Saturday, June 8

FAMILY PICNIC DAY FOR MASONS ACROSS THE STATE

Saturday, June 8, is Family Picnic Day for Masons and their friends across Pennsylvania. Fun and fellowship is planned at each of seven amusement parks - in Allentown, Hershey, toward the East and Ligonier, Pittsburgh, West Mifflin and Erie in the West. Detailed information for each park is included in the accompanying coupons. Complete the coupon for the location of your choice and mail it with your check according to the directions on the coupon.

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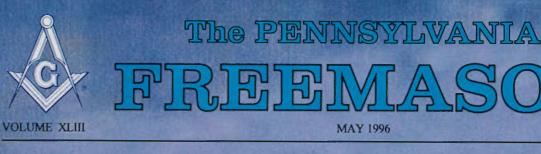
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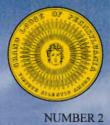
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he Masons of Pennsylvania are answering the call of history at Valley Forge in 1996!

In ceremonies at noon on March 15, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser signed an agreement with the National Park Service at Valley Forge to restore the National Memorial Arch that dominates the landscape overlooking the historic winter camping area for beleaguered Revolutionary War soldiers.

The National Memorial Arch has stood for more than 80 years as a tribute to Brother and General George Washington and his army as a symbol of the triumph they achieved there. Today, the Arch, which is 60 feet high and 30 feet wide, stands in disrepair and is cordoned off, closed to the public for safety reasons.

Freemasons will restore the Arch to the grandeur it deserves. It will be rebuilt, virtually stone-by-stone. Numerous facade stones weighing more than one ton each will be removed and refurbished for return; the underlying brick work will be reconstructed, and the ornamentation and lettering will be restored and enhanced.

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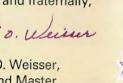
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tions, attended by the families and friends of the new district deputies, were held in Philadelphia, Scranton and Beaver Falls.

In Philadelphia (top photo), the new district deputies and their families are pictured with (seated, left to right): R.W. Grand Treasurer Marvin G. Speicher; R.W. Grand Master Weisser, and R.W. Junior Grand Warden Marvin A. Cunningham. Directly behind the Grand Master is Hal E. Zweiback, Fritz Lodge No. 420, Conshohocken, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District. Behind him is Kenneth W. Bleiler, Frankfort Lodge No. 292, Tacony (Philadelphia), D.D.G.M. of Masonic District "D." Behind him is Joseph DiPinto, of St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia, D.D.G.M. of District "C."



In Scranton (middle photo), Dennis J. Erb, Barger Lodge No. 325, Strouds-

burg, D.D.G.M., 50th Masonic District, is seated at left next to (left to right) R.W. Senior Grand Warden Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master Weisser, R.W. Deputy Grand Master James L. Ernette, R.W. Junior Grand Warden Cunningham and R.W. Grand Treasurer Speicher. At left in the first row standing are Eugene D. Lucas, of Oriental Start Lodge No. 588, Peckville, D.D.G.M., 13th Masonic District, and William H. Rice, Jr., of Catawissa Lodge No. 349, D.D.G.M., 35th Masonic District.

In Beaver Falls, (bottom photo), Past District Deputy Grand Master Leonard Ruckert (left), Rochester Lodge No. 229, presented purple aprons to Richard E. Lawhead (center), Western Star Lodge No. 304, Albion, 25th Masonic District, and William R. Marvin, Parian Lodge No. 602, Beaver Falls, 37th Masonic District.





Sgt. Phil Talks Against Drugs

Sgt. Philip Bueki (right), of the Pike County Sheriff's Office and Chief Instructor of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, addressed the brethren during the March Quarterly Communication. He concluded an important message on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by thanking the Masons of Pennsylvania for their support of the D.A.R.E program and presented a banner to R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser (center) and Joseph W. Witte (left), Director of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. Sgt. Bueki, also known as "Sgt. Phil," a television personality who communicates anti-drug messages, is the Senior Warden of Milford Lodge No. 344. He noted that the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown is the designated D.A.R.E. training center for Pennsylvania and that by the end of 1996 more than 200 law enforcement officers will have been trained there.

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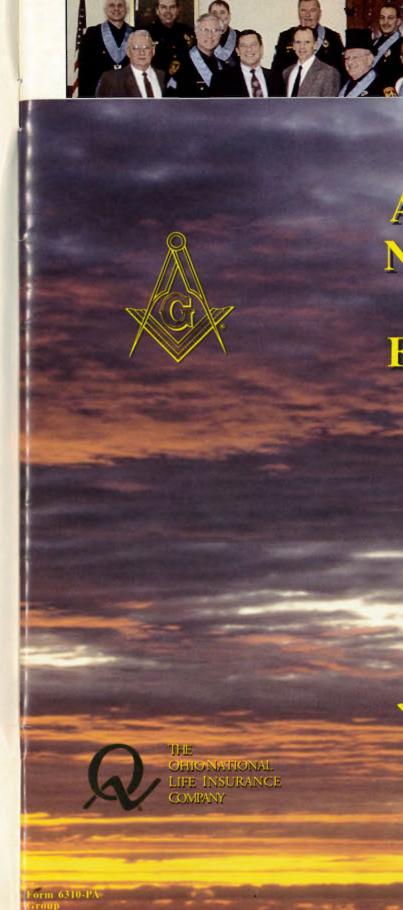
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Masonic District's 15th annual retiring Worshipful Masters' banquet on January 20. The John Wanamaker Award is presented to a person who is not a Mason, but supports the ideals and philosophy of the Fraternity.

Grand Master Weisser also presented one of his Grand Master's "Charity" medallions to Ms. Kratzer, emphasizing, "Charity isn't just about money ... we are honoring a lady who does things as a charitable person."

During the evening, District Deputy Grand Master Jay E. McElravy presented the eight retiring Worshipful Masters of the district and recognized them for their service. The Master of Ceremonies was Past District Deputy Grand Master William J. Ebertshauser.







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Police Team Confers Degree

A team of uniformed police officers conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Howard T. Silbaugh in Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1996. Silbaugh is a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper stationed in Troop "A," Greensburg. The degree team comprised members of the PIN Club of Pittsburgh, which is made up of area police officers. R.W. Deputy Grand Master James L. Ernette, a retired State Police Trooper and charter member of the PIN Club, was present for the conferral of the degree.

The PIN Club Degree Team comprised the following brethren (above left to right): Front - Warren Fitzroy; Paul Renk, P.M.; R.W.D.G.M. Ernette; Candidate Silbaugh; Al Roll, W.M.; Thomas Hanna, P.M.; David R. Alman, W.M. Rear - Daniel Koniezcka, P.M.; Charles Conroy; Lewis R. Rauhecker, P.M.; Leo McCafferty, J.W.; Gene Hlavac; James Vogel; and Timothy Hanna.

First Friend to Friend Purple Jackets Awarded

Eight of the first thirty brethren to earn the Grand Master's Friend to Friend Team's purple jackets received their awards from R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser during the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia on March 6, 1996. The recipients are (l-r): Front row - John William Coyle, S.M.C., and Harry K. Ott, W.M., both of Pennsylvania Meridian Sun Lodge No. 2,

Philadelphia; Grand Master Weisser; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf; and Richard Buckert, J.W., Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia. Back row - Ralph H. Besecker, D.D.G.M., 33rd Masonic District, Kane Lodge No. 566;



James T. Young, Grand Steward, Thompson Lodge No. 340, Paoli; A. J. (Bud) Garvey, P.M., Assistant to the Grand Master; and Joseph W. Witte, Director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation - D&A, both of Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia. Brethren can earn the purple jackets and join the Grand Master's Team by being the first-line signer of a petition for a candidate who is initiated while Bro. Weisser is the Grand Master. The jackets are not for sale; they must be earned in the **Friend to Friend** effort.

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The Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

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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)

- Same as (1) above except spend two extra days in Anchorage then fly directly home. (Total 9 days)
- Same as (1) above except spend four to seven days on a land tour and then fly directly home. (Total 11 to 14 days)
- Same as (1) above except spend two days in Anchorage, four to seven days on a land tour and then fly directly home

(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.

Reservation Coupon

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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Instructive Two-Day Workshop Held For **District Deputies and Their Ladies**

The District Deputies of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge officers, Directors and key committee leaders, accompanied by their ladies, learned much in an instructive two-day interactive workshop of orientation and leadership training. It was held at Valley Forge, February 9-11.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser set the stage for the workshop, saying: "A well informed and dynamic cadre of District Deputies and their ladies form the first line of action in every venture to improve and strengthen Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

After the Grand Master outlined programs for the next two years, the District Deputies formed seven breakout groups to identify recurring problems they face. Collectively, the problems were prioritized for solutions and action.

The Grand Lodge Officers detailed responsibilities of the District Deputies: R.W. Senior Grand Warden Robert L. Dluge, Jr. reviewed the purpose and duties during visitations to lodges; R.W. Junior Grand Warden Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., cited their role with youth groups; R.W. Grand Treasurer Marvin G. Speicher discussed financial activities of the District Deputies; and R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson reviewed their responsibilities with Blue Lodge secretaries. R.W. Deputy Grand Master J. L. Ernette talked about The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children and introduced Joseph W. Witte as the new Director.

At the conclusion of the Friday afternoon session, Dean Vaughn, P.M., introduced two new Grand Lodge programs: An insurance program soon to be available to the brethren, and a memory training program available to brethren and their families through the Blue Lodges.

While the District Deputies were in their work sessions, Barbara Weisser, the wife of the Grand Master, met with the ladies to discuss ways for them to support the men in meeting their fraternal leadership responsibilities.

Dr. Elvin G. Warfel, Consultant to the Committee on Masonic Education and Aide to the Grand Master, led a busy Saturday session addressing leadership, organization, planning, responsibility, motivation, situation analysis and negotiating, interpersonal skills, communication and public speaking.

Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director of the Masonic Homes, gave the brethren and their ladies a comprehensive presentation on the construction of the Masonic Health Care Center, the extensive ongoing and recently instituted special health care services, the new Adult Day Care Center and the effective Outreach Program.

During the afternoon, there were presentations by: R.W. Past Grand Master George H. Hohenshildt on the Friend to Friend Program: Robert L. Krout, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, on the School of Instruction programs; F. Rick Knepper, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Co-Chairman of the Masonic Blood Bank and Organ Donor Committee, on the new organ donor program.

A second breakout session on Saturday afternoon addressed methods to improve the Blue Lodge. improve membership, enhance Grand Lodge and enhance the role of the District Deputy.

Grand Master Weisser closed the Saturday session, challenging the District Deputies to "Be strong members of the Grand Master's team ... seek to improve your skills ... and be a Deputy who grows in effectiveness."

Aid For Mother in Need

Lodges in District "E" responded to an appeal for help from an Oklahoma mother that started in Ohio, involved a New England lodge and reached Philadelphia through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Last year, the mother of a nine-yearold son was diagnosed with bone cancer of her upper right leg. The original diagnosis suggested amputation of her leg almost to the hip. However, through a computer network, she was contacted by a doctor at the Fox Chase Cancer Center who told her that he reviewed her records and determined that a femur bone and knee replacement could be accomplished.

While the mother had medical insurance, she needed assistance for travel, lodging and food. She contacted the Grand Lodge of Ohio to seek assistance. The lodge of her deceased father in New England then became involved and asked the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for help. District Deputy Dale E. Fera turned to the lodges in District "E" who responded with donations totaling \$1,575 to be combined with contributions from the New England lodge. The lodges in District "E" are Nos. 51, 67, 81, 246, 296, 384, 385, 400 and 659.

The happy postscript is that the operation was a success and the prognosis is excellent.

Lodge Supports Public TV

Ten members of Lancaster Lodge No. 43, led by Worshipful Master Nathaniel Gilchrist, staffed telephones for four hours in January during the public television membership campaign of Channel 33, WITF-TV, Harrisburg. During the program, Gilchrist discussed the Fraternity and its support in the community.

Library and Museum Update



Details of picture-hanging aside, the Library has settled into its new guarters along the hallway on the south side of

the Masonic Temple. In the place of the library reading room off the Museum is the new gift shop. Bro. Ken Stevens is constantly receiving new items, including regalia accessories, such as gloves and bow ties. The catalogue will be revised periodically. Call (215) 988-1973 and ask! The Grand Master's Offices have been moved to the fourth floor and the Library reading rooms and offices have expanded into that space. The Museum has remained the same. Shown upper right is the new reference reading room.

As many of you know, the John Wanamaker department store has changed hands several times. This time, however, the name was changed to Hecht's. Since John Wanamaker was the Chairman of the Committee on Library from 1906 until his death in 1922, the Librarian and Curator asked if the Museum might obtain one of the John Wanamaker brass signature signs which adorned the flagship store at 13th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. After the usual complications, staff members walked to the store, handtruck in tow, and returned triumphantly with the sign. The signature sign, biographies and a bust of Bro. Wanamaker are pictured below in a temporary exhibit on the table in the circulating library room.



MEMORY COURSE NOW AVAILABLE FOR FREEMASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Pennsylvania Freemasons and their families now can participate in a video memory course which is guaranteed to be the fastest, easiest and most effective memory development course available. The program is presented in only two sessions of three hours each.

The course teaches techniques which can be applied immediately to any occupation or profession. It provides students with learning strategies to achieve higher grades and excel in the classroom. The techniques and exercises are designed to help individuals remain mentally alert for a lifetime. It is ideal for mastering ritualistic work or for anyone desiring to speak without notes. It develops self-confidence and self-esteem.

Although the course is sold to individuals commercially for \$179, the Grand Lodge has arranged with the publisher to make it available to Freemasons Lodge.

Blue Lodges may acquire a site-license which permits them to make the course available to an unlimited number of their members and their families. The site license is available to Blue Lodges through the Grand Lodge Library and Museum for only \$165 (this site license is sold to companies for \$495) the lodge may purchase the Learning Guides in any quantity for resale to each participant.

The Grand Lodge is pleased to make this excellent program available to the Freemasons of Pennsylvania and their families. It is another benefit that can be discussed with non-Masons who are considering petitioning for membership.



and their families for only \$18, the price of the Learning Guide. Participants may view the video in scheduled sessions at their Blue

New Exhibit on Fraternalism

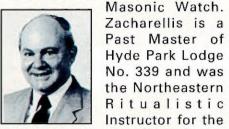
A new, permanent display, "Initiating America: Three Centuries of Lodge Life," has been opened at The Scottish Rite Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, MA. The exhibit traces the evolution from their earliest days in 1733 of the "secret" fraternal and sororal societies that were formed to offer fellowship, aid and selfimprovement to their members. Freemasonry, in particular, is examined in depth. The Museum has become a premier American repository of Masonic and fraternal items.

Brother Zacharellis Retires From Committee



William Zacharellis was recognized at the March 22 meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes

for eight years of dedicated service to the Masonic Homes and was presented with an inscribed Hamilton



the Northeastern Ritualistic Instructor for the

Grand Lodge from 1960 to 1982.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser has appointed Guy T. Matthews to the Committee on Masonic Homes. Matthews, who resides in Lang-



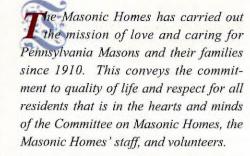
horne, is a member of Tacony Lodge No. 600, Philadelphia, and a Past **District Deputy Grand Master of** District D.

Nark Your Calend Autumn Day at the **Masonic Homes!**

Saturday, September 28 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Autumn Day, an open house for Masons, is a great opportunity for all Pennsylvania Masons to invite family and friends to witness first-hand the beauty of the facility and learn about the variety of caring services provided.

The Masonic Homes **Presents Mission Statement**



To provide a caring community where individuals, families, and children have the opportunity to enjoy a full and enriched life through the benevolence of Freemasonry.

Our "Mission Of Love" Values

Quality of Life:

We are committed to providing for the health and well-being of body, mind, and spirit through a continuum of care for our adults, and to provide each individual with the dignity and compassion necessary for human development.

We are committed to providing a stable, nurturing, home-like environment for our children, in which they can develop life skills and values as they grow into adulthood.

We are committed to extending our services through diversified outreach programs to enhance the quality of life of others.

Respect for the Individual:

We encourage each resident, employee, relative, and visitor to promote and respect the individuality of others within a caring community.

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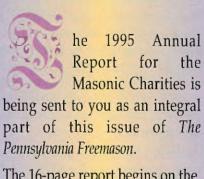
We are all ambassadors of the Masonic Homes. All that we say and do reflects upon the reputation of our organization and the level of integrity in which we desire to operate. We are committed to providing quality services through a competent and compassionate staff.

Masonic Homes' **Outreach Program Continues** to Serve

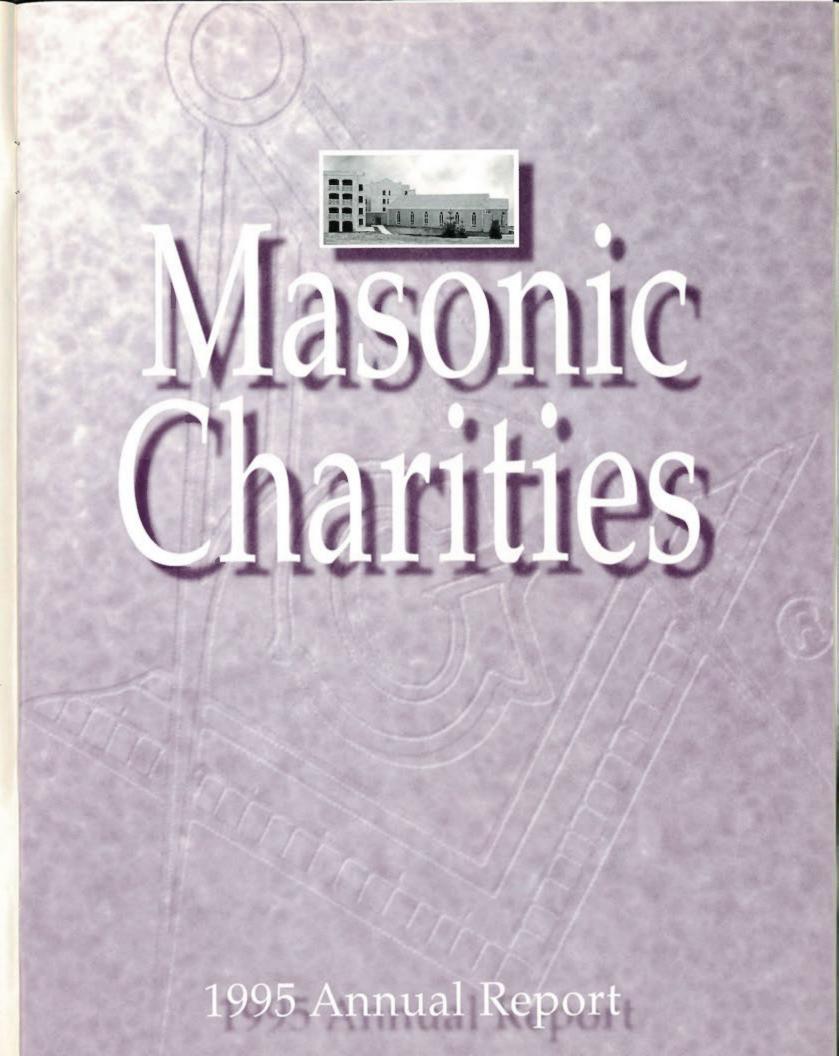
The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program has existed since April 1994 to help Pennsylvania Freemasons acquire assistance to meet their needs. Efforts have gone beyond the Fraternity. Just as Masons care for suffering children and the needy in our communities, the Outreach Program extends Masonic Homes' reach far beyond Elizabethtown and beyond the Fraternity, to provide information and help people in need-wherever they may be.

For several months, the Outreach Director has been visiting our brethren in lodges across Pennsylvania to inform and educate the Fraternity about these benefits of Freemasonry. The Outreach Program, just as the Masonic Homes and the fellowship of membership, is a benefit of Freemasonry. With this information, many have inquired as to how the Outreach Program might help them, and help we give.

Literature, information, transportation services, insurance, advance directives, and financial assistance are but a few of the services provided by Outreach to people requiring assistance. Videos, pamphlets, brochures, and referrals have been supplied to persons calling the tollfree Outreach line. Remember that your membership in the Fraternity provides you with benefits, of which the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program is one.



The 16-page report begins on the following page.



Brethren and Friends:

Charity, the first tenet of Freemasonry, is personified through the help, relief, and vital services provided for others by the various Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

This annual report is more than words and figures. It is a measure of the efficiency and the effectiveness of dedicated support throughout our charitable endeavors.



Partial view of the newly completed West Wing including the Assembly Room in the Masonic Health Care Center.

The Masonic Homes in 1995 continues to add to its health care facilities and further extends its caring mission of service. The Masonic Homes, as an active retirement community, provides extensive opportunities for residents. The growing Outreach Program offers information, referrals, education, and assistance to Masonic and non-Masonic individuals and families all over the United States. The youth at our Masonic Children's Home are comfortably situated in a new family style environment in home-like cottages on the campus which is supported by Pennsylvania Masons.

Freemasonry continues it strong emphasis on the welfare and development of youth through activities of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation which offers leadership and guidance, scholarships and facilities for Masonically-related youth organizations; and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children which provides training programs conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for teachers and counselors of school districts throughout Pennsylvania dealing with drug and alcohol prevention and detection programs. This Foundation also provides programs through DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) conducted by the Training Center of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. A prevention program in which trained police officers provide accurate information about alcohol and drugs, teach young students decision-making skills, and how to resist peer pressure, and give them alternatives to drug use.

The culture and heritage of the Fraternity and our nation are preserved in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, world renowned for its outstanding historical art collections and research capabilities. Six branch libraries are planned to be opened across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use by Masons and their families.

Masons in Pennsylvania reach out community-wide to help people through the Masonic Charities Fund, supporting especially worthy programs for education, research treatment, personal relief, and disaster relief.

Your generous support is appreciated. You can always make a tax-deductible contribution to one of the Masonic Charities through either the annual appeal, your local United Way campaign, or the Combined Federal Program. Simply designate one of the Masonic Charities to receive your gift. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Edward O. Weisser R. W. Grand Master

Masonic Homes

Modernization, expanded care and outreach describe the goals and accomplishments at the Masonic Homes during 1995.

As the year ended, Phase IV of the on-going construction and modernization program was virtually completed for occupancy early in 1996. The new West Wing of the Masonic Health Care Center will provide a Transitional Unit, a therapy pool, a meditation chapel, therapeutic recreation rooms, large assembly room, library and gift shop. All areas are designed to accommodate residents using wheelchairs or other assistive devices.

The new Transitional Unit is an excellent example of the Masonic Homes' vital new services established to meet the health care needs of the changing times. Individuals now are being discharged earlier from hospitals and often require specialized, skilled care before they can return to their most independent living situation possible. The Transitional Unit that became operational in the beginning of 1996 places emphasis on rehabilitation and recovery.

The Brown Building was renovated into 31 apartments that are now home for 46 residents. Renovation of the Charles Eisenlohr Building into apartments neared completion at year's end.

The Adult Daily Living Center was opened in August to address another important need. This service provides three quality, costeffective alternatives that enable families to keep adult relatives in Lewis T. Williams, a resident of the Independent Living Community, utilizing the Transitional Unit services of the need of daily ongoing support services at home. The first is Respite new West Wing in the Masonic Health Care Center. Care, where an elderly family member's needs can be met in the center while the family gains a period of relief from the demands of caring for them. In our General Participation Program, older adults with serious problems, such as those caused by strokes, can be helped to become more active in recreational and social programs. In the Community Reintegration Program, younger adults with serious problems, such as those caused by brain injuries and strokes, can be helped in transition to community-based and vocational-based programs.

The Outreach Program did reach out dramatically in 1995. The program was established the previous summer to offer services to people who are living outside of the Masonic Homes of Elizabethtown. So often, people in need of help or information become confused or don't know who to trust with the myriad of government programs and agency services available to them. The Outreach Program has helped many, whether related to the Masonic Fraternity or not, with advice, assistance and referrals relating to available programs and services. This is another opportunity for Freemasonry to make a difference in communities across Pennsylvania.



New Therapy Pool with lift chairs in the West Wing of the Masonic Health Care Center.

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The Children's Home at the Masonic Homes served 32 youths in a new home-like cottage environment. While the youth were celebrating the Christmas '94 and New Year '95 holidays, their living quarters were moved from the dormitory-style accommodations of the Louis Eisenlohr, Charles Eisenlohr and two John Smith buildings to the four new cottages on the hill overlooking the Masonic Homes' campus. There are two cottages for girls and two cottages for boys. Through Alumni Association support and other generous contributions, recreational and athletic equipment has been purchased and installed for the respective age groups.

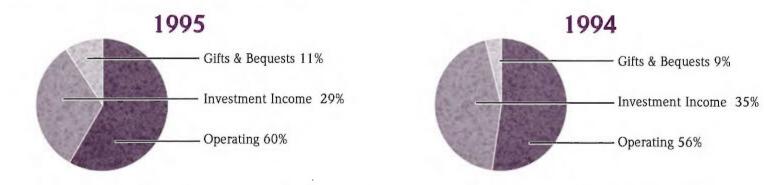
R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser emphasizes "...the importance of Charity in a person's life, especially in the lives of Freemasons." At the Masonic Homes, Charity is the result of planning with vision, achievement with purpose, operations with responsibility and worthy stewardship of contributions, bequests and philanthropic income.

Masonic Homes

Condensed Statements of Unrestricted Activities for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1994 (Dollars in thousands)

	1995	1994
Operating revenues	\$30,921	\$28,899
Operating expenses	44,068	40,456
Loss incurred in the fulfillment of our charitable mission	(13,147)	(11,557)
This loss was covered by the following support from the members and friends of the Fraternity:		
Gifts and Bequests	5,542	4,648
Investment income earned on accumulated past support	14,946	17,730
Revenues and support in excess of expenses before extraordinary item	7,341	10,821
Extraordinary item-loss on refunding of 1989 Bonds.		(6,080)
Revenues and support in excess of expenses	\$ 7,341	\$ 4,741

The operating expenses of the Masonic Homes have historically exceeded our operating revenues. Through the generosity of Freemasons and friends of the Fraternity, contributions and bequests enable us to cover this deficit. The bequests which have been generously donated to the Masonic Homes have been invested and the investment income earned on these funds allows us to continue and expand our "mission of love." Any excess of revenues over expenses (after these nonoperating revenues are applied) are reinvested so we can continue to meet the Faternity's needs via capital improvements and expanded services to our residents.



Edward O. Weisser, Chairman R. W. Grand Master

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Recreational and athletic equipment being put to good use by the youth of the Masonic Children's Home.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, through the sponsorship of programs and activities of the International Order of DeMolay for young men, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the International Order of Job's Daughters, provides opportunities for personal growth and development that epitomize the character-building mission of Freemasonry.

One of the strongest influences on young people is the example of their peers. In the Masonic youth groups, positive peer pressure helps each member to learn leadership skills, develop habits which support their value system and share their beliefs in the country and their God.

By focusing its efforts to help each youth group to achieve "PLUS ONE" in membership, the Foundation will reward growth. Both DeMolay and Job's Daughters grew in membership in 1995. By providing programs at the Masonic Conference Center for each youth group, the Foundation supports recruitment and activities that are vital to each group's success.

To educate Masons about the Masonic youth groups and to involve them in youth activities, the Foundation takes youth programs to the Lodges. Through those programs, Masons share the talents, goodness and ambitions of the youth and see the need for their Masonic leadership.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation continues to work with Masonic Lodges to establish new DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughters Bethels. The key to success in all youth groups is qualified, trained and educated adult leadership. By developing teams of Masons willing to serve in an advisory capacity, youth will gain the best possible leadership Freemasonry can offer.

Supporting the family is at the core of the mission of all Masonic youth groups. Parents are encouraged to serve in leadership roles, attend youth ceremonies to see beautiful ritual work, attend social activities and take part in community service programs.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation appreciates the generous contributions of time, money and the support extended for the good young people of the Masonic youth groups.

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Stained glass window in the new Meditation Chapel at the Masonic Health Care Center depicting scenes from the 23rd Psalm.



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

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children achieved its goals in 1995 for substance abuse awareness, education, prevention and intervention through support and partnerships in education, law enforcement and community service.

The Student Assistance Program training in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Education remains a keystone in the Foundation's efforts. As a direct result, approximately 9,600 educators from 1,233 schools across the state have become part of vital Student Assistance Teams.

For the second year, the Foundation cooperated with D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to make possible similar training for 129 law enforcement personnel from across the state to go into schools and educate 5th and 6th grade youth about the evils of drug and alcohol abuse and teach them how to resist peer pressures.

Seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in honor of the Foundation's founder, the late Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., to young men and women who have overcome substance abuse through the Student Assistance Program.

Typical of the community service programs were the Freedom Walk and Run in Philadelphia that raised \$30,000 which was shared by anti-drug organizations, and the Foundation's participation in the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Key Man Conference. Foundation speakers made presentations to PTA's, service clubs, Masonic youth groups and lodges.

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The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The nationally historic Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, a museum unto itself, was fully restored following the damage that occurred during the construction of the adjacent new Philadelphia Justice Center. The Lodge Halls, Museum and Library and its book stack areas are as good as new. The popular *Circulating Library Catalog* has been revised and reprinted and is available upon request.

What started as a catalog mail order service in mid-1995 became a Museum Gift Shop by the end of the year. A display and sales area was created in the expanded Museum. Highlights from a list of 1995 additions to the Library and Museum collections include: *The Papers of Andrew Jackson* published by the University of Tennessee and a typed letter signed by Bro. Rudyard Kipling concerning his Masonic associations.

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The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation For Leadership and Management, Inc.

By the time The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Leadership and Management, Inc. had completed four years of operations in 1995, more than a thousand lodge leaders from 235 lodges had participated in **HIRAM I** Leadership seminars and Strategic Planning workshops. To accomplish that, the Foundation developed a facilitator staff that started with seven and grew to forty leaders.

During 1995, the Foundation conducted four two-day **HIRAM I** seminars for lodge leaders, developed a one-day strategic planning workshop and conducted it three times across the state, and trained facilitators in a two-day conference. The Foundation participated in the national Masonic Renewal Conference, conducted mini-workshops for a Scottish Rite Body and a Knights Templar Section, presented programs in many lodges, and staffed displays at a number of fraternal events. Three new brochures were introduced; one defines the Foundation, the second details **HIRAM I's** leadership and management skills development, and the third emphasizes strategic planning for lodges. Also, a new folder was distributed to District Deputy Grand Masters explaining the skills needed to serve as a facilitator.

On December 28, the Board of Directors of the Leadership and Management Foundation took action to dissolve the foundation.

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The Masonic Charities Fund is general in its name, but very special in the way it quietly provides help where it is needed, when it is needed. Not only does it epitomize the meaning of "Charity," it also exemplifies in deeds a principal characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity, the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

The "Masonic Charities Fund" defines a helping hand effort quite different from the general parlance of "Masonic Charities" as it is used in a collective reference to all of our well-known philanthropies, such as the Masonic Homes and Children's Home, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Appropriate donations are distributed from the Masonic Charities Fund to those people, organizations and places where there are special needs. Support is offered to worthy organizations which qualify as being charitable and need specific help in addressing vital concerns of caring for mankind. Relief assistance is given as emergency or temporary aid in times of tragedy or disaster. Loans and assistance are granted to further worthy educational efforts or to relieve critical economic needs.

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Masonic Homes Construction Update

Phase 4 of the Masonic Health Care Center Complete!

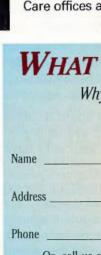


Residents and staff moved into the new West Wing (above) of the Masonic Health Care Center the first week of February. This new wing contains three resident floors, with a combined total of 138 beds. The second floor makes up the new Transitional Unit, a nursing floor where residents come during their transition from the hospital to the nursing care facility, residential, or independent living setting. The staff works closely with hospitals to provide a smooth transition for residents returning to the Masonic Health Care Center. A well-trained Care Plan Team works with the Transitional Unit Manager, Paula Shedlock, to enhance rehabilitation and recovery. They work together to



Masonic Homes Children's Home Opens New Cottage

In response to a growing need, the Masonic Homes opened the fifth Children's Home cottage. The Harrison Cottage officially opened on January 5, and is home to eight boys 14 years of age and older. This existing ranch-style home, after some minor renovations, now permits the Masonic Homes to serve a total of 40 youth.





The R. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania assess each resident's progress and assist to provide the best possible care, thus optimizing the individual resident's potential for recovery.

Residents returning to the Masonic Homes from hospitals frequently require the special attention, education, and procedures that are best delivered by a specialty team such as the Transitional Unit. With a new emphasis on providing more acute care, the length of stay will also be less than what is typical in a nursing facility. Rehabilitation of the residents is stressed to allow them to return to a less restrictive, more independent setting. This unit will be relocated to the second floor of the Ben Franklin Building later in 1996.

A special note should be made that these services are available in the Transitional Unit to individuals who are in the hospital and want to return to their own homes.

The first floor of the West Wing includes the new main entrance to the Masonic Health Care Center. A volunteer will be in this main lobby and will serve as a receptionist for the entire building. This floor contains a new therapy pool for residents, (photo to left) a convenient beauty/barber shop, a resident library, and a small chapel which may be used for daily meditation. A lovely, glass-enclosed gift shop in the main lobby is open to residents, staff and visitors. Social Services, Activities, Volunteer, and Pastoral Care offices are on this floor.



The addition of a spectacular new Assembly Room, (above) complete with a beautiful stained glass window, is also a part of the first floor. Worship service is held there each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Other large group activities are held there frequently.

Cottage Approval Process Underway

The Masonic Health Care Center is not the only part of the campus that is changing. Plans are progressing with the proposed cottage expansion project. It is continuing through the county approval process with anticipated approval in August. This will allow site work for the first phase of cottages to begin in early Fall.

Independent Living Apts. Progress; Eisenlohr Dining Room Opens

Reconstruction of the Charles Eisenlohr Building, including the Eisenlohr Commons Dining Room, was completed on January 22. This building now provides accommodations for ten independent living apartments and a kitchen and dining room for food service. The Louis Eisenlohr Building, which will provide an additional 15 independent living apartments, is also on schedule. Construction of the two Smith Buildings is anticipated to begin by the end of July.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

Why not consider joining us in Independent Living?

I am interested, send me more information.

Or, call us at our toll free number 1-800-676-6452 to schedule an appointment.

District Project Helps Communities

By participating in the District "E" Community Project, lodges in the District have been committed for several years to giving helping hands to their communities. Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M. of District "E," reported that through the project, \$3,700 was contributed in 1995. Together, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Mitchell Lodge No. 296, and Friendship Lodge No. 400, all in Jenkintown, contributed \$1,750 to the Rockledge Fire Co. to purchase needed equipment; Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia, contributed \$550 to the Sunshine Foundation; University Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, contributed \$550 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Hiram Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia, contributed \$550 to Chestnut Hill Hospital. Oriental-Olivet Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia, contributed \$150 each to the Flight Scholarship Fund and the Delaware County Science Fair.



Salvation Army Thanks George Washington Lodge

Year-round, for a number years, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, in the 3rd Masonic District, has been reaching out, **Friend to Friend**, in the community by supporting the Salvation Army. In the picture at left which was published in an area newspaper with

the **Friend to Friend** banner as a backdrop, Chambersburg Salvation Army Capt. Jeffrey Bassett (center) and Robert Gounder (right), Salvation Army Chairman, say "thank you" to Gary L. Heckman (left), immediate Past Master of George Washington Lodge. During this past year, the Lodge members collected food for the soup kitchen and clothing for the thrift store; provided 143 turkeys for Thanksgiving dinners and the Christmas Castle campaign, and staffed two kettles in the Chambersburg Mall on three Saturdays. Larry N. Shoemaker, Chairman of the Lodge's Community Awareness Committee, says that this effort proves that Masons care for their community and its residents.

Tuesday Breakfast Means Fellowship Time For Masons

Every Tuesday morning for breakfast, Masons in the Mifflinburg area join together strictly for fellowship at the Scarlet D Hotel.

According to Lee R. Brobst, a member of Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370, "Breakfast is an excuse to enjoy the brotherly love and affection of Masonry. It is spontaneous. It has no organization, no dues and is totally voluntary."

Each get-together, one Brother offers an invocation; a bulletin board displays current items of Masonic interest, and a calendar of Masonic events is provided. Each first Tuesday features a sing-along to honor those who have birthdays that month.

Generally, there are some 40, mostly retired Masons, at the meeting; but on one occasion, there were 92. **Friend to Friend**, Masons who attend are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors. While a core of regulars attends nearly every meeting, "... the complexion of the group changes from week to week," according to Brobst. Most come from a 75-mile radius, but members and dignitaries from other states and jurisdictions attend on occasion.



75 Years A Mason

The Grand Lodge 75-Year Masonic Recognition Certificate was presented to 99-year-old Raymond C. Franklin of University Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, by Dale H. Fera (right), D.D.G.M., Masonic District "E" and Dennis M. Beck, W.M., University Lodge.

Turkey Pins Help Feed The Hungry in Two Counties

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A unique 27th Masonic District service project selling wooden turkey pins raised \$3,800 to provide Thanksgiving food for families in Butler and Armstrong Counties. Worshipful Masters of the lodges in Butler and Armstrong Counties presented checks during the weekend before Thanksgiving. Bob Thompson, Director of the Christian Community Food Bank in Butler County, received the \$3,000 check from the Worshipful Master who suggested the project, James Evans, Sr., of John E. Mair Lodge No. 729. Participating in the presentation were Robert Birckbichler, William H. Miller Lodge No. 769; Jeffrey Larimore, Argyle Lodge No. 540; Jerrold Robison, Victory Lodge No. 694, and John Fleischer, Butler Lodge No. 272. Major Richard Zander of the Salvation Army in Armstrong County received an \$800 check from Ronald Covone, Armstrong Lodge No. 239; E. Lee Strawcutter, Seneca Lodge No. 805; Chester Boarts, Leechburg Lodge No. 577; and Harry Brumbaugh, Kittanning East Brady Lodge No. 244. District Deputy Grand Master Danny R. McKnight said that the lodges plan to continue the program as an annual service project.



Members of the volunteer AutoMasonry team confer in a work session. They are (left of right): Donald Miller, Secretary, Lodge No. 313; Thomas R. Labagh, Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; Raymond Unger, Secretary, Mt. Pocono Lodge No. 780; P. Frank Hartzell, Jr. (seated) Region 5 Team Leader; Edward Miles, Region 1 Team Leader; John R. Romesburg (seated), Region 4 Team Leader; Daniel M. Fisher, Region 3 Team Leader; J. Russell Mann, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Publications Committee and a Planning Subject Matter Expert for AutoMasonry; and William M. Kratzenburg, District Deputies' Liaison.

Information Superhighway "Under Construction" in PA

"There is significant progress in three target projects for automation that ultimately will equip the Fraternity and its administrative operations at all levels statewide," according to Past District Deputy Grand Master Robert G. Boone, the Grand Lodge AutoMasonry Planner. "We face both the demand and the desire to benefit from the use of modern technology to handle information for a fraternity growing into the Twenty First Century," he said.

The status of the three projects that AutoMasonry Planning has been charged to implement is:

• Building of the Grand Lodge network in the Masonic Temple is virtually completed, linking all management groups and allowing users to transition into a Windows environment. Training for users is being prepared.

• The established **Friend to Friend** Masonic Bulletin Board has advanced to a multi-line service not only allowing "chatting" by computer, but also the statewide transfer of files. Every organization of the Masonic Family is represented on the Bulletin Board by its own conference (identified electronic space).

• Automating lodge secretaries' operations statewide is a key project being approached in four phases. For this extensive project, volunteer AutoMasonry teams have been at work in the seven Masonic Regions determining computer and programming availabilities and capabilities. In the first phase, high level requirements of the Grand Secretary's office and those of the Blue Lodge secretaries have been provided by Subject Matter Experts (SME) from those volunteer groups to Grand Lodge's consulting firm, Grand Thornton, LLP. They documented the requirements in preparation for Phase II, which will determine whether: (1) We can buy standard products, (2) buy and enhance standard products to meet our needs, or if (3) customized products will be required. That phase, also involves searching the marketplace for equipment and programs.

Phase III will consist of two parts: The final selection, or creation, of software to enable the Blue Lodge secretaries to work more efficiently; and the development and implementation of a state-of-the-art delivery system between the lodge secretaries and the Grand Lodge. Implementation for lodge secretaries begins in Phase IV with installations in area codes 215 and 610 and for selected lodge secretaries from the other area codes (717, 814 and 412) as pilot participants. Evaluation of the first application will set the stage for completing the statewide deployment of AutoMasonry, linking the Masonic Homes, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the remaining lodges in area codes 717, 814 and 412.

Public Invited to Seven Regional Talent Contests in May; State Final in Harrisburg in June

Musically talented high school seniors from across the state will compete in seven regional competitions for scholarships on May 19, and those winners will perform June 9 in the Harrisburg Consistory for three statewide scholarships.

Winners in each of the May regional contests will be awarded scholarships of \$500 for first, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third place. Winners among the regional finalists in the statewide competition will be awarded \$5,000 for first, \$3,000 for second, and \$2,000 for third place. All of the regional competitions, as well as the state finals, will be at 2 p.m.

The locations of the regional semi-finals at 2 p.m. on May 19 are:

Region 1 - Northeast Public High School, Cottman and Algon Aves., Philadelphia.

Region 2 - Scottish Rite Cathedral, 310 S. Seventh Ave., West Reading.

Region 3 - Masonic Temple, Valley Pike and Linton St., Johnstown.

Region 4 - The Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh. This competition will be the first major event to be held in the new Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

Region 5 - Erie Playhouse, 13 W. Tenth St., Erie.

Region 6 - Williamsport Consistory, 348 Market St., Williamsport.

Region 7 - East Stroudsburg University Auditorium, 200 Prospect St., East Stroudsburg.

The June 9 state final competition will be at 2 p.m. in the Harrisburg Consistory, 2701 N. Third St., Harrisburg.

Open House at Masonic Center in West Reading

A public "Open House for Masonry" will be held at the Masonic Center in West Reading from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. The Masonic Center will be open for tours. Displays, staffed by members of the 7th Masonic District Blue Lodges, the Grand Lodge and its Foundations, appendant and allied organizations, will be located throughout the property.



1996 Goodwill Ambassador

James Allan Bowling, II, a ninth-grade student from Fairfield, Ohio, is the 1996 Goodwill Ambassador for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He was diagnosed in 1993 as having Friedrich's Ataxia. He is shown with the Supreme Tall Cedar of America, Bro. Frank S. Weise, of Cincinnati, Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing more than \$8million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon.



Family Reunion of Masons

It was a Sell family reunion when the Craft was assembled in William H. Miller Lodge No. 769, Butler, to confer the Master Mason's Degree on two brothers. The degree was conferred on Wayne W. Sell, Jr. and John W. Sell, by their cousin, Brian K. Sell, Worshipful Master of neighboring Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler. The nine family members, shown with Thomas Einsporn (front right), Worshipful Master of the Lodge No. 769 are (left to right): Howard W. Sell, Jr., uncle; Brian; Candidate Wayne, Jr.; Wayne W. Sell, Sr., father; and Candidate John W.; (rear) Gene Leslie, brother-in-law of Candidate Wayne; James Pavlina, cousin of Wayne, Sr.; Mark A. Sell, cousin, and David L. Sell, uncle.

Training Sessions Announced For Senior Wardens and Wives

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser will lead training sessions for all senior wardens in June and July. The first session, for senior wardens from Masonic Regions 1, 2 and 7, will he on June 28, 29 and 30, at the Adams Mark Hotel

in Philadelphia. The second, for senior wardens from Masonic Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6, will he July 12, 13 and 14 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, Harrisburg.

Emphasis in the training sessions will be placed on the planning of lodge programs, planning membership development and membership retention, selecting and using lodge committees and running a successful lodge.

Wives of the senior wardens are invited. They will attend some of the senior wardens' sessions and there will be programs designed to help them support their spouses in their fraternal leadership roles.

An Exciting New Benefit for Freemasons and Their Families

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser has announced the availability of group term life insurance benefits for Pennsylvania Freemasons without the need for a medical examination. Because there are over 157,000 members in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, the coverage is available at remarkably low rates

The underwriter selected by the Grand Lodge is the Ohio National Life Insurance Company. It has provided quality life and health insurance and annuity products since 1909. Ohio National is highly rated and financially sound. It was selected based on its financial integrity, its rates and its sound operations.

SOME OF THE MAJOR FEATURES OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

No medical examination.

Automatic qualification based on answers to just four simple questions.

Group rates are locked in at present age.

Coverage may be converted to an individual policy at any time.

No contact by insurance representative.

This most attractive benefit plan is offered, not as a replacement for, but as a supplement to, present insurance coverage. For the vounger member, each \$10,000 of coverage is available for only 69 cents per week (\$36 annually). Even at age 65, the same coverage is available for only \$1.39 per week (\$72 annually).

This new benefit will enable a Freemason to provide additional protection for his family and, at the member's option, remember his Blue Lodge and Freemasonry as additional beneficiaries - all for less than he can acquire the same coverage for his beneficiaries alone with an individual policy.

hrough a planned gift you may be able to meet important personal needs as well as provide for the vital mission of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. One of the ways our federal government encourages such charitable support is through provisions in the Law that allow income tax deductions for

APPLICATION FOR GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

How to Enroll

Enrollment is simple! In fact, you'll know before you send in your first premium whether you qualify or not. If all health questions on the application are marked "no", then you automatically qualify. No exam, physician statements or additional information will be required.

Three Easy Steps!

1) Fill out the application, date, and sign it.

- 2) Select your benefit amount and premium according to your year of birth from the chart at the left.
- 3) Please make check payable to Ohio National Life and mail with this application to:
- The Ohio National Life Insurance Company P.O. Box 1487 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-1487

Please fill in all information and be sure to sign and date the application.

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Form 6310-PA

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OHIONATIONAL LIFEINSURANCE



Proposed Insured:
(Print, First-Middle-Last)

Name:		
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State:	Zip:	
Sex: D Male Date of Birth:	□ Female	
Height	Weight	

Please answer the following questions. If "No" is marked on all questions, a policy will be issued. If "Yes" is marked on any question, please call 1-800-761-7346 for available coverage.

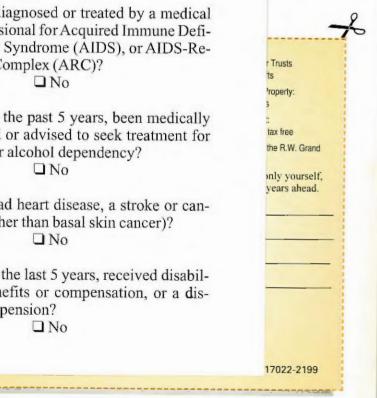
Has the Proposed Insured:

- 1) been diagnosed or treated by a medical professional for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), or AIDS-Related Complex (ARC)?
 - QYes D No
- 2) within the past 5 years, been medically treated or advised to seek treatment for drug or alcohol dependency? QYes O No
- 3) ever had heart disease, a stroke or cancer (other than basal skin cancer)? QYes O No
- 4) within the last 5 years, received disability benefits or compensation, or a disability pension? Yes O No

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Benefit	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-65
\$10,000	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72
\$20,000	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144
\$30,000	\$108	\$144	\$180	\$216
\$40,000	\$144	\$192	\$240	\$288
\$50,000	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$360
Annual p	remium	\$		

Year of birth

Some suggested beneficiary options: You have the right to name any beneficiary you choose. Please consider including Freemasonry (Options A and C below) in your beneficiary options.

A 50% your beneficiaries 50% your Blue Lodge
B 100% your beneficiaries as
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C. 100% Freemasonry*

Other:

*NOTE: Your gift to Freemasonry will be divided as follows: One half to your Blue Lodge Permanent Fund and one half to the Grand Lodge to help preserve and enhance Freemasonry and its good works.

Name and Number of your Blue Lodge:

Number

Jurisdiction

I. hereby(1) represent that I have read, or have had read to me, the completed application; (2) request the coverage for which I am or may become eligible under the group policy issued by Ohio National; (3) designate the beneficiaries named in this application to receive the benefits, if any, payable in the event of my death; (4) represent that the date of birth, height and weight provided above are correct; (5) represent that my answers to the foregoing questions are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief; and (6) realize that any false statement or material misrepresentation may result in the loss of coverage under the policy.

Insurance Fraud Notice

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

Date

Name

It is possible that the proceeds of the policy may be included in your estate for estate tax purposes - see your tax counsel for further information.

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hrough a planned gift you may be able to meet important personal needs as well as provide for the vital mission of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. One of the ways our federal government encourages such charitable support is through provisions in the Law that allow income tax deductions for certain types of gifts.

Consider the table below, it lists some common goals and objectives and suggests methods of giving that will realize those goals while also providing maximum income tax benefit to the donor. In many cases, donors will find that a planned gift will enable them to give more than ever thought possible. Whether these suggestions are appropriate for your will, of course, depend on your personal circumstances.

WHICH GIFT PLAN IS BEST FOR YOU?

If you wish to:	Best Choice	Next Choice	Income Tax Deduction
Make Outright Gift	Appreciated Securities	Cash	High—(market value of propert
Retain full control of interest and principal	Fraction of IRA or Oualified Plan	Bequest in Will	Heirs save incon taxes if it is an IF
Convert property to high income - guaranteed	Charitable Annuity Trust	Gift Annuity	High—(presen value of remaind
Convert property to high income - variable (possible offset to inflation)	Charitable Unitrust	Pooled Income Fund	Medium(prese value of remaind
Preserve income during spouse's lifetime	Testamentary Unitrust	Qualified Terminable Interest Property Trust	None
Make sizable gift with modest annual payments	New Life Insurance	Existing Life Insurance	Annual deduction
Make gift but retain options	Fraction of IRA or Qualfied Plan	Bequest in Will	Heirs save incon taxes if IRA

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

1. Determine amount of gift

2. Decide when gift should be made

3. Choose property for tax-effective gift

4. Minimize impact of gift on self and heirs

5. Consult your attorney before completing the gift

6. DON'T WAIT - Procrastination is the Thief of Time

The Development Staff of the Masonic Homes welcomes yo inquiries and will be happy to be of service. Your thoughtful suppo will strengthen and enhance the good works of the Homes for t benefit of all we serve.

For more information about how you can achieve personal. well as charitable objectives, at no obligation and in confidence simply complete and mail the attached handy coupon or give us call at 1-800-599-6454.

Thank you!

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Law Enforcement Officers Present **DeMolay** Program

Three law enforcement officers who are Pennsylvania Masons visited Friendship-Bray Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Jenkintown on February 4. Master Councilor Michael Rocchino (front, second from left) had invited the officers to the Chapter as a salute to the men "... who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to make a better and safer world for all people."

Paul Ablaza, Jr. (right), Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, and Chris Losinno (left), Solomon's Lodge No. 3, both of the Philadelphia Police Department, discussed the daily rigors of dealing with violence, narcotics, domestic disputes and routine vehicle stops. Dennis Bustos (second from right), Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, told the young men what it is like to be a plain clothes detective and shoplifting prevention trainer.

Pictured behind them are members of the DeMolay chapter: (left to right): Jason Scolnick, Anthony Logan, Erik Collins, Billy Wichterman, Mike Mickles, and Luke Spina.

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June Quarterly in Johnstown on June 5

GRAND MASTER'S **BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT**

> **Masonic Temple** Valley Pike & Linton St. Johnstown, PA June 5, 1996 Dinner held at 6:30 P.M.

> > Name

Lodge No

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone (Area Code)

\$15 per person

Indicate choice & number: Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast

Roast Beef Add above for total Number Meals X \$15 each = \$

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send your check made payable to "Grand Lodge of PA" with coupon to:

The Office of the Grand Master The Masonic Temple One North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

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The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at the Masonic Temple, Valley Pike and Linton Street (on Rt. 403). Johnstown, 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 5.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser will preside over the session in the Blue Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple. To accommodate the large number who will attend, the adjacent York Rite Lodge Room will be connected to the meeting via closed-circuit television.

In the evening, the brethren and their ladies are invited to attend the Grand Master's banquet to be served in the Temple ballroom at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will follow the banquet.

Reservations and tickets are required for the banquet and entertainment. They are available at \$15 per person by returning the coupon in this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason with your check for the appropriate amount and indication of choice of meal by May 21 to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598. Make checks payable to "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

"Friend to Friend" Dinner

It was Friend to Friend Night when the 26th Masonic District held its Christmas dinner, hosted by Lodge of the Craft No. 433, New Castle. District Deputy Grand Master W Thomas Marlowe, Jr., said that more than 300 dinners were served. As a result, good men have inquired about petitions. The district plans to have several Friend to Friend dinners during the year and hopes to have some of the appendant bodies participate.

R.W.P.G.M. Hohenshildt Named Chairman Masonic **Renewal** Committee

Two Pennsylvania Past Grand Masters are in leadership roles for membership development throughout North America.

R.W. Past Grand Master George H. Hohenshildt was elected Chairman of the Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. During the same Conference, held mid-February at Crystal City, VA, R.W. Past Grand Master W. Scott Stoner was re-elected Treasurer of the Committee.

R.W.P.G.M. Williamson Named International Treasurer of DeMolav

R.W. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson has been appointed Grand Treasurer for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. In this position, he is responsible for supervising the financial operations of the young men's fraternity.

Family Gives Gift at Lodge

Octogenarian Earl Ziegler was surprised when Worshipful Master Dale Krysinski of Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, closed the meeting so that a wall clock could be given to him for his birthday. He was even more surprised when his family was there to present the gift. Because Masonry has been so much a part of his life that he rarely has missed a meeting, the family felt the lodge was the right place to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Pirates and Phillies To Have Masons' Night

Whether you're a Pittsburgh Pirates or a Philadelphia Phillies fan, you can enjoy a Masons' night at the ballpark when Freemasons, their families and friends will be seated in designated areas and will be recognized as a group during the game.

"Masons' Night at the Pirates" - Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, Thursday, July 25. "Masons' Night at the Phillies" - Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Monday, August 5.



Freemasonry's Universal Constancy In Writings of Authors Worldwide

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

My Brothers:

I have found myself in recent years reading books, parts of which I wish all of our members would read. They reveal the constancy of universal thought and meaning of Freemasonry by many authors. Written by both members and nonmembers, they do credit to the Craft. I use this space to quote from some of these books. I only ask that when you read them you give them some thought. Many put my thoughts into words in a way I wish I could. The ones I use have been written by members of Lodges in India, Africa, England and the Philippines, and some by a female author.

"Even if my thoughts and ideas may be controversial or, in certain respects, open to question, I shall have succeeded in my attempt if these ideas have generated further thoughts on the main substance of Freemasonry, in the search for universal truth and the unity of God."

"It is only Masonic Education that will insure and assure us that the brethren shall be more knowledgeable, conscious and concerned with the canons of Freemasonry. To do otherwise is to fail in our mission to filter and purify the brethren with the romance and beauty of Freemasonry."

"Freemasonry is not a secret society but, even if it were, the tenets and principles practiced by the Order are so elevating that no one need be ashamed of them."

"In Freemasonry the design of the Great Architect of the Universe is imprinted on all the principles of truth, love and benevolence which erly concord."

"Masonry has proved to be too strong for jealousy, hate, fears and wars. Freemasonry has succeeded in bringing man nearer to man, and man nearer to his God."

"Don't expect perfection in a man just because he is a Freemason. If you do, you will be disappointed. The aim and purpose of Freemasonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the institution not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes."

"Masonry is worth to us all that we are worth to it - neither more or less. Many complain that there is nothing in Masonry, forgetting that they have put nothing into it."

"The craft can do much in the transformation of character, but it cannot transform material. Hence, you will appreciate that the craft will give a Brother what he has not but it cannot make him what he is not."

"Some masons regrettably find deep satisfaction in being associated with the Craft, simply to attach the feelings of respect, dignity and fear to their empty egos."

"Accommodations to personal requests should not color our decisions and make us deviate from the duty with which we were charged. We should tilt the balance of admission in favor of the quality of a few than the quantity of the

are not confined to any single creed, race, group, people or organization. In Freemasonry, the brethren can and should dwell together in broth-

undeserving. For the health and betterment of the Craft, rigorous and stringent admission of candidates is eminently supreme."

"Freemasonry was one of the social practices that put freedom and equality central on the word list."

"If we shall not be careful in the admission of candidates and improve on the procedure of admission we are then starting the composition of a funeral hymn for the death of our noble institution. As Freemasons we should not allow this to happen. If and when we do, we are doomed for we have just hammered the last nail in the sarcophagus of Freemasonry."

"Freemasonry assisted in the propagation of mesmerist materialism, and thus helped lay the foundation of democratic thought."

"And when the Great Architect of the Universe shall call my number and I shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, and HE shall ask about my nation and my organization, with my head held high, looking straight into HIS eyes, I would with humility be proud to respond, 'FILIPINO, Sir, and a FREEMASON'."

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