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### JAMES L. ERNETTE INSTALLED 112TH R.W. GRAND MASTER

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## The Grand Master's Message

[Following are excerpts from the message delivered by Brother James L. Ernette following his installation as R.W. Grand Master, December 27.]

### Brethren:

It is a matter of great pride, tempered with humility, to have begun my Masonic life humbly — as all brothers do in our Fraternity; to grow through the years with the support of the brethren; and to be elected Grand Master of the largest, most prestigious, most progressive Grand Lodge in North America. I am truly grateful.

With the honor of office comes a level of responsibility. I realize the seriousness of my obligation, and take the charges seriously. I accept the challenges, and I promise my dedicated service.

It remains most important in our great fraternity, founded on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, that we uphold our fervent trust in Him and proceed in our labors with faith and confidence. ... It is my vision that, with a common resolve, the more than 150,000 Masons in our 485 lodges across the Commonwealth will demonstrate, personally and actively, the vitality of Freemasonry among the brethren in their lodges, throughout the fraternity, with their families, and in their communities.

Every Grand Master comes into office with programs unique unto his administration. I am confident that you will find the programs on our Trestleboard vital, exciting, and progressive. Some are new and some are enhanced; but, all are aimed at continuing to build our Fraternity.

When you look at the 1998 Grand Master's Medallion, you'll see the definition of my vision in four words: FAITH, FAMILY, FRATERNITY, COMMUNITY

I don't have to recount the many changes in the world as we approach the new millennium. ... There are changes that we have to make if we are to progress into the Third Millennium. ... changes that have to be made at the grass roots level — by the backbone of this great Fraternity — by the Masons in their Blue Lodges.

Nothing will take a higher priority for me than Membership Development and Retention. We are in a people business. We want to continue our good works as a fraternity — to make good men better and serve our fellow men and communities. The only way we can do that is with a stable and progressive membership.

As you know, our Fraternity has been losing members at a steady rate for several decades not only at a state-wide level, but also on a national level. Efforts in recent years have narrowed the gap somewhat, we have not closed it. ... I am convinced that we DO have the ability — and the courage — to turn the corner and build for the future.

We have no control over the deaths. We do have some control over suspensions and resignations. But, we can control our destiny by welcoming interested, worthy men into our Fraternity and making their lives in the lodge interesting and exciting for themselves and their families.

Masons attract good men to Masonry. You represent Masonry for some good and worthy men — your son or other relative, a good friend or neighbor, a co-worker, or a church or civic associate. Knowing them to be of the finest character, tell them about the heritage and good works of Freemasonry and be sure that each of them knows that those who desire membership must seek it. They have to ask.

In my analysis, the formula for future success is simple: Aggressive membership development, PLUS Focused membership retention, EQUALS Break even in '98.

My membership goal is realistic: It is NET ZERO for 1998.

Immediately we will launch a renewed effort for membership development ... called "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's OVERTURE Program for Membership Development and Membership Retention Through Excellence in Leadership." ... We'll refer to it "the short way" and simply call it our "OVERTURE" Program. (Please see "OVERTURE" article on Page 6),

With the help of our District Deputy Grand Masters, we have enlisted 58 energetic professionally talented Masons (with significant experience in business and service to customers) to be District Chairmen for Membership Development. They will assist lodges with membership development and retention programs, and help implement the "Overture Program". I firmly believe that if these Brethren have made things happen in their own businesses, they can make it happen for Freemasonry.

Rather than ask a few to do a lot, I am asking a lot to do ONE THING: REPLACE YOURSELF. I mean that each of you be the recommender of at least one worthy man to join you in lodge. If you do that, we will surpass my goal of NET ZERO.

When you get home, you should have a new, Masonic calendar in the mail. With it is a personal letter from the Grand Master asking for your help — your active support. And, with it is a copy of a petition. Simply, I am asking each Pennsylvania Mason to accept one personal assignment from your Grand Master: Tell one worthy friend about Freemasonry, and when he asks, present him with the petition, then lead him along the rewarding travels of Freemasonry. You'll both be glad you did.

We will continue to award a purple Grand Master's Team jacket to a brother who is a first-line signer of a petition for a new Mason. This applies to all the first-time, first-line signers since the beginning of Past Grand Master George Hohenschildt's term.

Brenda and I will host a Pennsylvania Freemasons' trip to Hawaii in February, 1999. Any brother who is the first-line recommender on 25 petitions during 1998 will be awarded one free ticket for that trip. Further, I am extending the offer made by Past Grand Master Hohenschildt for a free trip for one person to Hawaii to any brother who has been a first-line signer on 50 petitions since January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1998.

Pennsylvania Masons want their lodges to be "all that they can be" — in the lodge and in the community. It is up to each lodge to make the lodge hall efficient, comfortable, attractive, and visible in the community. The job is yours to do; but, Masons always work with unanimity, so you don't have to do it alone. Grand Lodge is ready to lend a helping hand.

A Low-Interest Loan Program for anything short of construction is being made available for those Blue Lodges struggling to find funds to refurbish or improve their facilities. There will be no-interest loans for the purchase of computers.

There are lodges in 66 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Wherever we are, our lodges are made up of leaders in their communities, men who do a lot for their friends, neighbors and those in need. Masons have always been charitable and vital to their communities. It is time that we take Masonic charity out of the lodge room and

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## R.W. Grand Master Ernette

### A Leader in Business, Community and Masonry



James L. and Brenda Ernette

The new Grand Master, 52, is a retired Pennsylvania State Policeman, a successful businessman, an active community leader, and a busy Mason.

He is the Owner and President of Unity Printing Co., Latrobe. He was a Pennsylvania State Police Trooper from 1967 to 1984. He is a graduate of Hempfield Area Senior High School; Point Park College, Pittsburgh; and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy.

He and his wife, Brenda (Smith), have a daughter, Lisa, the wife of Bro. G. Joseph Frederick, and a granddaughter, Ashley Frederick. The Ernettes are members of The Charter Oak United Methodist Church, Greensburg.

Bro. Ernette was elected Grand Master during the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia on December 3 after having served two



Grand Master Ernette chats with "The Man" Arnold Palmer, outside the golfer's office across the road from Latrobe Country Club, where both are members. Brother Palmer is a member of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe.

years as R.W. Deputy Grand Master. Previously, he served the Grand Lodge as R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 1994-95, and R.W. Junior Grand Warden in 1992-93. He was a District Deputy Grand Master from 1987 through 1991, and Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1980. From 1982-86, he served Grand Lodge in the appointed office of Senior Grand Deacon. He has served as the President of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children and on the Board of Directors of the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289; Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216; Oliver Council No. 13, Royal and Select Masters; and Kedron Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar. He is a member of Constans Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Johnstown, and York Rite College, Golden Triangle No. 32, Pittsburgh.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh, including The Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pennsylvania Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix, and Pennsylvania Consistory. He was coroneted a 33° Mason in Boston in 1996.

Bro. Ernette is a Shriner in Syria Temple, Pittsburgh; a member of Caravan Eight, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and The Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2. He is a member of the PIN Club, Pittsburgh, and L.A.M.A.S. Club in Latrobe. In 1987, he was the Grand Tall Cedar of Westmoreland Forest No. 77, and is a member of Islam Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Pittsburgh.

He is a member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor. He also is a member of the National Sojourners No. 130, Carlisle; Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand Masters Council "A"; and the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of the U.S.

He is active in professional and community services. He is a Board member of the Latrobe Area Chamber of Commerce; on the Board of Directors of the Latrobe Area Community Development Corp.; the Central Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce; the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce and the East Suburban Chamber of Commerce.



Jay Ernette, owner and President of Unity Printing, is an active, successful businessman in the Latrobe area.

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# Elected Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

## J.L. Ernette Installed 112th R.W. Grand Master

James L. Ernette, P.M., a member of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District, was installed as the 112th Right Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons in Pennsylvania during the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on December 27.

Also installed to serve with the Grand Master as elected officers of the Grand Lodge are:



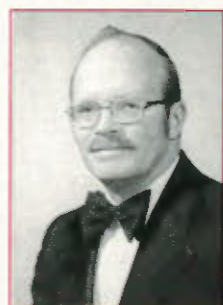
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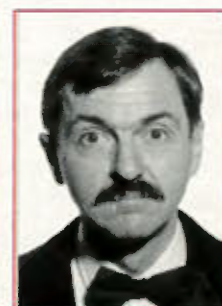


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Shippensburg

The new Grand Master named the following Grand Lodge appointed officers:



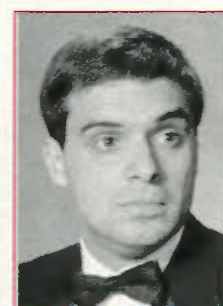
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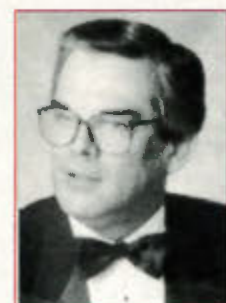
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Gregory D. Barnhart,  
Ligonier Lodge No. 331,  
Ligonier



Grand Steward  
Steven E. Burlin,  
Honesdale Lodge No. 218,  
Honesdale



Grand Steward  
S. Robert Marziano, Jr.,  
Elwood Lodge No. 599,  
Elwood City



Grand Marshal  
Donald L. Albert,  
Euclid Lodge No. 698,  
Harrisburg



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G. Joseph Frederick,  
Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275,  
Latrobe



Grand Pursuivant  
Randy L. Hobaugh,  
Shilde Lodge No. 601,  
Irwin



Grand Tyler  
G. Richard McClucas,  
Skerrett Lodge No. 343,  
Cochranville



## William Slater II, Jr. Grand Warden

William Slater II, P.M., Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh, was installed December 27 as the R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The 39-year-old Pittsburgh native and life-long resident of Allegheny County is the Owner and President of Wm. Slater & Sons, Inc. and operates a series of mortuaries in the Pittsburgh area. He was graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in 1976; Thiel College in 1980; and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1980.

He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 45 in 1987 and was the Representative to the Grand Lodge from 1987 to 1990. In 1992 and 1993, he served as Sword Bearer for R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr.

In York Rite, Bro. Slater is a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 268; Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Master Masons; and Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. He is serving the Valley of Pittsburgh, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as 2nd Lt. Commander. Also, he is a member of Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; the Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2; Islam Grotto; and President of the Cinosam Club.

He is involved in various professional and community activities, including: the National and Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Associations; Mount Washington Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Corp.; the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries; and the Green Tree Rotary Club where he is a Paul Harris Award recipient.

Bro. Slater is married to the former Maria D. Arena of Allison Park. The couple has a daughter, Sydney Arena Slater, age one. He is a member of Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, where he is a Deacon and former member of the Christian Education Committee.

## Family

The importance and vitality of the family is highlighted on the Grand Master's Medallion. (1) Jay and Brenda Ernette. (2) Daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Joseph Frederick, with their daughter, Ashley. Joseph, a member of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, will serve as Grand Sword Bearer. (3) Ashley enjoys a day at a parade with her grandfather. (4) Daughter Lisa works with her father at Unity Printing.



## The Grand Master's Medallion A Symbol of Philosophy and Vision

"Faith, Family, Fraternity, Community" encircling the Square and Compasses inscribed on a keystone overlaying an outline of the state on the 1998 Grand Master's Medallion relates R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette's vision of the principles, direction and scope of Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

The Medallion is a bronze token designed at the direction of the Grand Master to identify his administration on one side and reflect his philosophy for the fraternity in the jurisdiction on the obverse. The Grand Master traditionally presents or awards the medallions at special ceremonies, visitations, recognitions, and to visiting dignitaries.

Grand Master Ernette defines the message on the obverse as:

"Faith" - A Mason believes and places his trust in a Supreme Being and maintains an abiding relationship in the brotherhood of man.

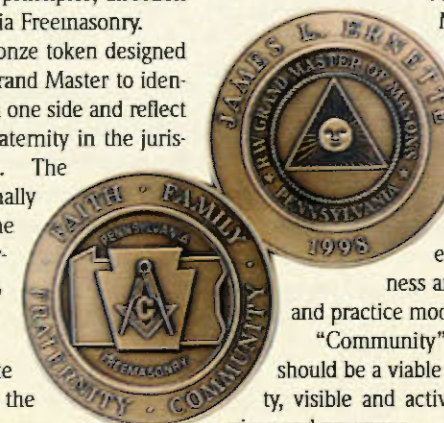
"Family" - A Mason's own family always

comes first and should be a part of the fraternity's social activities. Likewise, there is a familial tie that binds among appendant bodies and organizations that make up the "Family of Freemasonry."

"Fraternity" - Every Mason needs to set the proud fraternal example at all times: act and live the principles of our fraternity, strive to make good men better, exude honesty in business and civic relationships, and practice moderation in recreation.

"Community" - The Masonic Lodge should be a viable force in its community, visible and active in community services and programs.

On the reverse of the medallion is the identification of "James L. Ernette, 1998, R.W. Grand Master of Masons, Pennsylvania" surrounding the seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



## Fraternity

The fraternity encompasses the Family of Freemasonry. Grand Master Ernette is shown with: (1) Richard J. Stemmler, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District. (2) Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. (3) C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. (4) David L. Kempfer, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. (5) Errol T. Betzenberger, Most Puissant Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania. (6) Norman E. Flaherty, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. (7) Larry W. Budd, Monarch, Islam Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. (8) James A. Frye, soon-to-be Potentate of Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



## Community

Masons are leaders in their communities. Typical of concern for others, G.M. Ernette is shown: (1) ready to play ball with youth; (2) visiting with Rainbow Girls; and (3) being recognized by D.A.R.E. for dedication to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among children. (He is flanked by Joseph W. Witte and Anthony J. Garvey at left, and PA Crime Prevention Program Manager Roy Willoughby, and D.A.R.E. mentor Sgt. Phil Bueki, right.)





## OVERTURE: A Two-Initiative Leadership And Development Program For All Lodges

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette has set a membership development and retention goal of **Net Zero beginning in 1998** and announced a two-initiative program to make it happen.

The Grand Master said that he is determined to take a giant step for Freemasonry toward solving what is undoubtedly the most perplexing problem faced by every lodge in Pennsylvania and all of Freemasonry. The Grand Master has instituted the OVERTURE Program, a leadership development and action program that he believes is destined to make the difference.

For more than four decades, membership in Masonic lodges has been declining at a rate equal to about 3.5 per cent a year. Since the post-World War II hey day of the Craft, when there were more than four million Masons nationwide, the decline has been gradual, but steady. Changes in lifestyles, the economy and the needs of men and their families have accounted for much of the decline. In recent years in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, there have been efforts to attract new members and turn the situation around, generally with mixed results. Further, in too many cases, new members appear interested in what Masonry has to offer and join, only to lose interest in their lodges, or allow their membership to lapse.

The Grand Master commented: "We've acted too much like a fraternity with a guaranteed future and not enough like a business organization whose very existence is threatened.

Whenever I've seen a business or an organization get into trouble, I can trace the problem to two sources — either their products lost appeal and don't work, or they've lost touch with the customer and failed to treat new customers for what they are, the lifeblood of the organization. I'm committed to the concept of concern for the customer in my business life; and I'm committed to that concept as being crucial to the future of Masonry. While I am Grand Master, and I hope beyond that, we want to think of our members as customers and put them first in our lodges and first in our thinking about the future."

Though it will be more comfortably referred to as "The OVERTURE Program," its official designation, "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's OVERTURE Program for Membership Development and Membership Retention Through Excellence in Leadership," clearly defines its purpose and target. It is made up of two initiatives: the

Overture Series and the Conductor's Series.

The Overture Series will comprise six workshops to be offered around the state this spring. They are designed to train the leadership of the lodges in their roles and responsibilities for membership development and retention. The Conductor's Series, beginning in the fall, also will include six workshops. They are designed to help lodge officers with effective lodge management and administrative details, with a special focus on membership management.

There will be eight Overture and eight Conductor's one-day workshops planned for Saturdays in 1998 and 1999 at convenient locations for the lodges throughout the state, each beginning early in the morning and concluding by 4:30 p.m.

Invitations will go to all lodges very soon, encouraging each to send the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and one member who is specifically designated for membership development. Grand Master Ernette said, "We believe that by paying attention to the future leadership of the lodge, we can develop both momentum and continuity for this effort. We encourage each participant to attend both the Overture and Conductor's Series so that they can become a force for change in the lodge."

To emphasize the importance of attendance by the leadership of the lodges, the Grand Lodge will reward each lodge with \$500 if at least two of their participants attend both the Overture and the Conductor's series.

With the help of the District Deputy Grand Masters, a District Membership Development and Retention Chairman has been identified for each of the 58 Masonic Districts to help facilitate the goals of the program. Grand Master Ernette said that these individuals were selected based upon their backgrounds in business, customer service and commitment to serve.

Both initiatives will be coordinated by Past District Deputy Grand Master G. Kent Hockney, who will serve on the Grand Lodge staff and be responsible for their successful launching and implementation. Bro. Dudley Davis, who has been involved with leadership development programs in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, is developing and will facilitate the Overture Series. Bro. Hackney will develop and facilitate the Conductor's Series.



## RWPGM Fowler Leads Royal Order of Scotland

R.W. Past Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. (left), was installed Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland during ceremonies in Washington, DC, October 8. He succeeds Marvin H. Fowler (right), who is not a relative despite the same surname. Right Honorable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, CD, JP, MA, LLD (center) was present for the ceremonies and the principal speaker at the annual banquet in the evening.

## Exciting, Matching Charity Grants Program Launched For Lodges to Help Their Communities



"He is to be a man of benevolence and charity; not sitting down contented, while his fellows, much more his Brethren, are in want, when it is in his power, without prejudicing himself or his family, to relieve them."

[From the Ancient Charge at the initiation of a Freemason]

A new program of Masonic Matching Charity Grants designed to help lodges become more active in supporting causes in their local communities has been announced by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette. He presented the innovative action program to the brethren in his inaugural remarks after his installation as Grand Master at the Annual Communication. Earlier, he had outlined the program to District Deputy Grand Masters and to Senior Wardens of the lodges to facilitate planning for their prospective year as Worshipful Master.

The need for charity in our society has never been greater! With reductions of federal and state grants for the relief of those in need, there will be a greater reliance on the private sector of support of worthy charitable causes. Clearly, it is our Masonic duty to be charitable, and by reaching out into our local communities, we can make this vital aspect of Freemasonry a well-known and esteemed quality.

Working with the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program, each lodge will have the opportunity to contribute up to \$5,000 from the lodge to community charitable causes, which will be matched, up to a total of an additional \$5,000 by Grand Lodge.

The matching fund process is designed to be simple and easy to implement. Here's how a lodge will put the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program into action in its community:

- Identify a community need.
- Apply to Grand Lodge for approval to make the public contribution from its lodge funds.
- Raise funds, or vote to allocate money to meet the need.
- Apply to the Masonic Matching Charity Grant Committee of Grand Lodge for a grant.

"You are to relieve the necessities of your Brethren, to the utmost of your power and ability, without prejudice to yourself or your private concerns. Do this in a cheerful spirit, for our Great Master has said that He loveth a cheerful giver."

[From the Ancient Charge at the raising of a Freemason.]

- Receive a check payable to the lodge from Grand Lodge for the Matching Charity Grant.
- Write a single check from the local Lodge for the total combined amount of the charity gift and present it to the recipient.
- Gain all of the credit for the local lodge (not Grand Lodge) for the contribution.
- Begin the process again to identify another community need (if the initial project did not amount to \$5,000). The Grand Lodge will match any number of projects, totalling up to \$5,000 per lodge per year.

If a lodge does not have \$5,000 to give to charitable causes, it is permitted to raise funds in an appropriate manner. The Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee has been appointed to administer the program, and to assist the lodge in finding appropriate causes. A complete program kit has been prepared and distributed to each lodge explaining the program in detail.

Your lodge's participation in this program will net dramatic results. Your lodge will become more involved in local community projects. People with real needs can be helped by the Charity of Freemasonry. Your lodge can assume a prominent role in serving your community. Membership in the Fraternity will be more attractive to those who share your desire to serve others.

For information on the program, contact the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee, 1244 Bainbridge Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Phone toll-free: 1-800-266-8424.

"And these generous principles are to extend even farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. So that we enjoin it upon you, do good unto all, while we recommend it more especially to those who are at the household of the faithful."

[From the Ancient charge at the closing of a lodge.]



## It's A New Name - The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation For Children

The name will change on January 1, but the mission will be the same. The shorter name, **The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children**, will replace The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. At the same time, the Foundation has introduced a modernized logo (shown here), changing the artwork from realistic representations of a Mason with two children to stylized figures.

The mission will remain the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by children through education, intervention and counseling. In addition,

the less restrictive name will allow the Foundation to expand its assistance into other issues, such as tobacco and gambling abuses among children.

The new name is fashioned after the National Masonic Foundation for Children, which is dedicated to promoting the Masonic Model of Student Assistance throughout the country. Like the Pennsylvania Foundation, the national organization was founded by the late R.W.P.G.M. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. It originally was known as The National Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, but several years ago its name was streamlined.



# 125th Anniversary

## Westmoreland Lodge No. 518: 1872-1997

By Charles H. Johnston, Jr., P.M.

Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Free and Accepted Masons, has been active in its community for 125 years. With a membership today of 377, the Lodge is thankful for its members and friends — past and present — for their achievements and anticipation of the future, most recently providing a fine meeting place. Masonry is growing, and will continue to grow in the Greensburg area.

Westmoreland Lodge No. 518 had its beginnings on November 11, 1872, at a stated meeting of Philanthropy Lodge No. 225, Greensburg, when a petition was presented and unanimously adopted stating that:

"... twelve regular Master Masons, formerly members of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, and at this time not members of any Lodge, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to be called Westmoreland Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge."

There were twelve Warrant Members as follows: Jacob Turney, Worshipful Master, late of Lodge No. 225; George F. Huff, Senior Warden, late of Lodge No. 225; William W. Logan, Junior Warden, late of Lodge No.

225; Zachariah P. Bierer, John Latta, Alex Kilgore, C.S. Overholt, Martin S. Overholt, A. S. R. Overholt, Samuel Rock, and Robert G. Ford, all late of Lodge No. 225; and Daniel F. Steck, late of Lodge No. 231.

On December 3, 1872, District Deputy Grand Master Richard Coulter approved the application for a charter for a new lodge and the charter was issued and dated on the following day, registering the new lodge as "Westmoreland Lodge No. 518 to be held in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania."

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Greensburg, at 12 o'clock noon, December 27, 1872, for the purpose of opening and constituting a new lodge by the name of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518. Later in the day, by virtue of a dispensation granted by R.W. Grand Master Samuel C. Perkins, District Deputy Grand Master Richard Coulter was directed to open and constitute Westmoreland Lodge No. 518.

A Special Meeting of the Lodge was then held at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of adopting bylaws, establishing the third Tuesday of each month as the stated meeting night, and designating the Masonic Temple on Main Street, Greensburg, as the place of meeting. Jacob Turney served as Worshipful Master.

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### Commemorative Coin Issued

At the same time that James L. Ernette was being installed R.W. Grand Master of Mosons in Pennsylvania at noon, December 27, his lodge was 125 years old.

For the occasion, a special coin has been struck to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the lodge and the installation of Bro. Ernette as the R.W. Grand

Master, both occurring on the same day.

The obverse of the coin notes the 125th Anniversary, December 27, 1872 - December 27, 1997, encircled by "Westmoreland

Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, PA."

The reverse is a reproduction of Grand Master James L. Ernette's seal for 1998.



During a Special Meeting of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, on its 125th Anniversary, December 27, Past Master James L. Ernette was formally received and honored in his home lodge as the new R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. Worshipful Master Gerald A. Sutherland is shown with Grand Master Ernette.



R. W. Grand Master James L. Ernette is at the entrance to the Greensburg Masonic Center, occupied in 1991.

### Westmoreland Anniversary *continued from page 8*

Stated meetings were then held on January 21, 1873, and on the prescribed Tuesdays of February and March, during which the officers were appointed and the description of the seal presented. The seal was adopted in June, and the bylaws in July. The bylaws were approved by Grand Lodge on September 3, 1873.

#### Members Served Masonry Well

Through the years, members of Westmoreland Lodge have served Masonry prominently.

John S. Sell, who was Worshipful Master in 1892, served as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1920 and 1921. His picture had been displayed in the Lodge Room of the former Greensburg Masonic Temple and since has been donated to the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. It now hangs in the Sell Chapel there.

Maurice A. Hammer, W.M. in 1929, served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania during 1948 and 1949. His sword is displayed in the Greensburg Masonic Center.

Poul L. Davis, W.M. in 1934, served as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania in 1971.

David L. Kiefer, W.M. in 1978, served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District from 1981 through 1985.

Now, James L. Ernette, W.M. in 1980, and D.D.G.M. from 1987 through 1991, is serving as R.W. Grand Master.



Past Master John S. Sell (above) was R.W. Grand Master in 1920 and 1921. Grand Master James L. Ernette is the second Westmoreland Lodge member to serve as R.W. Grand Master.

#### New Home for Lodge

A new one-story "Greensburg Masonic Center" was constructed on two and one-third acres at the intersection of George's Station and Donohoe Roads in Hempfield Township, one mile east of Greensburg. The Lodge moved into the new Masonic Center in 1991. The building is Y-shaped so that the base of the "Y" serves as an entrance and reception area; the left wing is a social area and kitchen; and the right wing is the lodge room and storage area.

A Cornerstone-Laying Ceremony was held October 26, 1991, by R.W. Grand Master W. Scott Stoner and the Grand Lodge Officers. The presiding officers of Westmoreland Lodge were: Charles H. King, W.M.; Larry W. Kester, S.W.; and Harry L. Ziegler, P.M., J.W.

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette is pictured as he served as Worshipful Master of Westmoreland Lodge in 1980.

### Grand Master Message

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into the community and let our vitality be recognized. When good men are doing good things in their communities, other good men will want to be part of the action — to join with those who work hand-in-hand helping their communities and those in need.

To help Blue Lodges be active and make a meaningful contribution in their communities, I have established the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program under the Chairmanship of Brother Samuel C. Williamson, P.G.M. The Grand Lodge will match up to \$5,000 of each lodge's financial commitment to a community charity program. It is designed to support you in your charitable community involvement. It will enable you to make a meaningful impact in your community. It will give you and your Lodge all of the credit in your community for your "job well done." (Please see "Matching Grants Program on Page 7.)

I am sure you will join me in the determination that we have to move forward in unanimity — as individual Masons, as unified Blue Lodges, and as a Grand Lodge that both leads and serves. We are determined to provide all of the ways and means that are available to us to get the job done, together. To dramatize the 1998 philosophy for meeting the need for change and the teamwork necessary for building for the next millennium, I'll say it this way: It's not what you can do for Grand Lodge; it's what Grand Lodge can do for you!

Finally, I want to pay tribute to the family and re-emphasize its importance to us as individual Masons and to the fraternity of Freemasonry. On the Grand Master's medallion, the word, "Family," represents the esteem with which we, as Masons, hold our families. It is important for lodges to involve the families, especially the ladies, in their social activities and in their community endeavors.

And, the word "Family" also recognizes the bonds among the "Family of Freemasonry." In the "Family of Freemasonry," we have outstanding men and women dedicated to the same high principles, who are struggling with the same problems of membership development, retention and apathy. It is gratifying for me to be one of that "Family" striving for a better tomorrow. Since Blue Lodge membership is a prerequisite for all of the appendant bodies, it is essential that we work together. We need each other. If we're going to get this job done, we have to do it as the Family of Freemasonry.

I have no doubt that together, we want to — we must and we will do it the right way in the best interest of the Fraternity. In my vision, I look upon our Trestleboard for 1998 and see "The Perfect Match: Faith, Family, Fraternity, and Community."

James L. Ernette

*James L. Ernette*  
R.W. Grand Master





# Join Grand Master and Mrs. Ernette in HAWAII for the Masonic Travel Event of the Century...



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Jay Ernette,  
Grand Master

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# 1998 A Year of Exciting Progress At The Masonic Homes



Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes, chats with Richard Spieth, President of the Masonic Homes Resident Council.

Many new and exciting events are on the horizon at the Masonic Homes as R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette begins his term of office:

- Almost immediately after the installation of the new Grand Master, services of the Masonic Homes will be vastly expanded. Effective January 1, the two Masonic Eastern Star Homes of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, — one in Warminster, Bucks County, and the other in Bellevue, Allegheny County — will merge with the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. The union of the three homes will expand the continuum of quality care services provided to individuals across the Commonwealth. The care admission eligibility for all three homes will be extended to Masons and their family members and to Eastern Star members.
- A state-of-the-art amphitheater to accommodate multi-media presentations is expected to be built and completed at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus of the Masonic Homes by the end of 1998. The amphitheater will be built onto Memorial Hall and will have a capacity to hold up to 100 people in the theater, plus a number of breakout rooms for group discussions, and areas for refreshments, registration, restrooms and storage. Additional parking is also planned. The multi-media format will allow compatibility with all existing media types (movies, slides, overheads, etc.) as well as computer-generated images or computer controlled presentations. Future possibilities for this new amphitheater include an option for teleconferences.

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## Masonic Homes' Admission Policy Expanded

On September 26, the Committee on Masonic Homes expanded the Admissions Policy to serve more individuals who are interested in residing at the Masonic Homes.

Traditionally, the Masonic Homes served Pennsylvania Master Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters. With the expanded policy, daughters of Pennsylvania Master Masons will be eligible for admission regardless of their marital status, and widows of Pennsylvania Master Masons will be eligible through their Masonic husbands' memberships, even if they remarry. Beginning January 1, 1998, the Committee on Masonic Homes also will offer admission to Pennsylvania Eastern Star members and their spouses, who must be Masons from jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes,

explained that the Committee expanded the Admissions Policy to accommodate the needs and requests for services by fraternal family members. Due to the recent construction and renovations on the Masonic Homes' campus, there currently is, or soon will be, availabilities in all areas and for every level of care, from short-term subacute care, skilled care, nursing and personal care, to assisted living, residential living and independent living options.

"We are pleased to be able to respond to the many requests from the Fraternity by offering a variety of new and expanded services to enhance the quality of life for all whom we serve. All of these improvements are due to the continued support from brethren and loved ones," Murphy said. "This Admissions Policy allows us to share our 'Mission of Love' with more individuals who desire to become part of our Masonic Homes' family."

## Grand Master, Masonic Homes Leaders To Meet With PA Masons in Florida

Pennsylvania Masons and their wives residing in Florida will be invited to meet in Tampa or Palm Beach Gardens in March with R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette, others from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes accompanied by the Admissions, Development, Outreach and Marketing staff.

Invitations will be sent during January to Pennsylvania Masons residing in Florida for either the Friday, March 27, session in Egypt Shrine Temple, Tampa; or the Saturday, March 28, session in Amara Shrine Temple, Palm Beach Gardens. Each get-together will begin with a reception at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, program at 1 p.m., and social hour from 2 to 3 p.m. If you are a Pennsylvania Mason residing in Florida and have not received an invitation by January 30 and would like to attend one of the gatherings, please call the Masonic Homes toll-free at 1-800-462-7664.

In addition to the fraternal opportunity that the gatherings in Florida will afford, the purpose of the two sessions is to share important information on the full continuum of new services and benefits provided at, and by, the Masonic Homes.

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- The Masonic Homes expects to open a Mental Retardation Respite Care Program in March 1998. The program is being developed to meet the needs of the individuals based on results of a survey in the February 1997 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. The program will accommodate eight adult guests with mental retardation. The Mental Retardation Respite Care Program will serve as a temporary home for adult children with mental retardation, which will allow the parents or care-givers to take a vacation or respite. Within the caring, secure environment and beauty of the Masonic Homes, the program will provide quality services to ensure the well-being of each adult guest during his or her stay.
- The nine-year Masonic Health Care Center renovation project will be completed on April 1, 1998. Then, the Masonic Health Care Center will have the capabilities to provide outpatient, physician, ancillary, and assisted living care; dementia care; transitional care; and skilled nursing services to more than 580 people.
- The upcoming year also promises to show an expansion of the independent living services at the Masonic Homes. The first phase of the independent living cottage construction project, consisting of 36 cottages with varied floor plans, was completed in August, 1997. The second phase, adding another 36 cottages, is expected to be completed in the spring of 1998. Phase three, which would complete the project with 28 cottages for a total of 100 cottages, will be pursued if demand exists from individuals eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes.

The Masonic Homes' "Mission of Love" is possible only through the immense charity and contributions from the Masonic Fraternity, their families and friends of the Masonic Homes. For more information about the Masonic Homes, contact: Executive Director's Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, or call (717) 367-1121, extension 33262.



R. W. Grand Master James L. Ernette gets an "on-the-job" look at the Masonic Health Care Center construction site during the renovation project.

## Our Masonic Homes Are Known Internationally As The Outstanding Example of Masonic Charity

Located on 1,400 acres of picturesque Lancaster County farmland, the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is one of the largest Masonic Homes in the nation, known internationally as an outstanding example of Masonic Charity. Established in 1910 by the R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, the Masonic Homes is a continuing care retirement community and children's home committed to providing for the physical, social, mental and spiritual needs of each of its residents and customers. This is a "Mission of Love" which is provided through the support of all Masons as an extension of the fundamental teachings of Masonic Charity. Admissions to the Masonic Homes are governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, which approves or disapproves applications for admission primarily on the basis of need. All services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age or handicap of the applicant.

The Masonic Homes currently serves more than 1,300 adult

residents in various levels and types of services, from independent living to residential and personal care services, including varying levels of health care service.

The Masonic Children's Home currently provides services to 40 school-age children from around the Commonwealth. By providing a modern, attractive and homelike environment for the care of these young people, Freemasons are preparing them to be productive citizens of the future. The goal of the Masonic Children's Home is to give each child a chance to receive friendship, care and guidance. The children attend area public schools and are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities to enhance their personal development. On-campus recreational activities include indoor and outdoor pools, basketball courts and tennis courts. A Masonic affiliation is not required for admission to the Masonic Children's Home, but each child must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge.



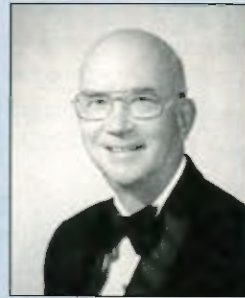
## R. W. Past Grand Masters



**John K. Young**  
1968-1969



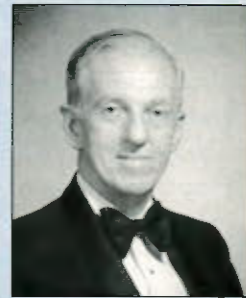
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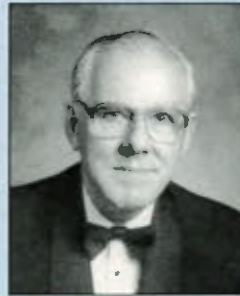
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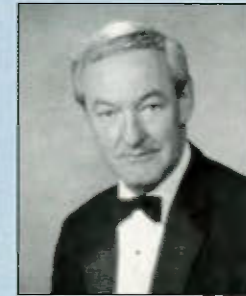
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1982-1983



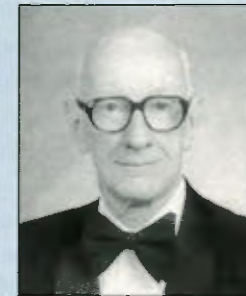
**Arthur J. Kurtz**  
1988-1989



**W. Scott Stoner**  
1990-1991



**Edward H. Fowler, Jr.**  
1992-1993



**George H. Hohenschildt**  
1994-1995



**Edward O. Weissner**  
1996-1997

## Historical Masonic Items In Pittsburgh for Inaugural

Four valuable items of Masonic history are being displayed in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Temple during the Annual Grand Communication in the afternoon when James L. Ernette is installed R.W. Grand Master; then at the Pittsburgh Hilton in the evening.

**The Holy Bible** upon which George Washington took his Constitutional Oath at his inauguration in New York on April 30, 1789, was open in the lodge room during the installation of the Grand Master, then displayed at the Hilton. For President and Brother Washington's inauguration, the Bible had been borrowed from St. John's Lodge No. 1 in New York City. With his right hand on this Bible, he concluded his obligation saying, "So Help Me God!" and bowed to kiss the open Book. It has been at the inauguration of a number of other presidents, including Bush, Carter, Eisenhower, and Harding, and at many other important ceremonies. It is the treasured property of St. John's Lodge and is in Pittsburgh through their courtesy.



Lodge No. 5, D.C.). In 1898, it was used in laying the cornerstone of the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg. It is a prized possession of Potomac Lodge, and is in Pittsburgh through their courtesy.

**The trowel** that is on display is a reproduction of the one used by President Washington in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793. It also was used for laying the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution in 1846; the Washington Monument in 1848, the Masonic Temple in Washington in 1907, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, VA, in 1923. It is in Pittsburgh through the courtesy of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Virginia.



**The Masonic Apron** displayed is a replica of the historic one worn by President Washington when he laid the cornerstone of the Capitol in Washington. The original is carefully preserved and displayed in the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The original Apron was hand-embroidered by Madam de Lafayette as a gift and presented to Brother Washington by the Marquis de Lafayette.



**The Gavel**, used during the installation, is the one used by President Washington in laying the cornerstone for the Capitol in Washington on Sept. 18, 1793. The head is Maryland marble taken from the decoration of the first part of the Capitol. Its handle is a dark native wood of unusual grain. After the cornerstone ceremony, President Washington handed the gavel to the Master of Potomac Lodge No. 9, Maryland (which is now Potomac

## The Grand Master's Itinerary

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|---------------|--|----------------|--|---------------|---|
| <b>Jan. 5</b> | Syria Shrine Installation, Pittsburgh - 7:30 p.m.  | <b>Jan. 24</b> | LuLu Temple, Breakfast, Plymouth Meeting - 10:00 a.m. Presentation of 49th Masonic District D.D.G.M. Ronald Little, Jr., Youghiogheny Lodge No. 583, Special Meeting, McKeesport - 4:00 p.m.                 | <b>Mar. 4</b> | Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia Landmarks Committee - 10:00 a.m.; District Deputy Grand Masters' Meeting - 1:30 p.m.; Rehearsal, Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers 3:00 p.m.; Dinner - 5 p.m.; Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge - 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>7</b>      | 38th Masonic District, Retiring Masters' Dinner, Pittsburgh - 6:30 p.m.  |                |  | <b>7</b>      | Membership Development Seminar, State College 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.   |
| <b>9</b>      | Open Presentation of 45th Masonic District D.D.G.M. Charles L. Klingaman, Tamaqua Lodge No. 238, Hometown - 7:00 p.m.  |                | 49th Masonic District Retiring Masters Banquet, Chesterfield's North Huntingdon - 6:30 p.m.  |               | 150th Anniversary, LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, 18th Masonic District, Jersey Shore  |
| <b>10</b>     | Membership Development Seminar, Sheraton, Greensburg - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  | <b>28</b>      | Presentation of R.W. Junior Grand Warden William Slater II, and 55th Masonic District D.D.G.M. Joshua A. Beim, Lodge No. 45, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Stated Meeting - 7:30 p.m. | <b>14</b>     | Membership Development Seminar, Pittsburgh 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  |
|               | 125th Anniversary, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, 30th Masonic District, Special Meeting Greensburg - 4:00 p.m. Banquet - 6:00 p.m.   | <b>31</b>      | Open Presentation of 17th, 22nd, and 33rd Masonic Districts D.D.G.M.'s Gary B. Stahley, Bradley A. Lewis, and Carl R. Johnson, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport - 2:00 p.m.                              | <b>20</b>     | Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Staff, 8:00 a.m. Sub-committee, 10:00 a.m. Masonic Homes Committee, 1:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12</b>     | Presentation of Masonic District "B" D.D.G.M. John R. Miller, University Lodge No. 51, Stated Meeting, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 7:30 p.m.  |                |  |               | Receive Grand Master of Maryland, Woodlawn Lodge No. 672, 37th Masonic District, Aliquippa - 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>13</b>     | Presentation of 21st Masonic D.D.G.M. Laurence G. Hettich, Lodge No. 700, Stated Meeting, State College, 7:30 p.m.   | <b>Feb. 7</b>  | Open Presentation of 18th Masonic District D.D.G.M. Ronald A. Aungst, LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore - 2:00 p.m.   | <b>21</b>     | Membership Development Seminar, Allentown 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.   |
| <b>16-17</b>  | Tall Cedars of Lebanon Mid-Winter Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia   | <b>14</b>      | 13th Masonic District Installation Dinner, Dickson City - 6:30 p.m.  |               | 200th Anniversary of Phoenix Lodge No. 75, 40th Masonic District, Pottstown   |
| <b>17</b>     | Membership Development Seminar, Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  | <b>21-24</b>   | Conference of Grand Masters, Philadelphia Marriott   |               | Potentate's Banquet, Syria Temple, Pittsburgh   |
| <b>21</b>     | Open Presentation of 34th Masonic D.D.G.M. Evan R. Watters, Lodge No. 524, Everett - 7:30 p.m.   | <b>28</b>      | Membership Development Seminar, Philadelphia 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.   | <b>26</b>     | Brotherhood Night New Castle, DE - 6:00 p.m.  |
| <b>23</b>     | Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Staff, 8:00 a.m.; Sub-Committee, 10:00 a.m.; Masonic Homes Committee, 1:00 p.m.; Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation For Children, 4:00 p.m.; Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board, 7:00 p.m. | <b>Mar. 3</b>  | Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia Consolidated Fund 9:30 a.m.; Administrators of the Pension Plan 11:00 a.m.; Committee on Finance - 1:00 p.m.  | <b>27-28</b>  | Florida Masonic Reunion, Egypt Shrine Temple, Tampa, FL, and Amara Shrine Temple, Palm Beach Gardens, FL  |



## Ten New District Deputy Grand Masters Are Named



Masonic District B  
John R. Miller,  
of Riverside, NJ, a member of  
University Lodge No. 51,  
Philadelphia



17th Masonic District  
Gary B. Stahley,  
of Ulysses, a member of  
Lewisville Lodge No. 556,  
Ulysses



18th Masonic District  
Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.,  
of Jersey Shore, a member of  
La Belle Vallee Lodge No. 232,  
Jersey Shore



21st Masonic District  
Laurence G. Hettich,  
of Centre Hall, a member of  
State College Lodge No. 700,  
State College



22nd Masonic District  
Bradley Allen Lewis,  
of Shinglehouse, a member of  
Sharon Lodge No. 598,  
Shinglehouse



33rd Masonic District  
Carl Richard Johnson,  
of Wilcox, a member of  
Wilcox Lodge No. 571,  
Wilcox



34th Masonic District  
Evan R. Watters,  
of Everett, a member of  
Everett Lodge No. 524,  
Everett



45th Masonic District  
Charles R. Klingaman,  
of Tamaqua, a member of  
Tamaqua Lodge No. 238,  
Tamaqua



49th Masonic District  
Ronald Little, Jr.,  
of McKeesport, a member  
of Youghiogheny No. 583,  
McKeesport



55th Masonic District  
Joshua A. Beim,  
of Pittsburgh, a member of  
Lodge No. 45,  
Pittsburgh

## 2 New Grand Chaplains Named

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette named two new Grand Lodge Chaplains. They are:



THOMAS H. IRWIN, JR.  
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WAYNE D. MEYER,  
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## Youth Foundation Continues to Advance Masons' Commitment to Support Youth

For the sixteenth year, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will carry forward the commitment of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to support and vitalize youth programs. The emphases and programs for Masonically-related youth organizations exemplify the philosophy and vision that R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette expressed for the fraternity: "Faith, Family, Fraternity, and Community."

The Masonic youth groups provide a proper introduction to the concept of "fraternity." They learn the virtues of brotherhood and sisterhood, far apart from the image of college pranks and partying so often mis-associated with the word. They are taught that community responsibility is essential; that service to local charities is an important component of their active schedules. Masonic youth don't just talk about it — they are actively helping others, whether visiting the elderly, raising funds for worthy causes, or assisting in dozens of civic projects.

The Foundation is dedicated to promoting the Masonic youth organizations among the lodges, establishing new local youth groups, improving membership recruitment, sponsoring and conducting youth activities at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown, recruiting adult leadership to work with youth, and promoting scholarships which benefit Masonic youth.

Lodges are encouraged to continue scheduling youth programs, and supporting the work of local Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters and Job's Daughters Bethels. For information or assistance, call toll-free, 1-800-266-8454 (in PA), or (717) 367-1536; or write to the Foundation at 1244 Bainbridge Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423.

## Multi-Media Conference Facilities To Be Added at the Patton Campus



Construction of a major addition and renovations soon to get underway at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown will provide a complete, modern multi-media amphitheater.

When the Patton Masonic School was renovated in 1983 to create the Masonic Conference Center, it was designed to take a school for boys and develop a youth center for 160 participants. Although it was anticipated that some adults would use the facility, it was never imagined that the number of adults staying at the campus would grow to exceed the use by youth. Today, with the many drug and alcohol prevention programs offered to train teachers in the Student Assistance Program, and law enforcement officers in the D.A.R.E. program, the Masonic Conference Center currently hosts more than 7,000 guests each year.

Recognizing the changing trend, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette envisioned a training center that would meet the growing educational and conference needs of the Fraternity and the charitable causes it benefits. Memorial Hall, which originally was the educational center for the former Patton Masonic School, will have a new structure added to the front of the building. Included in the addition will be the new amphitheater/conference room, six break-out rooms, a registration center and a multi-purpose lobby. Work is scheduled to continue throughout 1998. Occupancy is anticipated by December.



Looking over the plans for multi-media conference center to be added to Memorial Hall (in background) on the Patton Campus are (l-r): Carl R. Flohr, Chairman of the Masonic Homes' Building and Grounds Subcommittee; James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master; and Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes.

In addition, the dormitory rooms, which were installed during the 1983 renovation, will be upgraded to include private bathrooms to supplement the dormitory-style shower and lavatory facilities on each floor. Air conditioning will be added to all living quarters to make the facility more comfortable for conference participants. A complete decorative make-over of the original building will be included in the project.

The new lobby area will be constructed at the front-center of the current building, with the meeting rooms to the north and the amphitheater to the south. It will be a grand space with a high ceiling capped with full room-length skylights, which will be defined by the peaks of the original roof (see concept above and photograph at left). The facade of the original entrance will be preserved inside this space to display some of the heritage of the Patton School. It will serve as a central gathering area for conference participants, and for other activities which meet programming needs.

While this renovation and addition is a result of the growing adult use of the Campus, it should not be inferred that the use by our Masonic youth has been reduced or declined over the years. The Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus has become known as a facility which is ideally situated for a retreat or educational seminar for participants of all ages. Unlike any other Masonic facility in the world, it will soon combine a youthful atmosphere with a high-tech comfortable adult learning center.

## Grand Masters to Meet In Philadelphia in Feb.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will host the 1998 Conference of Grand Masters in Philadelphia February 22 through 24. The Conference headquarters and



center for activities will be the Marriott Hotel; but the Grand Masters will visit the Masonic Temple. Grand Lodge Secretaries also will meet in Philadelphia at the same time.

## WANTED Public Relations Professional

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is seeking a professional communicator experienced in working with all media, the public, and our membership. Communications, journalism, marketing or a related degree (or sufficient comparable professional experience) and at least five years' on-the-job experience are required. Responsibilities will include, but not limited to: Collecting, writing and distributing information within the fraternity, publicly, and to special audiences; media relations, contacts and services; and arranging some special events. Duties will require limited travel, generally within Pennsylvania. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Qualified applicants should send a resume to: Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.



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