

100th Birthday!



Bro. Wesley W. Cheeseman (center) of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, on May 16, 1990, his 100th birthday, with Past Masters Bro. Robert A. Detweiler (left), the Senior P.M. of Melita, and Bro. George S. Peck, P.M. (right).

Bro. Wesley W. Cheeseman of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, on May 16, 1990, celebrated his 100th birthday. Bro. Cheeseman, 79 years a Mason, followed in the footsteps of his father, John W. Cheeseman, who became a member of Melita Lodge at the time Wesley was born and who later was a P.M. of Melita Lodge for over 50 years, and Secretary of the Lodge for 35 years. Bro. Wesley Cheeseman was a regular attendant at Melita until in his late 80's, and was a Trustee of the Permanent Charity Fund

for many years. A life member, he regularly makes a contribution to the Lodge each December. On his birthday, a plaque was presented to him by the Lodge. Bro. Cheeseman spent several hours chatting and asking questions about the members of the Lodge and the University of Pennsylvania athletes whom he knew since his boyhood in West Philadelphia, beginning in the 1890s. He has always been a follower of the Penn teams.

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Masonic Temple Marks Centennial of Norman Hall Decoration 1891-1991



On Friday evening, August 28, 1891, at seven o'clock, the newly-decorated Norman Hall in the Masonic Temple was opened for inspection. It had been closed since January 23 of that year so

that it could be refurbished and decorated. Hundreds of the Brethren, their friends, and the Grand Lodge Officers, including the R. W. Grand Master Bro. John Simpson Africa (1832-1900, mem-

ber of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntington, Pennsylvania), availed themselves of the opportunity to view the third Hall decorated at the behest of the Masonic Temple Art Association. This



The Grand Master Speaks...



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

In a recent communication to the Masonic Education Committee, I noted:

"Our Masonic Fraternity has not gained its long history and great esteem by avoiding challenges. The Masonic principles are as helpful now as they have always been. As we share our Masonic knowledge among ourselves anew and meet the greater challenge of telling . . . the Masonic story . . . we will place Masonry in a strong position to enter the 21st Century."

I see Masons of Pennsylvania meeting the challenges of change in these dy-

namic times. There is renewed emphasis on values, leadership, involvement and community service. Masons are experiencing more of Masonry in their Lodges today and they are taking their Masonry into their communities. I see it developing — emerging — as I travel across the state and visit in your Lodges and communities.

The feedback is positive and progressive. The dynamics of the changing times are happening where there has been good planning and mature leadership. And, where it has happened, the results are gratifying — even dramatic. I am told in many Lodges that the programs are more interesting; that the Brethren appreciate varied programs that bring them to Lodge and keep them coming back.

With involvement in the Lodge comes Masonic knowledge. Knowledge — Masonic Education, if you will — renews an appreciation for our heritage, our values and the principles of Freemasonry and better enables us to tell others about our Fraternity. Knowledge rekindles pride.

Across the state, Masons are responding to the call for Lodges to become

involved in their communities — to work with their neighbors for the good of all — to let the world know who we are, realize what we stand for and see what we do. Lodges are reaching out into real life to tell the story of Masonry.

It is a challenge we have all accepted. Grand Lodge has been quite visible in the community, recently presenting President Buchanan Day activities and participating in the Loyalty Day parade in Lancaster. Likewise, Lodges across the state are participating in community anniversary celebrations, parades and charitable events. Some are opening the doors of their Lodge Halls to invite their friends and neighbors in for tours.

Masonry in Pennsylvania has moved into the nineties, addressing the challenge of change, being dynamic today while ". . . we act in conformity to our precepts and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular and uniform Fraternity."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W. Scott Stoner

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

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Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries



The banquet hosted by the Conference of Grand Secretaries was held Monday, February 18, 1991. Shown above (left to right) are Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ernest Borgnine, special guest speaker and an Academy-Award winning actor, and Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master.

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Grand Master's Itinerary

JULY 1991

- 1-4 Imperial Shrine of North America, San Francisco, California
- 12-13 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Hershey
- 14-15 Northeast Conference, Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries, Cockeysville, MD
- 16-17 Grand Lodge of Ontario
- 18 Honor Day, International Order of Job's Daughters, Elizabethtown College
- 20 Annual DeMolay Conclave, Altoona
- 26 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 27 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting, Elizabethtown

AUGUST 1991

- 17 DeMolay, Grand Master's Class
- 24 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the Cornerstone of the West Shore School District
- 31 Lodge No. 378, 125th Anniversary, Mt. Carmel

SEPTEMBER 1991

- 7 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of Dedication of the Lodge Room, Lodge No. 409, Pine Grove
- 12 Lodge No. 683, 75th Anniversary, Monroeville
- 14 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Lancaster
- 18 Salvation Army, 100th Anniversary, Pottstown
- 21 Lodge No. 370, 125th Anniversary, Mifflinburg
- 22-25 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Indianapolis, IN
- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 28 Lodge No. 368, 125th Anniversary, Philadelphia

OCTOBER 1991

- 5 Lodge No. 360, 125th Anniversary, Susquehanna
- 7 Lodge No. 52, 200th Anniversary, Philadelphia
- 18 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 19 Autumn Days, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 26 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting, Elizabethtown
- 26 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of Dedication of Lodge Room and Cornerstone Laying, Greensburg Masonic Center, Greensburg

Norman Hall, continued from front page

Association was founded in October 1887, with R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Clifford Paynter McCalla (1837-1892, member of Concordia Lodge No. 67) as its first President (1887-1892). The Association had already decorated Egyptian Hall in 1889 at a cost of \$4,200 and Ionic Hall in 1890 for \$4,000.

The artist and decorator who executed the paintings and embellishments in Norman Hall was Brother George Herzog (1851-1920, member of Lodge No. 51, now University Lodge, No. 51). Bro. Herzog, who had also shared in the decoration of Egyptian and Ionic Halls, as well as the hallway leading to these three rooms, did so at his own expense.

The Report of the Committee on Temple for December 2, 1891 put the cost of decorating Norman Hall at \$4,300

(excluding the price of the new carpet). Norman Hall is a fine example of Norman decorative art, which exemplifies an early medieval northern European architectural style, more properly called "Rhenish Romanesque." The plasterwork is, perhaps, one of the most outstanding features of this Hall. It is the work of Bro. Thomas Heath (1821-1874, member of Lodge No. 2). Surprisingly, even the ceiling beams are made of plaster, painted and "grained" to look like English oak. Sixteen wall piers form the base from which vaulting leads through massive moulding to these beams, which divide the ceiling into twenty-five multi-colored foliated panels. The designs for these panels were copied from Irish and Scandinavian manuscripts. Those same sixteen wall

piers divide the hall into twenty bays, decorated with designs copied from Celtic manuscripts and placed against a gold mosaic background. Illustrations from *The Book of Kells* (in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin) probably provided some of the models. Six of the bays show full-sized human figures each holding a medieval stonemason's tool, which represent the working tools of Freemasonry: Plumb, Trowel, Level, Square, Mallet, Rule and Compasses.

The first Blue Lodge to hold a Stated Meeting in Norman Hall was Humboldt Lodge No. 359, on Thursday evening, October 2, 1873; and the first Blue Lodge to meet there after the decorations were completed, was Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487, on Tuesday evening, September 1, 1891.

District E Community Project At Work

On Saturday night, February 23, 1991, the City of Philadelphia experienced its worst high-rise building fire in history, both in terms of human life and property damage. Floors twenty-one through twenty-nine of The Meridian Building, a thirty-eight story office structure, were destroyed by a 12-alarm fire that burned for almost twenty-four hours and took the lives of three firefighters.

Masons in Lodges of Masonic District

E, through the District E Community Project, can share in the comfort and knowledge that they indirectly helped provide some relief to the exhausted firefighters during that long battle. Hand-held two-way radios, donated to the Second Alarmers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc., a non-profit emergency disaster response organization, provided valuable communications, that supplemented Fire Depart-

ment Channels and enabled the delivery of much needed oxygen, compressed air and refreshments, that were ferried from street level to a rest station set up on the twentieth floor.

Fire Commissioner Ulshafer thanked the Second Alarmers' for their help, made possible in part through the good work of Masons in Lodges of Masonic District E.

"Keeping the Promise" Awareness Program

Going from Grand Lodge to Grassroots

THE MASONS: Men Who Make A Difference



1-800-545-1980



"Pennsylvania Masons are committed to the values that built America. Values such as family, character, integrity and the promise for tomorrow."

That's the beginning of the message spread statewide this Spring in the Grand Lodge's "Keeping the Promise of America" advertising. It's a message designed to awaken the world to Freemasonry — to let it be known who we are and what we stand for.

"More than ever before, Masons want you to know how important our organization is in making life better for all of us — working for the individual . . . the community . . . and mankind."

All ads and commercials end with the invitation for the viewer, listener or reader to "Call now and ask for our brochure, 'We Stand With You,'" and provides the toll-free number, 1-800-545-1980.

This is an Awareness Program, not a recruiting campaign; but, there is no doubt good people naturally want to be associated with other good people. Response on the 800-line to the advertising messages in 1990 were good and results of follow-up contacts indicate that good men are interested in knowing more about Freemasonry.

The goal of our Awareness Program is to revitalize our own pride in the values, commitment and leadership in our Fraternity at the same time that it encourages our friends and neighbors to want to know more about us and our standing in

the community. Achieving the Awareness goal is vital and long-term — one of acceptance and growth for our Fraternity. It is an important responsibility for all of us.

Every Masonic Lodge — and thereby every Mason — in Pennsylvania will have the opportunity and is encouraged to be part of "Keeping the Promise of America" as the 1991 Awareness Program reaches from Grand Lodge to Grassroots throughout 1991. Just about every community in the state was touched by Grand Lodge's April and May advertising. Throughout this Summer and especially in the Fall, local targeting of the messages will benefit the Lodges' own home areas.

Working through the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee structure, Lodges, Districts and Areas will be encouraged to commit their support to the program. Based upon the commitment and Grand Lodge co-operation, advertising will be directed in the service area of the participating Lodge, group of Lodges or District.

Grand Lodge requires the use of its advertising messages intact and will target their placement according to the respective local commitments and budgetary capabilities. Grand Lodge will supply the advertising materials to local Lodges, Districts and Areas when they have stated how the materials will be used and have made a financial commitment for their placement.

For 1991, the "Keeping the Promise of America" messages of values, commitment and leadership are presented by a

"Mr. Mason." Available in the program are two 30-second television commercials; two 30-second and one 60-second radio spots and two newspaper ads. For each medium, one version presents "Mr. Mason" in leisure attire and the other in business dress. Billboard sheets have been produced for a "MASONS: Men Who Make A Difference" message.

The "Keeping the Promise of America" brochure titled, "We Stand With You," has been redesigned with larger type to be more readable. It is sent to all who call the 800-number in response to the advertising. So that the brochure also may be effective for use at open houses, parades or other community events, a mailing address and phone number for more information has been included.

Taking the message of Freemasonry throughout the large state of Pennsylvania is a big task; but it is a vital, major challenge of our times. In his inaugural address, Grand Master W. Scott Stoner proclaimed, "over the next two years, Masonic Awareness is our Grand Lodge Mission."

Masons of Pennsylvania continuing to work together will "Keep the Promise of America."



Masonic Education

Talented Volunteers To Help Handicapped Brethren and Their Families

A few weeks ago several members of The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education traveled to our Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and met with nine residents, who indicated that they were willing to share their time and talents to develop cassette tapes. The tapes will be prepared for the Brethren who are less fortunate, and cannot read because of loss of sight. The topics to be recorded include portions from The Master Builders, The Short Talk Bul-

letins and other Masonic literature.

Bro. Paul C. Rodenhauer, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, volunteered to meet the challenge and to head up the project at the Homes for the Grand Lodge Education Committee. The Committee is so fortunate to have Bro. Paul taking on this project, because he spent much of his working life developing programs for radio and television in the Lancaster area.

The tapes developed by the guests at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will be available through The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the *Pennsylvania Freemason* will list those topics available on tape.

Brethren, the guests at the Masonic Homes look on this project as a labor of love, for those who are less fortunate.

Father To Son

Masonic records are filled with family names that show how its membership consisted of entire families; fathers, sons, grandfathers, as well as uncles and other relatives — all belonging to the community Masonic Lodge. Today we are beginning to see a resumption of this Masonic lineage, but many times it is the son or the younger member of the family joining the Masonic Lodge first, and at a later time recommending his father,

brother or uncle.

The Committee on Masonic Education realizes that there is a need for a brochure entitled, "Father to Son and Son to Father," to promote renewed family interest in Masonry. This brochure will be a tool that a father and/or a son can use to communicate his feelings about the Fraternity, without violating his Masonic obligations. The Education Committee will be publish-

ing such a brochure for use by our membership in the near future. This brochure can be used in conjunction with *Friend to Friend*.

If you have a need for this publication, please let your Lodge education chairmen know, so that he can order a supply for your Lodge from the Education Office when they are available.

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 the remainder of the list of participants in the 1990 Competition. 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 B-2:** Ernest F. Woerner*; Gerald E. Bowman, P.M.; Jack W. W. Loose; Vincent R. Eshelman; J. B. Hess; Clarence W. Sowerbier; Homer E. Vaughn; Robert C. Marvel, P.M.; George L. Overly; Secretary; Edward W. Davis; Raymond C. Mullin; Laverne S. Hauck, Jr., P.M.; J.W. Charles W. Steffy, P.M.; Larry Bensing, S.M.C.; Paul J. Evancoe; William F. Rohrbach, P.M.; W. Randall Kegerise, J.W.; Harry E. Lora, P.M.; Gordon C. Diefenderfer, P.M.; Robert Fackler; Richard Hall; G. Wayne Herberling, P.M.; Michael H. Leid, P.M.; David Ratzer; Brantley E. Elliott, P.M.; Robert S. Hamilton, P.M.; Craig A. Stone, P.M.; Darwin G. Chilcote; Harvey C. Knoll; Robert Graesser; Paul Coover; Paul R. Mummert; John F. Kauffman, Jr.; Robert H. Endy, P.M.; David T. Jones, P.M.; William C. Shadow, III; Larry W. Phillips; Rudolph E. Butler, P.M.; Jess W. Hartmann; Denis P. Sicchitano, P.M.; Lester T. Sheely; Richard H. Brumbach; Ronald A. White; William S. Corlett, P.D.D.G.M.; Ned A. Hoffmeister; Alvin S. Goodman, P.M.; Jess Leidig, III; Carl Gustafson, P.M.; Jem Hockenberry, P.M.; David McClure, P.M.; Walter Daniels, P.M.; William Gardner; Duane Goodhart, P.M.; John Kinney; Thomas Wynecup, P.M.; Henry Keller, P.M.; William J. Zimmerman; Jack L. Zeigler; Richard B. Shelley, P.M.; Frederick Heath; Daniel Morningstar; Gary N. Trivelpiece; Robert M. Roiz, P.M.; Harry M. Sellers; R. Kirk Cover, P.D.D.G.M.; Louis V. Ludwig; Robert J. Matula; Wilbur D. Miller; George C. Penrod; William R. Austin; James Cameron; John D. Ream; John H. Swartz; Ronald F. Hoffman; E. James Newcomer; James R. Markle, Sr.; Brian L. Gilbert, W.M.; William C. Donovan; William Grove, W.M.; Lester W. Frey.

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From the Librarian and Curator's Desk

A Beginning and An End

The year 1991 marks a double Masonic bicentennial. On April 23, 1791 a baby began his life among us in a log cabin near Cove Gap, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and a man, though still young, left this life, in Vienna, Austria, on December 5th of the same year. They were a generation apart in age and each was a child of his time. Both were Freemasons. There, the similarity ends. The baby grew up to be a solid son of nineteenth-century America, to the extent that he became the fifteenth President of the United States: James Buchanan (1791-1868), District Deputy Grand Master and member of Lodge No. 43 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The young man, an eighteenth-century European cosmopolitan, left a legacy unmatched in the world of music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791),

good-natured genius, and member of (finally and longest) the Lodge Zur Neugekrönten Hoffnung in Vienna, Austria.

To commemorate the lives of these absolutely different personalities, The Masonic Library and Museum has mounted two small exhibits in the Museum of the Grand Lodge. **James Buchanan — President, Freemason** has letters signed by Bro. Buchanan, other manuscripts, photographs, portraits and memorabilia concerning him, Lodge No. 43 and other Masons with whom he was associated. **Mozart — the Man, the Musician, the Mason** also has portraits, a bust, commemorative pieces, and musical scores illustrative of Mozart's fascination with and love for Freemasonry. These two exhibits, and the much larger **The Master Builders** at

Work, in the Grand Banquet Hall, will remain until the end of 1991.

Note: If there are any Lodges which have struck commemorative coins or medallions, The Masonic Library and Museum would like to hear from them. It would be wonderful to have a complete collection to share with all Masons. Please direct any information about coins and medallions that need a good home to:

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Masonic Reading By Tape by Bro. John Platt, Jr.

It was just one of those normally busy days at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when my telephone rang yet again. The most pleasant voice on the other end of the line introduced itself as Bro. C. Edwin Ellmore of Coatesville, Pennsylvania. A most interesting and enlightening conversation ensued concerning a project that Bro. Ellmore had undertaken: that of putting some of the more important Masonic books onto tape for the use of those persons who have problems reading the normal texts. This group would include those with partial vision problems and those who have lost their sight entirely. Who says that we cannot continue to educate those interested in the Craft and to continue to lead those of our Brethren "to Masonic Light"?

In further discussions, I found out that this project would include several of the books authored by Brother Allen E. Roberts, who over the years has made an exciting impact on the Craft and in the field of Masonic Education particularly. Wanting to know more of the details

about this project, I called Bro. Roberts and learned that the various tapes would be handled through *The Philalethes Society* and their Librarian Bro. Harold L. Davidson. During our conversation, Bro. Roberts and I discussed the possibility of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania securing copies for use in our own Circulating Library here in Philadelphia. His response was an enthusiastic "Yes," this could and would be possible. Just as soon as the details can be worked out, copies will be secured and placed in our Circulating Library for those wishing to use these valuable "Working Tools."

Just a brief word to bring you up to date on The Friends of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania: We are pleased that interest is beginning to grow in this area. We now have over thirty persons who have joined us in one of the three categories available. The Board of Directors and I sincerely hope that we will be able to count many of you as part of this important group within The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

JUNE Quarterly Communication

June 5, 1991

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Youth Foundation

1244 Bainbridge Road
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Programs Available

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation can provide speakers, films, slide programs, displays, workshops, adult leader training and programs for Lodge meetings, Wardens seminars and public gatherings. Presentations are available on a variety of subjects, including the youth groups, the Educational Endowment Fund, and Freemasonry's commitment to youth. Additionally, arrangements can be made for exemplification of ritual work performed by the youth groups. For information about the Masonic-related youth groups, the Masonic Conference Center, or programs available, contact Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, P.M., Executive Director.

New Rainbow Brochure

A new full-color brochure promoting the Order of the Rainbow for Girls has been produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The brochure highlights the activities of a typical Rainbow Assembly, and is designed to interest all girls in becoming members of the Order. It opens up into a poster which can be displayed to promote the Order. Copies of the brochure have been distributed to all Rainbow assemblies in Pennsylvania for use in membership recruitment.

Adult Recruitment

Pennsylvania DeMolay has recently acquired a new videotape program entitled, "Why Invest In DeMolay" which is designed to inform Masons about the value of working with the Order. The 18-minute videotape, available in VHS format, is part of a complete presentation to recruit Masons and adults to work as Advisors to DeMolay Chapters. It is also ideal for use as an educational program about the Order of DeMolay, to be shown following a Lodge meeting. This videotape is available on loan from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation office.

DeMolay Summer Initiation

The Order of DeMolay will honor Grand Master W. Scott Stoner with a special "Outdoor Initiation" class on August 17 at the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. Both degrees of the Order will be conferred, with the dramatic tableaux of the DeMolay Degree performed at dusk. Preceded by a picnic dinner, an informal, but uniform, dress code will make the evening comfortable for all.

On the following day, the DeMolays will have the option of participating in "Masonic Youth Day" at HersheyPark and ZooAmerica with group discount tickets. This exciting day will be open to all Masons and their families.

Referral Flyer Distributed

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has produced a Youth Referral flyer which explains each of the Masonic-related youth groups. It also provides an opportunity for a Mason to refer the names of his children, grand-children and neighbors to a local Rainbow, DeMolay or Job's Daughters group for membership.

The flyer measures 3.25" x 5.25" and can be distributed via display tables or it can fit into small mailing envelopes such as those used for monthly Lodge notices. The flyer includes a detachable postcard which is mailed to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation office. The names are then referred to the adult leaders of the appropriate Masonic-related youth groups nearest the home of the prospective members. These flyers are available in large quantities upon request from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation office.

1990 Annual Report

The 1990 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is now available upon request from the Foundation office. Copies were mailed to each Lodge Representative to the PYF, and they should share their copies during a report to their Lodge. The report summarizes the financial statements of the Foundation and lists all contributors for 1990.

Annual Youth Conventions

Job's Daughters Grand Sessions
June 20-23, 1991
Elizabethtown College

DeMolay Conclave
July 18-21, 1991
Penn State University, Altoona Campus

Rainbow Grand Assembly
July 17-21, 1991
Jaffa Shrine Mosque, Altoona



Progress At The Masonic Health Care Center



The Masonic Health Care Center is licensed to care for 482 residents. It is here that the needs of residents requiring intermediate or skilled nursing care are met by staff and consulting physicians and a round-the-clock nursing staff.

Starting with the first building completed in 1916, there have been many additions and changes over the years which brings us to our present building and renovation project.

Planned to be a state-of-the-art health care center, this project will span eight years and effectively improve every nursing floor and clinic in the facility. During the first phase, new dining rooms were added to each of the Masons

Care floors to provide a more accessible dining area for the convenience of residents. Residents no longer have to utilize the elevators at meal time to dine on the ground floor.

During 1991, we will start to construct a new wing complete with the most up-to-date design, convenience, and efficiency of a new nursing home. Each nursing floor is laid out to provide four clusters with 12 residents living in each cluster. All nursing and ancillary services will have equipment and staff to treat each cluster as an independent unit. This will provide a more homelike atmosphere, having smaller autonomous units of 12 residents. This wing is scheduled for completion in 1993.

Our clinics will be more centrally located in the north part of our building after renovations begin in 1993. A new entrance on the first floor will feature a convenient entrance for outpatient residents who have appointments with the doctors and Health Care Professionals of our many ancillary services. These clinics will service the needs of our Masonic Health Care Center residents, residents from our Congregate Living, Personal Care, and Independent Living Community.

In 1994 plans call for the construction of three additional nursing floors as well

as a combined multipurpose room and worship area where residents can congregate for activities and worship services. Adjacent to this area will be a fully equipped arts and crafts room for residents.

We will also construct a new Alzheimers wing for the care of those who need special treatment. The courtyard in this area will be constructed to provide both indoor and outdoor walking paths as a source of treatment and pleasure for those afflicted with dementia. Designing a new wing for this type of special treatment is one way our new building will be providing the best possible architecture available for our residents.

In 1996 a third floor will be added to our Masons Care building and renovations will take place in this area to provide personal care services. Personal care provides slightly less nursing care than a nursing home for a resident who is able to do more activities of daily living independently. Once renovated, our Masonic Health Care Center will provide personal care in addition to intermediate and skilled nursing care.

Once completed, the Masonic Health Care Center will be providing intermediate and skilled care for approximately 450 residents and personal care for 102 residents.

— Update on Waiting Period to the Masonic Homes —

Currently the waiting period for admission to the intermediate or skilled levels of care is only one to four months after completion of the application.

The waiting list for congregate living or personal care is now twelve to eighteen months after completion of the application. This update is to assist people in planning their move to the Masonic Homes.

For additional information on admission to the Masonic Homes, you can call (717) 367-1121 or write to the Admissions Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022-2199.

Has Your Will Had A Check-Up Lately?

Have you put your Will away and forgotten it? It could be time to take a good look at it and review it. It may require minor treatment. Or, a complete check-up could reveal the necessity of major surgery.

Making a Will is serious business. Anyone who has made a Will can recall feeling a real sense of accomplishment: "There, it's over and finished!" A perfectly natural reaction . . . but it leads to the most common mistake that an individual can make concerning their Will.

Not even the most carefully drawn Will remains sound permanently. Years pass; families grow, multiply, and decline; circumstances change; friends move away; your named executor becomes ill and could no longer handle your affairs . . .

Because of these, and many more similar reasons, it is just a good practice to read your Will once a year. As a result you will be reminded of prior decisions and will be aware of needed changes.

Symptoms To Look For:

1. *Growing children.* Special provisions related to needs of minors may indicate the need for revisions.

2. *Change in marital status.* If you marry, divorce, or if you are separated and seriously considering divorce. Death of a spouse. Common law marriages are recognized as legal in some states including Pennsylvania. The marriage will still be valid even if the persons later move to a state that does not allow couples to form common law marriages. There is no such thing as a common law divorce; no matter how a marriage begins, to end it must go through formal divorce proceedings. It is often difficult to verify the legality of an out-of-country divorce, discuss this with a lawyer to evaluate the legality when preparing your Will.

3. *Birth of a child.* A new family member could necessitate changes to carry out your wishes and make the proper provisions for future education. This would also include the adoption of a child.

4. *Death of a parent, spouse, child, beneficiary, or executor* calls for a close examination of your Will. This is assuming you have no provision for such a change in your current Will, i.e. "in the event this person named predeceases me I leave that specific portion to another (named) or a specific charity."

5. *Move.* A change in permanent legal residence from one state to another requires a good look. Even though most states will honor a Will drawn up in another state, there are some which will not. Consulting with your attorney concerning this will put your mind at ease.

6. *Exchange of assets.* A change in the nature or growth of assets is an occasion for examination.

7. *Tax laws.* Recent changes in estate tax laws have made many Wills out of date! In light of these many changes, a review is very wise.

8. *Gifts.* Recent or contemplated gifts, to or from you to others, could make changes necessary. You leave a valuable item such as a piece of jewelry to a named person but no longer have the item. You sell or purchase property that would be included in your estate.

9. *Executor.* Death, disability, or refusal of your selected executor to act in your behalf requires major changes. Make sure you discuss with your selected executor that you do wish him/her to serve in this capacity and in turn they are willing to do so. Also make sure you advise them where your papers are kept. This will avoid long delays in the future.

10. *Guardian.* If the person named as personal guardian of minor children or their property becomes unable to serve. One suggestion is the naming of an alternate individual in your Will.

11. *Growing commitment.* Your possible lessening responsibility to children may call for changes to reflect your growing interest in the work of your fraternity — and, ultimately the work of the Masonic Homes.

Caution

Has this check-up revealed you do not have a Will at all? It is estimated that

three (3) out of four (4) or seventy-five percent (75%) of all adults who will die this year have no Will. What will happen then?

Their property will be distributed according to the laws of the state in which they reside at the time of death and not necessarily according to their wishes.

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 parents, 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.

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Admissions Policy Update

— Change in Financial Options —

Effective June 1, 1991, the Committee on Masonic Homes has approved expanding the financial options for individuals moving to the Masonic Homes. On June 1, residents will be able to use the following options for handling their assets, income, and paying their bills:

1. If you are handling this personally, you may continue to do so.
2. If you have a family member or friend that has been appointed attorney-in-fact you may maintain this arrangement.

3. If you are using a bank trust department you may maintain this arrangement.

4. If you choose, you may make arrangements with a bank in the Masonic Homes area for your convenience in working with a local trust officer.

This policy builds on the flexibility for residents moving to the Masonic Homes that was established almost three years ago when the Committee on Masonic Homes decided that assets would not be required to be turned over to the Masonic Homes.

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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.

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!

Bellefonte Masonic Lodge Pays Tribute To Bro. Harry C. Menold



Seated: Bro. Harry C. Menold. Standing (left to right): Bro. John L. Willar, Treasurer; Bro. Don L. Hollobaugh, Jr. Warden; Bro. Charles H. Hasinger, Worshipful Master; Bro. John E. Galbraith, Sr. Warden; Bro. Edward N. Brook, Secretary.

The Bellefonte Lodge No. 268 Free and Accepted Masons recently paid tribute to Bro. Harry C. Menold.

Bro. Menold was initiated into the Bellefonte Lodge April 15, 1919. Now 101 years old, he was born September 13, 1888, in Mill Creek, Huntingdon County. In 1926, he married the former Edith D. Dickert, who died in April 1985. They had one son, Harry C. Menold, Jr. of Bellefonte.

In 1909, he graduated from William-son Free School of Mechanical Trades in Philadelphia. That year, he began his trade as a pattern maker.

After three years as a pattern maker, he

went to Harrisburg and worked for the Adams Express Company, for nine years. He then was hired as a manual training instructor at Bellefonte High School where he became the head of the manual training department. He worked for the school district for thirty-eight years.

Many of Bro. Menold's students remember him, just as he remembers them. He would spend evenings working with them to complete school projects.

Bro. Menold is a resident at Centre Crest Nursing Home, Bellefonte. He enjoys visits from his former students.

—by Fred Yorks, Bellefonte

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 Masonic charitable organizations. 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.

If you have questions regarding charitable contributions to the Masonic Homes and/or other Masonic charitable organizations, we will be pleased to assist you in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us at:

**Masonic Homes Development
and
Public Relations Department**
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199
Phone: (717) 367-1121, Ext. 311

— by Charles V. Watt, CFRE

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Drug and Alcohol Foundation

D & A Foundation Grant Makes Needed Philadelphia Student Assistance Program Possible



Demonstrating a case study during a Student Assistance Team training program in March for Philadelphia School District participants at the Patton Campus are (clockwise from left): Sylvia Abdul-Haqq, a counselor; Stephen Welch, an administrator; Linda Golden, a nurse; R. W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. (standing); Gwendolyn Porter, the Philadelphia project administrator, and Gregory Shannon, a special education teacher. Other program participants in the background observe the demonstration of the case study.

By the end of this school year there are to be at least 60 Student Assistance Teams serving the 194,000 students in the Philadelphia School District. The help of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has played a key role in making that possible.

Gwendolyn A. Porter, the Project Administrator for Student Substance Abuse Programs in the Philadelphia School District, in January wrote R. W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., President of the Masonic Foundation — D & A:

"Over the past three years, 47 Student Assistance core teams have been

trained in Elizabethtown at the Patton Campus. Over 100 police officers, community members and other professionals have also attended these trainings . . .

"Without your support, thousands of students, teachers and administrators would never have had the opportunity to engage in an initiative of this magnitude. I cannot express my appreciation adequately. However, I would like to convey to all of the Masonic leaders that the Patton Campus has truly become a fertile ground on which our staff development hinges."

Early in March, some 60 Philadelphia

teachers, nurses and administrators completed training at the Patton Campus increasing the number of the city's school District teams to 57. During that training session, Past Grand Masters Stenberg and Hiram P. Ball met with Ms. Porter to confirm a contract from the Masonic Foundation — D & A that will enable the training to continue next year.

The importance and effectiveness of the Student Assistance Program supported by the Masonic Foundation is evident in statistics Ms. Porter described of the Philadelphia project now in its third year;

Throughout the eight city sub-districts during the first five months (end of January) this year, 54 Student Assistance Teams have been involved with 1,934 student cases. Compare that with 13 teams involved with 351 cases in 1988-89 (the first year) and 27 teams involved with 1,472 in 1989-90.

From those cases, through January of this term 161 were assessed for drug and alcohol assistance referral (108 in all of '88-'89 and 473 in all of '89-'90) and 216 were assessed for mental health assistance referral (30 in all of '88-'89 and 157 in '89-'90)

The kind of assistance rendered to the Philadelphia Student Assistance Program is just one of the important projects the Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children makes possible by virtue of the 57 grants totaling more than a million dollars that it has made in its five-year history.

D & A Speakers Talking To Lodges, Civic Clubs

Since the formation of the Speakers Team for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, members have addressed a number of Masonic Lodge meetings, meetings of

Masons and their wives, Royal and Select Masons, and Rotary Clubs.

A number of the presentations have generated gifts to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation — D & A.

Members can arrange for a program

speaker for their Lodges and civic and social groups by contacting the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation — D & A at the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. Phone (717) 367-5222.

Hebron Lodge No. 465



Standing (left to right) are Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, D.D.G.M. for the 42nd Masonic District; Bro. Levere M. Starner, P.M.; Bro. Brian L. Starner; Bro. Gregory S. Starner, W.M.; Bro. Jeffrey A. Starner; Bro. William L. Starner, P.M.

Lowther Manor Lodge Adopts Highway

On March 16, 1991, Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 conducted its initial litter pickup on a 2-mile section of U.S. Route 15 south of Camp Hill under PennDot's Adopt-A-Highway Program. This program is a community involvement program that brings citizen volunteers into a partnership with the Department of Transportation to promote and provide cleaner roadsides.

This Lodge project was coordinated by Bro. Robert L. Koser, the immediate Past Master and Bro. Mark A. Kramer,

W.M., the 4th consecutive Master of the Lodge to be an employee of PennDot. For some time the Lodge has been searching for a project which would involve the community, and when the Adopt-A-Highway Program became a reality, the Lodge jumped at the opportunity to serve.

Program participants who adopt a section of highway are required to sign a contract with the Department of Transportation which sets forth the terms. For example, participants are required to

November 19, 1990 was a very special night for Hebron Lodge No. 465, located in a very small town called New Oxford, located in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

Bro. William L. Starner, P.M. (1966, 1967), conferred the Master Mason's Degree upon two of his sons, Bro. Brian L. Starner and Bro. Jeffrey A. Starner. His other son Bro. Gregory S. Starner was the Worshipful Master, taking the Junior Warden's station for the conferral, while William's father, the grandfather of Gregory, Brian, and Jeffrey, Bro. Levere M. Starner, P.M. (1962), was the Senior Warden.

make a minimum of four pickups each year on a section of highway at least 2 miles long for a period of 2 years. Safety is top priority, and all participants must receive safety training and wear orange safety vests.

Twenty-four Lodge members enjoyed a fine breakfast after which they picked up approximately 125 bags of litter in a little under 5 hours. Coordinator Koser said, "We expect more of the Brethren to join us at our next pick-up tentatively scheduled for June 1st."



The Philadelphia Letter District, District Deputy Grand Masters and the Philadelphia Area Masonic Lodges, honored their Past and Present Secretaries with the presentation of their "Secretary's Service Jewel." On January 28, 1991, sixty-nine secretary's service jewels were presented at a testimonial dinner by Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.G.S., at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

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

My Brethren:

While at the Conference of Grand Secretaries recently, I had the opportunity to be with Grand Officers from the newly re-organized Grand Lodges of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. I was impressed with the impact Freemasonry had upon these men. The genuine expression of Brotherly Love was very evident. It has been many years since Eastern Bloc residents had the privilege of Masonic membership. It is significant that Freemasonry became one of the first organizations to be re-established upon shedding the mantle of dictatorial Communism. Hungary has also had a re-organization of its Grand Lodge.

This experience has caused me to coalesce some thoughts and concerns which have been bothering me for years. Mainly, why do so many Members in the United States fail to place the importance on Freemasonry that is found in so many other jurisdictions?

For more than 11 years, I have been in communication with probably all of the recognized Grand Lodges in the world and have found the appreciation of the Fraternity to be much greater in most foreign Jurisdictions than in our country. It should be worth our while to try to determine why.

The basic precepts and philosophy, the fundamentals of the ritual and the

"Ancient Landmarks" are a relative constant throughout the world. The difference, therefore, must lie in the composition of, and attitudes generated by, our membership.

We live in a society today that equates value on cost and desirability on degree of difficulty to obtain. Have you ever wondered why very expensive private clubs have waiting lists? Consider your own system of placing an item's value on its relationship to cost. How many of us purchase the cheapest priced item available in the category in which we are looking? I know that when I am looking to purchase I assume the more expensive to be better quality.

I am convinced that we have created Freemasonry's greatest problem by making it too easily obtainable and too cheaply retainable.

For Jurisdictions in the United States, the financial cost to become a Member and the dues to remain a Member are considerably less than other Grand Jurisdictions. In most, annual dues are many times higher than those of any Lodge in our Jurisdiction. The cost to affiliate with the Fraternity, in many, represents a large percentage of a petitioner's annual salary.

In addition, in many Grand Jurisdictions if you miss a Stated Meeting you are required to write in advance, giving

justifiable cause. Failure to do so can result in suspension. I recently received a Lodge Notice from St. Oswald Lodge No. 4260 in Darlington, England, and I quote from this Notice: "From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge especially when warned to appear at it, without inviting a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him."

For many years we have heard it stated that we have "sold" Freemasonry too cheaply. Our greatest concern seems to be to make Freemasonry readily accessible to anyone who wishes to say "I am a Freemason." It is my evaluation that the result has been that far too many of our Members take their membership for granted, and this fact alone has undeniably caused a decline in the prestige of Masonic membership.

Lack of interest must be directly related to lack of assumed value, and lack of value to lack of what we expect and require.

To reverse this trend, we should take a very serious look at how easy we have made it to be a Freemason and give some serious consideration as to whether this is the pathway we wish to continue to follow. Our decision may well determine our future.

Subordinate Lodge Accounting Program

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is beginning the first full year of the Subordinate Lodge Accounting Program. This program was designed to assist the Subordinate Lodges with their accounting system and also to provide for a simplified procedure of completing Subordinate Lodge audits. Forty-six Lodges participated in the program this past year, and, although there were some "bugs" to be ironed out of the system, which is generally the case with any new program, the responses received from most of the participants have been highly favorable.

The program utilizes financial information provided by Subordinate Lodges through the Grand Lodge computer system to compile a hard copy return on a monthly basis. The return is then sent to the Subordinate Lodge to verify accuracy. At the end of the year this final program should supply all information needed to complete the Subordinate Lodge audits. The numbers assigned to the accounting system ties in with those of the audit report.

It was Grand Lodge's purpose in developing this program to decrease the amount of time required by Subordinate

Lodge Secretaries and Audit Committees when dealing with their financial responsibilities. It is the hope of the Grand Lodge that other Lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity in the future.

Your Lodge Needs You

Are your 1991 dues paid? Suspension from your Symbolic Lodge automatically excludes you from all Masonic privileges including membership in all Appendant Bodies.

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"Grand Lodge Special Communication"



A Special Communication was held in lieu of the March Quarterly Communication on Tuesday, April 23, 1991 at the Lancaster Masonic Center, 213 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Communication was held to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the birthdate of President and Brother James Buchanan. A Vesper Service was held Monday, April 22, 1991 at First Presbyterian Church — 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, this being the Church Brother James Buchanan attended. Tours of Wheatland, the home of Brother Buchanan, originated from the Willow Valley Family Resort. Also a banquet, with entertainment, was held in Willow Valley Family Resort's Palm Court.

Lodge No. 61



At an Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 61, Wilkes-Barre, held on November 9, 1990, Past Master Rudolph H. Yekel, had the honor of seeing two of his sons, his son-in-law and an adopted nephew, Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Shown left to right: Bro. Brian S. Yekel, Bro. Mark C. George, Bro. David W. Yekel, Senior Deacon, also his son, Bro. Norman Darling, Sr., Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. Daniel Yekel and Bro. Peter J. Nardone, his son-in-law.

Mason Honored for 50 Years

On February 7, 1991, Cressona Lodge No. 426 honored Bro. Allen A. Becker, Past Master, for 50 years of Masonic service. Bro. Becker was initiated into Freemasonry on March 6, 1941. He served as Worshipful Master of Cressona Lodge No. 426 in 1945. He also served as treasurer for 42 years. On November 12, 1984 he was presented the Grand Master's Award for "Out-

standing Services to Freemasonry." It was presented in person by the then Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter. Presenting the 50 year pin to Bro. Allen A. Becker, Past Master, is Bro. Charles H. Detweiler I, District Deputy Grand Master. Also participating in the 50 year pin presentation are Bro. Jeffrey H. Potts, Worshipful Master and Bro. Ray Becker, Past Master.



(Left to Right): Bro. Charles H. Detweiler I, D.D.G.M.; Bro. Jeffrey H. Potts, W.M.; Bro. Ray Becker, P.M.; Bro. Allen A. Becker, P.M.

CONFERENCE,

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The month of February was a busy month for the Officers of your Grand Lodge. Included during the month was the Conference of Grand Masters and the Conference of Grand Secretaries meeting in San Diego. The Conferences were attended by all Officers of the Grand Lodge as well as six of your R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Our R. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, was elected to the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association during their meeting held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters.

Our R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, presided over the Conference of Grand Secretaries as President concluding his term of office.

The Banquet hosted by the Conference of Grand Secretaries on Monday, February 18, 1991, was extremely honored by having as its speaker Bro. Ernest Borgnine, the Academy Award winning actor. He is probably best known as Commander McHale on television's *McHale's Navy*.

More importantly to us, however, he is a dedicated Freemason who gives freely of his time on behalf of the Fraternity and its charities. The photograph on page 2 was taken prior to the Monday night banquet.



Independent Living Community — Enhance Your Leisure



As a member of our Community, you also have access to recreational facilities located elsewhere on the grounds of Masonic Homes. These facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a gymnasium, and a fishing pond.



The Independent Living Community is a place where your choices on how to spend your leisure time are enhanced.

For those who prefer an active lifestyle, the Independent Living Community (I.L.C.) offers a variety of facilities and activities to accommodate you. Our facilities include a fitness center, a game room featuring a full-sized pool table and dartboard, a wood-working shop, nature walking trails and areas for bicycling, and gardening plots for those with a "green thumb." Activities offered on a regular basis include craft workshops; special trips to local attractions such as Longwood Gardens, Hershey's Chocolate World, and Columbia's

Watch and Clock Museum; festivities (often featuring live entertainment); special speakers; and planned weekly trips to area shopping malls, bowling lanes, and grocery stores.



For those who prefer a more restful form of leisure, the I.L.C. offers a library where you can relax with a good novel, work on a puzzle, or engage in a quiet game of cards. Our coffee shop is the ideal place to meet with friends for food and lively conversation.

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