

## Use Your Will Power

*It has often been said,  
"If there's a Will, there's a Way."*

One creative method of making a thoughtful charitable gift is through a Will or codicil to your existing Will. More and more Brethren, their spouses, and friends are finding that a bequest provides an opportunity to complete a gift that perhaps is not possible during their lifetime.

Making a Will is serious business! Anyone who has made a Will can recall a 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 multiply and decline; circumstances change; your named executor becomes ill and can no longer handle your affairs.

Because of these and many other reasons, it is a good practice to review your Will once a year. As a result, you will be reminded of prior decisions and perhaps be cognizant of needed changes.

With a Will, you have a great opportunity to make certain things possible. Regardless of your financial circumstances, you have the legal right to control the disposition of your assets.

It is alarming to think that over 50% of all adult Americans fail to take advantage of the right to make a Will. If you die without a Will, your property will be distributed according to the laws of the state in which you reside at the time of death and not necessarily according to your wishes. You should 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.

After providing for your heirs, you may wish to make a gift to our Masonic Charities that pays special tribute to or memorializes an individual or family.

A charitable bequest can be made by designating a specific dollar amount, a fixed percentage, or the residual amount of the bequest after payment of expenses and distributions to other beneficiaries. Gifts may take the form of cash, real estate, securities or other properties.

If you have questions regarding charitable contributions to our Masonic Charities as listed below or if we can be of assistance in any part of your estate planning along with your attorney and financial advisors, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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\* Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

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

\* The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

\* The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Leadership and Management, Inc.

\* Grand Lodge Masonic Charities

## Trip to Alaska

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be taking a trip to Alaska on August 3, 1997. Masons and their friends are welcome. A Meeting with the Grand Lodge of Alaska will be held upon docking. For information on the Alaskan trip, please contact the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598, phone (215) 988-1919.

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Section 1

## MAKING MASONIC HISTORY

### Leaders From 20 Grand Lodges Meet to Share in FRIEND TO FRIEND

During the week of the D-Day Anniversary, in historic Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation and the City of Brotherly Love, Masonic leaders from twenty states "Crafted" a new chapter in the history of Freemasonry, uniting **Friend to Friend**, to establish a new beachhead in the battle for Membership Development.

Responding on a month's notice to an invitation from R.W. Grand Master Bro. George H. Hohenschildt and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Elected Officers from Grand Lodges in the continental United States and Hawaii attended a seminar in Gothic Hall to learn more about Pennsylvania's **Friend to Friend** Membership Development Program. The desire to



Pictured for **Friend to Friend** Meeting are (left to right): Front row — Bros. Ronald Wright, Arizona; John Thomas, Florida; Frederick Overstreet, Hawaii; Curtiss Mundahl, North Dakota; R.W.G.M. George Hohenschildt; Fred Allen, Texas; Bill Stoval, California; Jack Benson, Minnesota, and L. Wayne Blair, Illinois. Middle row — Bros. E. Edwin Davis, Wyoming; Bob Jackson, Arkansas; Ray Bellini, New Jersey; R.W.G.S. Thomas W. Jackson; Arnold Ashley, New Hampshire; Omer E. Horn, New Mexico; Robert Kalb, Illinois; Harvey Blackmer, Vermont, and Aide Thomas C. Librandi. Back row — Bros. Larry Lyon, Vantage Group; R.W.G.T. Marvin Speicher; R.W.J.G.W. Robert Dlugie, Jr.; R.W.S.G.W. James L. Ernette; R.W.D.G.M. Edward O. Weisser; Dean E. Vaughn; Frank Sias, Rhode Island; James Franklin, Massachusetts; Fred Chandler, Vantage Group. (Missing from picture is Jay Paniccia, Rhode Island.)

share the program with all Jurisdictions was well received and the goal is to work together to assure its success for the good of Freemasonry. Grand

Master Hohenschildt thanked those present for having arranged their schedules to be in Philadelphia on brief notice. He acknowledged cooperative

responses from some other Grand Jurisdictions where prior commitments made attendance in Philadelphia impossible.

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## Freemasonry: A Way of Life — Sunscreens Available

The season for sunscreens is upon us. The sunscreen featuring the famous Masonic saying "Freemasonry: A Way of Life" is available from the Masonic Education Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The cost of the sunscreen is \$3.50 plus postage. You can also place an order by calling the Masonic Education Office at (215) 988-1909.

Proceeds from the sale of the sunscreens go to The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple.

Lodges are encouraged to consider the sunscreen as a birthday gift to Members. This is a practical way to make the public aware of the message of Freemasonry.



Freemasonry—  
A way of life.



## 25 Years Ago A Mason Walked on the Moon

Twenty-five years ago, Bro. "Buzz" Aldrin was the second man to walk on the Moon. On July 20, 1969, the Apollo 11 lunar module landed on the Moon, carrying Aldrin and Neil Armstrong. It was Armstrong who walked on the Moon first and said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Later, the two flew the lunar module back to the command module, and the mission splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean four days later.

Three years earlier, Bro. Aldrin set a record, taking a 5-1/2 hour space walk on the Gemini 12 flight. Born in New Jersey in 1930, Bro. Aldrin was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1951. He began his career as a pilot, then joined the Space Program as an astronaut.

Bro. "Buzz" Aldrin is the Freemason portrayed in the dramatic watercolor painting.





## The Grand Master Speaks ...

### Brethren:

**Friend to Friend:** it is starting to work!

It is starting to work all over Pennsylvania.

Some Lodges that have not had a Petition in years now have multiple Petitions. Some Lodges that have had Petitions regularly are now seeing a minor flood. The **Friend To Friend** Task Force now 98% in place is 100% effective. The entire Masonic Membership in Pennsylvania is aware of a renewed enthusiasm, of a renewed dedication, and of a renewed commitment to "Preserve and Enhance" our great Fraternity.

We started eight months ago to awaken this sleeping giant, to let everybody know "who are the Masons," and "what do Masons do." We sent a sixteen-page tabloid to three-fourths of the homes in Pennsylvania. We sent a

letter and **Friend to Friend** brochure to every Mason in Pennsylvania. We sent a copy of the **Friend to Friend** painting to every Lodge building in Pennsylvania. We established a 6,000-member **Friend to Friend** task force, 12 Members from every Lodge, to serve as our offensive front line (football talk).

We requested the Lodges not to go dark in the months of July and August, so that we would not falter in our initial momentum of **Friend to Friend**. This decision has raised concerns. Some Lodges are concerned about attendance during vacations, and many are concerned about lack of air conditioning in most of our buildings. I have asked all District Deputy Grand Masters to react accordingly, that first we are a most dignified Fraternity with dress code requirements, and secondly that we

must live in the real world. Our Deputies will make the necessary and correct decisions.

Freemasonry is indeed a worthy Way of Life. It is an extreme joy and honor to be enabled to perpetuate the great history, traditions, and precepts of Freemasonry to future generations through **Friend to Friend**. Please give us your help NOW!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*George H. Hohenschildt*

George H. Hohenschildt,  
R.W. Grand Master



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The atmosphere was one of great interest and determination while addressing the picture of more than three decades of declining Fraternal Membership. R.W. Grand Master Hohenschildt assured that the Masonic Leaders present would be hearing a lot of sincere "...words of Membership Enhancement and Membership Development."

"This Fraternity has to let good people know who the Masons are, what Masons do, and what it means to be a Mason. **Friend to Friend** is a program of education," Grand Master Hohenschildt said. "We started by communicating," he added, referring to the tabloid, *Freemasonry in Pennsylvania ... And Around the World*, that went into three-fourths of the homes in the state. Then, we mailed the **Friend to Friend** brochure to every Pennsylvania Mason and detailed the Program in the February issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Each Lodge has created a twelve-Member Task Force to carry the educational message to non-Masons. A replica of the Grand Master's Medallion provides each of those "Travelers" on the Task Forces with key educational messages: "Preserve and Enhance The Square and Compasses," "Help to a Brother," and "Help to Mankind," plus the words, "Freedom, Education, Community, Family, Leadership, Participation and Membership."

"The window of opportunity (to turn the tide in Membership Development) is NOW," Grand Master Hohenschildt emphasized. He then presented Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, P.M., the framer of the **Friend to Friend** Program.

Bro. Vaughn defined the Problem, established a Premise and presented a Plan. The Problem: Decline in Membership. The Premise: It can be turned around. And, the

Plan: **Friend to Friend**.

He demonstrated graphically the problem and the potential for the **Friend to Friend** program, showing that in the 1960's there were 4.2 million Freemasons in the United States. Now there are 2.2 million. He showed, too, that in the 1960's the population of the United States was 170 million; now it's 260 million. "There are millions of qualified men...who do not know what we are, who we are and what we do," he re-emphasized.

Saying that we cannot pretend the problem doesn't exist, Bro. Vaughn recalled several words from a 1960s song of war:

*"How many times can a man turn his head, pretending he just doesn't see?... How many deaths will it take 'til we know, too many have died?...The answer, my friend, is not blowing in the wind."*

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## Grand Master's Travels

### August 1994

- 3 Grand Master's Executive Advisory Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Philadelphia.
- 3 Line Officers Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 6 125th Anniversary, Landmark Lodge No. 442, Wilkes Barre.
- 10 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 1, 2, & 3
- 14-16 Tri-Annual of Grand Encampments of Knights Templar, Denver, Colorado
- 17 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 4 & 5
- 19 **Friend to Friend** Leadership Task Force Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Elizabethtown.
- 20 Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, Susquehanna County Correctional Facility, South Montrose, District 15
- 24 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 6 & 7
- 27 Grand Master's Day, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- 27 Cornerstone Ceremony, Phase 4, Masonic Health Care Center, 11:00 a.m., Elizabethtown.

### September 1994

- 3 Centennial Parade, Throop, District 14
- 6 Grand Master's Executive Advisory Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Philadelphia
- 6 Line Officers Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 6 Landmarks Committee Meeting, 9:00 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 7 Committee on Finance Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Philadelphia.
- 7 District Deputy Grand Master's Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 7 Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, 7:00 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 9 Grand Chapter Quarterly Communication, New Castle.
- 10 125th Anniversary, Lodge of the Craft No. 433, New Castle, District 26.
- 14 Father and Son Night, Hermann Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia, District A, Honored Guest.
- 17 125th Anniversary, Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446, Upper Uwchland, District 40.
- 23 Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, 1:15 p.m., Elizabethtown.
- 25 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Cleveland, Ohio.

### October 1994

- 3 200th Anniversary, Lodge No. 62, West Reading, District 7.
- 5 Grand Master's Executive Advisory Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Philadelphia.
- 5 Line Officers Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 8 125th Anniversary, Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, York, District 42.
- 11 Table Lodge, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren.
- 12 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 1, 2 & 3
- 15 75th Anniversary, Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg, 2nd District
- 19 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Region 4 & 5
- 21 The Pennsylvania Masonic Leadership and Management, Inc. Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown.
- 21 The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children Board Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown.
- 21 The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown.
- 21 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown.
- 22 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Advisory Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown.
- 22 125th Anniversary, Slatington Lodge No. 440, Slatington, District 10
- 26 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Region 6 & 7
- 28 Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, 1:15 p.m., Elizabethtown.
- 29 International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Rainbow Honor Day

### November 1994

- 2 Grand Master's Executive Advisory Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Philadelphia.
- 2 Line Officers Staff Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Philadelphia.
- 9 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 1, 2 & 3
- 12 Fall Reunion, Williamsport Consistory, A.A.S.R., Williamsport.
- 16 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 4 & 5
- 18 **Friend to Friend** Leadership Task Force Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Elizabethtown.
- 19 Valley of Reading Fall Reunion, A.A.S.R., West Reading.
- 23 District Deputy Grand Masters Meeting, Regions 6 & 7
- 26 Order of DeMolay, Grand Master's Class, Elizabethtown.

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The answer, Bro. Vaughn said, is to stand up now and do something about it - now, while we have the present Membership to do it. "Today is historic...It's up to you. The future of this great Fraternity rests in your hands - You can turn your head; or you can turn the tide!"

**Friend to Friend** was designed to help Members know how to stand up and tell worthy friends about the Fraternity (without solicitation) and let them recognize that no one is asked to join, but it must be their own desire to do so.

Bro. Vaughn observed, "There are those who say, 'No one seems to step forward in this Fraternity to lead.' But, we see here in Philadelphia the leaders have come together, giving of their time, the courage and commitment to Freemasonry." He paralleled it to the commitment of President, General and Brother George Washington when he was asked to resign from the Masonic Fraternity. He wrote in a letter to the Rev. G.W. Snyder:

*"So far as I am acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, I perceive them to be founded upon benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind. I do not, therefore, upon this ground, withdraw my approbation from it."*

"**Friend to Friend** is based on the premise that every Freemason knows a number of non-Masonic friends who are as qualified (as we are) to be Members of the Craft," Bro. Vaughn explained. "We have to provide our Brethren with the tools to educate their friends about our Fraternity."

"Today is historic. It is truly up to you," he concluded.

Attending the **Friend to Friend** Seminar were: Bro. Ronald Wright, M.W. Grand Master, and Robert Henderson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Arizona; Bro. Bob Jackson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas; Bro. Bill Stovall, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California; Bro. John Thomas, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida; Bro. Frederick H. Overstreet, M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. J. Patrick Corrigan, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Hawaii; Bro. L. Wayne Blair, M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. Robert Kalb, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Illinois; Bro. Morris Fisher, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas; Bro. Louis Caruso, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Louisiana; Bro. James Franklin, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Bro. Jack Benson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota; Bro. Arnold Ashley,

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; Bro. Ray Bellini, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New Jersey; Bro. Omer E. Horn, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Mexico; Bro. Curtiss Mundahl, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota; Bro. James Onkst, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; Bro. Frank Dias, Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Jay Paniccia, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; Bro. Fred Allen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas; Bro. Harvey Blackmer, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Vermont; Bro. Jimmy Dunlap, Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. E. Edwin Davis, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Attending with Grand Master Hohenschildt were the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. James L. Ernette, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary. Assisting in the activities in addition to Bro. Vaughn were: Bros. Thomas C. Librandi and Blaine F. Fabian, Aides to the Grand Master, and John J. Hunt, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Grand Master.



## Observing 200th Anniversary

Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master (center) is joined by Bro. Richard H. Disque, II, D.D.G.M. (left) and Bro. Kevin M. Miller, W.M. in observing the 200th Anniversary of Lodge No. 61, Wilkes Barre. Lodge Past Masters are shown below (left to right):

Row Two; Bros. George Handzo, Jr., Brian J. Gallagher, John H. Michael, Norman Darling, Sr., David P. Rudis, Treasurer, Roger R. Kline, Rudolph H. Yekel, and Marvin W. Boote.

Row three; Bros. Murray Sims, Walter R. Kinns, Jr., Charles W. Brandt, William D. Anagnos, Roy H. VanWhy, Charles A. Zawol, Herbert W. Cruikshank, Jr., and Ralph W. Isley.

Row four; Bros. John N. Roberts, Robert T. Farrell, John S. Nowak, Wayne A. Davis, and J. Allan Downing.



## Friend to Friend: Help to a Brother; Help to Mankind

Mr. Thomas W. Jackson  
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge F. & A.M.  
Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Sir:

Masonic Brother and mine, Thomas A. Warner, W.M. (past), Oasis Lodge 416 F. & A.M. of Edinboro, PA passed away, June 21, 1993, and I have been reaping the fruits of the Labors of several Masonic men ever since. They have cleaned my property, taken me to the doctor (I am handicapped) repaired items, and done more than I could imagine.

I have written the Local Lodge praising these men and I would appreciate any recognition the Grand Lodge could extend.

The men are: Bros. Paul Steva, Ray Birchard, Anthony Bongiorno, Larry Shelhamer, and Leroy Hanson all of Oasis Lodge No. 416 F. & A.M. I thank you for reading this and them for being Masons.

Always in Peace,

Miss Maridel A. Warner  
Sister of Bro. Thomas A. Warner

## Masons Promoting Public Television

Members of the Valley of Bloomsburg, led by their Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., 33°, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, answered the phones for Public Television Station WVIA, Channel 44, during a recent membership drive. Public television is a member-funded network only; they have no paid advertisers as regular stations do. Twice a year groups such as civic groups, church groups, scout troops, etc., answer phones during pledge breaks and receive viewer coverage during this time.

This is the first time any Masonic group helped in a membership campaign at this public television station. Dressed in Masonically traditional tuxedo or dark suit to convey the dignity which we ascribe to our Fraternity, a very favorable impression was created, not only to the staff at the television station but also to the viewing public. Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite banners, along with the **Friend to Friend** pictorial reproduction, were displayed on camera. Each of these symbols of our Fraternity appeared prominently every time a "Pledge Break" occurred. As this station has a viewer audience of about four million, the publicity our Fraternity received is inestimable.



## Getting the Family Involved

Olivet Oriental Lodge No. 385 of Philadelphia elected three generations: Bro. Kenneth Hoser (center), Worshipful Master; his son, Bro. K. James H. Hoser (right), Senior Warden and his grandson, Bro. Ron J. Hoser (left), Junior Warden. The Lodge Meets in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.



## Drug & Alcohol Foundation

Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street  
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## Second Annual Freedom Walk/Run



(Left to right): Linda Herbert, Administrative Assistant (Supt. office); Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., Director, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; Theresa M. O'Hagan, Curt Gensemer (Supt. staff); Bonnie Hackney; Bro. Anthony J. Garvey, Director of Drug and Alcohol Foundation; Bro. G. Kent Hackney, Director, Leadership and Management Foundation; John Minott, Assistant Curator, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.



(Left to right): Bros. Anthony J. Garvey, Director, Drug and Alcohol Foundation; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master; Rowland K. Lee, M.W. Grand Master, Prince Hall; Thomas J. Jackman; R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Prince Hall; Edward O. Weisser, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.



Participants start the walk/run



Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master, crossing the finish line.



(Left to right): Bros. James L. Ernette, R.W. Senior Grand Warden and President of Drug and Alcohol Foundation; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master; Anthony J. Garvey, Director of Drug and Alcohol Foundation; and Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.





# Youth Foundation

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation reviewed 190 applications this year. Statistically, 123 came from females, and 67 from males. No Masonic youth group affiliation was reported by 114 applicants, with 32 DeMolays, 12 Job's Daughters and 33 Rainbow Girls making application. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of a competitive review of academic achievement, financial need, Fraternal involvement and other activities. Scholarship awards have been made to the following:

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

Christina Izumi Smith, Rheems, PA. She is a Member of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 15, in Elizabethtown and the granddaughter of our late Bro. Hughes Smith, who was a Member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study nursing.

Adam Nathaniel Croumer, Elizabethtown, PA. He is a Member of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the son of Bro. Adam D. Croumer, a Member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. He will attend Franklin and Marshall University to study accounting.

Timothy Harmon Hoffman, Duncannon, PA. He is a Member of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the son of our late Bro. John A. Hoffman, a deceased Member of Adams Lodge No. 319. He attends Harrisburg Area Community College and is majoring in mathematics.

Megan Michelle Jordan, North Huntingdon, PA. She is the granddaughter of Bro. Donald W. Edwards, a Member of Brownsville Lodge No. 60. She will attend Northwestern University to study political science, pre-Law.

### \$1,000 Herman Witte Memorial Scholarships

Russell S. Traister, Rimersburg, PA. He is the son of Bro. John D. Traister, P.M., a Member of Clarion Lodge No. 277. He will attend Pennsylvania State University to study biology.

Mark David Wagner, Reading, PA. He is a Member of Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the son of Bro. David W. Wagner, a Member of Reading Lodge No. 549. He attends GMI Engineering and Management Institute and is majoring in electrical engineering.

### \$1,000 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarships

Natalie Rae Krauser, Flushing, NY. She is the granddaughter of Bro. Joseph Krauser, a Member of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh. She will attend Alfred University to study theater and marketing.

Eric C. Foulke, Orefield, PA. He is a Member of Allentown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the grandson of Bro. Erwin A. Foulke, Jr., a Member of Jordan Lodge No. 673. He attends Bloomsburg University and is majoring in accounting.

Laurissa Richter, Quakertown, PA. She is the daughter of Bro. Kenneth Richter, a Member of Quakertown Lodge No. 512. She will attend William and Mary College to study psychology.

Lori K. Bergstresser, Bethlehem, PA. She is the daughter of Bro. Donald J. Bergstresser, a Member of H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648. She will attend the University of Miami to study political science.

Richard W. Craft, Freeport, PA. He is the grandson of Bro. Warren E. Greene, Secretary and Member of Armstrong Lodge No. 239. He will attend Geneva College to study civil engineering.

## Rainbow Girls Bowl for Muscular Dystrophy

Bloomsburg Assembly No. 5 International Order of Rainbow for Girls recently bowled to raise money for muscular dystrophy. They bowled at Caldwell Consistory, had lunch and combined this with a rehearsal for the upcoming initiation of two new Members.

The girls were led by their Mother Advisor, Mrs. Sylvia Hileman, Grand Deputy, Mrs. Kathleen Black, and Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Pat Ditty. Ashley Ditty is the present Worthy Advisor; she and the other girls are young in age but have a Rainbow background and are working very hard on Ritualistic Work and Membership.

With the help of a very active advisory board, the girls are growing in the teachings of Rainbow. When interested adults work with young people, especially young ladies with Rainbow experiences, Assemblies will grow and the girls and advisors will profit.

## DeMOLAY CELEBRATES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-seven Members and advisors of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Order during the week of June 21-26 in Kansas City, Missouri. The contingent, led by Brother Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania, included Bros. Kris G. Sabin, State Master Councilor, Thomas W. Jackson, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Robert L. Engel, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The program included a special Pennsylvania dinner at the Kansas City Club, a tour of the Masonic facilities where the Order of DeMolay was founded, Ritual and athletic competitions, and a pilgrimage to the grave-site of "Dad" Frank S. Land, the Founder of the Order, for a memorial rededication ceremony. Land was the life-long Secretary-General of the Order he created, and served as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America in 1954.

The Order of DeMolay came to Pennsylvania in 1923 with the institution of Templar Chapter in Pittsburgh. There are currently 1432 Members in thirty-seven Chapters. The newest group is Ches-Mont Chapter, Instituted on May 21, 1994, in Norristown.

## SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED

The seventh edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, will be available in September. It includes a summary of more than 45 scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic Bodies for Masons, their families, and Members of the Masonically-related youth groups. Over 4,000 copies of the guidebook will be distributed, free of charge, to youth group leaders, Lodges, and over 500 guidance counselors in every high school in Pennsylvania. Additional copies will be available upon request. To request a copy, send a postcard with your name and address to the PYF offices at the above address.

## Freemasonry at Work Through the Masonic Homes

Mr. Joseph E. Murphy  
Executive Director  
Masonic Homes  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Dear Mr. Murphy:

My family and I would like to thank you for the very sincere, caring, and professional treatment we received when my mother was a resident at the Health Care Unit.

Everyone from the staff in the Admission Office to the staff at the Health Care Unit, were always courteous and understanding. We always felt that our mother was receiving the best of care. The staff was always available to answer any questions or concerns we had.

I would like to give a little history of the Masonic Homes and the Stumm Family.

My father was a member of the Concordia Lodge No. 67 in Philadelphia (now meeting in Jenkintown). When my father passed away in the Fall of 1949, Members of his Lodge approached my mother and told her about a place in Elizabethtown that would be able to help in the raising of her three children.

On April 6, 1950, my sister and I came to live in the Boys/Girls Homes and in the Fall of 1950 my brother entered the Patton Trade School. Elmer graduated from Patton in 1953 and Lois graduated from Elizabethtown High in May of 1956. At that time, my mother felt that she was now better able to raise her youngest son, and in June of 1956 I left the homes to live with her. I graduated from Pottstown High School and Pierce Business School.

During the next thirty-odd years I returned to the Homes for visits and also to see Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer, who were my House Parents when I was at the Homes. The Homes have always been a part of my thoughts. Also, during this time, my brother and I became Members of the Masonic Fraternity.

On April 6, 1993, my mother, who never remarried, entered the Health Care Unit. She passed away on December 20, 1993, at the age of 90.

When we say that "Masons Care About Children" - my brother, sister, and I were children that "Masons Cared About."

Because my father joined the Masonic Lodge in 1920 and paid his dues until he died in 1949, his whole family was in some way taken care of by the Masonic Homes. I am very proud that my father was a Mason and that I was able to follow him in joining an organization that has a motto, "Cares About Children."

From this letter I am sure you can see that the "Homes" have always been and will always be special to me.

Again, please extend our thanks to your staff for their caring attitude and the kindness they extended to my mother and our family.

Fraternally yours,

E. J. Stumm  
Williamson Lodge No. 309  
Downingtown, PA 19335

We receive letters almost daily from residents or families expressing their appreciation for the Masonic Homes and the Fraternity's support.

I offer this letter to all Masons when considering the value of their Membership and if Freemasonry makes a difference.

Joseph E. Murphy, N.H.A.  
Executive Director

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## Blood Donor Club Has New Phone Number

The Masonic Blood Donor Club has a new telephone number because of the creation of a new area code. The new number is:

**(610) 356-1866**

For a quarter of a century, the Masonic Donor Club has put life into its theme of "We Give That Others May Live." It is a service available to all Pennsylvania Masons, their wives and dependent children and widows of Masons. It is easy to be a member of the Masonic Blood Donor Club. All you do is donate one unit of blood to the Red Cross or any recognized blood center and then fill out a membership form confirming the contribution of blood to the Lodge Blood Donor Chairman or the Blood Donor Club.

Blood Donor forms are available from every Lodge Secretary or Lodge Blood Donor Chairman or by contacting the Blood Donor Club Secretary, Bro. William E. Riley, 2615 Franklin Ave., Broomall, PA 19008.

## PHILADELPHIA September Quarterly

Communication  
September 7, 1994  
Dinner held at 5:00 p.m.  
Communication following at 7:00 p.m.

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No. of Meal Tickets Requested \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Children's Day 1994

The Masonic Children's Home celebrated its 71st Annual Children's Day Awards Banquet on Friday, May 27, at the Masonic Conference Center in Memorial Hall. Attending the event were the Right Worshipful Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt, Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and their wives; Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, the Executive Director of Masonic Homes, and other Masonic Homes Administrative staff; Elizabethtown Area School Administration representatives; the Masonic Homes Children's Services staff, children, and their families.

Tracee Evans, Tella Mercado, and Kristen Muldoon, residents of the Children's Home, along with piano teacher, Ed Smith, provided the musical entertainment for the group.



The four seniors, Mark Mellen, Rich Mampe, Sam Bruno, and Stacey VanBuskirk, served as Masters and Mistress of Ceremonies and award presenters for the program.

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, music, art, sports, Masonic organizations, youth groups, and volunteer work.

The graduates were presented with Bibles from Pastor and Bro. Charles H. Lacquement. Bro. C. Donald Barbush, Director of Children's Services, awarded the seniors with their graduation certificates. Representatives of the Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association also awarded the seniors with a cash award from their scholarship fund toward higher education expenses.

After the awards ceremony, Grand Master Hohenschildt addressed the group. The seniors planted a tree next to the Children's Home Office to leave a lasting symbol of their ties to the Children's Home. They graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School on June 15, 1994.

The seniors will all pursue post-secondary studies. Mark Mellen will study business at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Rich Mampe will attend Pennsylvania State University at Ogontz Campus for a major in marine biology. Sam Bruno has plans to seek an accounting degree at Shippensburg University. Stacey VanBuskirk was accepted at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Mass Communications.

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## Outreach to make presence known at Grand Master's Day

In addition to the Datestone Ceremony to be performed by the R. W. Grand Master Bro. George H. Hohenschildt and the Grand Lodge Officers for Phase 4 of the Masonic Health Care Center Project at the annual Grand Master's Day on August 27 at 11:00 a.m., the newly-established Outreach Program will be part of the festivities.

Outreach is a program designed to reach out and help Pennsylvania Masons and their families in their homes and communities. The Outreach Director, John Suchanec, will be available throughout the day and would like to extend an invitation for all to come and enjoy the day and learn about the Masonic Homes and a little about Outreach as well.

Brochures explaining Outreach services as well as pamphlets describing government programs and community services will be conveniently placed across the campus. As an added service, Outreach will also offer video and slide presentations on important topics throughout the day. Some of the subject matter will include: Nursing Homes, Nutrition, Adult Day Care, Health Insurance, and Wellness.

So come to Elizabethtown and celebrate! Join in the fun and festivities, but don't forget to look up the Outreach Program and pick up some valuable information.

If you and your family are planning to attend, please take a moment right now and complete the coupon on this page, and send it to the Masonic Homes. It should be noted that the Masonic Homes will not be able to provide wheelchairs. Please bring your own if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must advise the Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so that special tickets can be forwarded to you prior to Grand Master's Day.

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## MASONIC HOMES AT ELIZABETHTOWN Grand Master's Day

**Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**  
**REGISTRATION COUPON**

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☐ Require Handicapped Parking\* ☐ Arriving by Train

\* If "Handicapped Parking" is required, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with this coupon. We will send a special parking permit which you must bring with you.

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## Masonic Homes Newlyweds Toasted By Paul Harvey

Happy days for Masonic Homes residents Arthur Ruffner and Beatrice Kissling is the "Rest of the Story" broadcast on Paul Harvey News on March 25. Here is the transcript of the Paul Harvey News item:

In Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania  
Beatrice and Arthur enjoy the same things...  
Beatrice Kissling and Arthur Ruffner...  
They enjoy long walks holding hands...  
Baseball games on the radio...  
Ice Cream...  
They love to dance...  
So they decided to marry...  
Tomorrow. At the Masonic Retirement Home.  
Bea won't tell her age.  
Arthur boasts about his 94 years.  
But, he adds, 95 come June!





## 2,609 Years of Service to Freemasonry!

At the February Stated Meeting of Red Lion Lodge No. 649, 13 Members were honored for 50 years of service, 13 Members were honored for 25 years of service, and 28 Members were honored for more than 50 years (51 through 73) of service. The above awards represent 2,609 years of Freemasonry.

Brother Michael H. Gotshall, D.D.G.M., 42nd Masonic District, assisted by W.M. Ervan E. Young and Secretary Gordon A. Stamets, presented 50



Year Grand Lodge Service Emblems to Bros. James D. Neff, Ernest R. Hyson, Clair W. Herbst, Everett S. Herbst, Quentin L. Seitz, Maurice W. Lauer, Sterling E. Stine, Ray E. Bacon, and Ross C. Pickel.

Twenty-Five Year Service Emblems were presented to Bros. James R. Hyson, Gene B. Hildebrand, Glenn H. Leitzel P.M., Wayne G. Beck, Charles E. Zarfes, P.M., A. Paul Stough, Barry E. Dietz, Robert C. Smith, Jr., Larry L. Moore, R. Donald Lutz, Robert C. Arnold, and David M. Reichard.



Worshipful Master Ervan E. Young, Senior Warden Bradd L. Sprenkel, P.M., Junior Warden John F. Schmuck, Secretary Gordon A. Stamets, and Michael H. Gotshall, D.D.G.M., visited our oldest Member, Clarence E. Jacobs, with 73 years of service to Freemasonry and presented his "Certificate of Service." Brother Jacobs celebrated his 105th birthday on April 1, 1994. An enjoyable evening was had by all reminiscing about events that had taken place in the Lodge as well as events in the community.

## Worshipful Master at 23

When Bro. James D. Libengood, Jr., was Installed Worshipful Master at age 23 last December, he became the youngest Mason in the history Williamson Lodge No. 431 in Saltsburg – and perhaps in the State – to achieve that position. Bro. Libengood became 24 in January.

He Petitioned the Lodge immediately after his 21st birthday in 1991. He served as Junior Warden in 1992 and Senior Warden in 1993. District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Frederick T. Hemphill, 39th Masonic District, said that in addition to his Proficiency, he is leading the Lodge with innovative programming. Bro. Hemphill sets the young Worshipful Master as an example for other newly-Raised Masons to volunteer, attend the School of Instruction, learn the Work and be active.

## Please Support Your Masonic Charities

Your 1994-95 Masonic Charities Annual Appeal information will be arriving soon.

This appeal benefits:

- **Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown**
- **Pennsylvania Youth Foundation**
- **The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug & Alcohol Abuse Among Children**
- **The Masonic Library & Museum of Pennsylvania**
- **The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Leadership & Management, Inc.**
- **The Masonic Charities Fund.**

Won't you please continue to support the Masonic Charities as generously as you have in the past, so that we can continue to provide quality services to Pennsylvania Freemasons and many other of our friends. Let us ensure that those in need shall not endure hardships? Your support of these worthwhile charities will make a difference!

Thank You!



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### Achieving Fellowship

In the rapid, often unpredictable pace at which the world is changing, predicting the forces which will influence Freemasonry next year may be difficult. The combination of rough economic times, changing social values, and a host of other forces makes those who would forecast the future very uneasy.

As Freemasonry moves into this uncertain future of opportunity, we must strengthen our covenant of friendship and fellowship within.

It's only natural to go where you feel most welcome. This includes attending a Meeting at Lodge. Making a Brother feel at home and appreciated in Lodge should be the first duty we as Masons honor.

Here are a few suggestions we might use to promote and enhance fellowship.

➤ The Committee should discover as much as it can about a new Member during the home visit and make this information available to the other Members. If the Brethren know what a new Member does, his interests and hobbies, and his reason for joining, they will have something to discuss with him.

➤ Encourage those who attend regularly to share their ideas about fellowship. Stress the importance of good fellowship, and get their suggestions on how to make improvements.

➤ Give someone or several Brethren the job of greeting all Members as they enter the Lodge. Make sure they know it is their job to make the Brethren feel welcome when they enter and to steer any new Member or guest to another Member so that

he is not left alone. New Members and visitors should be given name badges. It is also a good idea for each Member to have a name badge. One very successful method of getting your new Members known rapidly is to have an Officer, the Junior Warden for example, and the newest Master Mason(s) as the greeters.

➤ The Worshipful Master and his Officers should circulate among the Members before Lodge is opened. This is not the time for Officers to meet and finalize the plans for the evening. This should be done before arriving for the Meeting. The Worshipful Master should never allow a new Mason to sit alone in the Lodge room or to fend for himself.

➤ Make all introductions during Lodge warm and personal. All the Brethren in Lodge should be reminded to welcome warmly new Members and guests. Everyone feels good when he is greeted with gracious sincerity.

➤ Lodge Officers, both elected and appointed, should use the time after closing Lodge to reinforce the fellowship that was present before opening Lodge. Thank the Members for attending.

➤ Ask for feedback. See how satisfied the Members and guests were with the quality of fellowship they received. Should any adjustments be made? What could be done to make it lasting? The Worshipful Master might consider appointing a Fellowship Committee to help the Lodge Officers.

➤ Follow up with a personal note to the new Member or guest, thanking him for being with you in Lodge. Your Fellowship Committee could handle this important task.

➤ Consider including the names of new Members in Lodge communications with a brief summary of their interests and the names of their wives and children.

➤ Let the Members know you are working to improve fellowship and why. Inform Members of the important role they can play.

➤ Keep Member satisfaction as the number one priority. Remember fellowship is an important reason why a man becomes a Mason. It's something we can all provide – free of charge.

### New Idea Book helps Lodge Leaders

We recommend that all Lodges interested in making real progress in renewing the Lodge for the future, obtain the book *101+ Ways to Improve Interest and Attendance in Your Masonic Lodge* for their leaders.

Copies are available for \$10.00 (plus \$4.00 shipping and handling) from the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America, Lake Falls Professional Building, 6115 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21209. Their number is (410) 377-0588.





## Masonic Education

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### 1994 Senior Scholarships Awarded

Seven scholarships were awarded to senior high school students from the seven Masonic Regions of Pennsylvania at a ceremony on May 20, at the Independent Living Community, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown. The seven regional winners and their parents or family members were invited to attend the awards ceremony.

The Senior Essay Contest required each entrant to prepare a 1,500 word essay on the topic "What Does **Friend to Friend** Mean to Me?" The state winner and recipient of a \$2,500.00 Grand Lodge Scholarship was Michael D. Lott, Elizabethtown, Region 2. Six regional winners, who received a \$1,000.00 Grand Lodge Scholarship were: Kim E. Goldstein, Wynnewood, Region 1; Meg Frye, Johnstown, Region 3; Jill Hartley, Pittsburgh, Region 4; Marcus F. Heller, Knox, Region 5; Rachel J. Thomas, Mansfield, Region 6; and Jennifer O'Boyle, Avoca, Region 7.

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, conducted the awards ceremony and presented the scholarships in the absence of the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt. Bro. Thomas Eynon, D.D.G.M. and Region 1 Chairman, assisted Bro. Weisser. Contest winners and their families were given an excellent tour of the Masonic Homes by Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director. Staff members of the Masonic Homes joined the students and their families at the luncheon, held in the Independent Living Community, and at the awards ceremony.

Masons of Pennsylvania proudly continue to support the youth of our Jurisdiction in their educational programs and career goals. Once again this outstanding group of seniors has shown us the youth of today are serious, empathetic and hard working in their "**Friend to Friend**" relationships.



State winner Michael D. Lott, Region 2, is shown accepting the plaque and \$2,500 check from Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.D.G.M.



Winners of the Essay Contest are shown (left to right in front row): Marcus F. Heller, Region 5; Kim Erica Goldstein, Region 1; Jill Elizabeth Hartley, Region 4; Jennifer O'Boyle, Region 7; Rachel J. Thomas, Region 6; Meg Frye, Region 3; and Michael D. Lott, Region 2. The parents and family members are behind the scholarship winners.

### 1995 Senior Essay Competition

The fifth annual Senior Essay Competition for 1995 has been announced by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. The R.W. Grand Master Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, has selected a topic for the competition related to the **Friend to Friend** brochure. Each student will be asked to select one of the famous American Masons depicted on the brochure and to write a 1,500 word essay on "What Contributions Has This Famous Mason Made to American Society?"

The senior essay contest is open to all senior students in the

public, parochial, and private high schools of Pennsylvania. Announcements and applications will be sent to all of the schools in the state. Essays must be received in the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia by February 1, 1995.

Masons of Pennsylvania support the youth of our state in many ways. The seven scholarships to be awarded in 1995 will help seven students to further their education. Masons are asked to encourage seniors they know to submit essays in the competition.

### Concordia Lodge Awards First Bro. Ronald Clarkson Scholarship

At the November 18, 1993, Stated Meeting of Concordia Lodge No. 67, Bro. Roger J. Hanisco, Worshipful Master, awarded the first eleven \$850.00 scholarship grants from the Bro. Ronald Clarkson Scholarship Fund of Concordia Lodge No. 67.

The recipients for 1993 are as follows:

Kirk L. Beideman, David A. Casey,  
Howard T. Ferguson, Julianne Gadsby,  
Deborah Gadsby, Keith Minarik, Todd Morrell,  
Jamison Shingler, Wendy Sohn,  
Christine Walter, Matthew C. Wilson.



Shown in the photograph is Worshipful Master Bro. Roger J. Hanisco awarding the grants to some of the eleven eligible recipients during the open portion of the November 18 Stated Meeting. Both the parents and sponsors were present.

Following the awards, the recipients and their families joined the Brethren for dinner where they were entertained by the Concert Orchestra and the Klownz of Lu Lu Temple Shrine, and heard a most interesting address by Lu Lu Temple Potentate Bro. James J. Campanile.

Bro. Ronald Clarkson, a Member of Concordia Lodge No. 67 for many years, died on Christmas Day of 1991. He believed that the best way in which he could support the future of Freemasonry and his Lodge, was to make an investment in the youth of our Masonic families. He bequeathed a substantial portion of the estate to Concordia Lodge with the stipulation that it was to be used to establish a scholarship fund. The income from the investments of this fund is to be used to grant scholarships to Members of Concordia Lodge, their wives, children, and grandchildren who are enrolled in a college or university matriculating to a baccalaureate degree or higher.

### Grand Master Hohenschildt Honored

Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, Right Worshipful Grand Master, accepted a charcoal drawing of himself from Bro. George Hodge, during an Official Visitation to Johnstown-Cambria Lodge No. 538, in Johnstown. The R.W. Grand Master presided over the Presentation of Bro. Robert R. Havers, Sr., newly-appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 41st Masonic District.

Bro. George Hodge's talent served a two-fold purpose in honoring the R.W. Grand Master during his visit to Johnstown and to give R.W. Grand Master Hohenschildt a gift and memento. Bro. Hodge will also submit his work of art as a part of the annual Masonic Education Lodge and Media Competition. The charcoal drawing shows the artistic talent of Bro. Hodge in preserving the likeness of our R.W. Grand Master.



"Sharing with the Needy" is a rewarding and worthy program.

Pine Grove Lodge No. 409 is striving to collect 400 pounds of non-perishable canned foods to be distributed to needy families in this area at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. The Members on the Charity Committee of the Lodge will see that the food is given to those less fortunate during the holiday seasons of giving and sharing.

Members are asked to bring canned goods when attending a Stated Meeting of the Lodge. The food will then be placed in a food bank at the Lodge. A donations box is available for those who would like to make cash contributions. These funds will be used to purchase turkeys for the Lodge food bank.







## The Grand Secretary's Desk ....

### My Brethren:

Freemasonry has been linked historically with a concern for youth for many years. We have developed and supported our youth organizations - - the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of Job's Daughters. Long before their creation, however, probably back to the inception of the Craft, we have expressed a concern for young people. In studying the history of Freemasonry, we note that one of the great concerns has always been the care of widows and orphans. This concern has been expressed in our operation of homes and schools for the orphaned and the socially disadvantaged youth. We have in more recent years become supportive of their goals of higher education.

I quote part of a letter I received from a young lady who received one of our Higher Education Loans:

"Dear Mr. Jackson,

As of December 15, 1991, 'we' graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree...I say 'we' because without the support and generosity of you and your fellow Brothers I may not have received the finances to continue my education. I would like to thank you on behalf of all the students you have supported and the students who will seek your help in the future. Sometimes we forget to thank those who deserve it the most."

I have received many similar letters in the past, and they are heartening, to say the least, since I receive many letters and telephone calls criticizing our program because we require repayment of the loans even though a loan note is required.

At the direction of our R.W. Grand Master, I wrote a brief paper on youth development to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge. In it, I expressed a concern that perhaps we require too little from the youth of today. A considerable portion of my life was dedicated to working with young people as a professional in the teaching field and as a volunteer leader in the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of DeMolay. During those years I observed a distressing decline in initiative to excel. I firmly believe that this decline is at least in part due to what we as adults required or rather did not require.

Most of the leaders of Freemasonry today acknowledge the lack of interest of at least two generations of young people reflected by the decline in Membership in those age brackets. We fail, however, at times to consider deeply enough the cause of the lack of interest.

I noted in my last years in the teaching profession the continuing loss of interest in others by young people. Self-centeredness became a way of life in our society, and it has only been in recent years that I have been able to detect a redevelopment of that interest. Any organization dedicated to helping others would suffer in this type of climate.

I would suggest that much of our problem today has been a result of our continuing attitude that each generation continues to make life easier for each succeeding generation. In the process, we have unfortunately forgotten the necessity of teaching responsibility. The result has been many young people today have developed an attitude that what they receive is owed to them. Defaults in the guaranteed loan program of the federal government are unfortunately classic, and now amount to hundreds of millions of dollars which the taxpayer must pick up.

Most evidence indicates that the general trend of thought regarding the direction of the youth of our country as has been practiced in recent years has been incorrect. Our continuing to give requiring little in return has not only not benefitted our youth but has also proven detrimental. As long as we as a nation have the attitude that we can buy the admiration and respect of our youth by giving more while requiring less, we have little or no hope of recapturing that admiration or respect.

This is the reason I feel so pleased when I receive a letter such as the one quoted in this article. It shows me that, in what may have become a general attitude, there continue to exist the islands of hope. I am thoroughly convinced that one of the great contributions Freemasonry can make is to teach the young people with whom we come in contact responsibility. We must seek for and strive to develop the highest quality of performance in the youth of the world. It is no less true in teaching the young than it is in dealing with the adult - that the less we require the less we receive. If we direct our youth toward a concept of quality, we give them a reason for pride and accomplishment. We must continue to provide the help, but we must also emphasize the need to instill responsibility. Therein we build the leaders of tomorrow.

### Third Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Masonic Library and Museum

Please be sure to mark your calendars and save October 15th, at 12:30 p.m. for our Third Annual Friends meeting and reception. This year, we are extremely fortunate in having a presentation by William D. Moore, Director of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library (The Grand Lodge of New York) in New York City. Mr. Moore has spent considerable time on the study and research of "Masonic Stained Glass" and he will share with us these results by means of an interesting and enlightening slide presentation. We are sure that all of the Friends will share in a most enjoyable afternoon time with Mr. Moore.

Even if you are not a member of The Friends of Library and Museum at this time, we can remedy this by having you and your friends join us. Invitations to become a Friend are available by writing to the Director, Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., at the above address or by picking one up at the Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The entire staff looks forward to being with you and sharing this outstanding presentation!

### After All

A new Masonic autobiography has just been written. Brother Wade Hampton Kinsey, Jr., Member of Ligonier Lodge No. 331, a retired postmaster from the town of the same name, has chronicled his World War II experiences with the Eighty-fifth Division serving in Italy. Brother Wade is a keen observer of all forms of landscape and life, so that the reader of *After All* becomes familiar with Italian flora and fauna as well as both army and civilian people and the

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### Visa and MasterCard now accepted at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Making purchases from the gift shop in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, has become much easier and more convenient. With the approval of the Board of Directors at their April meeting, Visa and MasterCard charge have come to the Library and Museum. With this service now available, it is hoped that our sales will increase markedly, especially from the many visitors coming from all over the country and the world. Please be sure to visit us during your next trip to the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, view our many exhibits and take home a remembrance!

effects of war from devastation through liberation. Brother Wade did not set out to write a great work; he says "I simply wanted to make statements about the rigor and futility of war, and the fortitude in times of distress." This he has done -- admirably.

The book is on order, and will be added to the Circulating Library as soon as possible.

### Brother Nelson E. Buechner, Organist Extraordinaire

Our jovial Grand Lodge Organist, Bro. Nelson Buechner, was unexpectedly called to the "Grand Organ Console" on May 1. Bro. Buechner was one of the few born with a smile on his face and music in his fingers and feet. He had, as his obituary in the *Philadelphia Daily News* of May 3 aptly puts it, "...what he considered the best job in the world and savored it to the end." Bro. Buechner spent his whole career of forty years devoted to one of the largest organs in the world, the great John Wanamaker Organ (in the center city Philadelphia store), of which he became curator. His association with this fantastic instrument began in 1949, when the Olney (Philadelphia) high school lad became assistant to Mary E. Vogt, one of the original members of the Wanamaker Organ staff, who had been playing the organ since the first recital on June 22, 1911. After his service in the Army during the Korean War, Bro. Nelson returned in 1952 to become assistant to William F. Ruff, the last of the original organ staff members. Upon Ruff's death in 1973, Bro. Nelson became Curator, which meant, that in addition to playing the instrument, he cared for and promoted it. In 1990, Bro. Nelson's great dream was realized, when he oversaw the restoration of the organ.

Brother Buechner, born in 1931, was a Member of Washington Lodge No. 59, in which he was Entered, Passed, and Raised in late 1953 and early 1954. On December 27, 1985, Bro. Buechner became Grand Lodge Organist.

For those of the Brethren who knew Bro. Nelson personally, there never was any "down time" for him: even facing some major health problems Nelson was always "upbeat." His life was one of optimism and one in which God and Freemasonry played a positive and vital part. Not busy enough in just being the Curator of the Wanamaker Organ, active in the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, organist for our Grand Lodge, organist in his Blue Lodge and organist and choir master of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, he had just recently accepted the position as Organist of the Scottish Rite Valley of Southern New Jersey in West Collingswood, NJ. Perhaps if we listen very carefully during the next thunder storm, those deep and heavy sounds might not be thunder bursts, but Bro. Nelson using many of the thirty-two foot pedal stops on the "Grandest" organ of them all!