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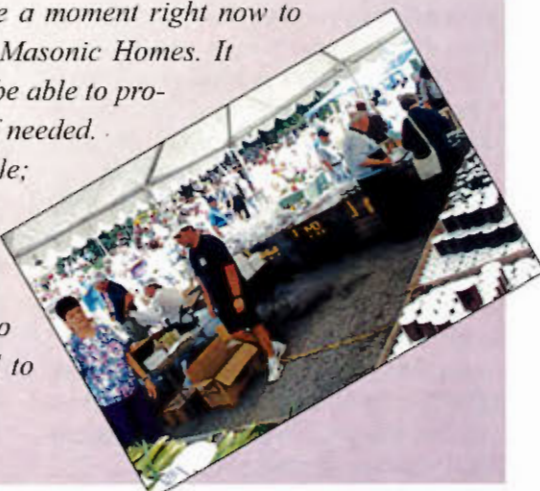
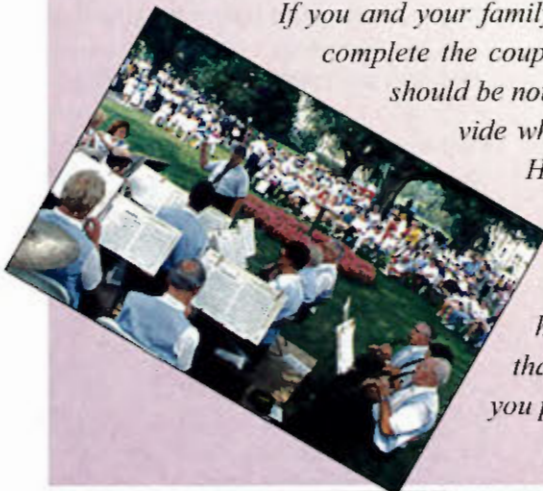
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Friend to Friend "Do a Friend a Favor - Use it!"



The Master Mason and his Blue Lodge are the keystone of Freemasonry—the centerpiece in making it all come together for **Friend to Friend** to "turn the tide" in Membership Development.

Five Masons met **Friend to Friend** one evening late in March in the home of Bro. Robert L. Corle, Worshipful Master of Bedford Lodge No. 320, to talk on the Level about Freemasonry and the **Friend to Friend** Program. With him were two Brethren from his Lodge: Bro. Tom L. Livingston, a long-time Member of the Craft, and Bro. Steven D. Miller, who was Raised just months ago. The other two were Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master, and Bro. Kenneth R. House, District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th Masonic District.

It was an evening of on-the-Level discussion among Brethren that started in the living room then carried over to the dinner table. The Brethren began talking about who Masons are, what Masons do and what they believe. Then they considered public awareness and education. **Friend to Friend** topped off the conversation emphasizing the value and importance of those activities NOW.

Early in the dialogue, when Bro. Miller explained why he had wanted to join the Fraternity, the other Brethren recognized the impact that the **Friend to Friend** message is bound to have upon

camaraderie . . . Now, I find myself being more involved."

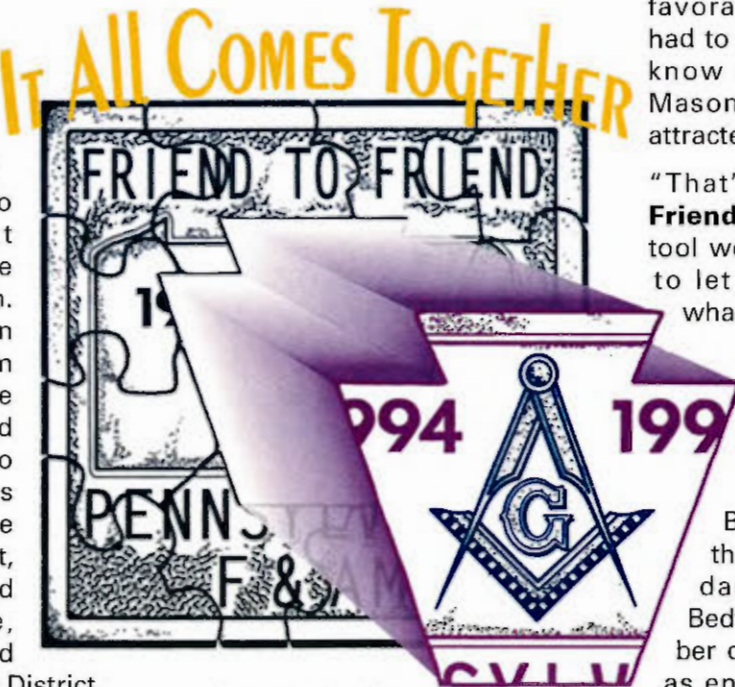
The Grand Master observed, "Steve, you wouldn't be a Mason—you wouldn't have joined, if you hadn't had, as you termed it, a favorable opinion. That opinion had to be derived from people you know or heard about (who are Masons) . . . and obviously that attracted you to this Fraternity."

"That's really what **Friend to Friend** is about — an educational tool we can use with non-Masons to let them know who we are, what we do and what we believe . . . Maybe non-Masons will do as you have done and find a favorable opinion of us and become a Member of our Fraternity."

Bro. Livingston, who heads the sales operations for a large dairy, has been active in Bedford Lodge, serving in a number of ways over the years. He is as enthusiastic in talking about Masonry as he is in his successful sales work. He said: "I'm very grateful that Masonry . . . is saying that we're a proud organization, we're doing a lot of wonderful things and there are lots of good people who ought to be a part of it!"

"When you meet a good man — and you know he is a good man — **Friend to Friend**, give him a brochure."

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The Grand Master Speaks ...

Brethren:



Friend to Friend, Friend to Friend, Friend to Friend.

In the business world, one is taught that the three most important things are "get a Client, get a Client, get a Client." The reason that is so important should be obvious: Without the client, or customer, there is no business. Freemasonry needs, in its Fraternal way, to apply that business imperative to its Membership Development program (if we have one — and we do!).

To be successful in business, one needs good products and good services. In Freemasonry, we have great products and outstanding services (although there are our Members and clients — worthy men among our friends, neighbors, and business associates — who do not know what they are).

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Bro. Miller's observations followed right in line: "... (to enhance) the **Friend to Friend** Program, I need to know how to be able to present some type of program to the person who is not a Mason (and wants to know about us)."

Grand Master Hohenschildt returned to his earlier comments to recall: "Freemasonry stands for Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

"Masonry is important—it has always been important in the world. If someone asks, 'Why would I really want to join?' 'What is it (Freemasonry) going to do for

Our Members and our clients need to know who are Masons, what Masons do and what Masons believe.

Freemasonry is 278 years "young" and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is 264 years "young." The reason we have such longevity is obvious, at least to this Mason: We stand for the right things, we do the right things and we believe the right things. I believe most all Masons feel the same way I do.

If you agree with me, you can — and I hope you will — do something about it right now. **Friend to Friend** is the most outstanding Masonic Education and Membership Development tool that has ever been devised.

With **Friend to Friend**, we have raised the level of awareness. I

me?' 'What can I do for it?' A Mason should be able to answer those questions. That's what we call Masonic Education—and the basics of it are all put together in one little brochure we call **Friend to Friend**."

Bro. House remarked: "We are all salesmen. We have the greatest product to sell. You've given us the tools in **Friend to Friend**. It's up to us to use them."

And, Bro Livingston was quick to comment: "I always carry a **Friend to Friend** brochure in my pocket during my

believe we have been the premier men's organization for the last three centuries and that we will be the premier men's organization of the Twenty-First Century. From General Washington at Valley Forge to General Armistead at Gettysburg to Colonel Buzz Aldrin on the moon, Freemasons have made a premier difference.

Carry a **Friend to Friend** brochure with you everywhere. Use **Friend to Friend** today and tomorrow. Use it NOW!

Faternally,

George H. Hohenschildt

George H. Hohenschildt,
R.W. Grand Master



Friend to Friend - Bro. Robert L. Corle, (second from left) Worshipful Master of Bedford Lodge No. 320, welcomes Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master, to his home. With them are Bros. Steven D. Miller and Tom L. Livingston of Bedford Lodge and Bro. Kenneth R. House, 34th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master.

daily sales activities. As I talk to various businessmen, various

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him a **Friend to Friend**?"

"**Friend to Friend** is very positive when you're talking about building membership; but also I think we're protecting a way of life ... the true values in the way a Mason lives."

As the conversation flowed, it was the Worshipful Master, Bro. Corle, who recollected how it was when he wanted to become a Mason. "Like so many," he said, "that he didn't know that he had to ask." "In fact," he added, "my father told me that years ago, he didn't know what to do or whom to ask."

Continuing, he queried rhetorically, "When a friend asks, 'What do you do in Lodge?' we can't tell them everything about the Degrees."

"Do you want to answer that question very simply?" the Grand Master responded. "What do we do? We take a good man and make him better. We're making a better community. We're making a better country. Yes Sir!"

Bro. Livingston followed up, "If someone suggests Freemasonry is a secret organization, I would offer to give that person a tour of the Lodge Hall and the Lodge Room."



"Secrecy! There's a good question." the Grand Master joined in. "...Freemasonry is not secret. Every Masonic Lodge building in the country is marked with the Square and Compasses.



Masons proudly wear identification."

"Freemasonry is indeed selective and that does exclude some people for very definitive reasons. Everybody can't become a Mason. There's no doubt about that. Masonry is not for everybody. Masonry is for people who adopt the philosophy or whose tendency is to be a builder ... to be a helper ... to help their Brothers ... to help mankind."

"Who are the M a s o n s ? " Answering his own question, the Grand Master said: "The Masons whom you see (today) are in your local Lodge Hall, in your community or in your businesses. It's not easy for you, unless you read or study or hear from others, to realize that men like George Washington or Benjamin Franklin—men you learned about way back in school—were strong supporters of this Fraternity. Nobody ever told you they were Masons. You didn't think of them in those terms."

"It's a little overwhelming to think that Benjamin Franklin 264 years ago (as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania) was just as much interested in Freemasonry as I am today. Why? Because, as you mentioned, it's in the fellowship and in what they were trying to build—to

build for a better tomorrow—for a better way of life. I think that is what Freemasonry and people who are interested in Freemasonry are really about. Now, when you recognize Masons, even as you pointed out, you're not looking at those famous people—famous Masons—you're talking about your neighbors."

To which, Bro. Livingston observed, "I think each of those men had his own kind of **Friend to Friend** Program. It probably wasn't called **Friend to Friend**, but they were selling the Fraternity through their life, the way they lived it." All of which prompted the Grand Master to cap the discussion by saying, "Here's a good question: How would anybody have ever asked George Washington ... or Ben Franklin ... or Franklin Delano Roosevelt ... or Buzz Aldrin ... 'Will you sign my Petition?' Don't you think any one of them would have, in some fashion, said to a good man, 'You ought to belong to this Fraternity. Have you ever thought about it? Do you know what we really are trying to do?'"

Friend to Friend, the conversation among Brothers spanned some three hours. In summary, the participants' own words reflect the unanimity of their dialogue: From the youngest Mason - "It's a great organization to belong to; you meet many nice people and I just feel a part of one big family."

To the veteran Mason - "I love Masonry. Masonry can be exciting. Let's take a bus load of Masons to see a friend Made a Mason."

From the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania - "**Friend to Friend**, together we can make it happen. We can lead ... we can get things done ... We will turn the tide."





COMMUNICATOR is Friend to Friend



"There might be as many ways that Masons are reaching out, **Friend to Friend**, into the community and generating enthusiasm among the Brethren as there are Masons in Pennsylvania." That was an observation by R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt a year after he launched the **Friend to Friend** public awareness and education program that positively impacts Membership Development.

There is a quarterly newsletter called the COMMUNICATOR that exchanges **Friend to Friend** ideas and success stories among some 6,000 **Friend to Friend** Task Force Members, Worshipful Masters, Secretaries and District Deputy Grand Masters. In its rapid-fire style, the COMMUNICATOR reflects the ingenuity, creativity, sincerity and success with which Pennsylvania Masons are touching lives in their communities and Lodges.

"You can sense the enthusiasm and innovation that permeates the **Friend to Friend** activities in the communications from all of the seven Masonic Regions across the state," Grand Master Hohenschildt said as the latest issue of the COMMUNICATOR was being assembled.

Following are some excerpts from the first year's issues of the COMMUNICATOR that demonstrate

exciting,
creative
Friend to Friend
involvement:

A Real Dutch Treat! Brethren of Huguenot Lodge No. 377 served chicken pot pie at the annual *Heemet Fescht* on the Kutztown University campus ... handed out the Freemasonry in Pennsylvania ... And Around the World tabloid, Drug and Alcohol Foundation bumper stickers and literature. **Friend to Friend** brochures were there for friends who asked about the Fraternity while visiting the Pennsylvania German food stand.

On a Roll! Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 697, rolled a strike for **Friend to Friend** in Pittsburgh-Crafton area, organizing a six-team "Friend to Friend" summer bowling league with each team made up of three Masons and two non-Masonic friends.

On the March! All District 36 Lodges paraded to help the community of Prospect Park celebrate its 100th birthday, after which Prospect Lodge No. 578 held a **Friend to Friend** open house and more than 600 people visited. Also, Prospect Lodge has adopted a highway and polices it regularly. Signs tell of the Masons' community work.

Friend to Friend Registers! Members of Milton Lodge No. 256 suggested 46 worthy friends to be invited with their spouses to dinner at the Masonic Temple and to learn about Freemasonry, the Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities. Milton Lodge received triple the

number of Petitions for any previous year.

Activate New Masons! Lodges in District 13 see that every new Master Mason receives a **Friend to Friend** pin and brochure. The new Master Mason is encouraged to pass the brochure to a friend whom he knows to be worthy and would like to have in Lodge with him.

Answering the phones! Seventy-five Masons and families from Lodges in Philadelphia Masonic Districts A, B, C and D staffed telephones for six hours in a "Telethon" to raise \$18,000 for Public TV Ch. 12 (WHYY-TV). In 3 minutes "on air," the **Friend to Friend** Program was described and questions answered about the Fraternity to an audience of two million.

A Time for Answers! Monday nights in Doylestown Lodge No. 245 is the time for prospective members to be invited to meet at the Lodge and have questions about Freemasonry answered by Past Masters. The Lodge also has an annual pancake breakfast with a Lodge tour that includes non-members and a golf outing with friends.

Family Affairs! District 12 will have at least one (and probably two) "Father-Son-Grandson" **Friend to Friend** Meeting(s) designed to strengthen family bonds. Fathers and grandfathers who are Masons will invite their non-Masonic sons and grandsons and, in like manner Masons who are sons will invite their non-Masonic fathers and grandfathers.

Friend to Friend Fellowship! Members of Concordia Lodge No. 67 in Jenkintown invite friends whom they think would enjoy the Masonic Fraternity to the social

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portion of the Stated Meeting. Guests are entertained with a short **Friend to Friend** presentation about the Fraternity by the Lodge Masonic Education Committee and then join the Brethren for dinner and fellowship.

Career-Building & Fitness! Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, is strong on community service. A free Saturday "Resume/Interview Workshop" conducted by a corporate Director of Human Resources was held in the Lodge social hall to help youth prepare for their future. Young attendees were urged to have their parents accompany them. Another Saturday, there was a "Walking Fitness Seminar for all

ages." **Friend to Friend** tours of the Lodge Hall followed the seminars.

Interest Community Leaders! A leading businessman of the community, who is not a Mason, was invited as the speaker after the Stated Meeting of Ephrata Lodge No. 665. During refreshment time, the guest received a **Friend to Friend** brochure and informative conversation about the Fraternity.

Fishing Bait! Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783 in Export added an interesting new twist to its **Friend to Friend** Program, inviting young people to a Spring fishing seminar and encouraged them to bring their dads. Representatives of the Fish and Boat Commission presented a program of

fishing ethics, water safety, fishing equipment and fish identification.

Personal Invitation! Each month, the Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge No. 505, Port Allegheny, is sending his own **Friend to Friend** letter to 20 Members, personally inviting them to attend the next Stated Meeting. Response is good to the invitation that notes the Opening time, the planned program, his plans to Close the Lodge by 9 p.m., and have refreshments.



Friend to Friend — Reaching Around the World!

The **Friend to Friend** Membership Development Program developed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is generating interest by Grand Lodges throughout North America and around the world. Pennsylvania's dramatic 38 percent increase in initiations during the first year of the program clearly validated **Friend to Friend** as Freemasonry's most effective Membership Development Program.

Requests to implement the program have come from as far away as Western Australia, Israel and Brazil. Ontario,

Canada, has adopted the program, changing the brochure cover to honor famous Canadian Freemasons. Right Worshipful



Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson has presented the program during Meetings with Grand Lodge Officers in France and Greece.

Membership development is absolutely essential to the survival of the Masonic Fraternity, not only in Pennsylvania but throughout North America and around the world. **Friend to Friend** is working because it provides Freemasons with a dramatic, simple and effective tool that makes it easy to proudly share this great and very special Fraternity with others.

"Friend to Friend" Enthusiastically Welcomed at Imperial Shrine Membership Conference in St. Louis

At the request of Imperial Potentate, Burton Ravellette, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt and Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, PM, PP, author of the **Friend to Friend** Program, were the key presenters at the recent Imperial Shrine Membership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. In their 90-minute presentation they discussed the **Friend to Friend** Program and how its strategies can help the Imperial Shrine achieve its goal of one million Members by the year 2000. A standing ovation reflected the conferees' enthusiasm for the hope and promise offered by the **Friend to Friend** program which Grand Master Hohenschildt has freely offered to all Grand Lodges and all appendant Bodies for the good of Freemasonry.



Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, PM, PP, is shown with Imperial Potentate Burton Ravellette following Bro. Vaughn's presentation in St. Louis.



R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt and Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, PM, PP, author of **Friend to Friend** prepare for a presentation.



R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt is shown with Imperial Potentate Burton Ravellette and Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, PM, PP, during the Imperial Shrine Membership Conference in St. Louis.

Task Force Members Are The Guides!

Every Mason Involved in Friend to Friend

Friend to Friend is a public awareness and education program involving every Pennsylvania Mason; therefore, the Lodge Task Forces provide yeomen's services for the Lodge and their Brethren, transcending the generations and tracking of **Friend to Friend** contacts. It is the role of Brethren on the Task Forces to:

Involve all Members in **Friend to Friend** activities and contacts, remembering to include newly made Masons promptly.

Guide their Brethren in how to make **Friend to Friend** public awareness contacts and how to use the **Friend to Friend** brochure effectively.

Coach Brethren, especially new Masons, about the Fraternity and how to tell their friends who we are, what we do and what we believe.

Communicate the mechanics of getting a blank Petition form (even assist in doing so) and assure the Brethren's knowledge about completing and presenting a Petition.

Report Friend to Friend activities monthly in the Lodge. Both to inform and to motivate the Brethren.

Every Brother Should Keep Friend To Friend Handy - - and Use It

(These are edited excerpts from a letter by Bro. Danny R. McKnight, DDGM, 27th Masonic District)

Friend to Friend is a welcome asset. How many Members knew (before becoming Masons) that they had to ask to join? I keep **Friend to Friend** in easy reach — the glove compartment, my daily diary, my dresser — to be sure I have a **Friend to Friend** on my person. (I was) at a State Police Camp Cadet lunch ... at which Syria Caravan was hosted (as a contributor). I knew most of the police were not Masons, so I put **Friend to Friend** to work. Camp counselors praised the Caravaners. I told them that Shriners are Masons, which led to talk about the Fraternity and Family of Freemasonry. I asked each person to read **Friend to Friend** and get back to me if they had any questions.

A week later, the Township cruiser was in my driveway. An officer I had known for years said he was returning my **Friend to Friend** and said that this appeared to be the kind of organization that he would like to belong to and asked if I could help get an application.

Every Brother should take to heart the future of Freemasonry — ask for **Friend to Friend** brochures and USE them. It is gratifying when a friend returns the **Friend to Friend** and asks, "How can I join?"

Do a Friend A Favor! Giving Friend to Friend Is So Easy

"Don't Talk About it. Do it!" sounded like good advice, so **Friend to Friend** Task Force Chairman of Penn-Morris Lodge No. 778, Bro. Peter Wisnosky not only took the advice and contacted 14 men, he also passed it along to the Brethren. In his Lodge Report, he explained how easy it is for every Brother to give a worthy friend a brochure. He makes sure there is an adequate supply on the Secretary's desk and tells the Brethren to "Do a friend a favor — take a brochure and give it away before the next Meeting."



Blue Lodge Task Force Responsibilities & Duties

Responsibility - The Blue Lodge Task Force of four Committees of three Brethren each is responsible for implementing the R.W. Grand Master's **Friend to Friend** Program.

Specific Duties - Each three-Member Committee is to make at least one personal contact per month with a non-Mason who they unanimously agree is worthy of Membership. During each personal visit, the Committee Member(s) should:

- ✓ Hand him the **Friend to Friend** brochure.
- ✓ Explain that the purpose of the visit is to enlighten him about Freemasonry and answer questions.
- ✓ Explain that the Committee Members may not ask him to Petition the Lodge, but they unanimously agree that he is worthy, should he choose to Petition.
- ✓ Explain that he has been contacted because, often good men are not familiar with the Fraternity, its friendship, fellowship and opportunities for service to one another and to all mankind through its many Masonic Charities.
- ✓ Explain that, though the Committee agrees that he is worthy, should he decide to Petition the Lodge, there will be a secret ballot and it must be unanimous.
- ✓ Report progress each Stated Meeting and submit a monthly Report to the DDGM.

Uniformed PA State Policemen Confer Master Mason's Degree in Barger Lodge

For the first time, a Degree Team of all active or retired Pennsylvania State Policemen in uniform conferred a Master Mason's Degree in Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg. The newly Raised Mason is Bro. Gerard W. Catina, also a retired Pennsylvania State Policeman.

Permission to Confer the Degree in uniform was granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Retired State Policeman Bro. Homer Jones, District Deputy Grand Master of the 50th Masonic District and a Past Master of Mt. Pocono Lodge No. 780, served as Worshipful Master for the Degree. Together, the Members of the Degree Team represented eight Lodges in five counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bro. Jones retired from the Pennsylvania State Police after 30 years of service. He was made a Mason in 1954 and served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1983. He will be completing ten years as a District Deputy Grand



The All-Pennsylvania State Police Team that Conferred a Master Mason's Degree in Barger Lodge No. 325 are shown ("A" indicates an active State Policemen; "R" indicates retired). They are left to right, kneeling: Bros. Richard W. Armbrust, Waverly Lodge No. 301 (A); Robert H. Robbins, Honesdale Lodge No. 218 (A); Carl E. Meese, Pocono Lodge No. 780 (A); and Harold S. McElroy, Pocono Lodge No. 780 (R). Standing: Paul E. Bickelman, P.M., Moscow Lodge No. 504 (R); Patrick J. Foy, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466 (A); Gary H. Shoener, Union Lodge No. 291 (A); William R. Quinn, P.M., Union Lodge No. 291 (R); Homer Jones, D.D.G.M., Pocono Lodge No. 780 (R); Gerard W. Catina, (Candidate) Barger Lodge No. 325 (R); Evan J. Jones, P.M., Union Lodge No. 291 (R); John R. Oakey, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466 (R); John G. Richards, St. John's Lodge No. 233 (A); and Harrison F. Balthaser, Vaux Lodge No. 406 (R).

Master and will retire from that service.

It is reported that the Lodge Room was packed in more ways than one

— the 206 Brethren who attended had enjoyed a bountiful venison dinner before the Stated Meeting.

Friend to Friend At The Post Office

When Syria Temple's first Ceremonial Master Bro. Jim Allison picked up mail, a postal worker asked how he could become a Mason and a Shriner. Bro. Allison told Bro. Donald A. Chiavaro, Senior Warden of Dallas Lodge No. 508, in Pittsburgh, who delivered a **Friend to Friend** brochure to the postal worker and invited him to a Masonic symposium. The postal worker attended and followed up on his interest in Freemasonry asking for a Petition.

Bro. William T. Bergman Sworn in as Deputy Commissioner of Philadelphia Police



(Left to right:) Bros. Anthony J. Garvey, Director of D & A Foundation; William T. Bergman; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.



The Grand Secretary's Desk

My Brethren:



I assume that those who will read this column have read a number of my writings. Many of you have also heard me speak. In all probability, some of you have not always agreed with my thoughts and opinions. However, I don't think anyone can disagree with my devotion and dedication to this Craft. Over half my life has been one of concern with keeping Freemasonry a viable force in the world.

One of the first Masonic speeches I developed almost thirty years ago was devoted to my concern about Membership decline, and some will remember that I have concentrated much of my efforts through writing and speaking on this concern. Today I speak and write frequently on the quality as well as the quantity of the Craft. It is necessary, my Brothers, to have a quality of Membership, but we need the quantity to support the magnitude of our efforts. If we take the time to recognize what Freemasonry has accomplished, we also must recognize the need to maintain a Membership to continue to accomplish.

We have for years now tried to stem the quantity and quality decline without success. We live in an age where helping one another is not as important as it once was, so our need is not as visible as it once was. We have been experiencing, on a Grand Lodge level, for more than fifteen years the frustrations of trying to solve a dilemma that seemed insolvable, but now the answer is here. The **Friend to Friend** program, if used in the manner it was intended to be used, will solve the problems of both quantity and quality.

Some of our Members have not given full support to **Friend to Friend** because they think it is a solicitation program. IT IS NOT. It is designed to be an educational program — a program wherein we have the opportunity to let the good qualified man know who we are and what we do.

I doubt whether anyone could oppose solicitation any more than I do. Freemasonry has always operated under the philosophy that if we are great enough others will seek us, but we must let those qualified men know we are here. I am convinced that **Friend to Friend** is the best program which could be devised to give each of us an opportunity to let those men who would make good Members know we are here. It does not lessen the responsibility of any of us to make sure that the man we recommend is Masonic quality material.

One has to wonder how many good men who might have been good Masons, or even great men who might have been great Masons, never became so because they did not even know we existed or, if they knew we existed, did not know who we were or what we did. A recent national survey revealed that 45% of all men over the age of 21 never heard of Freemasonry, and less than 10% knew how to join.

I became a Freemason when a friend said to me, "Tom, you should be a Freemason." This was not an invitation to join, it was a statement of his evaluation of me. Yet to this day, there are those within the Craft who sincerely believe they cannot talk about it.

How sad, and what a loss to Freemasonry and to the world! Freemasonry's future is in the hands of each of us today. It is imperative that we are united in our effort to increase the quantity of good men in our Craft. The **Friend to Friend** program gives us the tools. We may not get another chance. If we truly believe in the philosophy of Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, if we truly believe that this philosophy can make a difference, then we welcome you to become a part of a program that will impact our future.

PHILADELPHIA June Quarterly Communication

June 7, 1995

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Jill Is Tall Cedar Ambassador

Bro. Michael J. Hlatka, III, of Middlesex, N.J., Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, is shown with Jill Marie Pantozzi, the Tall Cedar Muscular



Dystrophy Goodwill Ambassador for 1995. Together, they will visit many functions in support of Tall Cedars Muscular Dystrophy Research. Since 1951, Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, including contributing more than \$7-million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Jill, the daughter of Gail and Ralph Pantozzi of Union, N.J., was diagnosed at the age of two with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She was the New Jersey Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child for two years. She is a member of her church choir, the National Junior Honor Society and her school's dance committee. She enjoys swimming, roller blading and horseback riding. She likes to dance and play her clarinet.

Attention All Scouts!

In honor of the 85th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, your Brethren might like to hear a tale or two about how Scouting influenced your Masonic career or how your Masonic ties have influenced Scouting. Please send your thoughts and reminiscences to:

Bro. Byron Lee,
2905 Village of Pennbrook
Levittown, PA 19054

John Jenks Lodge No. 534 Makes Punxutawney Blood Drive A Success

For the second year, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxutawney, in the 39th Masonic District, made the Red Cross Bloodmobile program a success and enrolled additional Brethren in the Masonic Blood Donor Club. Red Cross reports that this Lodge-sponsored effort realized 213 units from 223 potential donors, whereas typical Bloodmobile visits have been averaging 162 units.

Masonic Blood Donor Club Membership is available to all Pennsylvania Freemasons, wives, widows and dependent children. To become a Member, donate one unit of blood to the Red Cross or any recognized blood donor center, then fill out and submit a membership form confirming the donation to the Lodge Blood Donor Chairman or by contacting the Blood Donor Club Secretary, Bro. William E. Riley, 2615 Franklin Ave., Broomall, PA 19008.

Brother Richard W. Fritz Saves Life Of His Lodge's Oldest Past Master

Bro. Richard W. Fritz was honored recently in his town of Ashland for having saved a life. He is a respected funeral director in the area and a Member of Ashland Lodge No. 294. The life he saved was that of his Lodge's oldest living Past Master, Bro. Rudolph Preiser. Bro. Preiser was Worshipful Master in 1935.

As reported in the area newspaper that honored him, *The Evening Herald*, Bro. Fritz received a call at his funeral home from Mildred Preiser, a neighbor. She said that she was unable to awaken her husband. Bro. Fritz ran to the Preiser home and found Bro. Preiser with no pulse or respiration. He dialed 911, began CPR immediately and continued it until the ambulance arrived. While Mrs. Preiser accompanied her husband to the hospital in the ambulance, Bro. Fritz followed and remained with her until Bro. Preiser's condition stabilized.

Friend To Friend, Past Master Councilor Is Now Brother Bruno

Joseph Bruno was not yet 21 last September when he visited Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368 in Philadelphia as a Past District Master Councilor of DeMolay and performed the "Ceremony of Light." A few weeks later he celebrated his 21st birthday, Petitioned the Lodge and is now Brother Joseph Bruno.

Past Master Rick S. Freedman of Williamson-Corinthian Lodge said that Bro. Bruno, as a DeMolay was impressed by the warmth and cordiality of the Members that he called several weeks later, as his birthday approached, and inquired about the Fraternity. Bro. Bruno, who also is a Past Master Councilor of Northeast Chapter of DeMolay in Philadelphia, was Entered in February and Passed in March.

It was planned to have Bro. Freedman Confer the Master Mason's Degree in April with a Team comprised of Masons who are DeMolay Advisors or Senior DeMolays.

AUTOMASONRY *Electronic Highway for PA Masons*

AutoMasonry, an electronic information superhighway for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, is being established. Creation of a computerized network, a modern necessity for today's extensive Fraternal business communications and record keeping, has been expedited because of the burgeoning needs created by Membership Development resulting from successful **Friend to Friend** activities.

More than two dozen key persons, most with computer knowledge and computer equipment and all with the foresight to help establish a network, worked through an all-day AutoMasonry Development Seminar at the Masonic Conference Center early in March. Bro. Robert G. Boone, the Executive Director Grand Lodge Operations, and Bro. Richard H. Owens,

the **Friend to Friend** Coordinator, organized and conducted the AutoMasonry Seminar. Bro. George E. Susavidge, Facilitator for the **Friend to Friend** Program, led discussions.

Bro. Boone explained that *"In addition to the 25 who were in attendance, there were 75 more interested and capable Brethren who want to help develop a strategy for putting into place what is needed for the Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodges to conduct the business of the Fraternity for the future."*

Citing the growing activities of the **Friend to Friend** programs an indicator of the increasing challenges of today, Bro. Boone set the stage for the strategy session with an anonymous quotation: *"Organizations can't stop the world from changing. The best they do is adapt. The smart ones change before they have to. The lucky ones manage to scramble and adjust when push comes to shove. The rest are losers and they become history."* He emphasized, *"Now is the Hour,"* and added, *"This Fraternity has to be the first ones (smart) and not the last ones (history)."*

The Vision Statement for AutoMasonry clearly addressed the challenge of the times:

- ❖ That the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the individual Lodges of Pennsylvania Freemasons will maintain and preserve our preeminence and our uniqueness in global Freemasonry.
- ❖ That dedicated Brethren of Pennsylvania Freemasonry will develop and provide those aspects and mechanisms of systems automation necessary for us to move forward in this The Information Age.
- ❖ That the informational processes of the Grand Lodge and Blue Lodges of Pennsylvania be systemized and automated for the greatest benefits of the Craft.
- ❖ That the Craft be at Labor, with future, manifold visions in their thoughts.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Bros. Delvin Zeiders of Region 2, Franklin P. Hartzel, Jr. of Region 6 and Martin Snyder of Region 7 volunteered to serve as Team leaders for developing AutoMasonry.



Attending the AutoMasonry Strategic Planning session were: **Region 1** - Bros. Robert G. Boone, George E. Susavidge, Richard Owens, Harry Rutter, J. Russel Mann, Arthur W. Buzzard, Steven Morrison, Virgil Penn, George Smith and Mark Belas; **Region 2** - Bros. Delvin Zeiders, Thomas R. Labagh, Blaine F. Fabian, Kurt Chillas, David L. Wheeler, and Mr. Allen MacKinnon; **Region 4** - Bros. William M. Kratzenberg and William Finley; **Region 6** - Bros. Franklin P. Hartzel, Jr., Coleman Hill and William E. Fritz, Sr.; **Region 7** - Bros. Ray Unger, Martin Snyder and Richard A. Colewell.



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A Friend to Friend Educational Update HMO - MEDICARE COVERAGE



Current trends in health care insurance indicate an increased shift from traditional, fee-for-service payment systems provided through Medicare and Medigap policies which was the primary system for a long time, to coordinated systems of health care providers and insurers which work together to provide essentially the same services. The most common system is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

We have seen a trend in the last several months where people interested in services through the Masonic Homes found out that their HMO Medicare Plan only provided services at one nursing home. We share this so that you or a family member will not be disappointed in the future. If you find out your Medicare Plan will not cover services at the Masonic Homes, contact the Admissions Office at (717)367-1121, ext. 33101 or (800)422-1207.

Fee-for-service plans reimburse for your physician's charges and services you receive from a hospital, health care provider, or other medical facilities certified by Medicare. With this system there are deductibles, co-insurance amounts, and other permissible charges that may not be covered by Medicare. And in those cases, out-of-pocket charges must be paid by us, the consumers. A supplemental Medigap policy may be purchased to compensate for some of the out-of-pocket charges. These plans are offered by private insurers and some associations.

Coordinated care plans offer another way to manage health care costs. These plans are made up of comprehensive networks of physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other health care providers. Many coordinated care plans have contracts with Medicare which offer senior citizens a choice of health care insurance. Members (those who participate in the plan) can obtain services from the participating providers at any of the predetermined sites.

Should I Select HMO Medicare Coverage?

There are benefits to HMO Medicare coverage:

- ❖ You may reduce the need for supplemental insurance.
- ❖ Since you know what the co-pays are, you may also be able to manage your budget more easily.
- ❖ There are no deductibles.
- ❖ There is little risk of not being able to obtain insurance, as in Medigap policies where pre-existing conditions can deny insurability.
- ❖ Reduced paperwork.
- ❖ Convenience of acquiring all medical services through one source.
- ❖ Quality of care may be enhanced as a function of coordination of services.

Every person's situation is different. To help you determine if HMO Medicare coverage is right for you we offer the following questions for you to ask:

- ❖ Where do I have to go to get the care I need?
- ❖ What about emergencies? Or if I'm traveling?
- ❖ Who will be my doctor? Will I have to change physicians?
- ❖ When may I see a specialist? May I see my current specialist?
- ❖ Which hospital may I use?
- ❖ What if I cannot obtain reimbursement?
- ❖ How do I appeal or file grievances?
- ❖ How much will I pay out of my pocket each month?

- ❖ What about dental or eye care? Prescriptions?
- ❖ Where can I receive skilled nursing care or rehab services?

We are currently planning how we will change in order to continue to meet the needs of our residents. Your input will help us develop our plans for future service.

When making decisions on health insurance, it is essential to have information available to aid in making educated decisions. For a list of resources, contact the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program at (717) 361-5080 or (800) 4-MASONIC (800-462-7664).



For more information about the OUTREACH PROGRAM, visit the OUTREACH booth at Grand Masters Day, August 26.



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Frances Staffiere DiMassa Celebrates Her 100th Birthday at The Masonic Health Care Center

On February 17, 1895, Frances Staffiere DiMassa was born to her Italian parents who had emigrated to the United States. On February 17, 1995, Frances celebrated her 100th birthday in grand fashion.

Her special day began with recognition from Willard Scott of the NBC Today Show. The day continued with a drop-in reception honoring Frances in the Activities Area of the Masonic Health Care Center. The guest of honor warmly welcomed her 125 well-wishers and was excited to receive birthday greetings from President and Mrs. Clinton, Governor Ridge of Pennsylvania, Mayor Rendell of Philadelphia, and the Masonic Homes.

On this day Frances joined the group of other centenarians residing at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Frances, a native of Philadelphia, has been a resident since 1988. She attributes her longevity to "olive oil and garlic, doing everything in moderation and no drinking or smoking."

The other individuals who comprise this elite group of centenarians are: Flora Berger, 102 years old, born June 5, 1892; Darley Spangler, 102, born April 7, 1892; Sarah Cuthbertson, 103, born May 19, 1891; and Eleanor Anderson, 104, born October 3, 1890.

As the reception drew to an end Frances' smile was equal to the glow of the candles from her birthday cake. She was energized by the day's events and returned to her residence with a lap full of cards, gifts, flowers, and a balloon bouquet to add to her memories of the past one hundred years.



Centenarian Frances Staffiere Dimassa is shown with Kirk Rakos, Activities Coordinator at the Masonic Homes.

Independent Living-Rental Apartments

Construction Update

Renovation of the Brown Home, the second existing building at the Masonic Homes to be renovated for use as resident apartments under a rental plan, continues on schedule. This



Work begins on the front facade of the Brown building.



The roof on the back of the Brown building is removed in preparation for the addition to the building.

building initially will house 46 residents in 31 one bedroom apartments and efficiency units. Plans for this building include an addition to the existing structure and a beautiful atrium in the center of the building for the enjoyment of all residents.

Is the Independent Living Community in My Future?

If you are 65 or older, answer this question: "Where will I be on the priority list when I decide to join the community?"

By placing your name on the priority list now, you will be making those plans for your future. Plan to be a part of our wonderful community TOMORROW by sending in your deposit TODAY. You'll be glad you did!

Freemasonry in Action - Masonic Homes Service Update

Masonic Health Care Center Update on Phase 4 of Construction Project

In the final stages of Phase 4, Bro. C. Richard Spieth (right), President of the Masonic Health Care Center's Resident Council, reviews the plans incorporating his recommendation. It was his dream that a therapy swimming pool would be included in the project.

Upon the approval of the Committee on Masonic Homes' Bro. Carl R. Flohr (left), President of Flohr Pools, shared his willingness to contribute the pumps and piping for the swimming pool.

The Masonic Homes greatly appreciates these two Brethren working together, **Friend to Friend**, in providing this new service for current and future residents of the Masonic Homes.



Help Support the New Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown

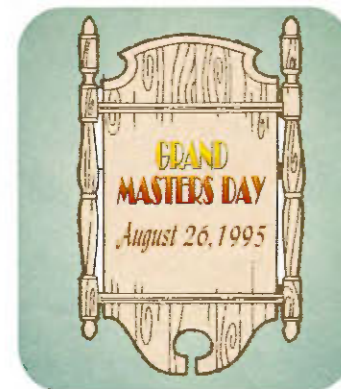
Today a new aspect of the **Friend to Friend** campaign has emerged. In order to give substance to the theme "Preserve and Enhance... Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind" a major five-phase construction program is underway at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. The current Phase IV includes a major new four-story building to house the Masonic Health Care Center. A new building with 150 replacement beds rises from the spot where the original 1915 building stood.

Whether the gift is an in-kind tangible gift like the one made by Bro. Flohr—(as indicated in above article) or a financial gift—we can all work together Friend to Friend to make the miracle of a new Masonic Health Care Center come true. If your direct mail Gift Response Form has been mislaid or is not available, all you have to do is make out a check to Masonic Homes and return it to the Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199.

All Members of the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania have received an invitation to support this building campaign. We look forward to receiving thousands of gifts to bolster our efforts to provide brand new facilities to meet the modern health care needs of our friends and loved ones.



Left to right: Jeffrey J. Gromis, Facilities Engineer; Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., Administrator of Health Care Services; Bro. Carl R. Flohr, Chairman of Building and Grounds Subcommittee and Member of the Committee on Masonic Homes; Bro. George Rakoczy, President of Warfel Construction Company; and Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director, review drawings at the construction site.



INDEPENDENT LIVING PRIORITY LIST

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

- ☐ Rental Fee Plan
☐ Entrance Fee Plan

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone No: (Include area code)

Return to:

Marketing Office
Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199
1-800-676-6452



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Help to a Friend, Help to Mankind Santa Came to Town

Who was that white-bearded man dressed in a bright red suit, chatting, warmly grasping residents' hands, spreading cheer and hope? Who was the beautiful woman with him—the one with a gleam in her eye and love in her heart, generously giving hugs to all? Of course, it was December, so it must have been Santa and Mrs. Claus! But we know them better as Walter and Elaine Price.

Nineteen years ago, they came as volunteers to Masonic Homes, bringing with them one shopping bag of goodies to share with residents. That day they made people smile and feel happy because someone, although a stranger, had thought of them. Elaine and Walter, knowing the impact they had made by reaching out, **Friend-to-Friend**, went home thinking, "Wouldn't it be great to return next Christmas season with a **car load** of gifts?" With Masonic dedication, gentle persuasion, and the creativity of all the elves in Santa's workshop, the Prices came back the following Christmas with cases of candy and cookies. They had successfully spread the word to other Lodges in the Philadelphia area, Assemblies of Rainbow Girls, and personal friends who responded with donations of money, cookies, cans, and candies. Almost two decades later, the Prices still become Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Masonic Homes. Now spending four to five days at the Masonic Homes, they know that without the support and conviction of volunteers and friends like Al and Trudy Reiser of Philadelphia, they would not be able to continue their

mission of cheer on such a grand scale.

Walter now spends ten to twelve hours weekly in his role as a licensed Episcopal Chaplain in hospital settings as well as at Graterford Prison, serving as one-



Bro. Walter and Elaine Price visit with Bro. Charles F. Sugg, Jr., resident at the Masonic Homes.

on-one counselor. A 32-year Member of the Masonic Fraternity, Walter attends Meetings at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and is a Member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712. He has served as Worshipful Master, District Deputy Grand Master from 1978 to 1987, and in other Offices. Walter, a Member of the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, was awarded the Purple Cross of Honor of the York Rite, along with 100 other Masons, in Anaheim, California.

Both Elaine and Walter proclaim that their pet love is serving as admission counselors for our

facility. He began as a counselor in 1988 when Elaine joined the team. Their territory centers around their home in Philadelphia, but includes other areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Sharing admissions information with families and being involved with home assistance and reevaluations suits these two perfectly. They are proud to represent our Masonic Homes and, according to Claudia Stephens, Director of Admissions and Resident Services, "They provide an invaluable service to the Masonic Homes with sincere dedication."

They are already collecting containers for next year—the type containing fruit cake or butter cookies. (Donations may be dropped off in the Volunteer Office in the Masonic Health Care Center!)

When asked what keeps them coming back, they answered without hesitation, "There is a real and certain benefit that residents get from visits, whether it is from Santa or a fellow Mason. We know how great the Masonic Homes is, and we feel privileged and proud to be a part of it. We have made some wonderful friends, and we are truly enriched by our visitations. We could never do this without the support of many Lodges in our area. As long as the good Lord is willing, we'll be back in 1995!"

Brownsville Lodge No. 60 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

On April 23, 1994, Brownsville Lodge No. 60 celebrated its 200th Anniversary. A public open house was held Wednesday, April 20 through Friday, April 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The celebration continued Saturday, April 23 with a formal Visitation at the Lodge by Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

A banquet was held at the Hiller Volunteer Fire Company social hall. The highlight of the entire anniversary was an excellent address made by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, George H. Hohenschildt.

The 200th Anniversary celebration of Brownsville Lodge No. 60 closed on Sunday, April 24, 1994, with a memorial service held at the First United Methodist Church.



Shown left to right: (first row) Bros. Philip Elko, Worshipful Master Lodge No. 60; Joseph F. Acton, D.D.G.M., 31 District; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W. Grand Master; and James R. Ernette, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; (second row) Bros. Edward T. Stevenson, Secretary; Ralph E. Miller, Senior Deacon; Mark Fertal, Pursuivant; John King, Jr., Junior Deacon; Joseph Rode, Senior Warden; and Robert Smith, Tyler; and (third row) Bryan Bradmon, SMC; Edward J. Gadish, SMC; Fred Curcio, Chaplain; J. Dane Morris, JMC; and Norman B. Collins, Treasurer.

Restored Major Chairs on Display

Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, was pleased to receive the three Major Chairs from the original Lodge No. 200 dated 1826. Following 66 hours of detailed work, the Chairs were restored to original condition by Bro. Harold E. Hess, a very capable craftsman and Member of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, and are permanent display at the Lodge.



Pictured receiving the Chairs are; (left to right) Dr. and Bro. John F. Schwartz, W.M. of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336; and Bro. Harold E. Hess.



A Family Affair

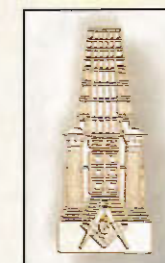
Bro. John R. Seiders, P.M. Confers the Entered Apprentice Mason Degrees on his son, Bro. Jan Seiders and son-in-law Bro. Michael Kunkle. These were the first Entered Apprentice Degrees that Bro. Seiders, P.M. has conferred in twenty-five years.



(Left to right); Bros. Jan Seiders; John R. Seiders, P.M.; and Michael Kunkle.

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.



Two Awarded Throat Medallions as First-Line Signers Resulting from Friend to Friend

In separate Visitations during the first week of April, R.W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenshildt presented **Friend to Friend** Outstanding Achievement Awards to two Brethren in recognition of their having been the first-line Signer on twelve or more Petitions.

Bro. Robert R. Panosetti, Sr., a Member of Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg, was honored during a Visitation to his Lodge on Tuesday, April 4. He was the first-line Signer on 21 Petitions as a result of the **Friend to Friend** public awareness and education program. As Grand Master Hohenshildt noted in conversation, Bro. Panosetti's achievement demonstrates the positive impact that every Brother's **Friend to Friend** effort — not just that of Task Force Members — can have in the vitality of his Lodge.



Shown left to right are: Bros. Robert R. Panosetti, Sr., recipient of the award; Homer Jones, DDGM, 50th Masonic District; George H. Hohenshildt, R.W. Grand Master; Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; David W. Manter, Sr., W.M. of Barger Lodge No. 325.

Bro. William A. Bailey, Sr., a Member of Christiana Lodge No. 417 was honored during a Visitation to his Lodge on Thursday, April 6. He was the first-line Signer on 12 Petitions as a result of **Friend to Friend** awareness. Bro. Bailey is Chairman of the **Friend to Friend** Task Force of his Lodge.

Bros. Bailey and Panosetti became the second and third Brethren in the state to receive the **Friend to Friend** Outstanding Achievement Award. Bro. Peter Szpak, a Member of Reading Lodge No. 549, was the first to receive the Award in a Visitation to his Lodge last November. At the time, Bro. Szpak had been the first-line Signer on 17 Petitions.

The Awards comprise a gold throat medallion with a replica of King Solomon's Temple and a handsome polished brass Square and Compasses desk piece.



Shown left to right: Bros. Glenn Miller, W.M., Christiana Lodge No. 417; William A. Bailey, Sr., recipient of the award; George H. Hohenshildt, R.W. Grand Master; and Jay Smith, D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

Central Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic

Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA 17824
Saturday, May 20, 1995 • 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. – Pavillion "E"

PACKAGE #1 - FOOD & RIDES. (\$20.00)
Hand-stamp, good on all rides from 12:00-8:00 P.M. Two meals:
Noon Lunch: hamburger barbeque, hot dogs and sauerkraut, with all fixings. **Dinner (5:00 P.M.)** - 1/2 Bar-B-Que Chicken, Homestyle Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Rolls, Butter, Ice Cream, Coffee and Iced Tea.

PACKAGE #2 - RIDES ONLY (\$10.00)

PACKAGE #3 - ABOVE FOOD ONLY; (\$10.00)
Children under 4 yrs - free (this package only)

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P.O. Box 301, Mount Carmel, PA 17851-0301
(717) 339-4806
Include a Self-Addressed STAMPED No. 10 envelope.
Height Restrictions on some rides. These restrictions are for your safety.
Deadline May 15, 1995. The above prices are per person.
Please note-tickets ordered on or near the deadline will not be mailed, but will be distributed at the picnic.

Jump Into our Pool!

We have a pool designed especially for friends of the Masonic Homes. It's not a wading pool, a swimming pool or even a diving pool. You don't get wet. Nor do you have to wear a swimsuit.

Our pool is a special fund, a pooled income fund, that lets you make a gift to Masonic Homes and retain income for life. For example, let's say Mr. and Mrs. Jones are retired and living on a fixed income. They own 100 shares of appreciated stock worth \$5,000. They paid \$1,000 for this stock several years ago and, while it has appreciated, it still doesn't produce any dividends for them. So they're thinking of selling it and investing the money in something that would supplement their retirement income. But the thought of paying tax on the capital gains has slowed them down.

Instead of selling this stock, let's say the Jones transfer this asset to the Masonic Homes Pooled Income Fund. Since this is a charitable fund, it is able to sell the stock and bypass the capital gains tax. That's the first bit of good news.

The second bit is the benefit the Jones will receive for the rest of their lives. Their "investment" in the pooled income fund will be combined with other gifts in the pool and together these will be invested to produce income for all the participants. Thus, each quarter, the fund produces income, the Jones

(and the others) will receive a check to use however they wish.

More good news: When the Jones no longer need the income from the fund, the remaining amount of their initial gift will be released from the pooled income fund and made available to support the Masonic Homes.

Ready for more good news? By placing a gift in the pooled income fund now — even though they retain life-time income payments from their gift — the Jones are in fact making a real gift to the charity, a deferred gift. This means they can claim a charitable income tax deduction upfront when they make the initial gift.

Many friends of our Pooled Income Fund have discovered the benefits of participating. Perhaps this is something that would work well for you. Initial Fund contributions can be cash or securities any amount of \$5,000 or more and can be added to at your convenience in any amount.

For more information on giving through a Pooled Income Fund, or any of the following topics, all of which are provided in confidence and without obligation, please call the Development Office at 1-800-599-6454 or mail the handy coupon

Thank you.

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How You Benefit by Giving Life Insurance
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A Complete Guide to Charitable Giving
A Complete Guide to Writing a Will
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Please note that I have made provisions in my Will for the Masonic Homes of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

This is a wonderful way to use some of your assets to help not only yourself, but to provide needed resources for the Masonic Homes in the years ahead.

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Fred D. Rissinger, Director
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
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5th Eastern PA Friend to Friend Masonic Picnic

Dorney Park WildWater Kingdom, Rt. 309 & 222

Saturday, June 10, — 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Five Hours of Food, Soda and Free Parking.

Admission and rides to Dorney and WildWater Kingdom included.
\$23.00

Golden fried chicken, home style beans, grilled hot dogs with sauerkraut, char-broiled hamburgers, potato salad, unlimited Pepsi products.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED FROM 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FREE PEANUTS, SOFT PRETZELS
SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT AFTER DINNER

Our pavilions are in the Food First Area. Guards will be on duty until 10:00 P.M. We have room for 4,000 people this year. Enter the parking lot from Rt. 222, that's between WildWater Kingdom and Dorney. Many rides have been added since last year at only a \$1.00 additional charge.

Senior Citizens over 60 and Children ages 4 years to 6 years
\$14.00

Children under 48 inches Free

Dorney Park and WildWater Kingdom open 10:00 A.M.

Please send me _____ Adult Tickets. I have enclosed \$ _____
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Masonic Drug & Alcohol Foundation

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Program Established to Honor Drug Law Enforcement Officers

In the beginning of 1994, the Drug and Alcohol Foundation had announced the creation of a program to honor Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officers for their work in drug law enforcement. The program, titled "Excellence in Drug Law Enforcement," is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, in cooperation with the office of the Attorney General.

Each year, three law enforcement officers — one each from the Eastern, Central and Western parts of the State — will be selected for an "Excellence in Drug Law Enforcement" award. They will receive a plaque and a \$500 check. Officers eligible for the award are those who have distinguished themselves in the field of Drug Law Enforcement and whose salaries are paid by the Commonwealth, by counties, or municipalities in Pennsylvania.

The review board consisted of Bros. James L. Ernette, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Ernest W. Preate, Jr., Attorney General; and Anthony J. Garvey, Director of the Drug and Alcohol Foundation. The first annual program took place in Philadelphia at a dinner hosted by Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, Right Worshipful Grand Master and Mrs. Lena Hohenschildt.

Those receiving the awards for the year 1994 were: Detective Charles H. Dugan, a 29-year veteran of the Milton Police Department, S.U.N. Municipal Police Task Force; Bro. and Detective Terrence A. Kuhns, Westmoreland County District Attorney's Office and a Member of Pollock Lodge No. 502; and Trooper James J. Hischar, Pennsylvania State Police and the Bureau of Drug Enforcement. Due to Pennsylvania State Police regulations, Trooper Hischar could not accept the \$500 check. Therefore, at Trooper Hischar's request, that donation was given to a needy family in his area. Our heartiest congratulations to a fine group of men who exemplify everything that is good about Law Enforcement.



Pictured left to right - Bro. James L. Ernette; Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and President of Drug and Alcohol Foundation; Detective Charles H. Dugan; Trooper James J. Hischar; Detective and Bro. Terrence A. Kuhns; Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, Right Worshipful Grand Master; and Bro. Anthony J. Garvey, Director of Drug and Alcohol Foundation.

Fund-raiser: "Masons Care About Children"

On Sunday, November 13, 1994, Ashara Lodge No. 398 hosted an Italian spaghetti dinner to benefit The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. This event was held at the Donegal Masonic Center, Mount Joy. Bros. Willis M. Hackman, Worshipful Master and Terry Sheppard, Senior Warden and Chairman, raised \$2,300 for this very successful event. The check was presented at their December Meeting. We are most grateful and promise that this donation will be put to good use helping children with substance abuse problems.



Pictured left to right - Bros. Terry Sheppard S.W. and Chairman; Anthony J. Garvey, Director; Willis M. Hackman, W.M., Ashara Lodge No. 398.

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Youth Visits Yield Praise

In the spirit of **Friend to Friend** and to further the Cornerstone of his administration, the R.W. Grand Master has asked all Lodges to reach out and offer friendship and support to the Masonic Youth Groups. Early reports indicate that the Lodges in Pennsylvania have indeed accepted the R.W. Grand Master's challenge to visit our Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters and Job's Daughter Bethels.

Sending one car-load of Members per Lodge per month is an ambitious goal. Participating Lodges are finding it to be a rewarding experience. It is particularly effective to have new Master Masons participate in these visits, to learn more about Freemasonry's outreach to the youth of their community. This is a great way to involve our newest Members in the work of the Lodge. Here are some of the comments we have received:

"Excellent Program for Young Men. We Contributed \$150 to the DeMolay from Orrstown Lodge."

-Bro. D. Scott Goodhart, Orrstown Lodge No. 262, 9 Masons Visited

"A very good Installation of the Sunshine Rainbow Assembly No. 41, Tunkhannock, was performed. The Ritual Work was excellent!"

-Bro. George A. Stephens, Jr., Factoryville Lodge No. 341, 7 Masons Visited

"Everyone enjoyed the Meeting (Bethel No. 7, Columbia) and were surprised that the Work was done by memory, as in our Lodge!"

-Bro. Allen S. Mahan, WM, Columbia Lodge No. 286, 6 Masons Visited

"One daughter of a visiting Lodge Member was Initiated into our Assembly. They made a presentation to Cara to show their support for her joining Rainbow."

-Mrs. Donna Salazar, Mother Advisor, White Win Hills Assembly No. 87, Visitation by Pleasant Hills-Guthrie Lodge No. 759, 7 Masons Visited

"Even though this group is small, (Bethel No. 6, Blairsville) they perform their Work very well, and are enthusiastic, plus having fun."

-Bro. John J. Johnston, Jr., Acacia Lodge No. 355, 2 Masons Visited



A visit by Acacia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro to George Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Chambersburg yielded a crowded East when 11 visiting Masons accompanied Bro. John E. N. Blair, Worshipful Master as he presented a check to Master Councilor Jeremy A. Bowersox.



Bro. James A. Stewart, W.M. of Jordan Lodge No. 673, presents a \$500 check to Rakesh Kumar, Master Councilor of Allentown Chapter, Order of DeMolay to sponsor Members to the Key Man DeMolay Leadership Conference in August.

Rainbow Service Program at Masonic Homes

Rainbow Girls are active teenagers who respect and love the Masonic Fraternity for its sponsorship, heritage and support. They are happy for the opportunity to volunteer at the Masonic Homes to show their appreciation. On December 16-18, 1994, the Grand Officers held their annual Christmas Weekend at the Masonic Conference Center at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

They spent Saturday morning learning and singing Christmas Carols. In the afternoon, they traveled to the Recreation Center at the Masonic Homes Health Care Center where they helped to convey residents from their rooms to a special entertainment planned by the Recreation Director. Although there was no time to do any caroling, they kept busy transporting residents to and from their rooms, and visiting with each one.

They were thankful that their participation helped many more residents to attend this holiday program. Rainbow's main teaching is service to others. They certainly had a golden opportunity to Exemplify their great teaching, and to care and share with Masons and their families.

Annual Youth Conventions

Job's Daughters Grand Sessions

June 22-25, 1995
Holidome, York

DeMolay Convention

July 13-16, 1995
Landis Valley Conference Center, Lancaster

Rainbow Grand Assembly

July 19-23, 1995
Jaffa Shrine Mosque, Altoona

For details, or registration information, contact the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

MEETING PROGRAMS

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will provide entertaining and interesting speakers, films, slide presentations, and workshops for Masonic Lodge Meetings or public gatherings. Presentations are available on a variety of subjects, including the youth groups, the Educational Endowment Fund, and Freemasonry's commitment to youth. It may also be possible to arrange for Exemplification of Ritual Work performed by the youth groups. Contact your District Youth Chairman or the PYF office for assistance.



Masonic Education

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R.W. Grand Master Hohenschildt's term as Grand Master has been dedicated to the enhancement of Membership in Pennsylvania. The **Friend to Friend** program encourages Lodges to have interesting programs for the Lodge Members and especially newly-made Master Masons.

Several of the articles below have been received from the Masonic Education Regional Chairman across the Commonwealth. One of the articles presents comments from some District Deputy Grand Masters that support R.W. Grand Master Hohenschildt's Masonic Education Program. We trust that you, our fellow Masons, will find them quite interesting.

Horsham Square Club Helps W.K. Bray Scholarship

At the January 1995, Stated Meeting of W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410, Hatboro (12th Masonic District), a presentation of \$1,000 was made by the Officers of the Horsham Square Club to the Lodge's Scholarship Fund. The Fund had its inception in 1991 when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ronald O. Medd, established a Committee consisting of Bros. John F.E. Schmidt, Harry C. Rotenbury and the Worshipful Master to explore the possibility of awarding \$1,000 in cash to a graduating senior from a local school.

The project was approved by the Lodge and incorporated into its By-Laws. A Committee consisting of three members, appointed annually by the Worshipful Master, selects the award recipient based on the recommendation of the school guidance counselor and submits the candidate's name to the Membership for approval prior to the Awards Ceremony, conducted by local schools during the month of May.



Making the presentation is Bro. Herbert M. Guenther (left), Club Tour Director. Pictured (left to right) are: Bros. Ronald O. Medd, P.M., Chairman of the Lodge Scholarship Committee; John F.E. Schmidt, P.M., Horsham Square Club Treasurer and Lodge Trustee, and Russell K. Gibson, Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

F. Rick Knepper Speaks About Organ Donor Program

The Feast of St. John, the Evangelist, was celebrated on December 27, 1994, by three Lodges in the 20th Masonic District: Mountain Lodge No. 281, Logan Lodge No. 490, and Hiram Lodge No. 616.

More than two hundred Members, Ladies and guests assembled at the Jaffa Mosque for an evening of fine food,



(Left to right) Front: Bros. F. Rick Knepper, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.; George S. Glashauser, P.M., Logan Lodge No. 490; William M. Hench, P.M., W.M. Hiram Lodge No. 616; and Harold Eugene Conrad, W.M., Mountain Lodge No. 281.

fellowship and entertainment. Featured speaker was Bro. F. Rick Knepper, P.D.D.G.M., of the 34th Masonic District, who is currently serving as Region 3 Chairman of Masonic Education.

Bro. Knepper's topic was one which emphasized the need for Masons to consider the worthwhile cause of "Organ Donation." His presentation dealt with four main areas: (1) **Explanation of the donor process;** (2) **Dispelling misconceptions about organ donation;** (3) **Description of the transplantation process as he experienced it** and (4) **Encouraging all to consider becoming Organ Donors.**

Bro. George S. Glashauser, P.M. of Logan Lodge No. 490 stressed that this was an impressive presentation. Forty-two donor cards were picked up at the information table following the banquet.

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District Deputies Support Grand Master's Masonic Education Program

The District Deputy Grand Masters play a very important role in all of the Masonic Education work in their Districts. Their support is vital to the success of the Masonic Education Program.

District Deputies have actively encouraged the Masonic Education Programs presented in the Schools of Instruction. We are sharing comments from some of the Deputies:

District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Glen Paulhamus of the 18th Masonic District talked about the **Masonic Education Program on "How to Improve Lodge Attendance."** In his **School of Instruction**, Brother William T. Abernatha Jr., District Chairman, had an excellent presentation and several of those present had some questions and offered some suggestions on how to improve attendance.

"One suggestion was to Call Off between Degrees in order for the Members to greet and congratulate the Candidate. This way he might feel more at home with the Lodge. Another suggestion was to greet the Members at the door as they come into the Lodge Room. Since the wives are not a part of the Lodge, it was suggested that the Master ask the wife if she would like to write congratulations to her husband and have it read the night he receives his Master Mason Degree."

District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Richard J. Stemmler of the 30th Masonic District stated: "Prior to the Ritualistic portion of the Meeting, Bro. Randy L. Hobaugh, the Education Chairman

for the 30th Masonic District, presented his program on 'Masonic Values.' The program was very well received."

District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Ralph H. Besecker of the 33rd Masonic District states: "The Meeting was then turned over to Bro. Carl Johnson, the District Education Chairman, who presented the monthly education program entitled *How to Improve Attendance*. The material presented was very interesting and was well received by all the Brethren present. There was a lot of discussion on many of the subjects presented. I am sure that the Brethren have a better understanding as to how they can improve their Lodge attendance. Bro. Carl Johnson does a very good job of presenting the education material. I really appreciate the work he does for the 33rd Masonic District."

District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Gary E. Narehood of the 46th Masonic District presented these remarks at a **District Officers Meeting**: "I expressed a desire for the Brethren to take advantage of the opportunity offered to them, as far as Masonic Education. We have, I feel, the best Masonic Education Chairman this District has had in many years. The programs are excellent. I expect everyone to take advantage of the Masonic Education over the next year."

District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Keith McKnight of the 53rd Masonic District said: "The Masonic Education for this evening was the 'Leadership Program.' The instructor gave an

excellent review of the information and stressed how important the information is for the officers coming through the line, especially the Senior Warden. I feel this program is very important and needed in many Lodges for their success."

This support shown by these District Deputies will help Members understand the importance of Masonic Education.

Brother Thomas Cooper Presented Plaque



Bro. Thomas Cooper (right), of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela, 31st Masonic District, was presented a plaque by Region 4 Chairman of Masonic Education, Bro. Albert G. Lebedda, P.D.D.G.M. (left), at the January 10, 1995, Meeting of his Lodge. Bro. Cooper has prepared entries for the Media Category of the April Lodge Program Competition in 1993 and 1994. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education appreciates the efforts of Masons like Bro. Cooper who can bring the message of Freemasonry in a three dimensional manner.



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Lodge With A Vision

Concord Lodge Enjoys Its Busy Fraternal and Friend to Friend Community Life

Members of Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville, in the southeastern corner of the Commonwealth, are thoroughly enjoying their dedicated Fraternal and community Labors, successfully putting the Principles of Freemasonry and **Friend to Friend** to work both inside and out of the Lodge.

HIRAM I generated a new impetus for the Lodge to reach beyond the paradigms of tradition. Immediate Past Master James L. Crothers explained, "A lot of effort went into building on and strengthening our already established programs and committees ..."

After the three Elected Officers of the Lodge attended a **HIRAM I** Seminar, they took the information and the challenge back to the Lodge and used those principles to establish their Vision and to work to fulfill their long-term plan. Bro. G. Kent Hackney, Director of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Leadership and Management, Inc., stated that it added a vital new dimension to their Labors.

One of the first things they did was create and produce a newsletter to let the Brethren know what's going on and to generate enthusiasm for the activities and concerns of the Lodge. They communicated the "doings" of the Lodge, Masonic Education, "Did You Know" information, tid-bits about Freemasonry and even clever Fraternal cartoons.

Next, they planned, promoted and staged a highly successful **Friend to Friend** benefit golf tournament, raising more than \$4,000 that was



Bro. James L. Crothers then W.M.; (left to right) Kathy Umberger, Pen-Delco School District, A.D.A.P.T.; Jodi Dix, Garnet Valley School District, R.E.A.C.H.; and Gail Spedden, Chichester School District, H.O.P.E.

divided among three local school districts to use in drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. The Districts will use the funds to educate parents in how to deal with their children to prevent abuse and how to combat the abuse if their children already have a problem. The tournament, the efforts of the Lodge and the worthy cause it benefited, gained excellent southeastern Pennsylvania news media recognition.

Then the Lodge joined the Adopt-A-Highway Program and took on a challenge that no one else wanted



Adopt a Highway - left to right; Bros. Frank D. Thompson, W.M.; N. James Murphy, J.W.; Curtis Barrett; James A. Lincoln, Jr.; Micheal S. Zaiss; and Robert E. Ritchie, III, P.M.

to tackle. They're cleaning up a two-mile stretch of the multi-lane, busy U.S. Route 1, also known as the Baltimore Pike, that passes in front of the Lodge Hall.

Fellowship is paramount in the Lodge. Every Brother who walks through the door is greeted personally. The Junior Warden serves as the Greeter, but he is not alone. He is always joined at the door by the newest Master Masons, encouraged to be present precisely for that purpose.

In the November issue of *Concord Grape Vine*, the newsletter that was started after the Officers attended the **HIRAM I** Seminar, Bro. Crothers, who was the Worshipful Master at the time, said:

"It is not the Building, the Officers' Jewels, the Aprons or the suits and tuxes. It is the MEMBERS that make Concord Lodge No. 625 what it is ... Concord Lodge is a live, vibrant body of Freemasonry. We can take pleasure in the number of Members who attend Stated Meetings. We have fun and enjoy each other's presence. We share our concerns and the lighter moments of our lives with each other."

Perhaps nothing speaks more eloquently about the programs at Concord Lodge than the closing comment by Bro. Crothers in a letter to Bro. Hackney:

"And, above all else, we had a good time. **Friend to Friend**, that's what it's all about!"

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An Open Invitation to our Newly Raised Brethren to Experience the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Thanks to the reception of the Right Worshipful Grand Master's program, **Friend to Friend**, the Fraternity in Pennsylvania is seeing an upswing in Initiations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Many of these Brethren have never had the opportunity to visit one of the Masonic Wonders of the World, the **Masonic Temple** and **The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania**, which is housed in this incredible building. What better way for our new Brethren to experience fully the Fraternity, than by continuing their "journey to light" by coming to Philadelphia and taking a guided tour of the Temple, visiting the Library and Museum and seeing first hand the "Circulating Library" and research facilities available for their use.

Each new Member has received from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education various Candidate Packets, in which are

included an *Invitation to Visit the Masonic Temple* and a copy of the *Circulating Library Catalogue*. It is the hope of the Board of Directors and our Staff that each Brother will take this "Invitation" seriously and use any opportunity to see the Museum and use the Library.

One of the important holdings in the Collections is the Masonic Apron of Bro. and President George Washington, which was made by Madame LaFayette and presented to him personally by Bro. LaFayette. Our exhibit on the **Friend to Friend** memorial in Gettysburg is still available for viewing by both Brethren and non-Masons as well.

Perhaps a visit to our Library and Museum will afford an outstanding opportunity for our newly Raised Brethren to "invite" someone who is not a Member and to be able to present him with a copy of our Grand Master's brochure, **Friend**

to Friend. We hope to see you all here with your families very soon, so that you may learn for yourselves why our Grand Master's **Friend to Friend** program is so important to the future of this great Fraternity. In addition to individual visits to the Temple, we also suggest to the Lodges and their Officers that they consider organizing a group trip to Philadelphia. In conjunction with the tour, arrangements can be made by the Lodge to have a luncheon served to them through our catering service. Our staff looks forward to seeing you soon!

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Brother Wesley Orville Kimmel, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

Our good friend and Bro. Wesley Orville Kimmel, died at the age of 87 on March 9, 1995. He was a member of Green Street Church of God, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and church council president. Masonically, of course, his Record was exemplary.

Bro. Kimmel's wife of many years, Florenda L., preceded him in death. They leave a daughter, Lorna Kimmel Baer, two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Heritage Builders Endowment Fund, c/o Harrisburg Consistory, P.O. Box 223, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

A detailed account of our late Brother will appear in the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.