiction must be broken. They are facts reported in the newest brochure produced by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol

Abuse Among Children. The brochure is distributed by speakers, are available for Lodges and are provided to anyone seeking information about the Foundation's programs.

The brochure also provides a form for making a tax-free contribution to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation — Drug and Alcohol or requesting more information about its programs. Anyone wanting a copy of the brochure or a supply for distribution should write to the Foundation at 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423.

District 7 Develops Anti-Drug Book Covers for Third-Graders

Lodges in the Seventh Masonic District have produced an attractive "Just Say No" anti-drug book cover and are offering it free to all third grade students in Berks County. Each third-grader in schools that choose to participate is given two book covers.

District Deputy Earl G. Hasenauer said that the program is one developed by the ten lodges in the district. Early indications are that the program is being well received and, after it is established, the artwork is to be made available to other districts.

To start the program, the district plans to provide book covers for the first three

years then evaluate the program and establish future plans. The initial printing order was for 5,000 book covers.

The book cover features a Masonic caricature designed cooperatively by two 13-year-olds, a boy and girl. The character's body is made of the square and compasses, the extremities of which become the head, arms and legs complete with a cap and sneakers.

The character is large on the front of the book cover giving the "Just Say No" message. On the back cover are two scenes: The upper has the character with a vision of drugs and the lower with the

character saying, "Drugs and Alcohol — Real Bad News." On the spine of the book cover is the Drug and Alcohol Foundation's logo, the Mason with two children.

D.D.G.M. Hasenauer said that the Masons developing the book cover explained the program to all of the county's school district superintendents at their meeting and provided them with order forms for their schools to participate. The superintendents communicated it to the elementary schools and it became the decision of each school whether to participate.

86 Volunteers in Drug and Alcohol Foundation Speaker Team

Eighty-six volunteer Brethren are enrolled in the Speakers Team for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. Speakers are available for Lodge programs and will speak to community groups, too.

Lodge officers wanting to schedule a speaker should contact their District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputies have been provided with the roster of members and their addresses and telephone numbers. The volunteer speakers also report the results of their speaking engagements to their District Deputies.

Forty-seven of the enrolled speakers

attended a half-day briefing and training session on November 3 in the meeting room of the William A. Carpenter Chapel on the Patton Campus. During the session, they received facts, background and helpful information on drug and alcohol abuse, a script for a sample talk and a supply of brochures.

There have been speaking engagements scheduled, but few follow-up reports were in by the deadline for *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. However, the first report returned indicated that the host Lodge voted a contribution of \$375 to the Mason Foundation — Drug and Alcohol.

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President James Buchanan, Freemason

James Buchanan was born on April 23, 1791, the second child of James Buchanan, Sr. and Elizabeth Speer, at Stony Batter near Cove Gap, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Buchanan's father emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania, and later married Elizabeth Speer of Lancaster County. Following the death of two of the couple's children, young James was left as their only son, and therefore had much attention lavished upon him.

Entering Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, at 16, he pursued classical studies and liberal arts leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in preparation for a career in law. Although his mother wanted him to become a Presbyterian minister, his father knew that law was more profitable. While in college, his academic record was excellent, though he also enjoyed the company of his fellow students which included involvement in rowdy behavior and drinking. For this he was expelled. The college relented, and Buchanan completed his senior year with highest honors.

He went to Lancaster in 1809 to read law with one of the town's most distinguished attorneys, James Hopkins. Buchanan did very well, exhibiting an extraordinary ability to assemble a tightly-reasoned argument. Buchanan was a master at pleading. While he was neither dramatic nor dynamic, he ploddingly and methodically demolished his

opponents' arguments. In 1812, he was admitted to the Lancaster Bar along with Bro. Jasper Slaymaker, who later became Master of Lodge No. 43 in 1824. Politically, Buchanan was an ardent Federalist, and often condemned the government for its mismanagement of the War of 1812. When Baltimore was threatened by the British, he joined a local militia to serve his country.

Buchanan was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 11, 1816, by Bro. John Reynolds, Major General John Fulton Reynolds' father. He was passed and raised by Bro. George Whitaker on January 24, 1817. On December 23, 1822, Bro. Buchanan was elected Master of his Lodge. At the conclusion of his term in 1823, he was appointed the first District Deputy Grand Master for this District. He also was a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43.

Bro. Buchanan was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives 1814-1816 and subsequently served there for ten years. While in the 21st Congress, he succeeded Daniel Webster as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. At this time, Bro. Buchanan performed one of his most outstanding achievements in public service: He successfully, and against overwhelming opposition, defended the independence of the Federal Judiciary by causing the defeat of efforts to repeal a portion of the Judiciary Act of 1789. The Federalist Party ceased to be an

active political force in the 1820's. Bro. Buchanan, like many young Federalists, then joined the Democratic Party, becoming a leader of its more conservative faction.

Bro. Buchanan was appointed Minister to Russia in 1832, and was then elected to the U.S. Senate, being re-elected in 1837 and 1843, where he was Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. In 1845, President and Bro. James K. Polk appointed him Secretary of State.

From 1853 to 1856 Bro. Buchanan served as Minister to Great Britain. In 1856 he was elected President of the United States and served one term. As Bro. Buchanan left office, the Union was falling apart. He retired to his Lancaster home, Wheatland, where he died on June 1, 1868. His funeral was the largest ever seen in Lancaster. When the religious ceremonies at Woodward Hill Cemetery ended, Bro. Buchanan's Lodge conducted the traditional Masonic Service.

Bro. Buchanan has not fared well with most historians who rate him as one of the nation's poorest chief executives. Their reasons for that rest solely on his devotion to the U.S. Constitution and the Lecompton Compromise. The Constitution was silent on the question of slavery prior to the Civil War, so it was legal to own slaves. Bro. Buchanan detested slavery, but he felt obligated to

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Masonic Temple Employees Confer Degrees



The Masonic Temple Degree Team

Several full-time staff people of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia recently banded together to confer the Three Degrees in Freemasonry upon two of their fellow workers beginning in the latter part of 1990. Bro. Charles W. Dougherty, a member of the catering staff at the Temple and Bro. Harry B. Rutter, Jr., Grand Lodge Chief Accountant, were entered, passed and raised in Covenant Excelsior Lodge No. 456 by the following Masonic Temple staff members from various Lodges: Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; Bro. Daniel J. Hinds, P.M., Temple

Superintendent and Bro. Ronald P. Stucky, Maintenance Staff and Bro. Garfield G. Foster, Data Processing Operations, who acted as the Elected Officers. The following Brethren acted as the various Appointed Officers: Bro. Robert A. Pote, P.D.D.G.M., Assistant to the Grand Master, Secretary; Bro. Milton Kenin, Assistant Librarian/Archival, Treasurer; Bro. Jonathan D. Schau, Secretary to the Committee on Masonic Education, Chapl.; Bro. Michael J. Peters, P.M., Grand Lodge Controller, S.D.; Bro. Steven A. Morrison, Grand Secretary's Staff, J.D.; Bro. William G. Golding, Maintenance Staff, S.M.C.; Bro. Thomas Ballingall, Jr., Maintenance Staff, J.M.C.; Bro. David R. Haines, Accounting Assistant, Purs.; Bro. Stephen P. Dougherty, Caterer, Guide (for his father); Bro. William H. Michel, Jr., P.M., Maintenance Staff, Guide and Bro. Paul J. Dodson, P.M., Maintenance Staff, Tyler. The rehearsal was overseen by Bro. Harold E. Vaughn, Philadelphia Regional Instructor of the Ritualistic Work.

Long-Distance Dedication



Bros. John M. Linforth and Richard Christiansen

On October 26, 1990, Bro. Richard Christiansen of the Grand Lodge of California had the pleasure to present a Seventy-five Year Certificate to Bro. John M. Linforth of Concordia Lodge No. 67 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, who now lives in Atherton, California. Bro. Christiansen says that Bro. Linforth is in great spirits, that he is an interesting speaker, and is up to date on current affairs. His only wish is that he could get "a new set of legs," as his tend to tire

easily at age 96. His wife of some sixty years was also present for the presentation, along with one of their daughters, a granddaughter, and two great-granddaughters. Bro. Christiansen passed along the best wishes from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and those of our Grand Master, as well as the congratulations of the Grand Master of California. Bro. Linforth wishes to extend his thanks to Pennsylvania in general, and to the Grand Lodge in particular.

1991
School of Instruction
Sectional Meetings

March 2	Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland Temple)
March 9	New Castle, PA
March 16	Donora, PA
March 23	Hollidaysburg, PA
April 6	Harrisburg, PA
April 13	Warren, PA
April 20	Scranton, PA
April 27	Philadelphia, PA
May 4	Oil City, PA
May 18	Williamsport, PA

Schools of Instruction, Principals and floor workers should come to their respective meetings well prepared to perform the work without interruption if possible. All Lodge officers are expected to attend and come well prepared. District Deputy Grand Masters are requested to encourage good attendance at all Ritualistic functions. It is greatly appreciated.

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honor the Constitution. Towards the end of his term, Bro. Buchanan proposed that a Constitutional Convention be held to amend the Constitution to prohibit slavery, a proposal that was ignored by his enemies.

Historians seem to prefer Presidents that actively confront the U.S. Congress. Bro. Buchanan believed the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government were coequal, and were intended to balance each other so that one branch could not dominate another. It was not in his personality to "bully" Congress, nor is it likely he would have been successful had he tried because his political party (Democratic Party) was divided into several factions that struggled among themselves at the same time the anti-slavery forces and the Republicans were gaining strength in Congress. Bro. Buchanan was President at the wrong time in American history.

Bro. Buchanan's support of the Lecompton Plan is difficult to defend. He thought it would delay secession and war, but it was a political blunder. While it did not affect our history to any great extent, it made him look like he had gone back on his word. He is remembered more for his lapse in ethical judgment than for his lifetime of excellent public service. Throughout his long career Bro. Buchanan practiced those principles of Freemasonry we hold to be of greatest importance. He should be forgiven for not being perfect.

ADMISSIONS POLICY, continued from page 10

Committee 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, re-

ligious 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.