



75-YEAR AWARD

At a Stated Meeting of Lucius H. Scott Lodge No. 352, held on June 7, 1994, Brother George Dewey Middleton was honored for 75 years of Masonic Service. Bro. Garrison P. Knox was also honored, but was unable to attend. Pictured left to right: Bros. John Taylor; Warren F. Schueler, Sr., M.W.P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of Delaware; George D. Middleton; Dean Smith, P.D.D.G.M. of the 36th Masonic District; Lynwood J. Dixon, D.D.G.M. of the 36th Masonic District; and Byron I. Royer, Worshipful Master of Lucius H. Scott Lodge No. 352.

Three Receive Franklin Awards

Benjamin Franklin Awards were presented by R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt to three Brethren for their "Outstanding Service to the Fraternity".

The prestigious awards were presented during the December Quarterly Communication to: Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W. Past Grand Master; Bro. Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Right; and Bro. Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America.

The Award is represented by a throat medallion that is a gold miniature bust of Benjamin Franklin suspended on a purple ribbon. For Bros. Ralston and Ravellette, Certificates of Honorary Membership in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accompanied the Benjamin Franklin Award.

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Ten Important Ritualistic Sectional Meetings Listed

There will be ten Sectional Meetings of the Schools of Instruction across the Jurisdiction in 1995.

March 4	Pittsburgh, Oakland
March 11	New Castle
March 18	Greensburg
March 25	Harrisburg
April 1	Johnstown
April 8	Allentown
April 22	Philadelphia
April 29	Clearfield
May 13	Brookville
May 20	Williamsport

It is especially important in this era of increased Petitions that Lodge Officers attend the respective Sectional Meetings to be fully prepared to perform the necessary Work proficiently. All Master Masons are welcome to attend one or more of the interesting Ritualistic sessions.

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Friend to Friend Turns the Tide with an Increase in New Members of 38% in 1994!

R.W. Grand Master Personally Leads the Attack on Membership Losses!

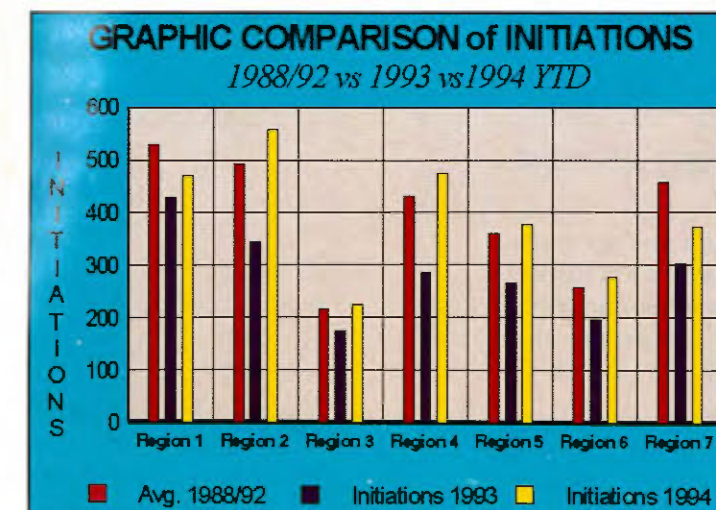
With a promise that "no agenda will take a higher priority in my administration than to turn the tide of thirty-three consecutive years of devastating losses in membership," R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt personally led the attack on the greatest threat to Freemasonry!

Armed with his **Friend to Friend** Membership Development Program, an idea has become a movement! In 1994, Initiations for Membership in Pennsylvania increased by 38% compared to 1993! Congratulations to every Freemason who has become "A Builder of the Craft!"

Even with the remarkable achievements of **Friend to**



NUMBER ONE – The first **Friend to Friend** Outstanding Achievement Award for a first-line Petitioner-signer for twelve or more Initiates was presented to Bro. Peter Szpak of Reading Lodge No. 549 by R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt. Looking on is Bro. Ray W. Gotschall, W.M. of the Lodge.



FRIEND TO FRIEND PROGRESS CONTINUES – In every Region across the State, Initiations through the end of 1994 were more than for 1993. In five of the seven Regions, Initiations in 1994 exceeded those of the 1988-92 five-year average.

in Initiations is not enough to turn the tide on net Membership.

According to Grand Master Hohenschildt, "We are right on track and poised to turn the tide in net Membership in 1995." He has challenged each Pennsylvania Freemason to become "A Builder of the Craft" by recommending at least one qualified friend for Membership during 1995. "The Freemasons of Pennsylvania truly have an opportunity to

Friend in Initiations received during the first year, total Membership losses still exceeded gains. Nothing could better underscore the need for the **Friend to Friend** program than when even a 38% increase

First Pendant Medallion Presented

The first Gold Pendant Outstanding Achievement Award for having been the first-line Petitioner-signer for twelve or more Initiates as a result of his **Friend to Friend** contacts, was presented to Bro. Peter Szpak, Senior Master of Ceremonies and a **Friend to Friend** Task Force Member of Reading Lodge No. 549, by R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt during a Special Visitation at the November Stated Meeting of the Lodge.

At the time the award was

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The Grand Master Speaks ...

Brethren:

Friend to Friend - Youth - Education

Friend to Friend - Proposed: That there be 5,000 new Initiates in 1995.

Youth - Proposed: That every Lodge visit a DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughters Meeting every month.

Education - Proposed: That every Mason know who we are, what we believe and what we do.

Friend to Friend in 1995: A new year, a new opportunity to renew old friendships and, most especially, to make new ones. A new opportunity to preserve and enhance the world's oldest, largest, and greatest Fraternity. A new opportunity to preserve and enhance the Masonic way of life, truly a quality way of life.

Let each of us, in our New Year's Resolutions, add one very special Resolution to our list:

*"I will use the **Friend to Friend** brochure at least once a month in 1995."*

Most of us make New Year's Resolutions, but few of us keep all of them very long. I ask you to please keep this your special Resolution all year.

We have set a goal of 5,000 new Initiates in 1995. It has been twenty-two years (1973) since we last achieved that goal, and we need every Member's help to do it again. Please use your **Friend to Friend** brochure.

We also have set two other goals I believe imperative for 1995 viz: **Youth** and **Education**.

We Masons must recognize the needs and goals of our youth and we must do all within our power to respond to those needs and goals. I am directing every Lodge to send a carload of men to a DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughters Meeting every month, to learn who those young people are and what they do, and also, that they may learn who we are and what we do.

We Masons also must recognize that most of the public, and many of our own Members, actually do not know what Freemasonry is and is not, and we must do all within our power to correct that lack of knowledge and understanding. I am directing our Education and Public Relations Committees, while having done a great job in the recent past, to redouble their efforts for the immediate future.

Friend to Friend - Youth - Education!

Faternally,

George H. Hohenschildt

George H. Hohenschildt
R.W. Grand Master



OVER THE NET

Eighteen percent of PA Lodges (88 Lodges) showed net Membership increases at the end of 1994. Nineteen Lodges ended '94 with a net increase* of 2% or more. They are:

Lodge No.	Region	District	Net No.	Net %
438	7	15	5	5.15
521	5	52	9	4.79
381	3	19	10	4.35
445	7	15	5	3.97
659	1	E	7	3.45
669	4	47	8	3.42
801	2	3	7	3.41
520	5	52	5	3.38
443	2	3	8	3.24
774	3	34	6	3.23
263	6	16	3	3.23
361	2	3	6	2.90
552	5	23	6	2.86
256	6	46	9	2.56
417	2	1	9	2.45
301	7	59	6	2.16
416	5	24	4	2.13
797	2	11	5	2.05
239	5	27	7	2.01

Lodges with net increases between 1 and 2 percent are: Nos. 570, 625, 618, 619, 276, 351, 398, 376, 473, 277, 354, 315, 364, 537, 554, 572, 164, 370, 330, 555, 550, 737, 694, 344, 651, 790, 371, 576, 421, 810 and 454.

Lodges with net increases up to 1 per cent are: Nos. 222, 342, 714, 731, 282, 598, 459, 504, 663, 431, 467, 414, 649, 682, 517, 311, 539, 588, 614, 350, 562, 300, 549, 594, 287, 245, 197, 551, 334, 677, 406, 237, 741, 789, 138, 665, 586, and 502.

(*Reports from a few Lodges meeting during the last days of the year may not be included.)



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presented, Bro. Szpak had signed Petitions for 17 Initiates. He said they resulted from some two dozen friendly contacts. The new Masons are the interested friends who

returned **Friend to Friend** brochures and wanted to know more about Freemasonry. "I realized from my own experiences that my friends were just like I had been before I became a Mason," he said. "They didn't know that they had to ask."

Bro. Szpak, who has been diligent in his Masonic labors since he was Made a Mason in April 1993, believes in the value of the **Friend to Friend** Program and recognizes the potential for its effectiveness among his friends. He said he is fortunate that, because of his profession, he has had the opportunity to make many good and worthy friends. "Talking **Friend to Friend** to my friends was so natural," he said.

He is the Military Personnel Clerk for Battery B in Reading, 213th Air Defense Artillery of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He plans to retire next August after twenty years of service. He is married with three daughters and three grandchildren.

In the Family of Freemasonry, he is a Member of the Scottish Rite, serving as a Tyler in the Valley of Reading, and a Shriner in Rajah Temple where he is a Member of the Legion of Honor.

The prestigious Gold Pendant that

was presented by Grand Master Hohenschildt is the ultimate recognition in a series of awards and is to be worn at all Masonic activities. Recognition is awarded to first-line signers of Petitions. Signers of one Petition receive a Bronze Award



presented by the Chairman of the Task Force; two Petitions a Silver Award presented by the Worshipful Master; and for three Petitions, a Gold Award presented by the District Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master also awarded Bro. Szpak a very attractive, specially designed gold Square and Compasses mantle- or desk-piece to be displayed at home or in the office as a constant recognition of his Fraternal achievement.

Recognizing the achievement and awarding the Golden Pendant and Emblem is a significant Fraternal event. Accompanying Grand Master Hohenschildt for the Special Visitation to Reading Lodge No. 549 were: Bros. Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Rev. William H. Siegel, Grand Chaplain; Donald E. Cassell, Senior Grand Deacon; Larry G. Newhard, Grand Steward; Donald L. Albert, Grand Marshall; Lee N. Whitaker, Grand Sword Bearer; Dean E. Vaughn, Creator of **Friend to Friend**; Fred D. Rissinger, Director of Development and P.R., Administrative Services; and Thomas C. Librandi and Blaine F. Fabian, Aides to



the Grand Master.

Bro. Vaughn, P.M., Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, addressed the Brethren. He emphasized the impact every Mason has by exemplifying and communicating the Principles, Values and Fraternalism of Freemasonry. He congratulated Bro. Szpak as "Number One" in earning the Outstanding Achievement Award. Then he pointed out that there are other significations for the "Number One":

- Ours is the Number One Fraternity and we need to assure that it always will be Number One.
- Every Brother has at least one worthy friend whom he would enjoy having in Lodge - if only the friend would ask. Each Brother is in Lodge because he asked a friend to recommend him.
- If each Pennsylvania Freemason had just one inquiring friend return a **Friend to Friend** brochure, there could be 160,000 new Masons.

Bro. Hohenschildt enthusiastically addressed the Brethren, highlighting the **Friend to Friend** Program, then presented the Grand Master's Medallion to Worshipful Master Ray W. Gotschall, III, for Reading Lodge No. 549.

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Magnificent New Syria Mosque Dedicated

Shriners in the Pittsburgh area enjoyed a grand and glorious weekend of ceremony, celebration and fellowship when the new Syria Mosque was dedicated October 21, 22 and 23, 1994. R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt shared in the Sunday activities, addressing more than a thousand people who attended the Dedication Ceremony.

Shrine's Imperial Potentate, Bro. Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, attended the entire three days of events and addressed both the Saturday night Banquet and the Sunday Dedication program.

R.W. Past Grand Master Hiram P. Ball, Past Potentate of Syria Temple, served as the Master of Ceremonies for both the elegant Banquet Saturday night and a Dedication Ceremony Sunday where he presented an impressive list of Fraternal dignitaries.



AT THE SYRIA DEDICATION are (left to right): Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Burton E. Ravellette, Jr., Imperial Potentate; Bro. Frank Zoltani, Potentate of Syria Temple; Bro. Howard D. Matthews, a nephew and Personal Aide to Potentate Zoltani; and, Bro. Daniel Zoltani, a brother and Personal Aide to Potentate Zoltani.

On Sunday, the Syria Brass Band, Chanters and Highlanders, presented an hour-long concert before the Dedication Program. Unit Members in their colorful uniforms conducted tours of the new building. Refreshments were served and for the youngsters — as well as for the young at heart — there were rides on two camels brought to Syria from Indiana for this event.



MORE THAN 750 SHRINERS AND LADIES filled the magnificent ballroom of the new Syria Mosque for the Saturday night Dedication Banquet.

Festivities at the new Mosque, located outside the city, in Harmar Township, Allegheny County, began Friday evening when at least 700 Shriners and their Ladies toured the building.

Saturday evening, more than 750 Nobles and their Ladies in formal evening attire, attended the Banquet in the Grand Ballroom, tastefully decorated with floral arrangements in tall, translucent vases. A champagne toast by Syria's illustrious Potentate, Bro. Frank Zoltani, preceded the sumptuous dinner. Following the dinner there was a spectacular fireworks display and dancing to an outstanding big band.



WELCOME TO THE NEW SYRIA MOSQUE: At the entrance to the new building are some of Syria's Divan (left to right): Bros. Allen P. Foukes, Chief Rabban; Werner F. Betz, Assistant Rabban; James A. Frye, Oriental Guide; and, James W. Allison, First Ceremonial Master

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R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt and R.W. Deputy Grand Master Edward O. Weissner (in left photo) and R.W. Senior Grand Warden James L. Ernette (right photo), President of the Foundation, dine with law enforcement officers at the Masonic Conference Center.



13 Organizations Benefit From Freedom Walk/Run

Thirteen community organizations involved with drug abuse prevention and intervention in Philadelphia shared \$17,000 net proceeds of the '94 Freedom Walk/Run.

For the second year, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation provided the organizational effort, administration and up-front funding to conduct the successful charitable event for community-wide benefit.



Glenn Devitt (left), President of the Northeast Philadelphia Civic Association, is shown receiving one of the checks from Bro. Anthony J. Garvey, Director of the Foundation.

D.A.R.E. Trains Police Officers at Masonic Conference Center to Work With Elementary Students

Thirty-three law enforcement officers went to school for two weeks at the Masonic Conference Center in October. It was the first session there in which police officers were trained to instruct elementary school children in skills to resist drugs and peer pressure.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a prevention program in which trained police officers provide accurate information about alcohol and drugs, teach young students decision-making skills and how to resist peer pressure, and give them alternatives to drug use. The 80-hour program, conducted by the D.A.R.E. Training Center of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, was made possible by the Masonic Foundation's and the Masonic Homes' providing the facilities, supplies, housing and meals.

This contribution by the Foundation is the same as that provided for the Department of Education Student Assistance Program.



Grand Lodge Officers (front): R.W.G.T. Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.S.G.W. James L. Ernette, R.W.G.M. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.D.G.M. Edward O. Weissner and R.W.G.S. Thomas W. Jackson are shown with Law Enforcement Officers in the training. (Middle row, left to right): Ronnie Spruill, Allentown; Jeffrey Martz, Carroll Twp.; Michael Glenn, Haverford Twp.; Michael Rosenberry, Chambersburg; David Lane, Castle Shannon; Kenton Whitebread, W. Donegal Twp.; and Daren Helsel, Chambersburg. (Second row): Michael Phenneger, Manor Twp.; Todd Roach, Allegheny Twp.; Vincent Butkiewics, Blakely; Dennis Smith, Upper Mt. Bethel; Todd Caltagarone, St. Mary's; Gino Fedullo, Hazleton; Philip Hoh, St. Mary's; Wendy Brantley, Allentown; and Scott Christman, Monroe County Sheriff. (Back row): Scott Viola, Valley Twp.; Michael Gargan, Lower Gwynedd Twp.; Kurt Emerich, Pine Grove; Robert Lengle, South Lebanon Twp.; Michael Moyle, Mifflin County; Eric Gill, Danville; Joseph Goody, Conoy Twp.; John Trimble, Blairsville; Michael Croll, Delaware Water Gap Nat'l. Park Service; and Floyd Heltebride, West Manchester Twp. Missing from picture are: Clair Hinkle, Jr., Palmyra; Martin R. Levan, Cleona; Clair R. Martin, Jr., Elizabethtown; Jeffrey Snyder, Mifflin County; Mark Stonebraker, Highspire; Gregory S. Wahl, Mt. Joy; and William G. Weaver, New Cumberland.



Recognized for Charity

Bro. Anthony J. Garvey (right), Director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and Bro. Roland K. Lee (left), M. W. Grand Master of Freemasons, Prince Hall Affiliate, were honored by the City of Philadelphia for outstanding work in "effectual programs and services in drug and alcohol prevention."



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You Can Share the Pride

Visit the Youth Groups! That is the message from Right Worshipful Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt to all Pennsylvania Masons. Each Lodge has been posed with the exciting challenge in 1995 to send a delegation to pay a monthly visit to one of the Masonic Youth Groups. DeMolay Chapters, Job's Daughters Bethels, and Rainbow Girl Assemblies are gearing up for the visits by polishing their speaking and leadership skills. They are engaged in Ritualistic, educational, community and social activities that have long gone unnoticed by many Members of the Masonic Fraternity. They want to be sure that those who have not yet been involved with the youth groups will be favorably impressed with their work.

With the busy schedules we all keep, it seems inevitable to ask "Why should I make this visit?" The answer is simple — to **share the pride** of all Freemasons who know the value of these organizations. You will experience the fine work that young people are doing on the local level because of Freemasonry's support of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

The Ritualistic excellence of our young men and women is sure to impress you. The leadership abilities displayed by the elected officers as they preside will make you feel better about the younger generation. The community and Masonic service projects of our youth will make you take notice, realizing that the future of our nation may not be so bleak after all. The social activities, which stress fraternalism and fun, will remind you of the excitement of your own youthful days.

A visit to our Masonic Youth

Groups will be a rewarding experience for you, and one that may prompt you to ask a far more important question: "How can I become involved with these fine young men and women?"

DeMolay Class Honors Grand Master



On Saturday, November 26th, Pennsylvania DeMolay Initiated 57 new Members in an Initiation class honoring Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt. The Grand Master was a Member of DeMolay in Pilgrim Chapter, Harrisburg, and is an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. Candidates for the Grand Master's Class represented all geographic regions of Pennsylvania from Erie to Susquehanna and from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia.

The Degrees of the Order of DeMolay were Conferred by Members of the Champion Ritual Teams from Reading Chapter, Somerton Chapter of Philadelphia, and Elizabethtown Chapter. More than 220 people were in attendance for the Initiatory Degree, held in the Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes. Following a luncheon, the DeMolay Degree was performed on stage in the Masonic Homes Auditorium. Jeffery A. Davidson, a Past Master Councilor of Erie Chapter, presented his championship performance of the Flower Talk, which emphasizes respect for parents and the blessings of motherly love.

Joining Grand Master Hohenschildt for the presentation of Patents to the Members of his class were Right Worshipful Past Grand Master and Executive Officer Samuel C.

Williamson and State Master Councilor Jason R. Solano, a Past Master Councilor of Pilgrim Chapter.

Following the formal meetings, a Black and White Theme Dance and Carnival was held at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, with over 200 DeMolays, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and Advisors in attendance.

Job's Daughters Hike Five Miles



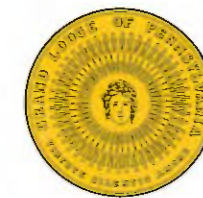
It was a beautiful autumn day at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown when nearly 200 Job's Daughters, adult leaders and friends participated in a five-mile HIKE on November 19, 1994. This annual event is held to raise funds for the HIKE Fund — the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment — which is the continuing philanthropic project of the International Order of Job's Daughters.

The purpose of the HIKE Fund is to provide assistance for hearing impaired children. Monies raised are used to award to young people in need of many different devices such as hearing aids, FM systems, closed caption converters, tactile units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment.

The monies raised go to the HIKE Fund Incorporated, which in turn selects recipients, and involves local Job's Daughter Bethels in a public presentation of the devices. Each year more money has been returned to Pennsylvania for hearing-impaired kids than is raised statewide. The current goal for the Job's Daughters in Pennsylvania is \$10,000.00. Contributions to this fund are gratefully accepted; please contact HIKE 233 West 6th Street, Papillion, NE 68046.



Bro. George H. Hohenschildt Re-elected 110th R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania



During the Quarterly Communication on December 7, Brother George H. Hohenschildt was re-elected to his second year as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania — the 110th Freemason to serve as a Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Others elected in December to serve their second year as R.W. Grand Lodge Officers in 1995 are: Bros. Edward O. Weisser, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; James L. Ernette, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Robert L. Dluge, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Throughout the history of Masonry in Pennsylvania, Grand Masters have served terms with durations that have been from one year to as many as fourteen years; however, since the days of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in 1761, the great majority of them have served the traditional tenure of two years.

Because the Fraternity existed as both "Moderns," and the early days of the "Ancients" in Pennsylvania, there were times when some Brethren repeated terms as Grand Masters; thus, we find that there are six more terms (116) of Grand Masters than there are numbers of Grand Masters (110).

Following is the list of Grand Masters in the history of Pennsylvania*:

MODERNS:

Daniel Coxe - 1730-32; Humphrey Murray - 1733; Benjamin Franklin - 1734; James Hamilton - 1735; Thomas Hopkinson - 1736; William

Plumstead - 1737; Joseph Shippen - 1738; (Period Unexplained); Philip Syng - 1741; (Period Unexplained); William Allen - 1747-61.

ANCIENTS:

William Ball - 1761; (Period Unexplained); William Ball - 1764-65; (One Year Unexplained); William Ball - 1767-72; (Period Unexplained); William Ball - 1776-82; William Adcock - 1783-88; Jonathan B. Smith - 1789-94; William Ball - 1795; William Smith - 1796-97; Jonathan B. Smith - 1798-1802.

Israel Israel - 1803-05; James Melnor - 1806-13; Richard Tybout - 1814; Samuel F. Bradford - 1815; Walter Kerr - 1816-17; Bayse Newcomb - 1818-21; Josiah Randall - 1822-23; John Bannister Gibson - 1824; James Harper - 1825; Thomas Kittera - 1826-28; Samuel Badger - 1829-30; Michael Nisbet, Sr., 1831-32; John Steele - 1833-34; George M. Dallas - 1835; Tristram B. Freeman - 1836; John M. Read - 1837-38; Samuel H. Perkins - 1839-40; Joseph R. Chandler - 1841-42; Cornelius Stevenson - 1843; William Barger - 1844-45; James Page - 1846-47; Peter Fritz - 1848-49.

William Whitney - 1850-51; Anthony Bournonville - 1852-53; James Hutchinson - 1854-55; Peter Williamson - 1856-57; John K. Mitchell - 1858; Henry M. Phillips - 1859-60; John Thomson - 1861-62; David C. Skerrett - 1863-64; Lucius H. Scott - 1865-66; John L. Goddard - 1867; Richard Vaux - 1868-69; Robert A. Lamberton - 1870-71; Samuel C. Perkins - 1872-73; Alfred R. Potter - 1874-75; Robert Clark - 1876-77; James M. Porter - 1878; Michael Nisbet, Jr. - 1879-80; Samuel B. Dick - 1881-82; Conrad B. Day - 1883-84; E. Coppee Mitchell - 1885-86; Joseph Eichbaum - 1887-88; Clifford P. Maccalla - 1889-90; J.

Simpson Africa - 1891-92; Michael Arnold - 1893-94; Matthias Henderson - 1895-96; William J. Kelly - 1897-98; Henry W. Williams - 1899.

George E. Wagner - 1900-01; Edgar A. Tennis - 1902-03; James W. Brown - 1904-05; George W. Kendrick, Jr. - 1906-07; George B. Orlady - 1908-09; George W. Guthrie - 1910-11; William L. Gorgas - 1912-13; J. Henry Williams - 1914-15; Louis A. Watres - 1916-17; James B. Krause - 1918-19; John S. Sell - 1920-21; Abraham M. Beitler - 1922-23; Samuel M. Goodyear - 1924-25; William M. Hamilton - 1926-27; J. Willison Smith - 1928-29; William S. Snyder - 1930-31; Benjamin Page - 1932-33; Otto R. Heiligman - 1934-35; Harold N. Rust - 1936-37; Robert R. Lewis - 1938-39; William H. Brehm - 1940-41; John A. Lathwood - 1942-43; Scott S. Leiby - 1944-45; Richard A. Kern - 1946-47; George H. Deike - 1948-49.

William E. Yeager - 1950-51; Albert T. Eyler - 1952-53; Ralph M. Lehr - 1954-55; Charles H. Nitsch - 1956-57; Sanford M. Chilcote - 1958-59; Max F. Balcom - 1960-61; W. Leroy McKinley - 1962-63; Earl F. Herold - 1964-65; Robert E. Deyoe - 1966-67; John K. Young - 1968-69; Hiram P. Ball - 1970-71; W. Orville Kimmel - 1972-73; Rochester B. Woodall - 1974-75; John L. McCain - 1976-77; Walter P. Wells - 1978-79; Joseph E. Trate - 1980-81; Samuel C. Williamson - 1982-83; William A. Carpenter - 1984-85; Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. - 1986-87; Arthur J. Kurtz - 1988-89; W. Scott Stoner - 1990-91; Edward H. Fowler, Jr. - 1992-93; George H. Hohenschildt - 1994-95.

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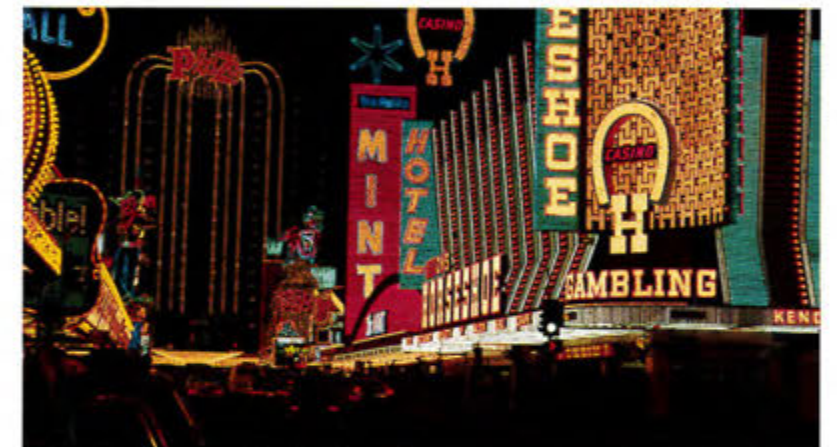
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Masonic Homes' Outreach Program

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program was created out of a need to offer services to people who are not accommodated by any area of service at Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, or are awaiting availability of a service. Because of our aging population, and because of the fine care provided by the dedicated employees of Masonic Homes, more and more want to take advantage of the services here. The purpose of the Outreach Program is to provide some of that same security and comfort to people who, for whatever reasons, will not experience life at Masonic Homes.

Security means many different things to different people. It may be money, shelter, or insurance. It could mean medical care, or it may mean knowing there is a way to visit your loved one at the rehabilitation center. To some, security is simply having information about how to proceed. To others, it's having someone make the calls and sift through levels of bureaucracy. With all the programs and services available, it's easy to become confused and not know in which direction to turn for help.

Our very first referral was in that situation. An elderly couple, in their 80's and living in their own home, had been struggling financially for some time. Medical bills had cut into their savings. Wheelchair-bound, they had excessive medical and pharmaceutical bills. In their time of need they turned to Masonic Homes for help. And even though they wanted to remain in their home, as independent as possible, they needed some financial help. Masonic Homes was able to provide, through Home Assistance, the financial help they needed to meet their monthly expenses.

There were also other sources of assistance available to them that were not being utilized. Social Security Supplemental Income, Healthy Horizons, the PACE Program, Low Income Energy Assistance, Property Tax Rebate Programs, and Medical Assistance all provided benefits that helped meet expenses and provide security. Although these programs were available, there was a lack of awareness of them.

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program made the necessary calls to the Area Agency on Aging, the Department of Public Welfare, and Social Security. These agencies were able to help this couple directly, and they were grateful to Masonic Homes for the financial assistance provided through Home Assistance while it was needed. Home Assistance provided Masonic Homes with an opportunity to help until other sources of assistance were identified by the Outreach Program.

Sometimes the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program can provide financial help through Home Assistance. As you have just seen, financial help may be available from other agencies. For example, the situation of a widow in Florida: her husband had passed away the previous year, leaving her in their home with a significant tax debt. Not knowing what to do, and overcome with fear, she ignored the debt for over a year until the next year's tax bill came due. She started to receive threats of a sheriff's sale and became even more frightened. A Masonic friend, familiar with her situation, contacted the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program and asked if we might look at her situation. One phone call to the local Area Agency on Aging put us in touch with a legal aid office. Within two hours a payment plan for the current tax bill and an abatement for the previous bill had been arranged. Fear and uncertainty had kept that

woman from acting. However, security and comfort were restored to her when she finally settled that debt in a way that worked into her budget. Her gratitude was graciously expressed.

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program serves Pennsylvania Freemasons, their families, and their friends. Sometimes, in utilizing the resources of the Masonic community, we even go beyond those boundaries.

A young family in New Jersey, with absolutely no ties to Freemasonry, was recently referred to the Outreach Program. Self-employed, hard-working and resourceful, the husband obtained health insurance by volunteering at a local fire department. This provided him with a reduced rate for himself, his wife, and their three young daughters. The youngest child had an orthopedic problem which required very expensive treatment. When the insurance provider discovered the situation, the monthly premium was raised 80% retroactively. An annual deductible of \$2500 for each family member also was imposed, which they were required to pay before obtaining medical treatment. They could no longer afford coverage.

After being notified of the situation, the Outreach Program arranged for the family to obtain services at the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia. Within two weeks of the referral the child was seen and examined. A follow-up call from the thankful mother let Outreach know that treatment had begun and the prognosis was good.

Outreach has helped in many other ways. We helped a family locate a Scottish Rite sponsored speech therapy clinic in Colorado and we helped a local woman find needed psychiatric hospitalization. We've assisted in locating funding sources for hearing aids and we've provided

information about reverse mortgages to senior citizens.

These are examples of situations presented to the Outreach Program. Fortunately for those people, their problems were resolved quickly, and with positive results. It doesn't always work out that way. More often than not, situations take time to resolve. Telephone calls and letters to service providers and other government agencies are frequently needed to make progress. Communication with family members, all concerned with our progress, requires time. Information must be gathered and distributed.

There are times when services simply are not available. The Outreach Program has received calls from some families requesting information about adult day care, a rapidly increasing need. But, unfortunately, communities and government have not yet provided that type of service for their senior citizens. Privately operated profit and not-for-profit adult day care centers are more common, but they are still difficult to find. That's not easily explained to a family who needs to find a safe and productive daytime environment for a loved one. But with the network of service providers, government agencies, and geriatric care professionals we've built, the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program will work to find an answer that helps.

For us to be able to fulfill our mission of service, it's very important to remember that the Outreach Program does not exist in a vacuum. We have a great deal of help from the people around us. The Program relies on a group of Pennsylvania Freemasons who serve their Masonic community as Admissions Counselors. They do much of the tedious work that helps Outreach serve. They meet with people, gather histories and financial statements, and explain our mission. They work

closely with the Admissions Department. They make periodic home visits to follow up, and their work is greatly appreciated.

Just as we need the volunteer work that the Admissions Counselors provide, we need your assistance! The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program Survey, which was inserted in the November 1994 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, will provide us with much needed information. We need your surveys returned. We need to know how we can best serve the Masonic community. Just as we will use all of the resources available in the community to make life better for those in need, we ask you to use this opportunity to provide direction to Masonic Homes' Outreach Program. In our service to you, we ask for a response from you.

For more information please call
1-800-462-7664

Admissions Age Changes for Independent Living

Effective March 1, 1995, the age for applicants to be eligible for admission to Independent Living at the Masonic Homes will change from 62 to 65 years of age. All individuals 62 years of age or older whose name is on a priority list for Independent Living prior to March 1, 1995 will remain eligible for admission prior to their 65th birthday.

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Construction Update Rental Apartments

Plans for the Independent Living apartment project continue with construction underway in the Brown Home. Currently, prospective residents are selecting their desired apartments in anticipation of occupying their new homes by August 1995. There also are plans for the development of dining facilities in the Eisenlohr Building, as well as additional recreational space, in order to meet the needs of our growing population. This expansion continues as part of a Comprehensive Service Plan adopted by the Committee on Masonic Homes, designed to meet the changing needs of the current and future residents.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PRIORITY LIST

Please send me information on how to apply for an application for the Priority List. (Please print)

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CHILDREN OCCUPY NEW FACILITY

The Masonic Fraternity has cared for children for over 75 years at the Masonic Homes. The methods of caring for the children have gone through many changes and transitions. We have gone from the very rigid institutional approach of the early 1900's to our current independent cottage living. So much has transpired in between.

Since early 1920, all the children resided in the Louis Eisenlohr, Charles Eisenlohr or the two John Smith Buildings in a dormitory setting with 16 children in each. As part of our five-year plan, research was done and it was recognized that the direction being taken in the field of child care was to go away from the institutional dormitory environment, to cottage style living, children living in single dwellings in a homelike atmosphere.

With this in mind, the Children's Home began a pilot program in 1992. Five senior high school girls were moved into an existing ranch-style home on the grounds. Under the supervision of two child care workers, the girls were responsible

for the total upkeep of the home known as Eden View Cottage. They did the grocery shopping, cooking, and daily maintenance of the cottage. The beginning of cottage living was so successful that in 1993 we moved the older boys into another home on the grounds. We immediately recognized the positive change that took place, not only in the attitude of the children, but in overall morale of the staff. We were now convinced that we were taking the Masonic Children's Home in the right direction.

This brings us to where we are today. With the full support and cooperation of the Committee on Masonic Homes, we began to make plans for an independent program for all of our children.

In May 1994, our building project began. This project included the renovation of two existing homes to accommodate eight children and the building of a new duplex, housing eight children on each side.

Completion of this project was in December 1994, with our children moving in prior to the holiday break. With this move, our mission of providing our children with a complete homelike environment was completed.

Each cottage includes a family room with a fireplace, spacious living area, and nice-sized double and single bedrooms. Each has a recreation room and



computer/study center. All of the children now feel that they have a "home." Our older boys and girls who were a part of the pilot program have said how much better it is to invite their school friends to visit in this homelike environment.

The children are grateful to Pennsylvania Freemasons and the Committee on Masonic Homes for giving them the opportunity to receive the finest care possible, provided by a compassionate and caring staff.

We are also thankful for the generosity of Brother Lawrence Dietrich Smith, Brother Edward Baehr and his family, Margret H. Smith, and others for their far-sightedness to include provisions for Masonic Homes in their Wills...provisions which helped to fund this project.

When visiting the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, you must consider a stop at the new Children's Home campus "up on the hill" off Eden View Road.



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Ten New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master, has appointed ten new District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:



MASONIC DISTRICT E
Dale Harrison Fera
Concordia Lodge No. 67
1440 Buck Hill Drive
Upper Southampton, PA 18966
For Lodges Nos. 51, 67, 81, 296, 384, 385, 400 and 659.



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305 Gilfillan Street
Franklin, PA 16323
For Lodges Nos. 316, 363, 434, 483, 550, 552, 710, and 754.



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William Snyder Lodge No. 756
921 Willcliff Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
For Lodges Nos. 21, 364, 464, 486, 629, 681, 698, 756, 775, and 781.



26TH MASONIC DISTRICT
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Harmony Lodge No. 429
232 South High Street
Zelienople, PA 16063
For Lodges Nos. 243, 411, 429, 433, 599, 642, 727, and 804.



5TH MASONIC DISTRICT
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Howell Lodge No. 405
P.O. Box 284
Blue Ball, PA 17506-0284
For Lodges Nos. 309, 322, 340, 343, 353, 383, 405, 475, 545, 564, and 569.



31ST MASONIC DISTRICT
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Charleroi Lodge No. 615
16 Esther Street
Rodgers Manor
Charleroi, PA 15022
For Lodges Nos. 60, 228, 252, 337, 461, 593, 626, 638, 643, and 651.



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Chapman Lodge No. 637
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34TH MASONIC DISTRICT
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H.C. 75, Box 2340
Shade Gap, PA 17255-9701
For Lodges Nos. 300, 320, 524, 572, 589, 688, and 774.



12TH MASONIC DISTRICT
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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
For Lodges Nos. 61, 332, 395, 442, 474, 531, 541, 655 and 763.



59TH MASONIC DISTRICT
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325 Chestnut Street
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For Lodges Nos. 233, 301, 468, 499, 504, 579, and 664.

Nine Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

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

- Bro. Walter E. Mehl, Jr.** Masonic District E
a Member of Hiram Gothic Lodge No 81, Philadelphia
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a Member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg
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- Bro. Daniel F. Wellman** 26th Masonic District
a Member of Lodge of the Craft No. 433, New Castle
- Bro. Joseph F. Acton** 31st Masonic District
a Member of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela
- Bro. William J. Davis** 59th Masonic District
a Member of Acacia Lodge No. 579, Taylor

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demonstrate what Freemasons can achieve when they join hands for a worthwhile cause," he said. "Nothing could be more worthwhile than to preserve and enhance Freemasonry. It will help strengthen the moral and social fiber of our nation," he added.

The Grand Master has also set a goal for our Blue Lodges: "...to average one new Initiate per Lodge per month for each of the ten months of Meetings for 1995."

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Addressing the Meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters before the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia, Grand Master Hohenschildt said enthusiastically, "It is exciting to experience just how this year has gone, thanks to you and our great Craft. What we have seen - the progress that has been made - shows that Freemasonry first, **Friend to Friend**, Youth, and (Masonic) Education are really at work in Pennsylvania."

Elsewhere, the Grand Master has said, "The past is history - and what a history we have been writing for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania in 1994! The present is the time for action - and right now so many Freemasons in Pennsylvania and across North America are letting people know who we are, what we believe in, and what we do. The future is opportunity - and we are not going to miss this window of opportunity through **Friend to Friend** to turn the tide in net Membership in 1995."



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Grand Master Appoints Grand Pursuivant - 1995

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WINNERS OF THE 1994 LODGE PROGRAM

The winning programs, from the seven Masonic Education Regions, for the 1994 Lodge Program Competition, **"Why is Freemasonry Important in Pennsylvania And Around The World?"** were presented at the annual Masonic Education Conference at Elizabethtown, on October 8. Following the presentations, a statewide winner was selected.

The winning program for the state in the Written category was **"Thou Beloved Keystone, Pride of Freemasonry,"** written by Bro. Rogan Hart Moore, Junior Warden, Arbutus Lodge No. 611, 45th District, Region 7.

The winning program for the state in the Media category was a sculpture titled, **"The Offering,"** submitted by Bro. Thomas R. Pierson, Hazle Lodge No. 327, 45th District, Region 7.

The seven Regional Winners in the 1994 Lodge Program Competition were:

Region 1:
Bro. William R. Yeats, Concordia Lodge No. 67, District "E".

Region 2:
Bro. John W.W. Loose. Participants in the winning program were: Bros. Gerald E. Bowman, P.M.; John H. Bruhn, P.M.; Nathaniel Gilchrist, J.W.; Robert F. Beitzel, P.M.; Richard Brocco, P.M., Lodge No. 43, 1st District.

Region 3:
Bro. Dr. Thomas E. Cullen, J.W. (Written Category), Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, 34th District; Bro. George B. Hodge (Media Category), Johnstown-Conemaugh Lodge No. 538, 41st District.

Region 4:
Bro. Bryan Downs, S.M.C. Participants in the winning program were: Bros. Ralph C. Rice; Wayne R. Thistlethwaite; Harold R. Hunt, Sr.; Gary L. Householder, W.M.; Bernard L. Kennedy, Sr.; Benjamin J. Wineland, P.M.; Dale Ray Kaukonen, P.M.; W. Byran Holman, P.M.; Jack C. Klein, P.M. (Written Category), Mon-Valley Lodge No. 461, 31st District; Thomas A. Cooper (Media Category), Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, 31st District.

Region 5:
Bro. Richard T. Cribbs, Seneca Lodge No. 805, 27th District.

Region 6:
Bro. Stanley F. Graham, P.M., Union Lodge No. 334, 22nd District.

Region 7:
The Regional and State winners in both the Written and Media Categories were from Region 7 as mentioned above.

The list of participants for the 1994 Lodge Program Competition, **"Why is Freemasonry Important in Pennsylvania and Around the World?"** are presented below:

(*The District winners are marked with an asterisk.)

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Lamberton Lodge On Track –

Define the Vision, Specify Goals, Set the Course

"Define your VISION, then make it a reality." That's the key to benefiting from the lessons of Leadership and Management training.

Lamberton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster, in the 1st Masonic District, took the **HIRAM I** training to heart. Brethren defined their VISION, specified six goals to make the VISION a reality and set a course for achievement.

The Lodge created a Renewal Team and, at their request, Bro. G. Kent Hackney, Director of the Grand Lodge Leadership and Management Foundation, assigned Bro. Edward W. Davis, to be the trained Facilitator to guide his Brethren through Strategic Planning and on to decisive action.

First was an inventory: Membership (463); average age (63); average number of Initiations over an 8-year period (11.25); losses (19.62); net change (-8.37); and average Stated Meeting attendance (35).

The Brethren then defined their VISION — what the Lodge should be like in the year 2000. In brief:

A leading Lodge in Pennsylvania...respected everywhere...where family members will spend happy hours together...a place to savor Masonic history while shaping Masonry's future...will know and meet the needs of its Members, families and community...be a growing, vibrant, compassionate organization dedicated to mankind.

Six GOALS were set and work begun to make the VISION a reality:

- (1) INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 1%. Lamberton Lodge was on track with a net increase at mid-1994.
- (2) SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT, MEANING COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS. Members were surveyed, and sixty Members wanted to serve on committees and eighteen were interested in Degree Work.
- (3) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. The Lodge plans annual community projects (see playground pictures), and continues its Scholarship Program.
- (4) MASONIC EDUCATION. Five-minute Masonic Education talks are presented at each Stated Meeting.
- (5) FAMILY INVOLVEMENT. Several family and Ladies' events have been conducted and Ladies are invited to the annual banquet.
- (6) LEADERSHIP TRAINING. Three Lodge Officers have completed Leadership and Management Training and more are planned.



Lodge Gives \$6,000 in Scholarships to 15

Scholarship grants totaling \$6,000 were given to fifteen Lancaster County youths by Lamberton Lodge No. 476. Scholarship grants are part of an annual program of the Lodge.

Lodge Buys Equipment, Craft Builds Playground

There's a new playground in Lancaster at the S. June Smith Center for infants and preschool children with mental development delays. Lamberton Lodge No. 476 paid for the equipment and Brethren installed it.



Special children enjoy this playground constructed by Brethren of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster. All of the equipment was purchased by the Lodge.

The project resulted from the Lodge's Leadership and Management Program in which a goal of its Strategic Plan calls for community involvement.



Brethren who contributed time and labor to construct the playground are (left to right) Front: Bros. Charles E. Landis, P.M., Charles S. Hackman, W.M., and Richard F. Hoffman, P.M. Back: Bros. Earl A. Henning, Samuel A. Conrad, Jr., Walter R. Mull, P.M., and Edward W. Davis.

When the playground was dedicated, Bro. Carl S. Hackman, Worshipful Master, was quoted in a local newspaper, "...the Lodge could not have helped a better organization. The children really appreciate the playground."

Since 1965, the S. June Smith Center has provided programs of early intervention to meet the needs of the special children and "to find the gift of every child."



The Grand Secretary's Desk

My Brethren:

Following the last **Freemason** issue, I received a communication from my good friend, Brother Stewart M. L. Pollard, former Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. In it he stated, "Really think you should expand on the second paragraph."

The second paragraph read: "Regretfully, many Members of our Craft will not only leave no Fraternal impact, but will not even leave evidence of their presence. Yet, we all have the capability of doing so. If we each influenced only one man in a way that caused him to see the greatness of our Fraternity, that influence could change his life and thus be passed on through generations yet unborn."

I gave thought to Bro. Pollard's suggestion and am devoting this column to an expansion on that paragraph. The impact of this thought is monumental in its effect, if applied. Monumental not only in the influence on the man, but also on the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania currently has approximately 160,000 Members. If each influenced just one man in a way that caused him to see the greatness of the Craft and become a Freemason, our Membership would be 320,000 by this time next year, and, if each of these influenced just one man, our Membership would be 480,000. Expand that concept to the approximately 2.3 million Members in the United States. We would increase our Membership to 4.6 million and then to 6.9 million, and onward. The resultant

influence upon this many good men would have to impact our continuously evolving society.

I realized that the practicality of this concept stretches into the realm of the improbable, and yet each of us has been influenced by someone to become what we are. I also realize that Freemasonry means different things to different Members and that it is not as important in the lives of some as it is in the lives of others. It must be assumed, however, that it has to be important in some way for a Member simply to pay his dues annually to retain his Membership. If there is a value of that Membership to him, it must be of value to other qualified friends of his.

My Brethren, Freemasonry has done so much to influence our lives, and, even if it has done less on a personal basis for some of the members than it has for others, its impact on the development of modern civil society on a worldwide basis provides stimulus enough to let the world know our philosophy, our principles and our practices. Each of us is a living example of the Craft. Who we are and what we do is what those not part of us see and respond to. I recall reading of an old man being honored for having been a Mason for seventy years. When called upon, he said he set his sights to become a Mason when, as a small boy, he observed within the community a group of men with outstanding character and reputation, and he learned they were Freemasons. I wonder how many small boys are looking at us and

setting their sights to become Freemasons because of what we represent to them.

We cannot afford to lessen our potential to contribute to civilization our lessons which perhaps laid the foundations for the concept of social equality. Freemasonry emphasizes the importance of toleration probably to a greater degree than any organization conceived by man. The practice of toleration could today go a long, long way in solving the major problems of the world.

In the last issue, I wrote of the value of the **Friend to Friend** program in providing a mechanism through which we can distribute to those outside our Craft knowledge of who we are and what we do. In looking back on my life, I must acknowledge that anything I have achieved I did so with the help of others, although I did not realize it at the time. Now the time has come to repay. I trust that my life has served to influence others to become part of us. I would hope that all of us feel the same way. Whatever Fraternal impact we may leave upon the Craft could very well continue to impact the ongoing evolution of civil society. All we need do is influence one man, or serve as an example for a small boy.



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A Dream Becomes Reality: Compact Storage Installed

More than ten years ago, Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., then Assistant Librarian and Curator, having worked in the Archives located in the sub-basement, realized that our Grand Lodge Library and Museum was rapidly running out of storage space for its ever-growing collections. He suggested the possibility of compact storage for the more historical part of the collections. Just what is compact storage? Imagine a large room containing long steel bookcases or storage shelves. If one has, for example, three ranks of freestanding shelves (accessible from both sides) and two others against the walls (therefore each accessible from only one side) then one also must have four aisles. That wastes space. With compact storage one needs only one aisle! Presto, at least double the room for storage! The freestanding shelves move on tracks laid in concrete flooring; thus the position of one, two, or all three of the ranks in our example may be changed. This movement is controlled manually or electrically. In the case of our Archives, the huge ranks, one stationary and twelve movable, are controlled electronically, with a battery-pack backup in case the power should fail. Each rank has a sensor panel along the bottom of each side to stop the rank if there is any obstruction. There is no chance of squashing the librarian!

Before the compact storage could be installed, however, the Archives had to be cleaned out. Every possible and impossible nook and cranny in the lower level of the Masonic Temple was commandeered for temporary storage, and a crew helped Assistant Librarian and Curator Glenys Waldman and Assistant Curator Bro. John Minott move everything out of the way.

Of course, as with any major housecleaning project, interesting things were found or rediscovered. Among them was the beautiful model of the mosque known as the Dome of the Rock, pictured here. The story goes like this. Bro. Elwood D. Edgin of Malvern, a Member of Thomson Lodge No. 340, had worked in

Saudi Arabia and Libya for Mobil Oil Pipeline. In 1965, on his way home to the United States, he visited the Holy Land, and especially Jerusalem. There, this mother-of-pearl-on-wood model caught Bro. Edgin's eye, and he immediately purchased it. The Dome of the Rock enshrines the spot in Jerusalem where the Prophet Mohammed last stood on earth, and from which he is believed to have ascended into Heaven. The base of the model is 18.5 inches square; the box itself (the dome would lift up if we had a key to unlock it) stands just over a foot tall. Like the original, it has eight gates, eight sides, and four portals. On the model, an Arabic inscription from the *Holy Qur'an* (Koran) sweeps around those eight sides:

*"In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
When comes the help of Allah, and victory,
And thou dost see the people enter Allah's religion in crowds,
Celebrate the praises of thy Lord, and pray for his forgiveness,
For He is oft-returning, in grace and mercy."*

(Surah 110, Al Nasr)



Brother Edgin, in a recent telephone conversation, said that he had had a part of the base engraved with his name, the name and number of his Lodge and the date 1965. He then got the generous idea to donate it to the then Grand Lodge Museum, so that everyone might enjoy it. After the late Past Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, who was then Librarian and Curator, accepted

the model, it was put away, and "rested" in the Archives until it was "rediscovered" during our pre-compact-storage-installation "housecleaning" in September of 1994.