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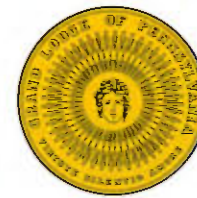
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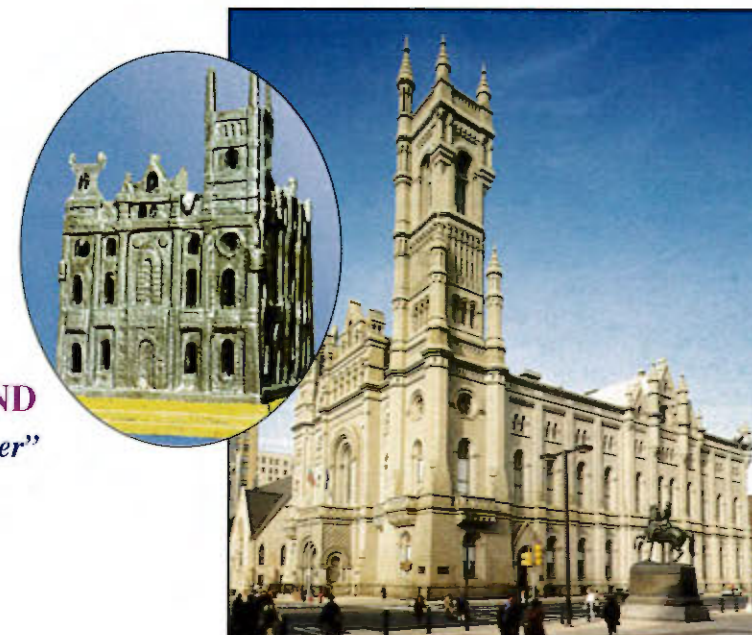


Charity

*"Let Us Promote The Useful Arts,
and By That Means
Mark Our
Superiority and Distinction."*



R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser with the Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers: Front - Bros. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Jr. Grand Warden; Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Sr. Grand Warden; Grand Master Weisser; James L. Ernette, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer. (Missing due to illness is Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.) Middle - Bros. John J. Hunt, Senior Grand Deacon; Norman A. Fox, Junior Grand Deacon; William W. Weisser, Grand Sword Bearer; and Donald L. Albert, Grand Marshal. Rear - Bros. James T. Young, Grand Steward; Nelson M. Baird, Grand Pursuivant; and Thomas C. Librandi, Grand Steward. (Not shown is Bro. G. Richard McLucas, Grand Tyler.)



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"Banking on You, Brother"

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JOIN THE
GRAND
MASTER'S
TEAM
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The Grand Master Speaks ...

Brethren:

(Following is the text of the R.W. Grand Master's prepared installation message.)

We begin a new chapter in the long history of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania. This is a Grand Lodge that is steeped in history, success and philosophy, where tradition is the rule and not the exception. This is good, as we all recognize that we are a regular Fraternity that functions under the Fatherhood of God based on the three great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Freemasonry is a body of men who have Faith, Hope and Charity as its supporting principles.

I strongly believe that as a Fraternity we can and should educate ourselves in the true meaning of those words that we received at the Altar of Freemasonry under the watchful eye of God. We must improve our skills and understanding of the principles taught in our three degrees. We must carry these principles into our daily lives: at work, at play and in our dealings with our fellowman.

The R.W. Past Grand Masters' portraits that hang on the walls of our Great Masonic Temple show Brethren who have given willingly of themselves to build a strong Fraternity for mankind. Each of them has contributed greatly in many different ways and has left his mark for each of us to carry on. As we prepare to move into the twenty-first century, we must make sure that our Fraternity continues to be strong and well. We must do our utmost to improve our skills, to enhance our influence among good men and to carry out the charity that has been so important to Masons from time immemorial.

What can we do as Master Masons to make sure that we will be remembered as men who cared about our families, our Brothers, our society, and our world, and not an era of Masons who just passed by leaving society wondering what the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons did during the last half of the twentieth century. As your Grand Master, I have set my sights on the following goals for

each of us to achieve as Masons: We must become involved with the activities of our Fraternity; involved to a point that each of us can say, "I am involved and I feel good about it," and "I am proud to be a Master Mason."

We will be having family cultural programs throughout the State for friends and family on the third Sunday of the month; family picnics across the State in June; a Masonic night at a baseball game between the Phillies and Pirates in both great cities, and district religious services in every district for our families and friends. A more structured School for

"Let us promote the useful Arts, and by that means mark our superiority and distinction."

Ritualistic Instruction in every district and lodge has been planned for the proficiency of lodge officers and members. Grand Lodge visitations to our Veterans' Hospitals in Coatesville and Pittsburgh will be held to honor our Brethren. Seven regional Masonic libraries will be established, one in every region of our State. We will expand our Masonic Blood Club to include the Organ Donor Program for those who desire to become a part of this life-giving program, one that can show our charity toward others even after death. An offering of an insurance program at group savings to help your family and your Blue Lodge will be available for participation in the near future.

Our Pennsylvania Youth Foundation must be expanded to involve many more adults and young people. This involvement will not only help our Masonic Fraternity, but also will help communities and our society. The Drug and Alcohol program will be expanding its horizons to include a greater role with our police through the D.A.R.E. Program. We must take our **Friend to Friend** Membership Program to greater heights by getting every Pennsylvania Mason involved with membership development, without solicitation.

Brethren, a team is something you belong to, a binding together in a joint cooperative activity of fellowship that sets goals to accomplish. We must win against the decline in membership. One of the ways we will do this is by building

the Grand Master's team. Each of us will show others that he is on the team by sporting his team jacket. I am "Banking on You" to build the team, a team of members joined together hand-in-hand so that success can crown our effort. Secure a "Banking on You" card from lodge and begin to build your Masonic securities by becoming involved. Deposit your efforts so that you may withdraw companionship and outreach benefits. We must build a team; a team that is so strong that we will stop the membership decline and begin to show a continued membership growth through our **Friend to Friend** program.

We must improve our attendance in our Blue Lodge by placing an emphasis on good and interesting programs through Masonic Education. We should be cognizant of the obligation we all took as a Fellowcraft Mason.

Remember the Opening Charge, "Let us promote the useful Arts, and by that means mark our superiority and distinction." Brethren, this is a responsibility for each of us to enlarge his understanding of our degree work and apply it to his daily life. This is my theme for 1996 and 1997.

The Grand Master's Medallion forms the shape of an oblong square featuring a mother with two young children and entitled "Charity." The statue "Charity" is a carved piece of art that stands in this great Temple commissioned by this Grand Lodge in 1887. The officers of Grand Lodge felt compelled to make a statement in the form of sculpture about the importance of charity and a mother's love for her children. Today we also must make certain that we take care of that part of our charity work.

Why was I inspired to use this statue, "Charity," on my medallion? Because I became involved with helping a young boy who was in deep trouble not only in school, but also with himself. He needed someone to help him and so do many other young people who are seeking help from men like you today. It has been said, "Children need models more than they need critics."

One day this young man looked into my eyes and said, "Ed, why did my mother

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desert me? Why doesn't she want me?" My answer to him was, "Son, it is her loss and my gain." Brethren, there are many children who need us. You, too, can help a child by volunteering to become involved with the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. We as Masons, each of us can help a child with very little effort. I have supplied each of your lodges with the necessary information about this program. I hope that many of you have a desire to help a young person. Won't you become a model for a young person?

I am sure you can remember the things your mother did for you. I am sure, most of you have witnessed the "Flower Talk" ceremony portrayed by our DeMolay. I truly believe that the Masonic Fraternity would not be a Fraternity today if there had not been good mothers raising young men. Brethren, I truly believe we need to honor our mothers for their loving charity toward their children.

I trust that we can move our Grand Lodge into the next century by having all of our Blue Lodges computerized so that the mundane work that takes place in Grand Lodge as well as at the Blue Lodge level can be done much more quickly and with greater accuracy.

We obligated ourselves to help mankind, to improve ourselves, to help our Fraternity and to be charitable. This is the real purpose of our existence; it is not to make a living, but to make a life. So in the words of John Wesley...

*"Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the time you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can."*

Brethren, we all desire our Fraternity to continue to flourish or we would not be interested in making our Fraternity grow with the help of **Friend to Friend**. We can never tell what is in store for us as we provide help for the widow's son and we fulfill our charitable responsibilities. How do you want to be remembered? As a "Great Working Mason" because you were involved? Or, do you want to be known as a HAS-BEEN OR A NEVER-WAS?

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Edward O. Weisser

Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master



Bro. Weisser 111th R.W. Grand Master

Brother Edward O. Weisser, Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, was elected the 111th Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on December 6 and installed in that office at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27.

Elected and installed at the same time to serve with the Grand Master are:

Bro. James L. Ernette,

Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg,
R.W. Deputy Grand Master;

Bro. Robert L. Dlugie, Jr.,

Elysburg Lodge No. 414,
R.W. Senior Grand Warden;

Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.,

Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville,
R.W. Junior Grand Warden;

Bro. Marvin G. Speicher,

Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf,
R.W. Grand Treasurer;

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson,

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315,
Shippensburg,
R.W. Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Weisser was born in Langhorne where he has resided his entire life. He is married to the former Barbara Banks and they are the parents of two daughters, Robyn Rowlands and Kim Stockburger, and have one grandson, George Stockburger, VI. He has a twin brother, William, who will accompany him as the Grand Sword Bearer through his term as R.W. Grand Master.

He was educated in the Lower Moreland School District. He received an Associate of Science Degree from York College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cheyney University and a Degree of Master of Education from Temple University. He taught in the Neshaminy School District for 11 years. He is Vice President and Secretary of Eastern Dawn Mobile Home Park, Inc., Langhorne.

He is an active member of Langhorne United Methodist Church and has served as a church school teacher, Chairman of Education and Trustee.

Bro. Weisser began his Masonic career in Newtown Lodge No. 427, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1972. He is a member of York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite, Shrine and many other Masonic

Bro. Cunningham Elected and Installed R.W. Junior Grand Warden



Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham was elected and installed as the R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Cunningham, District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District from 1988 until his Installation as R.W. Junior Grand Warden, served as Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville in 1985. He was a Senior Instructor in the District School of Instruction in 1986 and 1987, also serving as its President the latter year. He is a member of the Committee of Masonic Homes.

He is a member of York Rite Bodies in Norristown. He is affiliated with Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11, Shamokin; Mary Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders; Penn Council No. 13, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216.

He is a Scottish Rite Member in Lodge of Perfection, Council Chapter and Consistory in the Valley of Allentown. He is a Shriner in LuLu Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Cunningham was born in Batavia, Iowa, September 1, 1933. Educated in public schools there and in Illinois, he was graduated from United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois, in 1952. After graduation, he was employed by International Harvester in East Moline, where he was active in the Boy Scouts and as a Sunday school teacher.

He is a Korean War and Vietnam conflict veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years, retiring as a Chief Dental Technician in September 1977. Bro. Cunningham began working for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections managing a 34-bench dental laboratory at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford. Before his retirement last October he was the Manager of Correctional Industries at Graterford, which includes a 1,500-acre farm and dairy.

Bro. Cunningham is married to the former Rosalie Brackett and they are parents of a daughter, Lori, and two sons, Marvin, Jr. and Robert. He is a member of the Evansburg United Methodist Church in Collegeville, where he has been a member and president of the Trustees.

“Friend to Friend” Program Continues With More Awards

R.W. Grand Master Weisser announced that the regular **Friend to Friend** awards program not only will be continued, but also will be expanded. Successful petitions presented since the **Friend to Friend** program began will be counted towards additional awards. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for first-line signers of one, two and three successful petitions for membership, respectively, will be awarded in the lodge. First-line signers of six successful petitions will receive a Lucite **Friend to Friend** desk award presented by the Grand Master at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. The **Friend to Friend** Throat Medallion for a first-line signer of 12 successful petitions also will be awarded by the Grand Master at a Quarterly Communication.

A special **Friend to Friend** Masonic Apron is a new award for a Pennsylvania Mason who becomes the first-line signer of 25 successful petitions. For a first-line signer of 50 successful petitions, a Pennsylvania Mason will be awarded a voucher for a trip for one person on the R.W. Grand Master's 1997 trip to Alaska. Those special awards will be presented by the Grand Master at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Brethren qualifying for the first three awards should confirm their eligibility with their lodge and be sure that they are awarded. Supplies of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards have been sent to the lodges. Secretaries should contact the Masonic Education Office for additional supplies. All of the succeeding awards require certification by the lodge secretary for presentation by the Grand Master.

Grand Master's Team to Earn "Friend to Friend" Jackets

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser would like to see all Pennsylvania Masons become members of the Grand Master's **Friend to Friend** Team. Those who earn their way onto the team will be awarded attractive, purple jackets with a **Friend to Friend** logo, like the one Past Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt (right) is modeling for Grand Master Weisser.



Any Pennsylvania Mason can become part of the team by being a first-line signer of a petition to secure a new member. The jacket will be awarded after the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree has been conferred upon the candidate. The jackets will be awarded either at a Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication or during one of the Visitations by the Grand Master throughout the Jurisdiction.

How To Qualify For a Bank

During 1996 and 1997, the award will be given to any Pennsylvania Mason who completes ten out of fifteen Fraternal activities. Every Pennsylvania Mason will receive a card on which to track his progress toward earning a bank. When he has ten tasks accomplished, either the Secretary or the Tyler of his Lodge will initial the card to verify their achievement. Ten of the following fifteen tasks must be accomplished; but the first five are required to be part of the ten:

- Sign two new Petitions.
- Attend your Lodge at least six times.
- Visit a guest at the Masonic Homes.
- Visit a youth group or work as a youth leader.
- Attend one Grand Lodge function, *i.e.*, *Quarterly, Cornerstone-Laying, a Lodge Room Dedication.* (*Grand Lodge Tyler will validate this.*)
- Serve as an Elected or Appointed Officer in your home Lodge.
- Sign for a young person to join a PA youth group.
- Volunteer to work in the Masonic Library.
- Become a Masonic Library Fellow.
- Visit a Veterans' Hospital to meet Masonic Brethren.
- Get a child for the Shriners Hospital.
- Visit a Masonic School of Instruction at least three times.
- Become a Big Brother through your Lodge.
- Volunteer to work with the Pennsylvania Youth Corps.
- Give at least \$50 to your Grand Lodge Masonic Charities.



FRIEND TO FRIEND

“Banking On You, Brother”

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner says that the Fraternity is "Banking On You, Brother," to be an active Freemason and participate in Masonic activities. The Grand Master will reward any Brother who establishes and verifies an exemplary Masonic record during 1996 and 1997 with a unique replica of an antique model bank that was cast in the shape of the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

More than a century ago, iron workers made toy banks in the shapes of buildings, many of them for small town banking institutions. Early Masons, who were also foundry men, produced a bank in the shape of the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, which became an unusual and desirable toy bank and subsequently a collectors' item. On July 21, 1874, an application for a United States patent was made in order to protect the special toy bank from unwanted reproduction. That date is imprinted on the bottom of the bank. Today, it is believed there are six original Masonic Temple banks existing. The Masonic Library and Museum now owns one of the original small banks.

Family Entertainment
*One Sunday a Month is Time to
Enjoy Afternoon of Cultural
Experiences*

Masons, their families and friends will be able to enjoy entertainment sponsored by the Grand Lodge one Sunday afternoon each month. The first program will be presented on Sunday, February 25, and then on each third Sunday through May. A full schedule of dates will be included in the next issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. The entertainment will be a variety of shows staged in Scottish Rite Cathedrals or schools across the state.

There will be a nominal donation of \$2 per adult (children under 12, free). Tickets for each month's shows will be available from your Blue Lodge Secretary, or at the door on a first-come basis the afternoon of the show. Each ticket will be good for any show in the state during that particular month.

A few of the confirmed programs are: The Greater Kensington String Band; Norris & James, pantomime artists; Tom Yurasits, magician; The Sounds of Nashville; and former Miss Pennsylvania, Jennifer Schaffer, vocalist.

In announcing the family entertainment, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner said that the programs enforce the charge to "... be a lover of the arts and sciences."

Now, It's the Blood and Organ Donor Club

Freemasons in Pennsylvania can now participate in the Grand Lodge Blood and Organ Donor Club, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser announced during the Annual Grand Communication. The expanded humanitarian effort will continue under the Committee co-chaired by Bros. Norman A. Fox and F. Rick Knepper.

Pennsylvania Freemasons are invited and earnestly encouraged to join in this organ donor effort, just as they have supported the ongoing blood donor program. The Grand Master notes in an announcement brochure, "We, as Masons, again can show our love for one another by giving the greatest gift of all—the gift of life!" Donor cards and information are available from the Blood Donor Chairmen or Junior Warden of your Lodge.

More than 40,000 men, women and children in the U.S.A. are awaiting life-saving organ transplants; but, unfortunately, not enough people have signed organ donor cards. The charitable concerns of Freemasons can help greatly and set an important example in meeting the life-saving needs.

Statewide Talent Search Offers Scholarships for High School Seniors

Masons in Pennsylvania are conducting a statewide musical talent search in which high school seniors will earn scholarships. There will be a local competition in each of the seven Masonic Regions in May, followed by the statewide competition in Harrisburg in June.

Scholarships have been established for two levels of competition. The first, or Regional Competitions, will award scholarships in each of the seven Masonic Regions. The winners in each Region will be awarded \$500 for first place; \$300 for second place; and \$200 for third place.

The Regional winners will compete on June 9 in Harrisburg for the state level scholarships: \$5,000 for first place; \$3,000 for second place; and \$2,000 for third place.

In December, R.W. Grand Master-Elect Edward O. Weissner sent an announcement letter to principals and music department chairpersons in all public, parochial and private schools. He asked them to invite their talented high school seniors to compete by performing six-minute vocal, dance or instrumental presentations. Applications for the competitions were to be returned by February 1.

The Grand Master-Elect explained, "Masons are encouraged to be lovers of the arts and sciences and our contest aims to encourage young people. By providing opportunities for performances and scholarships, we believe we are helping the youth of Pennsylvania."

Masonic Family Picnic Day

You can mark your calendar now: Saturday, June 8, will be Masonic Family Picnic Day in Pennsylvania. Simultaneous Masonic family picnics are planned for six major amusement parks across the State:

Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom, Rts. 309 and 222, Allentown; Hershey Park, 100 W. Hershey Drive, Hershey; Idlewild Park, Rts. 30 and 711, Ligonier; Kennywood, 4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin; Sandcastle, 1000 Sandcastle Dr., West Homestead; Knoebels, Rt. 487, Elysburg; and Waldameer Park and WaterWorld, Erie.



There will be detailed information in the May issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.



Officers of Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, are pictured on the steps of the Free Quaker Meeting House after the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Lodge's Constitution. They are (left to right): Front, Bros. J. B. Adams, Chaplain; Norman L. Day, S.W.; Robert Naylor, J.W.; Dale H. Fera, Sr., D.D.G.M., District E; Edwin S. Hart, III, W.M.; and LeRoy O. McClellan, P.M., Secretary; Back, Bros. David Traubel, Tyler; Edwin S. Hart, Jr., W.M.C.; Richard Gulezian, Pursuivant; Douglas Martz, J.M.C.; Lester Neffendorf, P.M., Treasurer; Roger Hanisco, P.M., J.D.; and Gary Neffendorf, S.D.

Concordia Lodge Caps Bicentennial Year

At its annual holiday party in December, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, capped a year-long 200th anniversary celebration.

Bicentennial events began in January 1995 with an Informal Visitation by then-R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt who presented one of Concordia's Past Masters, Bro. Dale H. Fera, Sr., as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "E." There was a second Informal Visitation by the Grand Master in September, the month in which Concordia Lodge was Warranted in 1795. The Grand Master

presented Fifty-Year Emblems of Gold and, at the banquet, the Lodge Trustees presented him with a \$25,000 check for Grand Lodge charitable works.

On the evening of its anniversary date, September 12, the lodge conducted a Special Meeting at the site of its Constitution, the Free Quaker Meeting House in Philadelphia.

Throughout the Bicentennial Year, **Friend to Friend** was prevalent, with Concordia Lodge showing an increase in initiations.



75-Year Recognition

Bro. John W. Coddling, who has been a member of Union Lodge No. 108, Towanda, since 1920, was presented with a Grand Lodge 75-Year Certificate of Recognition by Bro. James A. Pruyn, D.D.G.M., 16th Masonic District.

Bro. Coddling, now residing in Concord, Mass., visited his family home in Bradford County, where the certificate was presented.

Pine Grove's Charity A Year-Long Activity

Masons of Pine Grove Lodge No. 409 keep "Charity and Help to Mankind" in mind every time they come to the lodge hall. They are asked to bring with them canned goods or other non-perishable food items. Worshipful Master Harry J. Gensemer, Jr. said that for the third year the foodstuffs will be distributed during the holiday seasons by the area's Council of Churches to needy families.

Masons To Help Big Brothers/Big Sisters

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner has asked Masons in Pennsylvania to give of themselves, **Friend to Friend**, as active Brethren in support of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program in their counties.

He explained clearly in a letter for Lodge notices: "Masons always have been vitally interested in the improvement of mankind. Many have asked ... 'What can I do, as a Mason, to help mankind?' Brethren, you can help support the Grand Master's program of Masonic volunteers to work with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization in your county."

He continued, "We have good men in Freemasonry, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters have the needy children.... The only thing the children need is you, a Master Mason volunteering a small portion of your time.

Administrative, Location Changes Effected at Grand Lodge in Philadelphia

A series of administrative changes has been effected throughout Grand Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The business office of the Grand Master has been relocated from the first floor to the fourth floor. The Grand Master's personal office and conference room remain at the northwest corner of the first floor.

On December 27, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, the R.W. Grand Secretary, also became the Executive Director of Grand Lodge Operations. On February 1, Bro. Robert G. Boone took over full responsibility for AutoMasonry, the project to computerize and interconnect Grand Lodge and Blue Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

Also, on February 1, Bro. A. J. "Bud" Garvey filled the new position of Assistant to the Grand Master. Replacing Bro. Garvey as the Director of The Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children is Bro. Joseph W. Witte.

The Masonic Museum and Library of Pennsylvania is being expanded at its location on the first floor, taking over space vacated when the Office of the Grand Master was moved to the fourth floor. The remodeled space will provide more resource and reference space for the Library, a Library-Museum gift shop and office space for the Library and staff. Dr. Glenys A. Waldman, formerly the Assistant Librarian and Curator, is now the Librarian.

Joanne Ford is the Executive Secretary to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers and Anna Mae Hunt is an Administrative Assistant for the Committee on Masonic Education.

Outstanding P.M. Night for Lodge No. 582



It was an outstanding Past Masters' Night at Homestead-Amity-McCandless Lodge No. 582, Dravosburg. There were 68 Past Masters present, 21 of them Past Masters of Lodge No. 582, and 47 visiting Past Masters. Past Masters made up half of the 135 Brethren who attended the meeting. In addition, there were nine visiting Worshipful Masters from the 49th Masonic District. Dinner, attended by 120 Brethren, preceded the meeting.



The Past Masters' Night almost seemed like a mini-Scottish Rite reunion for five 33rd Degree Masons. Bro. Jay E. McElravy (left rear), D.D.G.M., 49th Masonic District, and Bro. Thomas E. Barlow (right rear), W.M., Homestead-Amity-McCandless Lodge, are shown with (front row, left to right): Bros. Milan Tomich, W.M., and Joseph Revesz, P.M., both of St. John's-Trinity Lodge No. 736, Pittsburgh, and Bro. David K. Johnstone, P.M. of McKinley Lodge and P.D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District.

New Mason Confers Two Degrees Same Night

Bro. Patrick M. Toomey, 26, has been a member of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197 for less than a year. Just six weeks after he began learning the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree, he not only conferred that degree, but he also conferred the Master Mason's Degree -- both in the long form on the same night.

According to Bro. Toomey, "I began learning the First Degree to earn the right to be appointed an officer. Then, I decided to learn the Third Degree at the same time because I really wanted to confer the Master Mason's Degree for my brother, Ron. It was the chance of a lifetime and I'm sure glad I did it!"

Bro. Toomey was taught the degrees by his recommender, Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, P.M. of Cumberland Star Lodge, and used Bro. Vaughn's learning system to master both degrees after a total of only 35 hours of instruction.

Cornerstone Laid for the \$10-Million Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies for the \$10-million Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center were conducted by R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on October 9.



The new Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, expected to be occupied this Spring, will house seven Blue Lodges, the offices of the 15,000-member Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh, the York Rite Bodies, Islam Grotto, a 500-seat theater, and a 500-seat banquet facility. The center replaces the old Masonic Temple in Oakland, which was sold to the University of Pittsburgh.

A full complement of the Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers and four Past Grand Masters participated in the ceremonies, as well as 12 District Deputy Grand Masters. Also participating were the seven Blue Lodges that will meet in the center, the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh, the York Rite Bodies, the Grotto and the Shrine.



THE CAPSTONE shown here will be set in place in the completed Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.



ACCOMPANIED IN THE EAST by honored guests, R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt opens the Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies for the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

PROGRESS ON THE NEW Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center continues. Occupancy by the Masonic Bodies of the area is expected this Spring.

A dinner hosted by Bro. George H. Hott, Jr., the 55th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, was held at the Holiday Inn in Ross Township. Remarks of achievement were offered by Bro. David S. Kielman, 47th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, who is President of the Masonic Fund Society of Allegheny County, builder of the center. The historic event for Pittsburgh area Freemasons concluded with the address by R.W. Grand Master Hohenschildt.

NORTH TO ALASKA

The Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

Presents Alaska Glacier Route Cruise Tour

(First Week of August 1997)

- Plus Post Cruise Options
This trip is open to Masons and Friends (Non-Masons)
- There will be four options available:
1. Fly to Seattle from either Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Harrisburg, bus trip to Vancouver to board the ship and then cruise the inland waterway to Seward, Alaska. Then fly directly home.
(Total 7 days)
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(Total 9 days)
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(Total 11 to 14 days)
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(Total 13 to 16 days)

Your Trip To Alaska Will Include:
Air Transportation • Cabin per grade selected
All shipboard meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, midnight buffet, etc. • First class entertainment • Captain's Welcome Aboard Party • Plus selected options.

The total cost for the cruise, airfare and options has not been determined at this time. However, the cruise fare has been guaranteed at 1994 prices.

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Enclosed is my check payable to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$100.00 for each reservation. Refund of deposit will be made up to May 1, 1997 on all cancellations except for 10%.

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Library and Museum Gift Shop



There's a "little store" in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Since last August, the "little store" has been only a catalog outlet; but now it is acquiring display and sales space in the expansion of the Library and Museum on the first floor of Grand Lodge.

The attractive first catalog of Masonic gift items and supplies (whose cover picture of Ben Franklin, the Craftsman, is shown here) made its debut last August at Grand Master's Day. If you would like a catalog, contact the Library and Museum at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The catalog will be revised as necessary to add new items.

Response to the catalog has been enthusiastic; e.g. item ML12b, "Benjamin Franklin Craftsman Coin," sold out quickly. If you are interested in that item, let the Library and Museum personnel know. Consideration will be given to having the coin restruck if there are sufficient requests.



Talking About Bro. Franklin

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library and Museum, Bro. and Dr. Whitfield J. Bell, one of the leading authorities on Benjamin Franklin, presented a paper on the famous American who also was an early Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania (1734 and 1749). At the same October 14 meeting, there was a fascinating interaction between two exciting visitors. "Bro. Ben Franklin" portrayed by Bro. Dean Bennett (left in photo) spoke of some of the interesting events of "his" life. Bro. Carl W. Homan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Temple, who portrayed "Bro. and President George

Washington," also spoke. At right is Bro. John H. Platt, Jr., of the Library and Museum.

Bro. Bell, then a member of the Board of Directors of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, was for some time the Editor of *The Franklin Papers*. He also held the position of Executive Officer of the American Philosophical Society, founded by Bro. Franklin in Philadelphia. During the meeting, the Friends also hosted ladies who had accompanied Brethren to Philadelphia for the York Rite Festival being held in the Masonic Temple.



Bro. Joseph W. Witte



Bro. A. J. Garvey

Bro. Joseph W. Witte is New Drug & Alcohol Director



R.W. Deputy Grand Master James L. Ernette, President of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children announced that Bro. Joseph W. Witte, a former Philadelphia Police Lieutenant last commanding a Division's Narcotic Processing Unit, became the Director of the Foundation on January 1. He replaced Bro. A. J. "Bud" Garvey, who is now Assistant to the Grand Master.

The new director has seen first-hand the effects that drug and alcohol abuse have on society. Through more than a quarter of a century of police work, he has not only worked in crime prevention, detection and apprehension, but also has participated in numerous community policing programs. He has been a speaker for the D & A Foundation and has dealt extensively with the media. Bro. Witte is Senior Warden of Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Philadelphia, and a Shriner of LuLu Temple.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

1	February	24	Donora
	March	9	New Castle
	March	16	Pittsburgh
9	March	23	Everett
	March	30	Harrisburg
9	April	13	Allentown
	April	20	Bradford
	April	27	Philadelphia
6	May	11	Warren
	May	18	Williamsport
1	February	22	Washington
	March	8	New Castle
	March	15	Pittsburgh
9	March	22	Johnstown
	April	5	Harrisburg
9	April	12	Bradford
	April	19	Allentown
	April	26	Philadelphia
7	May	3	Edinburgh
	May	10	Williamsport

Patient Self-Determination



What is Patient Self-Determination? It is the intrinsic right of individuals to be free to make choices about themselves based on needs and beliefs while taking into consideration the consequences of those choices.

Many people realize, when they take time to think about it, that they have feelings about quality of life and quality of death as they relate to medical care. Patient self-determination is taking those feelings to the point of action to see that wishes are carried out in the event that an individual is unable to communicate those desires . . . creating advanced directives.

In December 1991, our governing bodies in Washington, D.C., passed the Patient Self-Determination Act. This Act applies to all facilities that accept reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. It requires facilities to write and implement policies regarding the patient's right to make decisions concerning medical care and/or the right to refuse treatment and create advanced directives. This means that the choices one makes regarding care and refusal of medical treatment are now protected by law.

For a significant percentage of Americans, the passage of this Act was a great relief. It is a comfort to know that what one has chosen regarding care is legally protected. Advanced directives can be many things, among which it can be appointing a Power of Attorney or creating a Living Will. It is important to inform those close to you about the choices you have made. Talk to your physician, your family members, or close friends. It is only by writing those wishes formally as well as informing those around you that you can feel the freedom that this Act allows.

Not only should you make those around you aware of your wishes concerning advanced directives, but also you should be aware of your loved-ones' wishes as well, so that you can be instrumental in fulfilling their needs. Opening a dialogue with your parents, spouse, or other loved-one may be difficult, but it can be done gently and with great respect for his wishes. Advanced directives may be only one of many issues you should be discussing with your loved-one. *USA Today* in a special report on aging issues in July 1995, provided the following tips on how to begin talking with loved-ones about aging issues. The copyrighted article, reprinted below with permission, is geared toward talking with parents, but the points made are applicable to many situations.

Ask Advice—A good way to open the dialogue is to seek your parents' counsel: "I'm getting around to making a Will; how did you go about this?" And, "I always admired the way you planned for retirement. How did you do it?"

Plan Ahead—Prepare your parents ahead of time so they can give you their full attention. "I'd like a chance to talk to you about (what-ever). What is the best time to talk?"

Have a Goal—Decide what you want to leave the conversation with—permission to get your parents a Living Will, for example. Know how to get one and steer the conversation to this one, specific goal.

Ease Into The Conversation—The more relaxed you are, the better. Again, present only one idea at a time. Conversations need a clear focus.

Listen Carefully—If your parents perceive you are really listening, they may give you important information, and they may be more willing to compromise during the more emotional conversations that lie ahead.

Offer Limited Assistance—Offer your opinions; don't give "advice." Acknowledge their competence. Ask questions like, "Given what we already know, what is your next step?"

Use "I" Statements—They are not judgmental, while "you" statements are. For example, "I am worried about you when you drive late at night" is more effective than, "You are not a good enough night driver."

Don't Interrupt—Curb your need to argue, make judgments, or offer solutions. Implicit should be respect for the decisions they make for themselves. Ask questions that help your parents decide if their plans are realistic: "If your plan doesn't work, what else might you do?"

Separate Your Issues From Your Parents'—If you are the one having the problem, say so. Your parents may feel fine about night driving, you are the one who worries. Don't try to shift the concern.

Step Back If There's a Fight—Take a deep breath and realize you don't have to respond immediately to every objection or view it as an attack. Nod your head and listen. This provides validation. Or try saying, "Where do you think we should go from here?" And, "We may disagree, but I will listen and I will care."

Allow Time—Let them react and adjust to the content of your conversation. Issues are rarely settled at a single sitting.

Recognize Limitations—Despite your good intentions, parents may refuse to answer.

Find Other Help—Go to other family members, ones with more influence or fewer emotional issues than you have with your parents. Or hire a neutral third party, such as a counselor who specializes in elder issues, for some brief, limited help.

Educate yourself and your loved ones on the options available and most importantly, take action to make sure that your wishes and the wishes of your loved ones are honored! To obtain a copy of a Living Will Form and educational material, contact your physician, lawyer, or call Masonic Homes Outreach Program at: **1-800-462-7664 or (717) 361-5080.**

Masonic Homes Opens New Transitional Unit

The Masonic Homes of Elizabethtown is pleased to announce the opening of a Transitional Unit in early 1996. The Transitional Unit will be located in the Masonic Health Care Center and will offer care to individuals during their transition from the hospital to a nursing care facility, residential, or independent living setting.

Individuals today are being discharged earlier from hospitals and frequently require the special attention, education, and procedures we will be offering in this unit. The Transitional Unit will provide specialized care through a well-trained care plan team under the direction of a Transitional Unit Manager.

The unit will be placing emphasis on rehabilitation and recovery. The Transitional Unit will provide a positive environment for individuals with the primary goal of returning them to the most independent living situation possible.

For more information on the Transitional Unit of the Masonic Homes, please contact:

Administrator, Health Care Services
Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
717-367-1121 Ext. 33117

Construction Update Site Plan Unveiled Cottage Expansion



Plans have been announced for the new Independent Living cottages at the Masonic Homes. The site plan shows the potential for developing up to a total of 100 cottages. Phases A and B, which consist of 18 cottages each, are estimated to be completed in Spring and Summer of 1997. These cottages include three basic floor plans. Some of these plans have basements available for those who desire extra room for entertaining or to pursue hobbies. Many of the cottages in the first two phases have been reserved, but there are still several cottage plans from which to choose. Four of the cottage floor plans include skylights and vaulted ceilings. For more information, contact Pat Gible or Hollie Smith at Masonic Homes' Independent Living at 1-800-676-6452.

Though the seasons change, work continues at a feverish pace on the new apartment projects. The Brown Apartments are now finished, and many residents have moved in. The bright and colorful atrium has become a focal point in the new building.

The Eisenlohr Projects are now well underway. The Eisenlohr Commons

Dining Facility is completed and serving residents of the Brown and Charles Eisenlohr Apartments. Eventually, the residents of the Louis Eisenlohr and Smith Apartments also will be served at Eisenlohr Commons.



Orange — Phase A; Red — Phase B;
Blue — Phase C; Green — Phase D;
Tan — Phase E; Brown — Phase F

Design work on the two Smith Buildings is proceeding well. Efforts are being made to preserve the main fireplaces and original woodwork in the public areas of the buildings. Both of the Smith Buildings will have spaces that will serve the residents of this and other areas of the Masonic Homes. These spaces most likely will include a ceramics room, painting room, and a multi-purpose room.

Free Tables, Chairs Available

As a result of renovations to Masonic Homes' Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room in Elizabethtown, approximately 40 round wood tables, 58 inches in diameter, as well as approximately 300 wooden chairs are available. These items are suitable for lodge dining rooms and are available free on a "first-come" basis. Interested lodges should contact Gerry Tracy, Director of Environmental Services, at Masonic Homes, (717)-367-1121 Ext. 33104. Lodges will be responsible for picking up and transportation.

Attention New Masons

Masonic Homes News Flash

If you became a Mason between June 1, 1995, and December 31, 1995, you are invited to an open house at the Masonic Homes on March 30, 1996. We promise that the day will be a fun-filled, educational opportunity. Mark that date on your family calendar. You will receive a personal invitation closer to the time.

For additional information you may contact: Executive Director's Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199; Phone (717)-367-1121, ext. 33262.

Volunteers Needed in Elizabethtown

"Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."

The 1990's and the turn of this century will be remembered as the decade of service, and so we continue to rely on volunteerism as a support to supplement and further enhance the well-being and the meaning of life for our residents. The Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown, a 430-bed facility, is seeking volunteers to join its Volunteer Services program. A commitment of three to four hours weekly in a chosen area is requested, and a complimentary meal is offered to all volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities are available in these areas: escorts are needed in the Physical Therapy Department to transport wheelchair residents back to their rooms after treatment; the beauty shop requests volunteers to escort residents to and from their areas; hosts/hostesses are needed to take the snack cart through the Masonic Health Care Center on a scheduled route, offering candy and cards to residents. The newly-constructed gift shop/boutique is seeking volunteer sales attendants; and volunteers are sought for Sundays to escort residents to and from church services. Most shifts are during the day, Monday through Friday, with several opportunities available in the evenings and weekends.

Call (717) 367-1121 ext. 33175 today for additional information and to see what small things you can do in a great way.

Ladies Pin

A wreath surrounds a keystone as a symbol of Pennsylvania, upon which is superimposed the Square and Compasses and "G" on a blue enamel background.



Eight New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Grand Master, has appointed eight new District Deputy Grand Masters as follows:



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St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529
5720 Rising Sun Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19120-1627
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135, 155, 368, 529, 773 and 782



Masonic District D
Kenneth W. Bleiler
Frankford Lodge No. 292
935 Beverly Road
Rydal, PA 19046
For Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 52, 211, 292,
506, 600, 671, 717 and 751



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Fritz Lodge No. 420
412 West Tenth Avenue
Conshohocken, PA 19428-1416
For Lodges Nos. 190, 273, 308, 310,
420, 558, 581, 620 and 744



13th Masonic District
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Oriental Star Lodge No. 588
1425 Green Ridge Street
Dunmore, PA 18509
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523, 584, 588 and 597



25th Masonic District
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Western Star Lodge No. 304
R.D. #4, Box 3D-1
Cochran, PA 16314-9371
For Lodges Nos. 234, 258, 304, 408,
424, 473, 498 and 790



35th Masonic District
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Catawissa Lodge No. 349
R.R. 1, Box 363
Catawissa, PA 17820
For Lodges Nos. 224, 265, 349, 354,
460, 462, 516 and 667



37th Masonic District
William R. Marvin
Parlan Lodge No. 662
320 Sylvia Drive
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
For Lodges Nos. 229, 259, 457, 485,
662, 672, 701 and 791



50th Masonic District
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R.R. #4, Box 4043
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
For Lodges Nos. 311, 325, 413, 565,
594, 622, 628 and 780

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Bro. F. Rick Knepper,
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(The Grand Lodge Elected Officers are also members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes. Bro. Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Grand Master was elected by the Committee to serve as Chairman.)

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"Inspiration" Key Word In Winning Presentation and True Life Story

There are two inspirational stories related to one event. Bro. Stephen R. Vanucci presented one story during the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication on December 6. It was the story he created to win the Pennsylvania Masonic Education Committee's statewide competition. The other story relates his inspiration to join Freemasonry.

For his winning story, he utilized slides made from the cover of the **Friend to Friend** brochure. He "introduced" each of the famous Brothers on the cover and shared what he imagined to have been each one's feelings regarding Freemasonry. He concluded with the inspirational message that each one portrayed had not planned to be famous. However, through his work and dedication to the principles of Freemasonry, each achieved fame and impacted positively, not only on the Fraternity, but also on the society in which each lived.

Now, his real-life story: Eight years ago, Stephen Vanucci was newly employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be Regional Coordinator for the Student Assistance Program. His first day on the job, he was in Elizabethtown to observe a week-long training session for 150 educators. The lead trainer had resigned and, suddenly, Vanucci was enlist-

ed, without training, to lead the session.

That evening, he walked outside of Patton Hall and stood in a light rain before Carpenter Chapel anticipating with fear and anxiety the task before him. Suddenly the lights behind the Carpenter Chapel stained glass window came on and the Chapel chimes began to play "Amazing Grace." He says that faith replaced fear and a sense of calm overcame the anxiety — that tears blended with the light rain, and he knew that God had led him to this task and would provide the strength and guidance necessary for him to perform.

That experience and the personal associations he found in the program at the Patton Campus were profound and caused Stephen Vanucci to inquire into becoming a Freemason.

Bro. Vanucci returned to Elizabethtown many times after that to provide training for the Student Assistance Program, eventually training 179 school districts in a program funded by Pennsylvania Masons through The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.



Winners Selected in 1995 Lodge Program Competition

The winners of the 1995 Lodge Program Competition in the seven Masonic Regions of the state presented their programs at the 10th Annual Masonic Education Conference on October 13 and 14 at the Patton Campus, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown. The state winner of the written program competition, selected by the conference participants, was Bro. Stephen R. Vanucci, Sunset Lodge No. 623, District 29, Region 4. The state winner of the media competition was Bro. Bryan C. Wineberg, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, District 39, Region 3.

The regional winners were:

Region 1:

Bro. James A. Ray, Hiram Lodge No. 87, District "E."

Region 2:

Bro. John W. W. Loose; participants in the winning program, Bros. Robert Beitzel, P.M.; Richard Brocco, P.M.; Bernard Donnelly, P.M.; Nathaniel Gilchrist, S.W. Lodge No. 43, 1st District.

Region 3:

Bro. Richard J. Ingham; Bryan C. Wineberg (Media), John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, 39th District.

Region 4:

Bro. Thomas A. Cooper (Media); participants, Bros. Jerry J. Strennan, William J. Bryan, Jr., P.M., Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, 31st District; Stephen R. Vanucci, Sunset Lodge No. 623, 29th District.

Region 5:

Bro. William L. Slocum, Stillwater Lodge No. 547, 56th District.

Region 6:

Bro. Richard L. Mix, Lodge No. 106, 18th District.

Region 7:

Bro. Gary A. O'Neal, Knapp Lodge No. 462, 35th District.



Past DDGM Honored for 50 Years

Prior to the November 3 Annual Banquet of Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown, there was a Special Meeting of the Lodge during which R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt (center) presented the Fifty Year emblem of Gold to Bro. George E. Boyer (right), Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 40th Masonic District and Past Master of the Lodge. Second from right is R. W. Deputy Grand Master Edward O. Weissner and at left are Bro. Charles E. Bast, the Worshipful Master of Stichter Lodge, and Bro. Roland H. Schock, the present District Deputy Grand Master.

The Future of Masonry... Together we can grow

Adapted from paper by Daniel E. Houlahan, Director of Marketing for DeMolay International



The Order of DeMolay is in a real position to help secure the future of all organizations within Masonry. Why? Because DeMolay members know Masons. They look up to them. They appreciate the time Masons spend with them and they are already familiar with much of the nomenclature, symbols, philanthropies, morals and values of the Craft.

DeMolays usually meet in Masonic buildings. Often they are involved in, or working for, one or more Masonic philanthropies. Many DeMolays have Masonic employers for after-school jobs. In some cases, the Masons who serve as DeMolay advisors are the only consistent and reliable male role models these young men have in their lives.

Even though only 1 out of every 1,000 young men in the United States age 12 to 21 years becomes a DeMolay, many of the nation's leaders in local business, religion, and politics were DeMolays in their teens. These men remember that their DeMolay experience was made possible by Masons. And they are the most likely, at some time in their lives, to join a Masonic Lodge.

In advertising and public relations it is often said that "product knowledge and awareness is everything." This is also true when we speak of the future of Masonry. DeMolay members are taught Masonic values through a unique ritual of their own. Their curiosity leads them to learn who the Masons are and to know what Freemasonry stands for.

Do you want to know what young people think about Freemasonry? Compare these opinions expressed by non-members and members of DeMolay, gathered from a DeMolay directed 1995 Gallup Organization Survey:

Of the non-DeMolay group of young men surveyed, only seventeen percent (17%) had ever heard of Masonry or the Masons.

The 17% of the non-DeMolay young men surveyed, who had heard of Masonry, were then asked for their opinion of Masonry or the Masons.

Of those, only seventeen percent had a completely positive opinion about the Craft.

Thirty-eight percent said they had a somewhat positive opinion of Masonry.

Forty-four percent said their opinions ranged from not having one, to somewhat negative, to completely negative.

Conversely, "Almost all DeMolay members said they were familiar with the Masons."

"Nearly all members (94%) said they were aware that the Masons (or groups of Masons) sponsor their DeMolay Chapters and that the dedicated men who make up their Advisory Councils are mostly Masons."

"When asked about their opinion of the Masonic fraternity, 95% of the DeMolay members, said their opinion of Masonry was positive to completely positive."

DeMolay members already know about Masonry. They have good opinions of Masonry. Many DeMolay members join Masonry in later life. Freemasonry's support of DeMolay today is a guaranteed investment to produce more Masons tomorrow!

Just as DeMolay can help secure the future of Masonry, Masonry can help firm up the foundation of today's DeMolay, — the next generation of Masons. By collectively working on membership, together we can grow!

25 Masons Visit DeMolay Chapter

Twenty-five Masons from six of the ten Lodges in the 31st Masonic District visited Fayette Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in Uniontown in October. During the Chapter meeting, one of the DeMolay members presented the DeMolay "Ceremony of Light" and another gave a presentation on the "Pledge of Allegiance and the American Flag." Several visiting DeMolay members of Templar Chapter in Dravosburg assisted Fayette Chapter. Bro. John Hisiro, District Deputy Grand Master, said that it was a most enjoyable, enlightening evening for both the Masons and the DeMolay members.

Boy Scouts of America 85 Years Young

The Boy Scouts of America continue their year-long celebration, of 85 years of service to youth, and you are invited to see a very special—unique—exhibit of Lord Baden-Powell's Boy Scout Memorabilia in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Lord Baden-Powell was the founder of the Boy Scout movement in England. Although not a Mason, the principles he set forth are much like those of Freemasonry. The exhibit was conceived by Philadelphia schoolteacher and Boy Scout leader Donald E. Ross and arranged by a guest curator, Bro. George B. Thompson, Masonic Education Chairman of Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385. The exhibit is on view for the first part of 1996.

Programs Available

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

Four Lodges in Williamsport Sponsor Successful Blood Drive

Four lodges in Williamsport sponsored a Red Cross Bloodmobile donation day at the First Baptist Church, when 86 pints of blood were collected — six more than the goal set for the day. One Mason, Bro. Bruce L. Frimyer, is shown becoming a ten-gallon donor that day; but still has a way to go to catch up to Bro. Robert O. Fries, (standing right) an 18-gallon contributor, and Bro. Robert L. Miller, (center) a 16-gallon donor.



(Photo courtesy of Sun-Gazette, Williamsport)

The Williamsport lodges that sponsored the Bloodmobile were Lodge No. 106, Ivy Lodge No. 397, John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, and Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755. To sponsor the Bloodmobile,

the lodges solicited donors, paid for newspaper advertising, provided refreshments for donors and supplied manpower to unload and reload the equipment. The pastor of the First Baptist Church is Bro. and Rev. Allen H. Goss, a Grand Lodge Chaplain.

Visit to a Centenarian

Eight Brethren from Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, traveled in cars to visit their Masonic Brother Rodney George Clingaman (center in photo), who was 100 years old on August 30. He noted that their travel was far different from the way he traveled to Lodge 78 years ago to become a Mason. In 1917, the principal mode of travel in Chester County was horse and buggy. Bro. Russell W. Baker, D.D.G.M. (left), Fifth Masonic District and Howell Lodge Worshipful Master Phillip B. DeMarra (right) presented Bro. Clingaman with a letter of 100th birthday congratulations from R.W.G.M. George H. Hohenschildt and a Masonic Service Certificate recognizing his 78 years of good Masonic standing.



Why I Joined Masonry!

Following are excerpts from a talk given at Past Masters' Night of Sunset Lodge No. 623, Washington, PA, by Bro. William R. Smith, Chaplain.

When I became interested in ... the Masonic Fraternity, I was not quite sure what to expect. So I did a little research

I found that 14 of our nation's presidents were Masons (as were) many of the world's top industrialists ... astronauts, athletes, doctors, lawyers, entertainers and clergymen. I saw teachers, salesmen, laborers, police officers — all Masons ... gathered together in brotherhood.

I discovered that Masonic organizations (give) literally millions of dollars per year (which are) donated to charitable causes.

Most important, all Freemasons have a firm belief in one God. When put together, these three distinct Masonic characteristics — brotherhood, philanthropy and belief in one God — it is easy to see why anyone would want to belong to this Fraternity.

I now call men "Brother" whom I used to call "sir," or "mister." When a man comes to me as a Master Mason ... it (is) a motivation, (because) it is our Masonic leaders of the past who paved the way for a man of my youth hopefully to become a leader in the future.

It is truly a great privilege ... to be a Mason, for a man with a Brother — or better yet, Brethren — is never alone. From the Book of Psalms 133:3 comes this verse: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" ... The friendships I have formed with my Brethren through Degree Work, conversation in Lodge or (Fraternal) recreation are extremely valuable to me.... I am truly thankful.

Lodge Repairs Emergency Radio Equipment for Town Watch

Officers of the year-old Fox Chase Town Watch came to dinner in the Grand Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia to say, "thank you" to St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529 and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their donation of much-needed emergency radio equipment. After dinner, the Town Watch officers were escorted to Renaissance Hall where they met members and presented a plaque which reads: "Presented to St. Alban-Swain Lodge in recognition of your generous contribution to the Fox Chase Town Watch."

Following the tragic death of Eddy Polec, the neighborhood boy who had been attacked by a marauding band of teenagers, the Fox Chase Town Watch was quickly created. Because of the lack of radio equipment, the new community group borrowed portable units from nearby Bustletown-Bowler Town Watch, which also allowed the use of their base station and communications facilities.



A plaque in appreciation for its contribution to restore emergency radio equipment is presented to St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529 by the Fox Chase Town Watch officers. Shown (left to right) are: Bro. J. Richard Kiefer, Jr., Chairman of Trustees of the Permanent Charities Fund of the Lodge; Charles Heintzelman, Town Watch Vice President; Joseph Kurtz, Town Watch President; Bro. Paul A. Kreft, W.M.; Patricia Kelly, Town Watch Secretary; Peggy Van Bell, Town Watch Treasurer; and Bro. Martin J. Grochowski, P.M., Chairman of the Lodge Committee on Charity.

Through fortuitous circumstances, Bro. Daniel J. Hinds, Superintendent of the Masonic Temple, became aware of the Fox Chase need at the same time that the Grand Lodge was acquiring a new radio system for the Masonic Temple guards and maintenance staff. The Fox Chase Town Watch was welcome to have the retired system as a gift. It was to be restored if funds could be found for repair. St. Alban-Swain Lodge learned of the situation and promptly donated \$2,000 from the Permanent Charity Fund of the Lodge.

This is a story of charity that illustrates what can come about when citizens and community-conscious organizations work together. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, St. Alban-Swain Lodge, Fox Chase Town Watch volunteers, the supporting people of Fox Chase, and the Philadelphia police are all part of the team effort that is making a safer community.

Lodge Gift Shows Concern for Family

Fidelity Lodge No. 655, Wilkes-Barre, has been giving its members, friends and neighbors a 3½" x 6" vinyl-coated magnetic strip for emergency phone numbers that can be posted on a refrigerator or other metal object as a potential life-saving memento for their homes. Above the emergency list is the inscription, "Friend to Friend, Ask a Mason about Freemasonry." The first distribution of the useful gift was the Lodge's second annual Friend to Friend Golf Tournament in the Fall.

FIDELITY NO. 655		LODGE F&AM
FRIEND TO FRIEND ASK A MASON ABOUT FREEMASONRY		
EMERGENCY NUMBERS		
Police: _____		
Fire: _____		
Doctor: _____		
Hospital: _____		
Ambulance: _____		
Poison Ctrl.: _____		
Relative: _____		
Neighbor: _____		
Other: _____		
<small>(Ball Point Pen Recommended)</small>		

Halloween Haunted Hay Ride

Tamaqua Lodge No. 238 in the 45th Masonic District took families of the community on haunted hayrides — three trips before it rained on Friday evening, October 27, and many more on Saturday. Ladies of The Eastern Star served cookies and cupcakes; members provided other snacks, and the Grier Dairy contributed iced tea.



Grand Master to Recognize Increased Lodge Attendance

Increasing attendance at Meetings indicates a growing vitality of the Lodge. Accordingly, the R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser will recognize those Lodges who show outstanding increases in their attendance. Plaques will be awarded to those Lodges in the seven Masonic Regions of Pennsylvania who achieve the greatest percentage of increase in attendance for their sizes. There will be six classifications of sizes for awards: Up to 149 Members; 150-224 Members; 225-324 Members; 325-499 Members; 500-699 Members, and 700 or more Members.

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Lodge Supports Explorer Post



Bro. Joseph W. Capone, P.M., from Philadelphia-Potter Lodge No. 72 (third from right) is seen presenting a check to Miss Miriam Lopez, President of the D.E.A. Law Enforcement Explorer Troop stationed in Philadelphia. Brother Capone is a Philadelphia Police Detective and one of the moderators of this Explorer troop. Philadelphia-Potter Lodge is the main sponsor for this Explorer group. Also seen in picture are from left to right: Special Agent Jerry Turner, Special Agent James Farnsworth, Ms. Ellen Williams, Coordinator of Explorer groups for the Boy Scouts of America and Special Agent Bro. Henry Vinson, moderator and a Prince Hall Mason.

Collectible Nutcracker

Newly Installed R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner headlined the installation celebration, the "High Hat Gala," and featured the specially designed nutcracker in the garb of a Worshipful Master as the decorative centerpiece for each table at the dinner.

According to German folklore, nutcrackers were given as keepsakes to bring good luck to the family and protect the home. This collector's item wears the formal attire of a Worshipful Master in full regalia. He is intended to celebrate the virtues of Freemasonry and underscore the attributes of leadership as personified by the Master of the Lodge.

This symbol was created by Steinbach Collectibles in Hohenhameln in the northern region of Germany. Each collectible is hand-crafted and hand-painted by skilled artisans. While the supply of the limited edition lasts, they are available for purchase in the gift shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.



Eighth Friend to Friend Throat Medallion Awarded

Prior to concluding his term as R.W. Grand Master during the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt presented the most recent Outstanding Achievement Throat Medallion Award of the **Friend to Friend** Program. The award is presented to those Brethren who are first-line signers of the petitions of 12 or more initiates.

The eighth award was presented in Grand Lodge to Bro. David R. Allman of Crescent Lodge No. 576, Pittsburgh. Bro. Allman, who has been a Mason since 1983, served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge this past year.

Several weeks earlier, the Grand Master had presented Throat Medallion Awards to:

Bro. James A. O'Connor, State College Lodge No. 700, a Mason since 1988 and was serving his Lodge as Junior Warden when he received the award; Bro. Francis D. Schneider, Avalon Lodge No. 657, Bellevue, a Mason for seven years; and Bro. John Verelst, Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie, a Mason for two years.

In the Spring, the Grand Master had presented Throat Medallion awards to Bro. Robert P., Panosetti, Sr., Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg, and Bro. William A. Bailey, Sr., Christiana Lodge No. 417.

The first Outstanding Achievement Throat Medallion was presented in 1994 to Bro. Peter Spzak, Reading Lodge No. 549, who became a Mason in 1993 and was serving his Lodge as Senior Master of Ceremonies at the time.



Freemasonry is Primary . . .

By Bro. Thomas W. Jackson
R.W. Grand Secretary

My Brothers:

In recent years I have become more of a student of Freemasonry than I was in the past, and, although I still hesitate to think of myself as a Masonic scholar, there are those who tend to put me into that category. Whether I have become a student or a scholar of the Craft is not as significant as is my recognition of the great dearth of Masonic students and scholars in present-day Freemasonry as compared with the past. I doubt whether any would deny that one of the greatest problems facing Freemasonry today is the lack of knowledge of what it truly is, and this includes both the Mason as well as the non-Mason. We simply have far too great a percentage of our Membership unwilling to make the effort to understand the true philosophy and meaning of our Fraternity.

A story is told of an old French doctor who devoted his life to his patients giving much of himself and requiring little in return. If they could not afford to pay, he made no charge. When the day approached that the old doctor could no longer continue in his profession, his patients wanted to give something to the old man in return for the devotion and unselfish contributions he made to their lives. However, they were too poor to give the old doctor the type of recognition which they felt he deserved. Each, however, produced wine for his own use. They decided that each would make a contribution of one pitcher of wine and they would present the doctor with a barrel of wine from which he could draw as he relaxed following retirement.

When the inevitable day came and the speeches of recognition and gratitude were completed, the old doctor accepted the wine from those he served so long and so well, and he returned to his home. He drew a glass

from the vat of wine and sat down in a chair to relax. When he tasted the wine, however, it tasted like water. Thinking that something must be wrong, he took a second glass, but it also tasted like water, and sadly the truth was revealed.

Each one of his patients felt that he had too little for his own use and that he could not afford to contribute to the doctor. Each reasoned that since so many others were giving, his small contribution would not be missed.

How sad, and yet how true, that this analogy can also be applied to our Fraternity today. So many feel that their little contribution will not be missed, and as a result Freemasonry, like the old doctor, who meant so much to so many, experiences the disappointment.

The more familiar I become with this organization, the more impressed I become with the magnitude of the impact that it has made on the world as we know it today. There can be no doubt that without Freemasonry the civilized world, in its present form, probably would not exist. But, we are tending to become a passive Fraternity as non-involvement becomes more of a part of our lives. Each of us probably takes great pride in being able to point to so many great men who have been part of Freemasonry, yet this tendency to point to the great men has led us to ignore the greatness of the Craft. It is the greatness of the Organization with its philosophies and precepts which attracted the great men to begin with, and which made the world what it is today. Freemasonry is primary; membership is secondary. Without the greatness of the Craft, its composition would have been irrelevant. Yet at the same time, it was the contribution of

the membership which made the philosophy of the Craft work.

We should never cease to be proud of our past; but we can ill-afford to dwell upon it, if it causes us to lose sight of the present. Every single contribution, regardless of how small, is a contribution to the perpetuation of an ideal — perhaps the greatest ideal — that the mind of man has conceived. In an age which continues to see the world's major conflicts taking place in the name of God and religion, the philosophy of toleration is still as desperately needed as it was in the past. We find no organization today espousing a similar philosophy. We can continue to express our lovely platitudes and make no contribution; or we can be what we say we are, and practice what we preach.

There can be little doubt, however, that if we continue to fail to know what we are, we will continue to fail to be what we were. Probably the greatest challenge facing Masonic leadership today is the education of the membership of the true meaning of Freemasonry. Pennsylvania has been extremely fortunate in the field of Masonic education. We have had, and continue to have, one of the greatest Masonic education programs in operation in any Grand Lodge in the world. But, as has been said many times, you cannot run 20,000 volts through a non-conductor and, unfortunately, too many of our members today have become non-conductors by choice. If we don't understand the Craft, how can we ever hope for those outside to understand us.

If we continue to think that our little contribution will not be missed, then like the old doctor, an organization which has greatly impacted this world for close to 300 years during the evolution of civilization is like him — doomed to be disappointed. Think about it, my Brothers. Your contribution, no matter how small, is significant.

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