

Bro. Eugene B. Oliver Celebrates 100th Birthday



(Left to Right): Bro. Thomas W. Hiller, P.M.; Bro. John J. Miller, Junior Warden; Bro. Eugene B. Oliver; Bro. Glenn S. Yeager, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Zane J. Taney, P.M., Worshipful Master and Bro. A. Sherman Fink, P.M., Senior Warden.

March 30, 1991, Bro. Eugene B. Oliver reached the "Century Mark" and in his own words, "Now, I'm ready for the next 100." Bro. Oliver is a seventy-eight year member of Sylvania Lodge No. 354, F. & A.M., Shickshinny, Pennsylvania.

Officers and Members of Sylvania Lodge attended Bro. Oliver's family-held "Century Bash." Bro. Zane J. Taney, Worshipful Master, presented Bro. Gene with a gift from the Members of the

Lodge.  
Last year during Sylvania Lodge's 125th Anniversary, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W.G.M., presented Bro. Oliver with a seventy-seven year Award which was proudly received by Bro. Oliver. This Award, along with indications of numerous other achievements, was displayed at Bro. Oliver's memorabilia table during the party.

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Activities including a Luau in the Courtyard, Square Dancing, St. Patrick's Day Party, Community Socials in order to meet new residents and just spend time together, plus outings to such places as Longwood Gardens, are just a few of the monthly events on the calendar. If you are interested in joining this happy group, or would just desire additional information about the facilities, please complete the coupon in this issue and return it to the Masonic Homes' Independent Living Community today.





# The Grand Master Speaks...



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

My prefacing letter to the Annual Report reminded:

"Faith, Hope and Charity: As Freemasons, our Faith is in God; our Hope is in our youth, and the greatest of these is Charity. Consider for a moment how important Masonic Charity is to those who need it."

We are justifiably proud of what has been accomplished through eighty years at the Masonic Homes: the beautiful, well-kept grounds and buildings, the first-class staff and facilities and friendly, "at home" atmosphere provided for the guests — young and old.

A visit to the Masonic Homes is something every Pennsylvania Mason should experience. You are welcome to stop in while traveling in the area or on vacation. Volunteer guests are always on hand to give guided tours. (Keep in mind the popular funfest at the Homes is Autumn Day, October 19.) A visit to the Homes is an experience you'll always remember and talk about with a satisfaction of charity well served and with pride in your Fraternity.

Pride in what we do as a Fraternity; the values we hold and exemplify; our services to others, and leadership in our communities: Those are both the essence and benefits of public awareness of Freemasonry.

Throughout my travels, I have sensed the enthusiasm the Brethren have for the Masonic Awareness Program. Masonic Awareness among the public means that the public wants to know what we as Masons do. The charity of the Masonic Homes is one of our great stories.

We can and must tell our story. That is a new experience for many of us. We have long been the quiet Fraternity; but we must seize the opportunity to communicate while always remembering to 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

## Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master Participates in Special Raisings



Monday, March 18, 1991 proved to be a very special day for Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, when he was honored to serve as "guide" for his grandson-in-law, Karl New, and his grandson, Edwin John Winner, when they both received their Third Degrees. The two, newly raised Masons, received their Degrees in Bro. Young's Lodge Melita No. 295, which meets in Egyptian Hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, was pleased to have Conferred both of the Third Degrees on that occasion.

(Left to Right): Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Edwin John Winner, Bro. Karl New, and Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### SEPTEMBER 1991

- 4 Grand Lodge, Committee on Finance, Elizabethtown
- 7 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of Dedicating Lodge Room and Cornerstone Laying, 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

- 1-3 186th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Rehoboth-Dewey Beach, DE
- 5 Lodge No. 360, 125th Anniversary, Susquehanna
- 12 Lodge No. 371, 125th Anniversary, Thompsettown
- 17 Lodge No. 52, 200th Anniversary, Philadelphia

### OCTOBER, continued

- 18 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 19 Autumn Day, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 25 Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Annual Board Meeting, Elizabethtown
- 25 Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Board Meeting, Elizabethtown
- 26 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board Meeting, Elizabethtown
- 26 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of Dedicating Lodge Room and Cornerstone Laying, Greensburg Masonic Center, Greensburg

### NOVEMBER 1991

- 2 Lodge No. 687, 75th Anniversary, Hazleton
- 9 Valley of Altoona, A.A.S.R. Fall Reunion
- 16 Lodge No. 377, 125th Anniversary, Kutztown
- 23 Williamsport Consistory, A.A.S.R., Fall Reunion

## Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master Receives the Charles H. Johnson Medal

On Monday, May 6, 1991, at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York Free and Accepted Masons, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R. W. Grand Master, was honored by receiving The Charles H. Johnson Medal. This Medal was instituted by the Grand Lodge of New York in May of 1951. "The award is to be made by the Grand Master [of New York] to such members in good standing in this [New

York] or any other jurisdiction or recognized Masonic body, irrespective of rank or title, who have rendered unusual or distinguished service in furthering the good name of the Craft, its principles and purposes. The Medal so awarded will honor the memory of M. W. Charles Henry Johnson, who gave his all in the furtherance of the ideals of Freemasonry throughout the world, will in this manner, be ever remembered by those

who seek the light of truth." Bro. Johnson, as noted by Bro. Robert C. Singer, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary of New York, is the only man in the Grand Lodge of New York to have held five elected Offices: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden.

## Annual Grand Communication and Grand Master's Dinner-Dance Set for Pittsburgh, December 27, 1991

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is scheduled to be held in the Masonic Temple in the Oakland Section of Pittsburgh beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 27.

The Communication will mark the end of the administration of Bro. W. Scott Stoner and the beginning of the expected term of Bro. Edward H. Fowler Jr., as R. W. Grand Master. Bro. Fowler is a resident of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

All Master Masons are encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held in

Gothic Hall on the second floor of the Masonic Temple located at Fifth, Lytton and Tennyson Avenues, Oakland, Pittsburgh. The meeting will be programmed to allow for the Installation of the new Grand Master at noon, after which luncheon for those attending the Communication will be served.

At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon, Avalon Lodge No. 657 has scheduled a Special Meeting to receive its Member as the R. W. Grand Master for the first time.

Masons and their ladies are also invited to attend the Grand Master's Dinner-Dance to be held in the ballroom

of the Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. This is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. with entertainment consisting of the Louise Mandrell Show to follow at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Grand Master's Dinner-Dance are available for \$20.00 per person and will be sold through Lodges in the greater Pittsburgh area or the Grand Master's Office on a first request basis. Tables will accommodate ten persons should you desire to attend as a group. Early reservations are encouraged.

(See coupon on page 16.)



## Change in the Grand Master's Office



Effective June 1, 1991, Bro. Robert G. Boone, P.D.D.G.M., assumed the position of Assistant to the Grand Master replacing Bro. Robert A. Pote, retired.

Bro. Boone was educated in Philadelphia and attended Drexel University. Married to Barbara Evans Boone in 1956,

they have four children and four grandchildren. He was employed by Bell of Pennsylvania for 35 years where he held a number of positions throughout his career, concluding his employment as a Long Range Planner. He retired from this position in December of 1989.

Bro. Boone has been an active Member of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135 in Philadelphia for 34 years where he served as Worshipful Master in 1968, Secretary from 1969 to 1972 and a Permanent Fund Trustee from 1973 to 1976. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "C" from 1972 to 1980. Other Masonic affiliations include: Abington Royal Arch Chapter No. 245 where he is currently a Trustee; Philadelphia Council of Royal and Selected Masters No. 11; Kensington-Kadosh Commandery No. 54, Knights Templar; and the Valley of Philadelphia, Scottish Rite Bodies.

## The Reverend Bro. David R. Hoover Receives Final Call



Bro. David R. Hoover

Bro. David R. Hoover, one of our recently active Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, responded to the call of The Grand Architect of The Universe on Wednesday, April 3, 1991. Bro. Hoover was Pastor of Buck Valley Zion Lutheran Church in Warfordsburg, Fulton County, Pennsylvania at the time of his death. He spent twenty years serving the State House of Representatives as their Chaplain and served in this capacity in several other organizations during his lifetime.

Long active in his community wherever he and his family resided, Bro. Hoover was well-respected and admired by all of those who got to know him. A member of the McConnellsburg Ministerium, he had served on the Executive Board and was also active on various committees of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church. He served as the Secretary and former Dean of the Synod's Chambersburg District and was also active in the Central Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

Bro. Hoover was a Charter member and Warrant Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774 F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania. He was active in all branches of Freemasonry and was Coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in 1959 in Buffalo, New York. From 1962 until 1973, he served as District Deputy Grand Master in the 34th Masonic District.

Bro. Hoover is survived by his wife, Mary Ingham Hoover, two sons, David R., II and Stephen M.; a daughter, Marilyn H. (Mrs. Robert Barclay); a brother, Dean E.; a sister, Betty J. Bower; three grandchildren; five stepbrothers; and five stepsisters.

## Minersville Lodge No. 222



Front Row (left to right): Bro. Raymond Green, Jr. W.M., Bro. Robert Peel, P.D.D.G.M. (1948-1959), 50-Year recipient, Bro. Charles Detweiler, I, D.D.G.M.

Back Row: Bro. Joseph Gentile, P.D.D.G.M. (1977-1982), Bro. Robert Klinger, P.D.D.G.M. (1972-1977), Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, P.D.D.G.M. (1963-1972).

At the Stated Meeting of Minersville Lodge No. 222 held on April 11, 1991, Bro. Robert Peel, P.D.D.G.M. received his 50 Year Masonic Service Emblem.

The Lodge then presented Bro. Peel with a Masonic Clock for his dedicated service to Freemasonry.

All Past District Deputy Grand Masters were in attendance along with many Officers, Past Masters and Members of the Lodges of District 11 to honor Bro. Peel at this very special meeting.

## Washington Lodge No. 164



Recent Master Masons raised in Washington Lodge No. 164 include father and twin sons. Pictured from left to right are Bro. Robert Lee Bedillion, Bro. Robert Reed Bedillion, Bro. Richard Lee Bedillion and Bro. Harold L. Knappenberger, Jr., Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 164.



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

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

My Brethren:

One of the most frequent requests I receive is to provide a response that Members can give to those who speak out against Freemasonry, especially to those who represent "the Church." In recent years our Members have become more aware of anti-Masonic propaganda not only because of the increase of radical attitudes within various religious groups, but also because of the use of modern media for them to disseminate their message.

Most of our Members, when they hear or see this propaganda, become very defensive and wish to respond to it. We have, however, lost very few Members as a result of it.

There is little value for the average Member of the Masonic Fraternity to attempt to debate these radical elements of the Church. In most cases their minds are closed to any but their own ideas.

The Duke of Kent, in an address to the United Grand Lodge of England, stated that "many of us became Freemasons because we know that someone whom we admire is both in the Craft and proud of it." I doubt very much if we consider the reason we became a Member of the Masonic Fraternity whether there has

been a change in that reason.

I am not aware of any organized religion other than some elements of Christianity that take specific issue with the Fraternity. Yet some of the most notable men who have ever lived have been both Freemason and Christian. The radical elements of Christianity infer that none can be both and imply since Freemasonry is not a Christian organization it must be anti-Christ. Knowing what we know, this form of reasoning is so totally irrational. Think back. When have you ever heard any anti-religious comments of any kind in Freemasonry?

I would ask these critics of Freemasonry how men like Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton and Dr. Albert Schweitzer, great Christian leaders, could justify their Membership. The implication that they were either ignorant of the true meaning of Freemasonry or were not true Christians is an impossible assumption.

Writings by some of our own Members are quoted as evidence of a reason to oppose it. It is well to remember that what is written by a Freemason does not necessarily reflect Freemasonry's philosophy any more than all ministers' writings reflect the philosophy of the Church.

All Members of the Fraternity will probably at one time or another be exposed to anti-Masonic propaganda. It is advantageous for each of us to be able to discuss intelligently our relationship with our God and our Craft. It is recommended, however, that debate be left to those qualified to debate. Do not allow yourself to become antagonistic or overly defensive. Freemasonry, due to its inherent truths and principles, has survived far greater threats than these. The best defense we can offer is by living lives which exemplify the true meaning of Freemasonry. We then will be the example to someone who wishes to join because of those he admires within the Craft.

*Recommended Reading:* "A Factual View of Freemasonry" by Rev. Bishop Fred P. Corson, Grand Chaplain, *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, February 1965. "Freemasonry and Organized Religion" by Rev. Dr. Charles H. Lacquement, Grand Chaplain, *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, February 1989. "Freemasonry and Religion" by the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

## Veterans of the Battle of the Coral Sea

May 1992 will see the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea. Celebrations are being planned throughout Queensland during that month. Naval, Military and Air Force Lodge No. 175 and A.I.F. Memorial Lodge No. 289 under the United Grand Lodge of Queensland will be conducting special

Lodge Meetings to mark the occasion.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland is inviting all military personnel who will be returning for the celebrations to participate with these Lodges. They have arranged for coordination of their efforts with American Express. Anyone interested with any assistance or

special financial discounts should contact Leanne Jones, Coordinator, at 1-800-288-2637. In addition, anyone interested in attending should contact the Office of the Grand Secretary so that he might provide that information to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

## Perseverance Lodge No. 21

In 1959, the Members of Perseverance Lodge No. 21 of Harrisburg formed a Lodge Blood Bank (Donor Club), which has been interacting with the community ever since. The Donor Club includes donors from nine Lodges in Masonic Districts 2, 3, and 60. They have provided over 2,500 pints of blood to eight member hospitals, three of which are

medical centers. In the past 32 years, Donor Club recipients have received over 1,000 pints of blood replacement at absolutely no cost to them.

Over 100 of the donors are "Gallon Club Members," one of whom has given nearly eight gallons. Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.S.G.W., is an active donor who has given more than six

gallons to date.

Bro. Donald B. Morgan, P.M. has been Chairman of the Donor Club since 1964. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, the clearing-house with which all area Donor Clubs are affiliated.





# From the Librarian and Curator's Desk

by Bro. John H. Platt, Jr.

## Records, Regalia, Research!

It is the hope of the Board of Directors and the members of the staff of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania that those attic treasures, perhaps well hidden in unexpected places, of many of our Blue Lodges will find their way to the collections here in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, there are many very important items that never reach the safety

of the Library and Museum. Before any Lodge items, such as Records, Jewels, or Regalia are disbursed by any means, the Officers of the Lodges should make contact with the Masonic Library and Museum and see if these items could be placed in the Collections where they would be made available to future generations of the Craft. It is so vitally important that we preserve our con-

temporary records so that the history of this, our Masonic Fraternity, will be well represented in the future years. This is necessary since we will shortly take the giant leap into the twenty-first century. It is up to us to see that the true story of Freemasonry is told and only through the existence of properly cared-for records and memorabilia can this be done with any accuracy.

## Brothers' Bench

Our Grand Lodge is happy to welcome home a relic from the first Masonic Hall on the north side of Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets, used from 1811 until it was destroyed by fire March 9, 1819 (later rebuilt). A rod-back Windsor settee, built about 1810 in Philadelphia and used in the Hall, came back to the Grand Lodge, arriving on May 8, 1991. The settee is of a cozy size: thirty-five inches long, thirty-one and one-half inches high and sixteen and one-half inches deep. It is made of turned, carved and painted (first blue, then in 1853, green) maple, poplar and pine woods. Upon its arrival, the staff carefully carried it into the Library and

turned it upside down. Painted in white on the underside of the seat is the following: E. D. Jeffries, Lodge 155, Mark Lodge 214, A.Y.M. 1853. Carved into the seat, also underneath, are the initials AB.

Research has turned up some information. There were two men listed in the City Directory for 1810 bearing the initials AB who could have possibly been the maker: Abraham Boyer and Alexander Burns, both of whom were listed as carpenters. Neither of these men was a Freemason. E. D. Jeffries, the probable painter of the settee, seems to be Bro. Emmor D. Jeffries, an artist, who was Entered on November 23, 1852, Passed December 28, 1852; and Raised February

3, 1853, all in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 155. He died February 2, 1875. The provenance of the settee, since it was rescued from the Masonic Hall, was probably this: it spent a great deal of time in New Jersey, then passed into the hands of a private collector, who then offered it for sale to James and Nancy Glazer, Philadelphia antique dealers. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania purchased it from them in April 1991 through the Bro. Maxwell Sommerville Fund, and has placed it on deposit with The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

## Masons III



This was a three-generation meeting with Bro. John L. McCain, Jr. conferring the Fellowcraft and Master Masons Degree on his son, Bro. John L. McCain, III and assisted by Bro. John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M., the grandfather. All three are members of Milnor Lodge No. 287 in the 55th Masonic District. This special Conferral was held on May 28, 1991 with a Dispensation, since the Candidate is now living and working in Alabama.

(left to right) Bros. John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M., John L. McCain, III, George H. Gray, Jr., W.M., John L. McCain, Jr. and David K. Johnstone, D.D.G.M., 55th District.



# Happenings at Masonic Homes



## Enjoy "Autumn Day" at the Masonic Homes ..... Saturday, October 19, 1991

We trust you will enjoy your day with us and take in all the activities that are offered. The fun and festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m. If you and your family are planning to attend would you please take a moment right now and complete the coupon in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and send it to the Masonic Homes. It will assist us in having a better idea of the number of visitors to expect.

### Independent Living Community:

The Cedar Trees lining Cedar Lane (the lane around our cottages) will be formally presented to the Masonic Homes by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America during a brief ceremony to be held at 2:00 p.m.

Tours of the Community will be provided throughout the day.

### Village Green:

**Food** . . . yes! Delicious, appetizing food will be provided at several locations on the grounds until 3:00 p.m. Just wait until you taste the Homes'-made sausage, sauerkraut, hot dogs, apple butter, bean soup, *plus* ice cream and beverages! They are all served free

**Resident Rooms** . . . many of our residents in the Village Green are graciously opening their rooms for you to visit and inspect for yourself the excellent living accommodations provided at the Homes. All of our residents will be wearing a flower and name badge . . . make sure to introduce yourself.

**Visit Our Many Stands** . . . where questions regarding all facets of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, Masonic Education, Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Masonic Youth Groups, and Masonic Homes may be answered. Purchase your "Collector Series" Christmas cards, and don't forget to stop by the Gift Booth and the Fruit Stands for Masonic Homes created gifts and grown fruit before you leave.

### Masonic Health Care Center:

**Health Care Center Tours** . . . will be available all day — and you will not want to miss it! Just get off the tour bus at the Health Care Center, tour the facilities, and back on the bus for the remainder of the bus tour.

**Blood Pressure Check Needed?** Just take a moment at the Blood Pressure Clinic.

**Programs? . . . Lost and Found People or Articles? . . . Nearest Rest Rooms? . . . First Aid and Emergency** . . . Stop by an Information Stand and inquire. All are staffed with Masonic Homes' employees who will be happy to assist you.

*We want YOU to experience a wonderful day enjoying the grounds and many activities.*

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR "AUTUMN DAY"

10:00-10:45 AM	Rajah Temple Chanters Deike Auditorium	12:00-12:45 PM	Resident Talent Show Deike Auditorium
10:00-11:00 AM	Zembo Shrine Oriental Band Masonic Temple	12:00- 4:00 PM	Carousel Organ Day Care Center
10:00-11:00 AM	Al Bethel's French Quarter Orchestra Masonic Health Care Center	12:00-12:45 PM	Al Bethel's French Quarter Orchestra Village Green
10:00- 4:00 PM	Zembo Shrine Clowns Masonic Temple/Village Green/ Health Care Center	12:00-12:45 PM	Bainbridge Band Masonic Temple
10:00- 4:00 PM	Tall Cedar Special Interest Car Unit Village Green	1:00- 1:45 PM	Bainbridge Band Village Green
10:00- 4:00 PM	Face Painters Village Green	1:00- 1:45 PM	Hot House Band Masonic Temple
10:00- 4:00 PM	Tours of Independent Living Community Independent Living Community	1:45- 2:45 PM	Rajah Temple Chanters Deike Auditorium
10:00- 3:30 PM	Bus Tours of the Masonic Homes	2:00- 4:00 PM	Juggler Village Green/Masonic Temple
11:00-12:00 PM	Irem String Band Village Green	2:00-	Cedar Trees Presentation Tall Cedars Lane, Independent Living Community
11:00-12:00 PM	Highlanders Masonic Temple	2:15- 3:15 PM	Hot House Band Masonic Health Care Center
1:00- 3:30 PM	Resident Rooms Open Congregate/Personal Care	2:30- 3:45 PM	Bavarian Barons Masonic Temple
11:30- 1:30 PM	Mime Masonic Temple/Village Green		



# Masonic Health Care Center

## Catalog of Needs for Resident Rooms

Phase II of the remodeling and construction of the Masonic Health Care Center has begun. This phase is expected to be completed in less than two years and will include the construction of a new wing complete with the most up-to-date design, convenience, and efficiency of a new nursing home. Each nursing floor is designed 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. This wing is scheduled for completion in 1993.

A total of 156 resident rooms will need to be furnished. Listed below is a catalog of some of the items the Masonic Health Care Center will need to furnish each room. An order form is included for you to select what item(s) you would like to purchase (or contribute to) and the cost per item. Remember, a total of 156 of each item will need to be purchased; therefore, you may wish to purchase more than one of the same item. The pictures of items shown represent items to be purchased and may not necessarily be the exact item. All items will be bid on in order to obtain the best purchase price and utilize contribution dollars to the fullest extent.

We will be listing additional items in subsequent issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to pay for the following items for the Masonic Health Care Center:

Quantity	Item No.	Description	Unit	Total
		Total Contributions	\$	\$

☐ I desire to make a substantial contribution for the listed item(s) for the Masonic Health Care Center; however, I wish to pledge my payment over the next \_\_\_\_\_ months. Enclosed is my first payment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for items as needed for furnishing the Masonic Health Care Center.

Please bill the item(s) to my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodges: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your order contribution with check made payable to:

**Masonic Homes • Development Department**  
One Masonic Drive • Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199



**Table Lamp**  
X505 ..... \$106.00



**Twin Bedsread**  
X515 ..... \$38.00



**Colortrack TV with  
Stereo and Remote**  
X510 ..... \$600.00



**Easy Care Complete Bed with Rails**  
X520 . . . . . \$1,117.00



**Upholstered Wing Chair**  
X5130 ..... \$193.00



**Cubicle Curtain**  
X5140 ..... \$330.00



**Wastebasket**

X5125 ..... \$15.00



**Bedside Cabinet  
with Pullout Drawer**  
X5135 ..... \$275.00



## Masonic Homes' Children's Day 1991



The Masonic Homes' Children's Home celebrated their 68th Annual Children's Day Awards Banquet on Friday, May 24 at the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Memorial Hall. The Right Worshipful Grand Master W. Scott Stoner, Grand Lodge Officers, and members of the Committee on the Masonic Homes: Mr. Joseph E. Murphy, the Executive Director of the Masonic Homes, and other Masonic Homes Administrative Staff; Elizabethtown Area School Administration Representatives;

the Masonic Homes' Children's Services Staff, the children, and their families were in attendance.

Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, Director of Pastoral Care gave the invocation. Theresa Oldani, Children's Home piano teacher, provided organ music. David Lyons and Craig Eaton, residents of the Children's Home designed the program covers. Following lunch, Mr. C. Donald Barbush, Director of Children's Services, conducted the awards program assisted by Gerard J. Migrala, Assistant Children's Services Director.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master W. Scott Stoner addressed those in attendance. The Grand Master presented a graduation certificate from the Masonic Homes to Michael Thompson, graduating senior from the Children's Home, whom he had sponsored in June 1984 while serving as District Deputy Grand Master. Mary Ann Decker, President of the Masonic Homes Patton School

Alumni Association, presented a cash award to Michael and Rev. Theodore E. Bowers, Assistant Director of Pastoral Care, presented him with a Bible.

The children received awards for their achievements in academics, citizenship, creativity, vocation, and athletics. All 27 children were recognized for their participation and accomplishments in various activities including: school activities, sports, music, church youth groups, and volunteer work.

After the awards ceremony, Mr. C. Donald Barbuch showed the group a slide presentation of the children's activities. Lori Smith, Child Care Worker, displayed the children's artwork. Rev. Theodore E. Bowers gave the benediction.

Michael Thompson planted a tree in front of the Smith Annex Building to commemorate the occasion. Michael plans to reside in Lancaster and has obtained employment with LETA.



## Returning Suspended Members To Good Masonic Standing

When a man asks to become a Mason, he takes a number of important obligations. A Master Mason takes the responsibilities of Brotherhood, Fellowship and Charity, as well as continuing Membership. All Masons value their Blue Lodge affiliation for the rest of their days.

If this be true, why have 22,257 Master Masons been suspended for non-payment of dues in the last ten years? There is no single reason for these suspensions, but the loss is of great concern to the Blue Lodges, the Grand Lodge and the Committee on Masonic Education.

What can be done to end this decline and secure the return of the suspended Brethren? The Officers of several Lodges across the state have worked with their Secretaries to ascertain the names of the suspended Members for the last ten years. Masons from these Lodges had made

personal contacts with the men and gained a 50% return of the suspended Members. If we could match the success of these Lodges, we could bring back over 11,000 Masons to their Lodges.

The important question is: How can a suspended Mason be brought back to good Masonic standing? The Lodge should take the following steps to secure the return of these Masons:

1. Lodges should form a committee made up, at least, of the Lodge Education Chairman, Past Masters and interested Brethren, so a plan can be developed to secure the return of the suspended Masons.
2. Lodges should make personal contact with the suspended Member to determine if he remains interested in his Lodge which he sought to join. The Lodge Members should inform him that he only needs to pay the amount

of dues for which he has been suspended.

3. The Lodge should inquire of the Mason why he didn't pay his dues, and if a financial need existed the Lodge should attend to the need.
4. When the Lodge has granted good Masonic standing to the suspended Member for paying his back dues, the Mason may petition any Lodge for Membership.

Responsibility for stemming the decline of Membership rests with every Mason in Pennsylvania. Brethren uniting to reach out to suspended Members can be a very effective force. Personal contact with the suspended Member shows that his brothers care about him and are willing to take the necessary steps to insure that a suspended Member receives the proper education and guidance.

## Seniors Awarded Masonic Scholarships



Back Row (left to right): Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Grand Master, John Wetzell and John Tachovsky. Front Row: Jean W. Orr, Heather M. Bainbridge, Kelly Ann Burke, and Aaron W. Delp.

Six seniors from high schools of Pennsylvania were awarded Masonic scholarships by the R. W. Grand Master W. Scott Stoner at the banquet following the Special Communication in Lancaster on April 25, 1991. Each of the students had written an award-winning paper on Brother James Buchanan. All students and their parents were present to receive their scholarships.

The state-wide winner was Heather

Bainbridge of Wyomissing, who received a \$2,500 scholarship. Scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to: John Tachovsky, Kennett Square; Kelly Ann Burke, Bradford; Aaron Delp, Myerstown; John Wetzell, Venango; and Jean W. Orr, Monroeville.

Masons of Pennsylvania have an abiding interest in the welfare and education of our youth. Many Masonic scholarships are available for students of merit.

## Masonic Education Happenings

- The first update of new material for the Masonic Education Manual has been prepared and sent to District Chairmen of the Masonic Education Committees across the state. Please ask the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman to share the information with you.
- A second state-wide Masonic essay contest for high school seniors will be held in 1992. The topic for the contest will be Christopher Columbus and his historic journey to the New World. Six Masonic scholarships will be awarded. Encourage students in your high school to participate.
- The Lodge program competition will again be conducted in 1992. Detailed information will appear in the next issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.
- Bro. Charles F. McNeal, Keystone Lodge No. 569, has joined the staff of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education as Office Manager. We welcome Bro. Charles to this important post. He will assist you in filling your educational needs.

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# Youth Foundation

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## Scholarships Awarded

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, under the leadership of Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.D.G.M., reviewed 228 total applications for scholarships this year. The following five winners were selected:

### \$2,500 Grand Master's Scholarship

Jeremy D. Ramsey, of Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, is the grandson of Bro. Russell H. Snyder, deceased, a member of East Brady Lodge No. 640. He will attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

### \$1,000 Scholarship

Connie Faith Carney, of Homer City, Pennsylvania, a member of Indiana Rainbow Assembly No. 111 and daughter of Bro. John L. Carney, a member of John M. Read Lodge No. 536. She will attend Penn State University at New Kensington as a sophomore.

### \$1,000 Scholarship

Lori Ann Hart, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, is a member of Bristol Rainbow Assembly No. 22, and daughter of Bro. Robert H. Hart, Sr., a member of Newtown Lodge No. 427. She will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

### \$1,000 Scholarship

Christina Joy Schneider, of Dublin, Pennsylvania, is the granddaughter of Bro. Karl W. Schneider, deceased, a member of Humboldt Lodge No. 359, and granddaughter of Bro. Jacob F. Moyer, deceased, a member of Shiloh Lodge No. 558. She will attend Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

### \$1,000 Scholarship

Shannon Elaine Elby, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, is a member of Connellsville Job's Daughters Bethel No. 2. She will attend Washington and Jefferson College as a senior.

## Project "Dig-In"



The Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania recently planted a tree at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. The tree was planted to commemorate the visit of the Supreme Guardian, Lynda Stone, who is sponsoring Project "Dig-In" among Job's Daughters internationally. This project is aimed at improving the environment in which we all live.

The daughters gathered at the Patton Campus for their Grand Bethel Weekend, and Supreme Visitation. Bro. Tom Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and

Bro. Richard Hall, Associate Grand Guardian, supervised the enthusiastic work of Carey Will, Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, Angela Borger, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Gertrude Rineer, Grand Guardian, and Lynda Stone, Supreme Guardian.

The tree was planted, with the help of the Masonic Homes Landscape Department, along the main drive into the campus. The daughters are pleased to be able to contribute to the beauty of the campus and to help our environment in a positive way.

## Masons Help Young Athlete



Bro. Lynwood J. Dixon, P.M., Worshipful Master of Prospect Lodge No. 578, 36th Masonic District, presents a check to Jason Dowd, a promising young soccer player. Jason attends middle school and is in the gifted class. He was selected to be a member of the soccer team that will represent the U.S.A. in Europe this summer. He has been working to raise money to cover his trip. Behind Jason is his coach, Tod Bettenhausen and Jason's mother, Sue Dowd.



# Drug and Alcohol Foundation

## Grants Important to Help Jefferson Hospital Treat Addicted Women/Children

According to information published by the Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, grants from the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse have made possible the operation of facilities targeted at breaking the generation chain of addiction.

The Family Center of the Department of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson Hospital offers both residential and outpatient programs that provide prenatal, perinatal and post-natal counseling and treatment for addicted pregnant women.

The outpatient facility is a clinic staffed by obstetricians trained in addiction and high risk pregnancy. Infants exhibiting withdrawal are treated in the new-born nursery.

The Family Center's residential program provides housing, intensive drug and medical treatment, as well as extensive educational and job-training services for cocaine-addicted pregnant women and their children.

Both the outpatient and the residential facilities include Parent/Child Centers. Largely supported by the grants from the

Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation, the Centers' operations provide an early intervention program for both mothers and children. The children born to drug-dependent women are often subject to double jeopardy — that is, biological risk combined with a mother who is at risk for successful parenting. The primary focus of the Parent/Child Centers is to develop and to enhance positive responsive parenting skills in order to promote optimal development of the children.

## 57 Foundation Grants Total \$1.2 Million

In the report to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, R. W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., reported the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has provided fifty-seven grants totaling \$1,216,504.

The major grants are directed toward breaking the generation chain of addiction. The largest grants for treatment are \$52,000 each to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia and St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh for operating satellite facilities where

addicted pregnant women and addicted new mothers and their babies can receive regular "walk-in" care and counseling. It is anticipated that programs will be established soon in two additional metropolitan areas of the state.

Grants in support of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's program to train Student Assistance Program (SAP) personnel have totaled \$118,000. These provide for the costs of operations, housing and feeding SAP trainees at facilities made available by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton

Campus at Elizabethtown. Student Assistance Program Teams now have been trained for every secondary school in the state and personnel are now being trained for elementary schools.

## Talks By Foundation Speakers Well Received

In approximately a twelve-week period, eight members of the Speakers Team of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among children gave seventeen presentations reaching 557 persons.

Most of the programs, fourteen in all, were to Lodges; one was to a group of ladies of a Lodge; one to a Royal Arch Chapter, and one to a Shrine Club. Hearing the message were 438 men, 73 women and 46 youths.

The speakers report high levels of

interest in the drug and alcohol prevention programs and the activities of the Masonic Foundation. Questions frequently concern the support of the Student Assistance Program in schools, the allocation of grants and how to support the Foundation.

Masonic Foundation speakers present their programs free; but frequently the Lodges or organizations contribute to the Program. Among notations on the current speakers' reports were Lodge contributions of \$25, \$300 and \$1,220.

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## The Awareness Program Works at the Grassroots

A half-dozen people were having lunch at a committee planning meeting in June for the local chapter of a national charity when a lady who is very active in her community, said, "I saw the Mason's ad. I thought they were secret. I never knew they did that much for other people."

That was a perfect opener and the Mason at the table didn't miss the Masonic Awareness opportunity to tell the story of the Fraternity. Another lady, the owner of a major business in the area, asked about Masonry, religion and who can be a Mason; and an executive said no one ever talked to him about Masonry and he has never been asked to become a Mason.

In about ten minutes during a luncheon, five of that community's key leaders learned more than they had ever known about Masonry, its people and its values — who we are, what we stand for and what we do. It happened because the Grand Lodge Awareness Program is working at the grassroots, encouraging people to be aware and ask about the Fraternity. It can be happening everywhere in the State.

Throughout the Spring, Pennsylvanians in all parts of the Commonwealth saw the "Men Who Make a Difference" message of the "Keeping the



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Promise of America" Awareness Program. By the hundreds, people interested in the principles of Masonry and the role of Masons in the community responded to the message and called our 800 number to get more information about the Fraternity.

Ninety per cent of those who called for information were not Masons. About a quarter of them learned about Masonry by watching cable television; more than two-thirds responded to the newspaper advertisement, and about seven per cent of the responses resulted either from personal referrals or they couldn't verify where they received the message. There were calls from most of the zip-code areas in Pennsylvania and several from other states (either residents of bordering states or visitors who took the message with them to their home states).

Every inquiry received a personal contact at the grassroots. Grand Lodge forwarded the information that resulted from each call to the appropriate District Deputy Grand Master who turned it over to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge

serving the area of the caller. Feedback indicates that people really do want to know more about the Fraternity and are pleased about the personal attention given in helping them understand Freemasonry.

The Grand Lodge Awareness Program is just that — an Awareness Program. It is not a recruiting effort. However, there have been men of good character who asked "How do I join the Masons" because they have seen the good things we do in serving mankind and they appreciate the values of the Fraternity.

It is important for the Lodges to be involved in their communities — to be visible and open in their deeds. It also is important for all Masons to be proud of their Fraternity — to live Masonry and show that pride — and to be able to discuss the values and activities of Freemasonry with their families, friends and neighbors.

We are "Men Who Make a Difference" at the grassroots. We're part of "Keeping the Promise of America."

## Districts, Lodges Invited to Join in Support of Awareness Program



This is one of the eye-catching billboards on location in the Grand Lodge Public Awareness Program. The message has been seen already in some areas of Pennsylvania and, through the grassroots effort, should be seen statewide.

The goal of the Pennsylvania Masonic Awareness Program remains 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. In short, it means taking the

message to the grassroots.

Working through the organization of the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee, Areas, Districts and Lodges are asked to band together to join Grand Lodge in "Keeping the Promise of America" visible in their communities. Based upon the commitment and Grand Lodge cooperation, advertising will be directed in the service areas of the participating Lodges and Districts.

Grand Lodge requires the use of its advertising messages and will target their placement according to the respective local commitments and budgetary capabilities.

Questions and interest for local participation in the grassroots effort should be addressed through the Lodge, District and Area Chairmen.

## St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529



On Saturday, April 20, 1991, the Committee on Masonic Education of St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529 sponsored a pilgrimage to Wheatland, the home of President and Bro. James Buchanan, and to Woodward Hill Cemetery, the burial site of Bro. Buchanan, where the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 529 held a Memorial Service and wreath laying

ceremony. Dr. Philip S. Klein, official biographer of Buchanan, was the guest of the Lodge on this special day. While at Wheatland, Dr. Klein inscribed two copies of his book, *President James Buchanan*. One was inscribed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, W. Scott Stoner, and the other was inscribed to The Masonic Library and

Pictured are Officers and Members of Lodge No. 529, Bro. Rick Bernstein, D.D.G.M. "A," and Dr. A. Richard Kneeder, President of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, who spoke at the Memorial Service, as his 1868 predecessor, Dr. John Nevin, did at the funeral of President Buchanan. Also present, but not pictured, was Bro. John W. W. Loose, representing Lodge No. 43, Bro. Buchanan's Blue Lodge.

Museum of Pennsylvania. Both copies were presented to the Grand Master at the Special Communication commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Buchanan held at Lancaster, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1991. The books were presented by the Lodge Secretary and Masonic Education Chairman Bro. Joseph DiPinto, Jr., P.M.

## Barger Lodge No. 325



(Left to Right): Bro. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M., Bro. Harry Janson, and Bro. Daniel A. Neyhart, Worshipful Master.

At the February Stated Meeting of Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Bro. Harry Janson, age 91, and the Tyler of his Lodge, was honored by the Officers and Members of the Lodge for having attained seventy years service to the Fraternity. He became a Mason in Richard Vaux Lodge No. 393 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1921, where he remained a member until 1980, when he sub-

sequently was elected as a Member of Barger Lodge No. 325. He was presented a Seventy-Year Masonic Service Certificate by Bro. Homer Jones, D.D.G.M., of the 50th Masonic District, and a dinner was held at the Lodge prior to the Meeting in his honor. It is said that Bro. Janson climbs the stairs to the second floor meeting hall just as easily as the new or the youngest members.

## Twenty-One Years of Service



Bro. Clinton S. Lerch, P.M. receiving his Lodge Secretary's Jewel, 1965-1986. Twenty-one years of service as Dallas Lodge No. 396 Secretary. Presenting the Jewel to Bro. Lerch is the Worshipful Master of Dallas Lodge No. 396 F.&A.M., Bro. Earle R. McIlroy, P.M.