

Your Will Won't Work Well When...

It's Out-of-Date

How old is your will? Have you reviewed it in the last three years? If not, chances are it could use some attention. A number of personal factors can affect your will: things like changes in income, employment, family size or marital status. External factors such as new federal or state laws can also require the revision of your will. Have any of the following things occurred in the last few years?

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It's Legally Invalid

Your will can contain all the information you think you want, and not be worth the paper it's written on. This is more likely to be true if your will is old, or if you tried to cut corners by using generic forms from a stationery store. A will can be invalid if it is unsigned or witnessed improperly.

There's just no substitute for having a competent attorney involved. In the short run, it may cost you a bit more, but it will certainly provide greater peace of mind and possibly save your survivors from a nightmare.

It Conflicts With Other Plans.

Your will should be coordinated with your other estate transfer documents. For example, insurance proceeds and brokerage accounts pass outside the will to the named beneficiaries. Pension funds are also distributed outside the will. A will that truly works well will take all of these other assets into consideration.

It Fails to Fulfill Your Desires

Your will should accomplish exactly what you want. Do you want your children to receive their inheritance all at once, or at various intervals? Do you want your charitable gifts to be used for unrestricted purposes, or do you want to earmark the funds to meet specific needs? Do you want to give Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown a percentage of your estate, or a set amount?

Perhaps you didn't know all the options when you signed your will. Later, you discovered other ways to make your bequests. You may be dissatisfied with your will. It may work as a legal document, but fail to work well as the expression of your true desires.

Is it time to redo your will? If so, we urge you to make an appointment with your attorney as soon as possible. You should be satisfied and confident about your estate plan.

The Director of Development, Bro. Fred D. Rissinger and the Planned Giving Officer, Bro. John R. McFadden are available to visit with you about any of this. They can review bequest options with you and tell you about other giving possibilities. Please complete the coupon to let them know of your interest. Or you can call them at 1-800-599-6454. Their services are complimentary.



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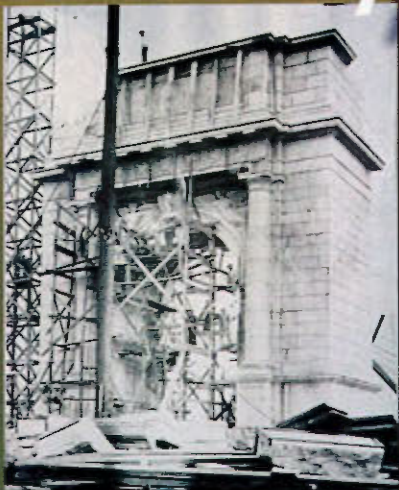
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An Important Day in History

Dedication of Preserved Arch, Parade at Valley Forge, Aug. 24



Construction 1913-14



Signing Agreement, March 15, 1996



Restoration 1996-97



Square and Compass adorn the shrouding that covered the Arch while work continued during the winter of 1996-97.

The restored and preserved National Memorial Arch in Valley Forge National Memorial Park will be the historical focal point of the nation on Sunday afternoon, August 24.

Thousands are expected to be part of history when R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, representing all Freemasons, dedicate the structure that they have returned to grandeur, and then place a capstone to seal historical articles for posterity. Following those ceremonies, there will be a parade of several thousand, comprising Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge Officers, Masonic and public dignitaries from across the nation and Canada, units and groups from among the "Family of Freemasonry."

When the Grand Lodge Officers arrive at the reviewing stand during the parade, they will dedicate a Memorial Plaza surrounding

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(Please complete and return this coupon)

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☐ Please send me information about making a will.

☐ Please contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.

☐ I have already provided for the Masonic Homes in my will.

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See Map of Valley Forge, Routes and Parking Directions on Page 19

The Grand Master Speaks ...



Brethren:

Freemasonry has always been respected as one of the oldest and prestigious fraternities in the world. This is certainly due to the positive image the fraternity has generated because of our numerous charitable works and requirements for good men. However, it is disappointing when we learn of individuals who have never heard of Masonry or who have only heard about Masons of years ago. Many have no concept of what Masons are doing, and sadly many of our members have been out of touch with the programs of the Fraternity.

On occasions during my travels throughout the Commonwealth I have stopped to ask for directions to a lodge, usually at a convenience store. It is all too common that the young persons employed at these locations have responded to me that their grandfather was a Mason. I have immediately asked them if their father, brother, or husband belongs to the Fraternity, and the answer is usually, "No." Many times they admit to not knowing much about Masonry, but are interested in learning. Brethren, we have lost a generation of men because their fathers did not tell them about the Fraternity. Have you talked with your son, your grandson, or nephew? By not discussing the exciting options of Freemasonry we have left the impression that Masonry is something in which we take no pride.

In my opening address at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in December 1995, I stated that it was my hope to improve the image of not only Freemasonry, but also that of our Grand Lodge among our members. I have taken many steps which I believe improve the opinions concerning our Fraternity. I have received many fine compliments from our Brethren letting me know they appreciate the programs designed to help them. Public awareness of our activities has become better. The news media are interested in learning about Freemasonry and our activities. We have begun to improve our image.

Activities which promote confidence and optimism in the Grand Lodge are ongoing. The Blue Lodge ritual was returned to its original form, and our membership seems to appreciate this change. Also, I have visited lodges across the state unannounced to inspect their labors. The work of the lodges has improved, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to become acquainted with the lodge members and observe their unique problems and circumstances. I have called over 1,000 members who are sick, offered them the assistance of the Fraternity, and have informed them of what our Masonic Homes has to offer through the Outreach Program. Lodges have worked with the Grand Lodge to return suspended members, and we are helping the lodges to attract new members with the video tape "Friend to Friend"

and the one-day classes. Incentive programs have been instituted to also assist the lodges in gaining new members. The Grand Master's Team jackets have helped the members of the Fraternity to be recognized by the public. The Education Committee has trained more than 600 Senior and Junior Wardens to be better and more dynamic Masters when they serve their Blue Lodges. Grand Lodge has also helped lodges in financial need.

Your Grand Lodge has held forums across the state to better inform the members of current topics so that each member can be knowledgeable about the issues facing Masonry. These forums were very well received by all who attended. Members could ask the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers questions relating to the topics and offer opinions on the topics currently being considered. This input was very valuable to me in conducting the business of Grand Lodge. As your Grand Master, I have had telephone conversations with over 500 lodge officers as well as allowing the members to call in to a toll-free number for information on the activities of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge June Quarterly Communications have been held in various locations of the state so that those members who are unable to come to Philadelphia might have the opportunity to experience a Grand Lodge Communication. I am confident that these special endeavors by the Grand Lodge have helped the perception of Grand Lodge in the eyes of the members.

To interest the public in Freemasonry 300 billboards depicting the Memorial Arch were placed in many communities across the state. An advertisement program in the magazine of U.S. Airways also had fine results. Recently we have laid the datestone at the New Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, and certainly a highlight of Masonic activities will be laying the capstone at the Memorial Arch at Valley Forge. These activities further public awareness of accomplishments and stewardship of the Fraternity. I know you are proud to be part of this wonderful group of men and proud of your Masonic affiliation.

Individuals associated with businesses and in industry know how important it is to project a positive image and millions of dollars are spent each day to improve that image. We, too, as Freemasons, must not only continue our charity work, but we must try to let the light of Freemasonry shine through our important works. Let your family, community, and associates be aware of this special part of your life. Please do all you can to improve the image of your lodge and Freemasonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Edward O. Weisser

Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master



WANTED

Grand Master's Team Members Who
Have Earned Purple Jackets

NOTICE: FIND PURPLE CARD INCLUDED
IN ENVELOPE WITH THIS ISSUE
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON

A one-time, first-line signer of a petition for a candidate who then is initiated is a member of the Grand Master's **Friend to Friend** Team and has earned a purple jacket. It is obvious that many eligible brethren have not received their jackets because some lodge secretaries have not verified their eligibility to Grand Lodge.

Enclosed in the envelope with this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is a purple verification card. If you have been the first-line signer of a petition for a successful candidate since Edward O. Weisser was installed as R.W. Grand Master on Dec. 27, 1995, you are a member of the Grand Master's Team and eligible to receive a purple jacket*. **COMPLETE THE PURPLE CARD, TAKE IT TO YOUR LODGE SECRETARY, ASK HIM TO VERIFY YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND HAVE HIM FORWARD IT TO THE FRIEND TO FRIEND OFFICE IN GRAND LODGE.**

Jackets are in supply in the Grand Lodge and will be sent via the lodge as soon as a purple verification card is received in the Friend to Friend office for those eligible to receive them.

(* Note, only the first petition since Dec. 27, 1995, for which you are a first-line signer counts toward a jacket.)

FRIEND TO FRIEND PURPLE JACKET BOX SCORE

Jacket Awarded:	
Thru January 1997	1,219
February	150
March	104
April	267
May	371
June	370
TOTAL (to June 30)	2,481

Grand Master Awards 12 50-Yr. Pins

Fifty-Year Emblems of Gold were awarded by R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser (seated, center) to 11 brethren of Masonic District 7 and one from Masonic District 60 in a public ceremony during the Grand Master's banquet in the Sheraton Berkshire Hotel, Wyomissing, after the June 4 Quarterly Communication that was held earlier in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of the Valley of Reading.



Receiving the awards (listed by lodge) were: Richard L. Biehl, Lodge No. 62; Paul S. Maier, Richard S. Rauch, Norman T. Williams, and Raymond F. Neidig, all of Chandler Lodge No. 227; Earl J. Speicher, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf; Ethan L. Trexler, Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown; Leroy H. Doerrman, H. Richard Musser, Harry E. Hawman, and William B. Shupp, Jr., all of St. John's Lodge No. 435; and Alton A. Yerger, Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660. All of the above lodges meet in West Reading except Lodges No. 307 and 377.

DON'T MISS GIFT SHOP LISTINGS

An attractive publication listing and picturing items available from the Gift Shop of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is included with this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Contact Bro. Ken Stevens by phone at (215) 988-1973; fax, (215) 988-1972; or write in care of the Library and Museum, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

Next Quarterly in December

There will not be a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in September.

The next Quarterly Communication will convene at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia. Officers and the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

Relatives in First One-Day Conferral

In the first of the one-day conferral of three degrees conducted by virtue of the dispensation granted by R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, a lodge treasurer saw two of his sons and two of his sons-in-law entered, passed, and raised in Casiphia Lodge No. 551, Mount Joy, on April 22. Richard D. Merchant (center) is between his two sons, Daniel Lee (second from left) and Christopher Richard (second from right). The sons-in-law are Ronald S. Harbin (left) and Daniel Paul Lenz (right). The father has been a Mason since 1960, entered in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 145, Jamestown, NY, and affiliated with Casiphia Lodge in 1991.



Keep in tune with what's going on in your Fraternity. Listen to the R.W. Grand Master's weekly telephone update on activities and issues about Masonry in Pennsylvania.

CALL TOLL-FREE ANY TIME 1-888-440-1500

The Grand Master records a new message at the end of each week.

Three Lodge Rooms Dedicated In Historic Pittsburgh Event

It was a historic day, Saturday, May 3, when a Special Communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge was held in Pittsburgh to dedicate the three lodge rooms of the new Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

Masonic dignitaries from the "Family of Freemasonry" throughout Pennsylvania, along with many brethren, were part of the proceedings. As far as has been determined, it was the first time in Grand Lodge history that the Dedication Ceremony has been conducted in three adjoining lodge rooms on the same day.

The three lodge rooms were dedicated in ancient form by R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner and the R.W. Grand Lodge Officers in the names of Milnor Lodge, Lodge No. 45, and Franklin/St. John's-Trinity Lodge. It was a unique ceremony. The three lodge rooms were connected by a common sound system, with each room set up the same, including an organ in each. Grand Lodge was opened in the Milnor Lodge room, then each lodge room was dedicated in a separate ceremony, with the concluding ceremony and closing of Grand Lodge in the Milnor Lodge room.

While the lodge rooms were being dedicated, the ladies were entertained in the Scottish Rite Auditorium by the Ambridge High School Steel Drum Band. Following the dedication, there was an informal fellowship period which included tours of the new facility.

At a Dedication Banquet in the evening, Grand Master Weissner presented his medallion to Kenneth J. Faub, President of the Masonic Fund Society of Allegheny County. He, in turn, presented the Grand Master with a set of commemorative cachet envelopes that had been prepared for the occasion by the Masonic Fund Society and cancelled by the U.S. Postal Service with a special stamp to commemorate the historic event. (Collectors can purchase the special cachet envelope with the cancellation for \$5.50 each by sending a check payable to: Masonic Fund Society, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2700.)



R.W. Grand Lodge Officers participating in the Dedication are pictured in the front row (l-r): Donald M. Murphy, D.D.G.M., 4th Masonic District; Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M.; Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M.; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Robert L. Dluce, Jr., R.W. Sr. Grand Warden; Edward O. Weissner, R.W. Grand Master; James L. Ernette, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Jr. Grand Warden; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M.; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.P.G.M.; and George H. Hott, Jr., D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District. In the rear are, the Worshipful Masters of the Blue Lodges that meet in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center (l-r): Richard G. Johnson, Lodge No. 45; Edward J. Wesolek, Corinthian Lodge No. 573; Raymond Balister, East Liberty Lodge No. 725; Richard W. Roell, P.M., Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 697; Edward T. Foster, P.M., McKinley-Stuckrath Lodge No. 318; Steve Habovick, Franklin Lodge No. 221; and Gary J. Creash, Milnor Lodge No. 287. Not pictured is Peter A. Ciancone, Jr., Solomon Lodge No. 231.

Each of the Worshipful Masters of the three lodges in whose names the rooms were dedicated — Richard G. Johnson of Lodge No. 45, Steven J. Habovick, Jr. of Franklin/St. John's Lodge/Trinity No. 221, and Gary J. Creagh of Milnor Lodge No. 287 — received the dedication floor covering that was in place during the ceremony. The unique design of the coverlet with Masonic symbols was created by the Grand Master and his wife, Barbara.

The Committee for the Dedication comprised: Chairman George H. Hott, Jr., D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District; William M. Kratzenberg, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; Donald M. Murphy, D.D.G.M., 48th Masonic District; Robert R. Havers, Sr., D.D.G.M., 41st Masonic District; Kenneth J. Faub, President of the Masonic Fund Society of Allegheny County; and D. William Roberts, in charge of the program and publicity.

Big Spring Retires Mortgage

During a recent stated meeting Big Spring Lodge No. 361, Newville, conducted a special ceremony to retire its mortgage and dedicate a conference room in the building in honor of Past Master Roger Wheeler, who is the 3rd Masonic District Deputy Grand Master.

The building was purchased from the Newville Assembly of God in February, 1991 and the lodge members worked hard to pay for the building quickly. The brethren spent several months remodeling prior to holding the first Masonic meeting there the following September. Prior to obtaining their own building in 1991, the lodge of about 210 members had met in quarters above a bank since 1937.

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49th District Masons Send Help To Ohio River Valley Flood Victims

When the Masons in the 49th Masonic District learned about the plight of flood victims in the Ohio River Valley in neighboring states, they acted swiftly to help, man to man, brother to brother, and **Friend To Friend!**

It started when Barry Minnicks, W.M. of Duquesne Lodge No. 731, McKeesport, conceived the idea of collecting good, usable clothing, household goods, and cleaning and building supplies and sending them to the flood-stricken area.

Via the Internet, Bro. John Muzina contacted Gary Franklin, Worshipful Master of Bullitt Lodge No. 155, Kentucky, and learned of their needs. That really got "the ball rolling." R&A Auto Sales donated a 53-foot trailer and a shopping center offered a place to park it. Bro. Tom Moore donated his tractor and his services to drive it with the trailer to Kentucky. Several other brethren donated the costs for fuel and other expenses.

Loading the trailer are (l-r): Bill McCracken, W.M., McKeesport Lodge No. 641; Fred Gadelmeyer, P.M., East McKeesport Lodge No. 765, who is holding his son, Fred; Sylvester Skrinjorich, W.M. of Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth; Chris Tarre, S.W., Wilson Lodge No. 714, Dravosburg; Lawrence Foscoe, W.M., East McKeesport Lodge No. 765; Barry Minnicks, W.M., Duquesne Lodge No. 731, McKeesport; David E. Hinerman, W.M., Youghiogheny Lodge No. 583, McKeesport; and Wally Grossett, W.M., Homestead-Amity-McCandless Lodge No. 582, Dravosburg.

Thanks to the overwhelming response of Masons and citizens of the various communities, in six days the trailer was filled to capacity with clothing, building supplies, furniture, canned goods, appliances, toys, pots, pans, dishes, and much more. On Friday, April 4, 1997, the supplies and several brethren left for Shepherdsville, KY. Already, as the group left the lot, other Masons were busy loading a second trailer.

The sign on the trailer says it all: "**FRIEND TO FRIEND: FLOOD RELIEF FOR THE OHIO RIVER VALLEY.**" Masons of the 49th Masonic District responded with gusto when they learned about the needs of the flood-ravaged victims in the Ohio River Valley.



At the receiving station (upper photo l-r) are: Bros. Barry Minnicks, James Weyer, Sylvester Skrinjorich, Albert Roll, George Christoff, and Edward Ferrington.



Washington Memorial Auditorium Named to Honor PA

The main auditorium of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, has been named the "Keystone State Auditorium" in recognition of the outstanding, strong support rendered to the Memorial by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masons of the jurisdiction.

R.W. Past Grand Master W. Scott Stoner, who is the Third Vice President of the Memorial Association, told the brethren attending the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in Reading in June, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association unanimously approved the honor.

From the beginning of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has helped move necessary projects to completion. The Library dedicated to the memory of the late Brother Lewis Watres, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania in 1916-17, is an outstanding early example. Last year the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contributed \$2,800 to fund the installation of a sound system in the Memorial's Lodge Room. Most recently, a contribution of slightly more than \$100,000 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provided air conditioning for the 358-seat Keystone State Auditorium. Now, the auditorium is serviceable all year, including during the hottest of summer months.

First Eastern Region Golf Tourney Sept. 19; D&A Foundation to Benefit

Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M. for Masonic District "E," has announced the first Region 1 Benefit Golf Tournament for Friday, Sept. 19, at the Limerick Golf Course and designated The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children as the 1997 beneficiary. Arie Klapholtz, P.M., Shekinah Lodge No. 146, is the District "E" Golf Chairman.

Tribute to Regions 6 & 7 Honors Past D.D.G.M.s

The 13th Masonic District School of Instruction hosted a Past District Deputy Grand Masters' Tribute involving Regions 6 and 7, which raised more than \$500 toward a scholarship sponsored by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

The principal speaker for the event, attended by more than 200 Masons with their families and friends, was Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, supported by remarks by R.W. Past Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt.



The Past District Deputies who were honored are shown with the speakers, R.W.P.G.M. Hohenschildt (seated left) and R.W.S.G.W. Dlugie (seated second from right), and Eugene Daniel Lucas, D.D.G.M. of the host 13th District (seated second from left). Seated at right is Richard H. Disque, II, P.D.D.G.M. The Past District Deputies standing are (l-r): Homer Jones, Benjamin H. Lee, Paul A. Lucas, Jr., Clinton E. Shrive, Randall A. Thorne, Sr., and William J. Davis.

Visiting Vets in Pittsburgh V.A. Hospital

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser and the Grand Lodge Officers, with Masonic Services Association (MSA) Area Hospital Representatives, visited brethren in the Veterans Administration Hospital on Highland Drive in Pittsburgh on April 10. Grand Master Weisser (front, center) is with William Vaupel, Chairman of the MSA Representatives. Representing Grand Lodge are (front, l-r): James T. Young, P.D.D.G.M., Aide to the Grand Master; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Grand Master Weisser; Bro. Vaupel; James L. Ernette, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; and G. Richard McLucas, Grand Tyler. In the rear are the MSA Area Hospital Representatives with Teresa Cunningham (far right), Chief of Volunteer Services for the Pittsburgh Area V. A. Hospitals.



50th District Sponsors Little League Team, Shows "Masons Care For Kids"

Showing that Pennsylvania Masons care about kids, the seven lodges of the 50th Masonic District have teamed up to sponsor a team of little leaguers, ages ten to twelve, in the Pocono Mountain Little League. At mid-season, the team was undefeated and in first place in the league.

Every team member sports a cap emblazoned with "Pennsylvania Masons, 50th District." In the outfield of the league's ballfield, there is a sign, "Pennsylvania Masons Care For Kids."

Having the District sponsor the youth team was the brainchild of Thomas A. Hallowell, of Barger Lodge No. 325, East Stroudsburg. As the new District Representative to the Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, he attended the annual training session in April and recognized a responsibility to promote Masonry's interaction with the community. An encouraging District Deputy, Dennis J. Erb, generated interest among the lodges and the sponsorship costs were divided among them.

The sponsoring lodges in the District and their Worshipful Masters are: Portland Lodge No. 311, Jady C. Pysher; Barger Lodge No. 325, Robert D. Lambert; Manquesy Lodge No. 413, Jimmie H. Beltz; Pen Argyl Lodge No. 594, Carl T. Bechy; Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Michael J. Febbo; J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628, Lorne A. W. Bachelder; and Pocono Lodge No. 780, Donald F. Widdos.



The Little League team sponsored by the 50th Masonic District is shown with (standing rear left) Homer Jones, P.D.D.G.M., and Thomas A. Hallowell, District D&A Representative, and (standing rear right) Dennis J. Erb, D.D.G.M., and John Osborn of Barger Lodge No. 325. The three adults kneeling in front are Coach Mike Papile, Little League President Mike Dhondt, and Head Coach Al Gino.

Masons at Robert Burns Hear Unique Organ Donor Messages

The vital importance of the Organ Donor Program is masterfully impressed upon the members of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, in unique presentations by the Junior Warden, Kenneth E. Beard, Jr. John D. Witmer, Jr., D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, said that the members look forward each month to Bro. Beard's messages. Here, slightly edited for space considerations, is one of Bro. Beard's messages:

"Spring is a time that automobile fans look forward to, when collectors, buyers, sellers, and spectators will descend on (the numerous) car shows. Whether it be an antique auto show, the classic or Corvette shows, or flea markets, tens of thousands of fans will browse the midways. I know that many of you remember the Model A and Model T Fords; still more, the Edsel, Packard, or Studebaker. For me, it is the muscle cars of the 60's. Regardless of the age, those auto shows seem to have something for everyone."

"A big part of auto shows comes, not from (fans) looking at restored cars, but for those people who are restoring their own. Amateur mechanics browse rows of parts, hoping to find that one part needed to make their car come to life. While the vehicle which originally used that part has long since found a quiet resting place and runs no longer, there are parts that are still of value to another."

"We can draw a parallel between those parts and the Organ Donor Program. There will come a day when each of us will cease to run and we will find that quiet resting place. But, just like the automobile, many of our parts will still have value and may be that one part needed to complete another's project. Now is the time, before the motor quits, to consider making those parts available."

Each of Bro. Beard's messages ends with the recommendation to join the Organ Donor Program and to make your intentions known to those loved ones responsible for carrying out your wishes.

[NOTE: The Grand Lodge Masonic Blood Donor Committee asks that lodges distribute organ donor cards by putting one at every place at the annual banquet and/or ladies night. Cards are available by sending a note indicating the number wanted to The Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.]

County Officials Raise The Judge

When the Master Mason's Degree was conferred May 15 on Judge George Hancher in Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, all of the Degree Team comprised elected officials or employees of Butler County.



County Commissioner William L. McCarrier, P.M., conferred the degree. More than 100 brethren attended. Shown after the conferral are (l-r): Front- As Jr. Warden, Sheriff Dennis Rickard, P.M.; as Worshipful Master, County Commissioner McCarrier, P.M.; Judge Hancher; as Sr. Worden, Case Worker Brian Sell, P.M.; and as Jr. Deacon, Tax Assessor Chuck Cronmer, P.M. Rear- As Sr. Deacon,

Microfilm Technician Richard Fair, P.M.; as Chaplain, Coroner William "Digger" Young; as Treasurer, Judge John Brydon; as J.M.C., Director of Property and Revenue Ed Rupert; as Pursuivant, Budget Director William O'Donnell; as S.M.C., Court Administrator William Patterson; as Secretary, District Attorney Tim McCune; and as Guide, Director of Domestic Relations Tom Holman, P.M.

Award for Grand Treasurer's Dad

After R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser presented Earl J. Speicher with his 50-Year Emblem of Gold, his wife, Myrl M. Speicher, pinned it on him. Joining in the presentation ceremony during the Grand Master's banquet after the Quarterly Communication in the Reading area are Earl's son, R.W. Grand Treasurer Marvin G. Speicher, and his wife, Shirley.



"Friend to Friend" in Stained Glass



When Cedar Lodge No. 378, Mt. Carmel, needed to replace a window in the lodge room, V. Thomas Gibbons, the Junior Warden, suggested that a picture of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument at Gettysburg be installed. He operates a stained glass company and donated the six-foot diameter stained glass window that has been installed in the East and is now the focal point of the lodge room.

G.M., D.D.G.M. Team Up to Serve

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner (left) and Hugh A. Jones, D.D.G.M., 58th Masonic District teamed up to serve hot dogs and sauerkraut at the Masonic family picnic at Knoebel's Park, Elysburg, on Saturday, June 14. The Grand Master also visited the Masonic family picnic at Dorney Park, Allentown, the same day. A similar picnic was held the previous Sunday, June 8, at Idlewild Park in western Pennsylvania. Two others will be held in western Pennsylvania on Friday, Aug. 1, at Kennywood Park, and Saturday, Aug. 2, at Sandcastle.



Schultz Sniffs Out The Drugs

While approximately 70 youth and a number of adults watched, a dog named Schultz sniffed out bags of marijuana that had been hidden at various locations within Meridian Lodge No. 411, Enon Valley. It was an impressive demonstration during a drug and alcohol awareness program sponsored in the Lodge building on April 11, by Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committees of the 26th Masonic District and Meridian Lodge.

Beaver County Deputy Sheriff Rich Yonlisky concluded an informative presentation about canine training by directing Schultz to find the drugs that had been hidden earlier by a cohort, Sgt. Joseph J. David. The youngsters enjoyed the detective work done by the dog, and Schultz enjoyed all of the petting he got from them after the program. It wasn't reported whether Schultz also enjoyed the pizza and soft drinks that were served.



Deputy Sheriff Yonlisky and Schultz (foreground) are shown with those who took part in the program (standing l-r): W. Thomas Marlowe, D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District; John R. Hillman, P.M., Meridian Lodge; Sgt. Joseph David of the Beaver County Sheriff's Office; Bro. Levi Harding, Chairman of the District Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee; Robert L. Sedgwick, P.M., Program Chairman; and Ralph E. Tammaro, W.M., Meridian Lodge.

Blood and Organ Donor Club Sets 2nd Annual Youth Poster Contest

The Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has announced the second annual poster contest designed to involve youth in the promotion of the important humanitarian blood and organ donation program. It is open to any member of the four Masonically-related youth organizations — Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, Order of DeMolay, and Knights of Pythagoras.

Entrants are to prepare an 18" by 24" poster in any appropriate medium — tempera paint, water color, crayon, marker, cut paper. The subject of the poster is to relate to either the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club, the Masonic Blood Club, or the Masonic Organ Donor Club. The posters will be judged on artistic merit, creativity, originality, competence with the selected medium, clarity of the message, and quality of the lettering.

The first place winner will receive a \$300 prize and have his or her poster reproduced and sent to all lodges and youth groups. Second place winner will receive \$200 and third place, \$100.

Deadline for entering the contest is October 1. Entries are to be submitted to: Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

Mason-Knights Aid Easter Seals

In a ceremony April 27 at Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776, the "Mason-Knights," who are brethren from five lodges in the 8th Masonic District and knights of St. Joseph The Worker Council, Knights of Columbus, presented a check for \$4,000 to six-year-old Bobby Kennedy, an Easter Seal child representative.



R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner (front, right) and Grand Knight James D. Morse (center) hold Bobby, while Gleeson M. Craig (front, left), W.M. of Fairless Hills Lodge, holds the representation of a \$4,000 check signed by "Mason-Knights." This is a yearly project of the combined organizations. The Masonic Lodges participating are: Bristol Lodge No. 25; Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776; and Newtown Lodge No. 427, Penn Morris No. 778, and C. Grant Brittingham Lodge No. 788, all of Woodside.

114% Attendance Increase



Hazle Lodge No. 327, Hazleton, was the winner of the R.W. Grand Master's 1996 attendance award for a lodge of its size in Region 7. The increase was 114 percent. Raymond D. Jones, W.M. (left), accepts the award from William J. Ray, Sr., D.D.G.M., 45th Masonic District.

Grant For D&A Abuse Prevention

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has awarded a \$32,290 grant to St. Vincent College to expand its Foundations Program, "Tough Topics," in the Westmoreland County region as well as statewide in Allegheny, Erie, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Clinton, and Lancaster Counties. The program is a multi-dimensional model of primary alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention for high-risk children of ages three through six. R.W. Deputy Grand Master James L. Ernette (right), President of the Masonic Foundation, presents the first \$8,000 installment for the grant to Rev. Martin R. Bartel, O.S.B. (left), President of St. Vincent College, and Barbara Hills, Executive Director of the College Prevention Projects.



Musical Talent Contest Winners



Statewide winners of the 1997 Grand Lodge Musical Talent Contest are shown with R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner after the competition at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, on Saturday, June 21. They are (l-r): Edward Jakuloski, a trumpeter, from Avoca, Region 7; Jennifer E. Looker, a pianist, from Shippensburg, Region 3; Karen M. Jeffries, a vocalist, from Springfield, Region 5, who won second place; Grand Master Weissner; Melissa Epphimer, a pianist from Reading, Region 2; J. Paul Pepper, a pianist from Belle Vernon, Region 4, who won first place; and Jennifer Tice, a pianist from Perkasio, Region 1, who won third place. Michael D. Costello, a pianist and vocalist from State College, who had won the Region 6 competition, was unable to participate in person due to graduation, but videotaped a performance for the statewide contest.

Family Full of W.M.'s Earns Watches

It was the dream of Lavere L. Starnes, P.M., (right), who was Worshipful Master of Hebron Lodge No. 465, New Oxford, in 1962 to see his son and three grandsons serve as Worshipful Master of the lodge. He promised that if they all did, he would present each of them with a historic Dudley Masonic watch. His dream has come true and he made the presentations to (l-r): Son, William L., W.M. in 1966-67; and grandsons, Jeffrey A., W.M. in 1995; Brian L., W.M. in 1997; and Gregory S., W.M. in 1990.

RAISING IS A FAMILY TRADITION

When Raymond E. Montag, P.M., of Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler, conferred the Master Mason's Degree on his grandson, Dale (front, center) in May, he extended a Masonic family tradition. He has raised three sons, two grandsons, and a son-in-law.



Pictured (l-r): Front - Past Master Montag; Dan Bouch, father-in-law of the newly raised Mason; Dale, the grandson who was raised; Jack, a son and Worshipful Master of Victory Lodge; and Rick, a son and Past Master. Rear - Michael, a grandson and Secretary of the 27th Masonic District School of Instruction; Bill Gregory, son-in-law and Senior Warden; and Charles, a son and Lodge Secretary.

Ritual + Fish Fry = Good Attendance



It was designated Ritual Rejuvenation Night and the Master Mason's Degree was conferred on Frank Matthew Wise by Danny R. McKnight, D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District. It also was the Lodge's annual fish fry (cooked up by the ambitious kitchen crew shown). To improve members' attendance, four years ago, the fish fry was switched to an extra meeting night with one degree being exemplified.





Masonic Homes' Village Green Area... What a Wonderful Place to Enjoy Retirement!

Some Immediate Openings Are Available, So Don't Delay!

Imagine spending your retirement years amidst the beauty of nature's splendor...colorful flowers, large shade trees, and bubbling fountains...

Now...put all of your cares aside, because here we take care of the mundane tasks such as cleaning and mowing the grass so you can enjoy your retirement years. All of the conveniences of a small town are offered within walking distance...a post office, library, gift shop, chapel, ice cream parlor, recreation area, auditorium, dining room, ballroom, museum, and an active Masonic Lodge, where an Eastern Star Chapter, a DeMolay Chapter, and a Job's Daughter Bethel congregate for meetings and activities! Transportation to shopping malls and other activities is provided for your convenience.

Stop daydreaming...all of this can be very real, if you choose to live in the Masonic Homes' Village Green area!

Now is the time to start planning your future at the beautiful Masonic Homes. Because of the desire expressed by the Fraternity for more residential options, the Masonic Homes has been working to provide more services in the Village Green area for residents who are looking to live independently. Currently there are some double room accommodations available, and in Spring 1998, there will be additional single and double rooms open for residents who desire to join the Masonic Homes' family. The Village

Green area services include: three meals daily in the beautiful Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room, weekly housekeeping services, personal laundry service, all utilities (except telephone), regularly scheduled transportation, activities and social events, and emergency nurse call response 24 hours daily.

Residents also have access to on-site outpatient and health care services in the Masonic Health Care Center on a Medicare, Medicaid, or private pay basis. If residents develop a

need for some support on a short-term basis, such as may occur when recovering from a hospital stay or illness, assistance is available through subacute transitional care services, personal care services, or on-site home health care services. The needs and preferences of each resident will determine where assistance will be obtained.

A variety of activities and social or leisure opportunities are offered to residents by the certified staff of the Activities Department such as: craft classes, exercise class, creative arts, horticulture, community outings, live entertainment, educational presentations, intergenerational activities, religious programs and services, travelogues, games/cards, swimming, ceramics, socials, and music.

According to Bro. Harold Williams, a 20-year resident of the Village Green area, "The Masonic Homes is a beautiful place. It's the biggest and the best." His fondest memories center around friendships, and volunteering his time to help other people. The advice to someone moving to the Masonic Homes: "You have made a wise decision, and you will be very happy here."

Delma Vincent also has lived in the Village Green area for 20 years. What she likes best about living at the Masonic Homes is "having no responsibilities" for life's chores, allowing her the time to enjoy her favorite activities

which include dancing, quilting, and art work.

Florence Ebert is another 20-year resident in the Village Green. She enjoys life at the Masonic Homes because "you're with people your own age and you can make your own decisions."

"I thank God daily for having the Masonic Homes," says Theda Mason, a ten-year resident and

volunteer in the Village Green area. "Once you're here, there are no worries," she will tell you.

Over the past 22 years, Anna Andrews has experienced "friendship and fellowship with everyone" at the Masonic Homes. "Everyday has been a good memory for me. The one special memory was my 100th birthday party." Even after reaching her status as a centenarian, Mrs. Andrews still enjoys walking for exercise. To a future neighbor, she would offer the following advice: "You can plan to enjoy the rest of your life here."

What Catherine Hutchinson likes best about living at the Masonic Homes is: "Peace, no matter where you look you have it! It's been heaven for me."

For more information on availability, or for an application to the Masonic Homes' Village Green area, please write to: Admissions Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Or, call the Admissions Office toll-free at 1-800-422-1207 Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you call after hours, please leave a message on voice mail and your call will be returned promptly.



In the Village Green Area, beautiful stone buildings surrounded by lush green grass, flowers, and trees create a peaceful atmosphere for the residents. Transportation is provided for residents to various outings, activities, and shopping areas.



Residents can enjoy taking a leisurely stroll through the paths of the Formal Gardens, where a variety of colorful flowers, a fountain, and a reflecting pool offer serenity and peace of mind.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation Respite Care Survey Results

The responses to our MH/MR Respite Care Survey have been received and tabulated. The process to determine involvement in opening a respite care facility at the Masonic Homes is ongoing. A detailed summary for the Committee on Masonic Homes is being prepared. A report of the outcome will be in an upcoming issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Thanks go to all who have responded to the survey.

Independent Living Apartment Availability

If you are ready to move to the beautiful Masonic Homes, the perfect apartment is there for you. There is immediate availability in the independent living area under the entrance fee plan. You can put your home on the market now and be settled in your new apartment before the winter months set in.

These lovely two-bedroom apartments feature a large living room with a bay window, dining area, kitchen complete with a refrigerator and stove, master bedroom with full bath and your own washer and dryer, second bedroom, and another full bath. Don't need that second bedroom? It makes a wonderful den where you can entertain your guests or just curl up and read a good book.

You can make one of these independent living apartments into your new home by calling the Marketing Office at 1-800-676-6452. Call now for an appointment to see one of these lovely apartments. Wouldn't it be great to enjoy the holidays at the Masonic Homes this year?

A sample decor inside an independent living apartment at the Masonic Homes.



Cottage Expansion Progress Report

Some of the residents at the Masonic Homes already are enjoying their new homes, while others are anxiously waiting to move in during the next several months.

Phase 2 of our cottage construction project is well underway and will be completed over the winter and early spring months. There are still some cottages available for your selection. Call the Marketing Office at 1-800-676-6452 for an appointment to take a tour of these beautiful cottages.



An independent living cottage on the Masonic Homes' grounds.

Eastern Star Votes for Merger of Homes

On June 23, as *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was going to press, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was advised that at the annual session of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania Order of Eastern Star, the members voted to accept the agreement from the Masonic Homes of the Right Worshipful Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania to merge their homes with the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. The result of this merger would include the Eastern Star Homes in Warminster, Bucks County, and in Bellevue, Allegheny County, as part of the Masonic continuum of quality care services.

During the session, many members of the Eastern Star spoke of the appropriateness of their homes merging with the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to form closer ties with "our fathers, brothers, and husbands," and truly make the union a Masonic family working together in a "Mission of Love."

If all of the details are finalized, which includes obtaining Medicaid certification for the two Eastern Star homes, the merger could take place by January 1, 1998. Admission eligibility for all three homes would then extend to Masons and their family members and Eastern Star members.

Outreach Extends Educational Resources

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program provides an information and referral service to Pennsylvania Freemasons, their families and friends. For more than three years, the Outreach Program has delivered vital information and direction to Masonic families and community friends across the United States. In an effort to make every Pennsylvania Mason aware of the benefits available through the program, the Outreach Program Director has spoken during Lodge meetings, attended anniversaries, participated in community events, and celebrated Freemasonry with the brethren in every Masonic region of the Commonwealth. The visits educate and inform; just another of the benefits available from Outreach.

In keeping with this mission of education, the Outreach Program Director recently made a visit to Bloomsburg. C. Eugene Whitenight, W.M., of Washington Lodge No. 265, asked for a lodge program hoping to provide information about the Outreach Program and the Masonic Homes. But, he also wanted to provide some health education to the men and their wives.

He was enthusiastic about a presentation that would inform Brethren about prostate cancer, health and treatment, as well as educating women about breast cancer detection, prevention, and treatment. After some research, the Outreach Program tapped some of the numerous contacts in the community and located educators at the Central Pennsylvania Oncology Group at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center. Several educators were willing to go along to Bloomsburg to provide a program to address these important topics.

While the men were in lodge, female educators taught the ladies attending how to administer self breast examinations. Kits and literature were provided and videos were shown describing the perils of cancer, the choices for treatment, and benefits of preventative action. The "Prostate Puzzle" video was shown to the men and women after lodge closed.

All of the above services were provided at no cost to the Lodge, or to the attendees. Beside the material distributed relating to breast and prostate cancer, additional literature was provided by Outreach: senior citizen handbooks; catalogs describing Medicare, Social Security, and reverse mortgages; booklets advising on advanced directives; and personal help notes. To schedule a similar event for your Lodge, or within your community, call John Suchanec, Outreach Director, at 1-800-462-7664.

Hundreds of Volunteers...Thousands of Hours... Millions of Touches Add to the Masonic Homes' Success

National Volunteer Recognition Week, April 13 - 19, was a week of celebration and appreciation at the Masonic Homes. Recognition was given to the hundreds of volunteers, both from the community as well as its own residents, who added their special touches during 1996, totaling more than 78,000 combined hours of volunteer work!

More than 150 residents in Independent Living volunteered 6,000 hours in their area, assisting at the Information Desk, in the post office, with the craft group or the woodworking group, with the blood pressure clinic, as drivers to medical appointments, in the Country Store, in the library, and as board members on various committees.

In the Village Green area, 150 residents provided 50,000 hours of volunteer services in 1996; some residents committing to serving every day, working in areas to provide direct benefits to their neighbors. Residents volunteer in the post office, as tour guides, at the information desk, delivering meals to ill residents, in the gift shop, with activities, in the general store, as clerical support in offices, in the library and the museum, in the Hope Chest, as welcome table hosts, and as pastoral care assistants.



Clyde Whitman (right), volunteer, instructs Bro. Anton Bittenbinder, resident, in playing a computer game.

In the Masonic Health Care Center, hundreds of community volunteers provided 20,000 hours during 1996, directly touching residents in kind and compassionate ways. Reflecting their values and an intrinsic philosophy of helping others to enjoy life, volunteers escort residents, assist with programs and outings, tend the gift shop, shelve books in the library, socialize, reminisce, and encourage residents to participate in sports such as aquatic exercise, and hugging (hugging is a contact sport, isn't it?)

"Volunteers deserve meaningful expressions of gratitude on a regular basis; yet it is equally important that we show our community, through thank-you parties and get-togethers, how much the volunteers' contributions and special touches are appreciated," said Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director of the Masonic Homes.



Bro. Ron Straw, resident volunteer, escorts Helen Hulicki, resident, on a tour of the Green House of the Masonic Homes.

Masonic Health Care Center Construction Update

With the completion of the final phase of the nursing services portion of the Masonic Health Care Center construction project (Ben Franklin 3), renovation of the Masons Care Building, Phase 5C, has begun. These renovations will involve the addition of a third floor to the building and, at its completion, will provide a home for 127 residents requiring assisted living accommodations.

These new accommodations will provide assisted living services for residents who are basically independent but who require some assistance in their daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, transportation, and taking medications. Assisted living accommodations allow residents to live at their full potential with the assurance that individual and personalized assistance will be provided when needed. Scheduled to open in 1998 and renamed the Freemasons Building, this area also will offer convenient access to all clinics, beauty/barber shop, therapy pool, gift shop, activities, and social events.

A wellness center, which will be open to all Masonic Homes' residents as well as employees, will be constructed on the Terrace Level of the Freemasons Building. This is still in planning stages, but will serve as an area where individuals can work toward personalized goals at their own pace.

Masonic Homes Chorus Sings For Grand Lodge



The Masonic Homes Men's Chorus (above) sang during the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held June 4 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of the Valley of Reading. They performed outstandingly in rendering special selections during the opening and closing ceremonies of Grand Lodge, and joined the Choir of the Valley of Reading for music during the processional and recessional.

Youth Appreciation Day 1997

The Children's Home celebrated its 74th Annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet in the Masonic Health Care Center, Roosevelt Building, Assembly Room on May 23. Thirty-five youth were recognized for their many varied activities throughout the year and several were given special recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocation, athletics and citizenship.

Much of the program was presented by the youth, themselves. Six served as ushers, five girls provided musical entertainment, and nine shared the duties of emcee and award presenters.

Special focus was on the three high school graduates: Lynnette Beer, who will attend West Chester University to study fine arts; Anita Serrano, who will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology to study Human Services; and David Paul, who will attend Lebanon Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College to study computer science.

Along with their graduation certificates, the three seniors were presented with Bibles from the Pastoral Care Department, and with gifts from the Masonic Homes' Patton School Alumni Association representative, Richard Singer. Bro. and Mrs. William L. McCarrier presented a personal gift of \$500 to each of the seniors for their continuing education.

Also attending were parents, relatives, friends, representatives from the Elizabethtown Area School District, Children's Home staff and children, and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weissner shared some personal thoughts and inspiring words with the children. He directed some advice to the seniors, likening them to the tree they would be planting on the Children's Home grounds.



Excitement abounds after the Grand Master's announcement that Disney World awaits the youth of the Masonic Children's Home.

"You, too, will be growing and serving mankind," he said. "We trust that you will know that if you ever have a need, you will know that you can always come to a Mason."

The program reached a climax for the youth when Grand Master Weissner and his wife, Barbara, made a surprise announcement: that the Children's Home youth will be going to Disney World during the week of August 8-13. All of the youth then were invited to the stage; some were crowned with Micky Mouse ears, and others were handed balloons. Squeals of excitement were heard, and tears of happiness flowed and big smiles beamed from their faces.

The money to send the youth to Florida will be raised through a sale of note cards that feature drawings made by the children.

After the program, Grand Master Weissner and Bro. Gilson "Buzz" Cash, Director of Children's Services, assisted the three seniors in planting the tree, which concluded the ceremonies. The traditional tree planting ceremony symbolizes the graduating seniors' living and growing ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

D.A.R.E. Officers Visit Masonic Children's Home

Approximately 50 Blue Knights officers, most of whom participate in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, visited the children of the Masonic Children's Home on Sunday, June 8.

The event was coordinated by Al Sanchez, a law enforcement officer with the Community Relations Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department, and Bro.

Gilson "Buzz" Cash, Director of the Masonic Children's Home. The event emphasized positive relationships among the children at the Masonic Children's Home and the D.A.R.E. officers.

Officer Sanchez received his certification as a D.A.R.E. instructor in May 1996. He got the idea for the fund-raising event while he received his D.A.R.E. training on the Masonic Conference Center grounds.

The D.A.R.E. program is a prevention program conducted by the Training Center of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 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 Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and the Masonic Homes support the D.A.R.E. program by donating funds and providing an area for program participants to hold training programs on the Masonic Homes' grounds.

The Blue Knights is a motorcycle club formed by law enforcement officers. Each of the Blue Knights who attended the event donated \$5.00 to the Masonic Children's Home to purchase sports and computer equipment. The event included volleyball, tennis, swimming, softball, and socializing. Officer Sanchez and Bro. Cash arranged for various sponsors to donate food items and funds for a catered picnic lunch.

"We believe the interaction with the D.A.R.E. program and the opportunities to socialize with the police officers will have a lasting impact on our kids," Bro. Cash said. "Police officers are the type of positive role models we want our youth to emulate."



Youth from the Masonic Children's Home pose with some D.A.R.E. officers in front of Memorial Hall, where the officers receive their training on the Masonic Conference Center grounds.

AUTUMN DAY 1997

Mark your calendar now to attend Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes on Saturday, September 27. Experience first-hand the beauty of the facility... learn about the variety of caring services provided... visit family members... and reunite with old friends. Share in the spirit of Freemasonry at our annual open house for Pennsylvania Masons, family members and friends.

The fun and festivities will begin at 10 a.m., and continue until 4 p.m. The following is a preview of Autumn Day highlights:

Delicious food will be provided free at several locations on the grounds until 4 p.m. Taste the Homes-made sausage and baked beans, plus sauerkraut, hot dogs, ice cream, and beverages!

Visit the many stands where you can find answers to questions regarding various Masonic organizations. Browse the gift displays and Masonic Homes' orchard stands.



Many residents of the independent living and Village Green areas will open their apartments, cottages, and rooms so you can visit and view first-hand services, accommodations, and excellent living arrangements available at the Masonic Homes.

Tours also will be available at the Masonic Health Care Center including the Adult Daily Living Center on the ground floor of the Ben Franklin Building; the state-of-the-art Lafayette Special

Care Unit, designed specifically to provide for the needs of residents living their lives with dementia; and the Renaissance Unit, which provides subacute care to any Pennsylvania Mason and eligible family members in need of transitional or rehabilitative care after an extended illness, hospital stay, or surgery.

Bands will perform throughout the day and there will be a wide variety of activities for children. The **Friend to Friend** Program will also be a big event during the day. Don't miss the Resident Talent Show, featuring the Musical Merry-makers and visits from mimes, jugglers, and clowns.

If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, complete the coupon, and send it to the Masonic Homes. The Masonic Homes is unable to provide wheelchairs, so please bring your own if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must advise the Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so special tickets can be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

Nine Get Chapel of Four Chaplains Awards in Ceremonies at Masonic Homes

On Sunday, April 27, nine persons were presented with awards from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains at a ceremony in the Masonic Homes' Sell Chapel. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains is an organization founded to recognize persons whose lives model selfless service to community, nation, and humanity without regard to race, religion, or creed.

Eight were presented the Legion of Honor Award, for service to the local community, and one received the Humanitarian Award for service at the state level.

Vera Greiner, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for her dedication to serving others throughout her career at the Masonic Homes and as a current resident.

Dorothy Handy, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for developing and supervising the Arts and Crafts Group over the past six years. This group has provided a meaningful productive activity for the participants and through the sales of their craft products, raised well over \$30,000 for the "Tree of Life" which is used to support residents in financial need. She also volunteers her time in the blood pressure clinic.

Bro. Herman Fixman, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for his volunteer hours serving residents in the Masonic Health Care Center, his supervision and participation in programs with the children in the Masonic Children's Home, and for his time working as Santa Claus in the Elizabethtown community.

Bro. Franklin Hagist, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for his assistance during Sunday church services and for transporting residents to local hospitals so they may visit their loved ones and friends.

Bro. and Rev. George Jackson, Jr., D.D., was recognized for dedicating his time to

serving the spiritual needs of the residents at the Masonic Homes.

George McConnell, R.N., Nursing Supervisor at the Masonic Homes, was recognized for his volunteer work with the Lancaster Habitat for Humanity. He helps to build homes for individuals who cannot afford to buy a home at market price.

Bro. Henry Nickol, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for his assistance with church services and funeral services, and for his volunteer hours in the post office and gift shop.

Bro. Richard Spieth, Masonic Homes' resident, was recognized for serving as a member and president of the Resident Council and for his time working on committees and with management staff to communicate the needs of residents and help assure the highest quality of care for all residents.

Bro. Carl Flohr, member of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee, was awarded the Humanitarian Award for service at the state level. He was recognized for spending countless hours as a consultant on construction issues and for his devotion to providing for the continuing care needs of the residents of the Masonic Homes. Flohr and his company donated a major portion of the items needed to build the therapy pool in the Masonic Health Care Center.



Front Row, Left to Right: Bro. Henry Nichol, Bro. C. Richard Spieth, Bro. Franklin Hagist, Mrs. Dorothy Handy and Mrs. Vera Greiner. Back Row, Left to Right: Bro. Carl Flohr, Mr. George McConnell, Bro. Herman Fixman, Bro. and Rev. George Jackson, D.D.

Bro. J. Walter Price, P.D.D.G.M., conducted the ceremony. Bro. and Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Director of Pastoral Care, provided the invocation and benediction. Bro. Stewart Titus, past recipient of the Legion of Honor award and resident of the Masonic Homes, played the organ.

These awards are given in memory of four Army chaplains: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goods, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Reformed Church. These four men assisted in the evacuation of the U.S.S. *Dorchester*, after it was hit by torpedoes fired by a German submarine on February 2, 1943. These four men calmed the frightened, tended the wounded, and offered prayers to the dying, all without regard to race or religion. They gave their own life jackets to four other men, linked arms and offered prayers as the ship went down. They became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage, and selflessness.

At The Quarterly Communication

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania officers and visiting officers from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey are pictured at the Quarterly Communication held June 4 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of the Valley of Reodng. They are (l-r): Raymond J. Vonden Berghe, Sr., M.W.P.G.M., NJ; Joseph P. Bellini, M.W.P.G.M. and R.W. Grand Secretary, NJ; Thomas C. Librandi, Grand Steward; Marvin G. Speicher, Grand Treasurer; Robert L. Duge, Jr., R.W.S.G.W.; Edward O. Weisser, R.W.G.M.; James L. Ernette, R.W.D.G.M.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M.; John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M.; Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M.; Larry A. Buzzard, Regional Instructor, Region 2; and Ross Van Ness Bayer, R.W.D.G.M., NJ.



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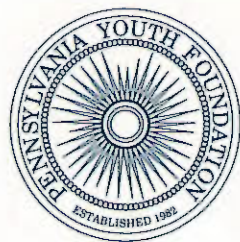
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Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Awards 26 Scholarships for '97

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation awarded 26 scholarships for 1997 to children or grandchildren of

Pennsylvania Masons or members of Pennsylvania Rainbow for Girls, Order of DeMolay, or Job's Daughters. The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Youth Foundation reviewed 215 applications this year. The awards were determined on the basis of a competitive review of academic achievement. The awards were:

\$2,500 Grand Master's Scholarships:

Paula J. Biscup, Export, daughter of Bro. Chester James Biscup, Hailman-Monroeville Lodge No. 786, University of Pittsburgh.

Mandy Jo Montgomery, Sandy Lake, granddaughter of Bro. William E. McLean, Lake Lodge No. 434, Sandy Lake, University of Pittsburgh.

Sara D. Nakai, New Castle, DE, Job's Daughter Bethel No. 13, Newport, DE, and daughter of Bro. George T. Taylor, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, University of Pittsburgh.

Haley Lynn Tomb, Black Lick, Job's Daughter Bethel No. 6, and the daughter of Bro. Roy B. Tomb, Acacia Lodge No. 355, Blairsville, Washington and Jefferson College.

\$1,000 Grand Master's Scholarships:

Jennifer Barchie, Pittsburgh, Shawnee Rainbow Assembly No. 163, University of Notre Dame.

Tricia E. Evanoski, New Castle, PA, granddaughter of Bro. John L. Black, New Castle Lodge No. 642, Clarion University.

Marie Malin, Perkasio, granddaughter of the late Bro. Jesse A. Malin, West Chester Lodge No. 322, College of the Atlantic.

Vickie A. Meckley, Catawissa, granddaughter of Bro. Howard Troy, Catawissa Lodge No. 349, Susquehanna University.

Corrine Susanne Thompson, Dawson, granddaughter of Bro. Ellis H. Christner, James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson, Seton Hill College.

Jessica S. Waywell, Colmar, Penn Valley Rainbow Assembly No. 153, and daughter of Bro. James A. Waywell, Shiloh Lodge No. 558, Lansdale, Gwynedd Mercy College.

\$2,500 Herman Witte Memorial Scholarship

Angela Carol Burdge, Mifflin, daughter of the late Bro. Ralph F. Burdge, Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown, Shippensburg University.

Jason Robert Schramm, Sinking Spring, Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay and son of Bro. Edward Helgenburg, Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, New York University.

\$1,000 Herman Witte Memorial Scholarship

Carin M. Kremenik, Girard, granddaughter of Bro. Fred S. Park, Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, Girard, University of Pittsburgh.

\$2,500 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship

Damien B. Chacona, Susquehanna, Mountain Laurel Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Lycoming College.

Matthew Etling, Connellsville, Fayette Chapter, Order of DeMolay and son of Bro. Charles Etling, King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Grove City College.

\$1,000 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship

Leanne Whitesell, Butler, daughter of Bro. Thomas Whitesell, Butler Lodge No. 272, Messiah College.

\$2,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship

Kari Melissa Lacy, Renovo, Renovo Rainbow Assembly No. 78, Lebanon Valley College.

Melyssa G. Reiner, Pottsville, Pottsville Rainbow Assembly No. 75 and daughter of Bro. H. David Reiner, Minersville Lodge No. 222, Alvernia College.

Lea Rine, Danville, Sunbury Rainbow Assembly No. 80 and the granddaughter of Bro. Melvin Love, Mahoning Lodge No. 516, Danville, Pennsylvania State University.

Brian D. Stecker, Drums, son of Bro. Dennis C. Stecker, Hazle Lodge No. 327, Hazleton, University of Scranton or Pennsylvania State University.

Lori Stecker, Drums, daughter of Bro. Dennis C. Stecker, Hazle Lodge No. 327, Hazleton, Villanova University.

\$1,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship

Heather Alana Lewis, Butler, daughter of Bro. David P. Lewis, Butler Lodge No. 272, Slippery Rock University.

Christy Roth, Mechanicsburg, daughter of Bro. Kenneth Roth, West Shore Lodge No. 681, Camp Hill, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Kathryn Ann Walson, granddaughter of Bro. Thomas Betts Walson, John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743, Pittsburgh, Syracuse University.

William J. White, Olyphant, son of Bro. William H. White, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant, Pennsylvania State University, Scranton Campus.

\$1,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship, and \$1,000 Charles R. Nebel Scholarship

Corey J. Ferraro, Erie Chapter, Order of DeMolay and son of Jesse J. Ferraro, Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie, Gannon University.

Since first making awards in 1989, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has given more than \$148,000 in 108 scholarships.

In 1998, eligibility will be expanded to include siblings of Master Masons. The 1998 program will begin with the distribution of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide and application forms in September. They may be requested from the PYF office. Phone 1-800-266-8424.

Of Masonic Interest...

Do You Play Chess? Master Masons of recognized lodges are eligible to join the Masonic Postal Chess Club. Members play chess by mail with Masons in all states. The club includes both beginners and experienced players who play as often and with as many opponents as desired. For information, write to the club secretary, Dennis Plymette, 17 Grinnel Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011-7716.

Masons interested in camping with tents, travel trailers, or motor homes are invited to join the National Camping Travelers. NCT is a Masonic family camping club that is active throughout United States and Canada. For information, contact the Pennsylvania State Director, Bro. Harry Derr, Jr., RR # 2, Box 2952, Factoryville, PA 18419, (717) 945-5688; or the Master of Travel for East Penn Chapter No. 12, Bro. Lynn Lord, Box 23, Dauberville, PA 19517, (610) 926-3794.

MASONS OF NOTE

At 92, **Ralph C. Lehr**, P.M. (right), Perkiomen Lodge No. 595, conferred a masterful Master Mason's Degree for Clyde D. Hoch (center) on May 20, when W. Richard Dillon (left), D.D.G.M., 40th Masonic District, was present. Bro. Lehr was Worshipful Master in 1957 and also served as Treasurer for a number of years.



M.W. Grand Master James E. Woecker, Sr. (second from right), of the Grand Lodge of Delaware awarded the Jesse Green Medal of Honor to a Pennsylvania Mason, **H. Dean Smith**, P.M. (second from left), of Chester Lodge No. 236 and a P.D.D.G.M. who served Pennsylvania's 36th Masonic District from 1971 to 1981. The medal for outstanding service to the Fraternity is granted only to a Master Mason in good standing in any jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Delaware. M.W. Past Grand Master Warren F. Scheuler, Sr. (left) holds the certificate that accompanied the medal and Robert E. Trice (right) Deputy Grand Master, looks on.



At the General Assembly for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America held in Rosemont, IL, **R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser** (center) received the York Rite's highest honor, the Order of the Purple Cross. John J. Hunt (left), Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Thomas W. Jackson (right), R.W. Grand Secretary, congratulate the Grand Master after presenting him with his Purple Cross. The honor is conferred for service to Freemasonry far beyond the norm, or for outstanding service rendered on behalf of the nation or humanity.



Seamus P. McCaffery, of Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, the first Philadelphia police officer ever to be elected a municipal court judge, addressed the 34 officers graduated in the 1997 Spring class of D.A.R.E. at Patton Campus. He told the officers that education is the key to the future. He commended them on their dedication to reducing the demand for drugs and alcohol. At the ceremony, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children presented Bro. McCaffery (center) with a plaque to recognize his work as an outstanding civil servant and Mason. It was presented by Anthony J. Gorvey (left), the Foundation's Managing Director, and Joseph W. Witte, Director.



There was a special note of recognition when **James R. Miller**, P.M., Aliquippa Lodge No. 375, McKeesport, was presented his second Past Master's Plaque by Jay E. McElravy, D.D.G.M., 49th Masonic District. When Bro. Miller agreed to serve his lodge as W.M. for the second time and was installed in April 1996, he was faced with a list of 34 members to be suspended for non-payment of dues. Before the year was finished, he had those 34 restored to good Masonic standing, restored four others who had been suspended as long as eight years, and saw four brethren initiated. He was the first-line signer on two of those petitions and second-line signer on another one.



380 Years of Masonry — Ashlar Lodge No. 570, Lykens, honored six members whose combined Masonic service exceeds 380 years of membership. Five of the brethren recognized shown with then-Worshipful Master Brad A. Dietrich (rear) are (l-r): W. H. Clay Keen, II, P.M., 73, a Mason for 50 years; Deon O. Snyder, 94, a Mason for 73 years; John J. R. Moyer, P.M., 91, a Mason for 74 years; Guy C. Scheib, P.M., 83, a Mason for 59 years; and Milton M. Weist, 85, and a Mason for 58 years. Missing from the photo is Edgar A. Kopp, 92, a Mason for 69 years.



Lodge No. 409 Grant Sends Youth to D.C.



Pine Grove Area High School student Everett Peachey (second from left) receives a grant from Brian G. Lengel, Worshipful Master of Pine Grove Lodge No. 409, that enabled him to participate in a one-week session of "Presidential Classroom" in Washington, DC. There, he and other student leaders had unprecedented access to Washington's halls of power, observed Congress in action, attended briefings at federal agencies, and were able to meet and question some of the country's most influential people. Looking on at the presentation are Past Masters Harry Gensemer (left) and Robert G. Harris (right). On May 5, Peachey and other Pine Grove Area "Presidential Classroom" scholars presented a slide program depicting their extraordinary week in Washington.

The Annual Grand Communication And Grand Master's Banquet Set For December 27 in Pittsburgh

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is scheduled to be held in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Saturday, December 27, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Communication will mark the end of the administration of Edward O. Weisser as the R.W. Grand Master and

the beginning of the expected term of James L. Ernette.

The Grand Master's Banquet is scheduled for the evening at the Pittsburgh Hilton. Tickets are available for \$25.00 per person and will be sold by the Grand Master's office, District Deputy Grand Masters, or lodges on a first-request basis.

\$7,500 from Pancakes Helps Kim



At the May stated meeting of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, a check for \$7,500 was presented by Robert R. George, W.M. (left) and LeRoy Eberly (right), Chairman of the Lodge Charities Committee, to Kim Hassinger (front center) and her parents, Joan and Barry Hassinger (rear), of Elizabethtown. The contribution represents the proceeds from the Lodge's 1997 pancake breakfast in April. Kim was stricken in 1993 with a near-fatal heart attack. Complications made specialized vision therapy necessary, which is not covered by insurance. This eighth annual benefit pancake breakfast was supported by more than 1,200 persons and there were numerous monetary donations from the community.

Medallion Award



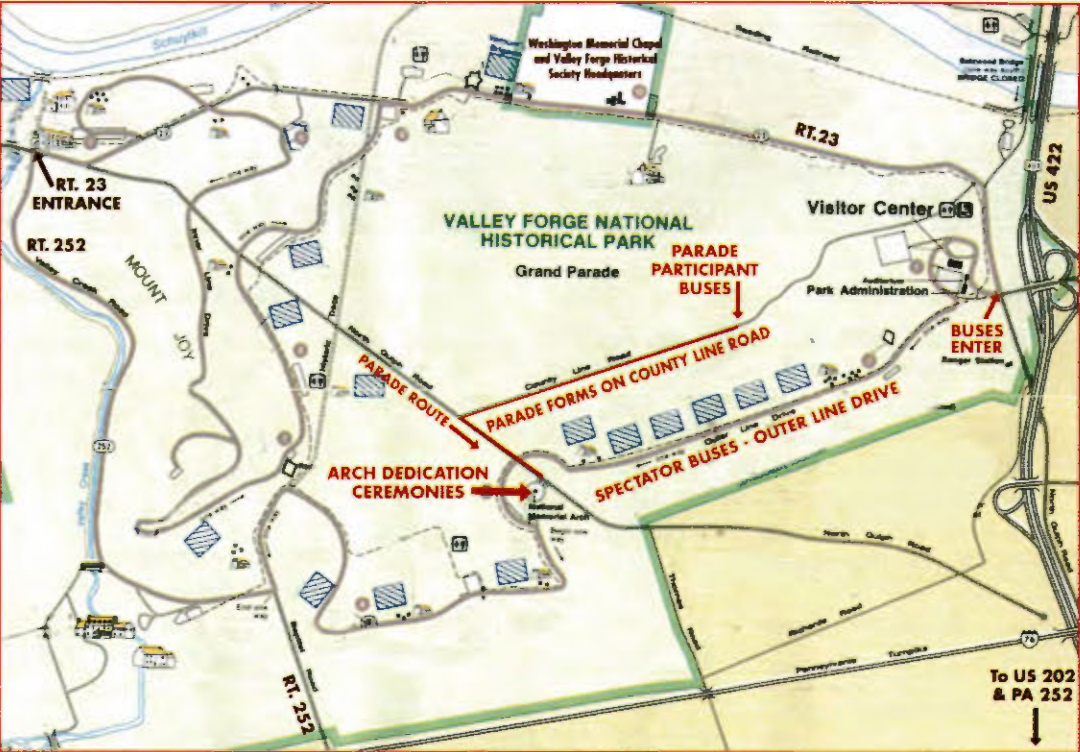
Acting for R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, 47th Masonic D.D.G.M. David S. Kielman (left) presented a Grand Lodge Throat Medallion to Richard E. Lewis, Jr. (front center) on June 3 in Avalon Lodge No. 657, Bellevue. Frederick D. Schneider, W.M. (right), holds the Square and Compasses trophy that accompanied the award. In the rear are (l-r): Joseph A. Schrock, Jr., S.W.; Francis D. Schneider, P.M., and a previous medallion recipient; and William Hynes, Jr., acting J.W. The award is earned by being the first-line signer of petitions for twelve masons.

A Lasting Tribute

To commemorate the summer unveiling of the restored National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge National Historical Park, the park presents the exhibition, **A Lasting Tribute**. The exhibit explores the 80-year history of the National Memorial Arch through its creating legislation, architecture, and current efforts to bring the arch back to its earlier grandeur. **A Lasting Tribute**, which will be on display in the Visitor Center from June 27 to October 31, pictures the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania signing the agreement to preserve the Arch.

Arch Tee-Shirts Available

Tee-shirts with a drawing and a message on the back that the wearer helped preserve the National Memorial Arch are available from the Gift Shop in the Masonic Temple at \$8 for adult sizes and \$5 for children's sizes. They can be purchased in person or by mail. See the picture and listing in the Gift Shop booklet with this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.



Parking at Valley Forge

Automobile parking for the ceremonies and parade at Valley Forge will be available at several satellite locations in the area around the Valley Forge National Park. There will be continuous shuttle bus service from every satellite location to and from the Dedication and parade site in the Park.

Parking information and directions will be on signs posted at the following intersections:

- Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 24 (Valley Forge).
- I-76 and U.S. 202 South.
- U.S. 202 and PA 252.
- U.S. 30 and PA 252.
- PA 23 and PA 252.
- U.S. 422 and PA 23 (Main entrance to the Park)

Buses transporting spectators should use the main entrance to Valley Forge National Park at U.S. 422 and PA 23 to Outer Line Dr. Drivers will be directed for dispatching passengers and parking.

Buses transporting participants for the parade should enter Valley Forge National Park by the North Gulph Rd. entrance, which is on PA 23 east of PA 252. Drivers will be directed for dispatching passengers and parking.

Please plan to arrive early to allow for the heavy traffic flow in the Valley Forge area.

Dedication of Preserved Arch and Parade

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the American Flag and unveil a Memorial Monument to the Masons of the Continental Army.

Early arrival is recommended for the throngs who will witness the Dedication ceremonies. The procession will be formed at 1:20 p.m. and proceed in time to be in place at the Arch for the 2:00 p.m. dedication and capstone ceremonies. The parade will begin soon after the recessional from the ceremonies at the Arch.

As visitors arrive in the Valley Forge area, they will be directed to parking areas. Limited parking will be available

in Valley Forge National Park and numerous satellite parking areas have been arranged surrounding the Park with shuttle buses running constantly to and from the Dedication site.

Lodges from across the state have planned bus trips to Valley Forge, many including a boxed lunch. Many brethren and their families planned to pack picnic lunches and lawn chairs for a historic day's outing. Food service is not available within the park; however, provisions have been made for drinking water and rest room facilities.