

Peace of Mind in the Morning

Most of us have experienced "buyer's remorse." We rush, or allow ourselves to be rushed, into a decision we are unprepared to make. The usual pattern involves the purchase of a car or something else of value. At first we try our best to be happy with our choice. But, invariably, the next morning we awake to the feeling that we may have made a poor decision. We suffer from "buyer's remorse."

There is also something known as "donor's remorse." Perhaps we respond to an opportunity by making a gift we later regret. It may not be exactly what we wanted to do and we feel badly about it the next morning. Our remorse may be compounded if the gift was significant to us and we are locked into an irrevocable agreement.

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Wait with patience, and admission will be granted to you.

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The Grand Master's Message

You are VITAL to VITALITY

Brethren:

We're not only travelling together on the road to the Twenty-first Century for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, we're rebuilding our course with **VITALITY** as we go forward to the next millennium.

I recall an observation I offered in the installation message in Grand Lodge last December:

*"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 ... 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."*

It's what makes up our **VITALITY** that is moving Freemasonry in Pennsylvania!

VISION — I continue to envision the same bright tomorrow that I saw when I spoke these words last December: "I look upon our Trestleboard for 1998 and see 'The Perfect Match:' Faith, Family, Fraternity, and Community." Across Pennsylvania, we see brethren excited about the inspiring, progressive, caring, grassroots programs that have been introduced. It appears to me that they have been accepted universally and are being put into action enthusiastically.

INVOLVEMENT — As you read *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, you can see how we're moving to new heights among the Family of Freemasonry. More brethren are finding a niche that is the "Perfect Match" for their fraternal satisfaction ... in leadership, ritual, caring, serving, and socializing.

TRADITION — Tradition plays well on the road to the Twenty-first Century. We will never forsake it; we will build upon it. Observe the dynamic, fraternal portrayals of ritual in today's lodge environment. Recognize in all we do, the high standards and values of the Fraternity and the quality qualifications for membership. Consider the importance — and the impact — that our heritage and history of nearly 300 years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania has in virtually everything we do. As just one example, during this 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, refurbishing is returning our magnificent headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania back to the high standards that were established long ago by the planners of the outstanding Masonic architectural wonder.



ACTION — The membership goal is "NET ZERO for 1998" — that is one new Mason for each brother we lose through death, unavoidable suspension, or resignation. To accomplish that, I have asked one thing: **REPLACE YOURSELF!** I mean that each of us be the recommender of at least one **worthy** man to join the lodge. It's too early to confirm the success of that challenge; however, the number of petitions and initiations in the first months of 1998 are most encouraging.

LOVE — Brotherly love and affection, charity, and serving others are the mainstays of the Fraternity. What can be a more "Perfect Match" than the Matching Charity Grants Program? Lodges across the state are reaching out among their neighbors to meet human needs and build living monuments of caring and sharing in their own communities. It's Masonry at work at home.

INTERNET — Perhaps nothing has put us closer on the doorstep to the Twenty-first Century than the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's entry into "cyberspace." Just about everything factual that you (or anyone surfing the World Wide Web) want to know about Freemasonry in Pennsylvania can be found on the Internet. You can find us at (www.pagrandlodge.org).

TRAINING — Anyone who attended the Overture seminars knows that the right name was selected for the important leadership training program for upcoming officers and men of action in our lodges. Those sessions were like a downbeat — an enthusiastic introduction — for lodge leadership and programming into the Twenty-first Century. Many things impressed me during the sessions, but foremost were the number of younger leaders and the sincere and exuberant dialogue for progress by all of the participants.

YOU — Pennsylvania Masons want their fraternity to be all that it can be — in the lodges, among the family, and in the community. There is a place for each of us in our lodge activities. There is something to interest and involve you.

You are a **VITAL** part of our **VITALITY**.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James L. Ernette

James L. Ernette,
R.W. Grand Master



GRAND LODGE ON THE INTERNET

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Recognizing that the internet continues to grow in use and importance to the business community, Bro. James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, determined that it is essential for Freemasonry to play a role in this new communications phenomenon. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania entered "cyberspace" on February 15th when the first pages of the newest Masonic site on the "World Wide Web" were made available.

Since that time, two complete issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* have been displayed, the On-Line Gift Shop has opened for business, more than 1,300 people have taken the "virtual on-line Tour of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia" and 158 visitors have left messages in the "Guestbook." In just six weeks, more than 5,100 people from 40 different countries have visited the web site to learn more about the programs of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. The site has received an average of ten e-mail messages each day from members and visitors requesting specific information about a program of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Already being called one of the finest Masonic web sites available, this is only the beginning of a very ambitious plan to provide an interactive, fun-filled, educational, and inspirational Internet experience for members and visitors.

In the next few months there will be comprehensive materials on-line about the Masonic Homes, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and all of the Masonic Youth Groups, the Masonic Foundation for Children, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, the

Masonic Blood Bank/Orgon Donor Committee, and the Masonic Education Steering Committee. On-line tours of the Masonic Homes, the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus, and the Friend To Friend Masonic Memorial at Gettysburg will be included.

Soon you will be able to log on to the Grand Lodge web-site to view the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, and to print out a scholarship application. The entire text of the publication, "Speakers for the Blue Lodge," will also be available. If you sign on now, you can add your name to a mailing list to receive an e-mail notification when major additions or changes are made to the web-site.

Future plans call for the development of a Master Masonic Calendar for the entire state, and the development of a web-page for EVERY Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Internet Services is chaired by Thomas R. Labagh, P.M., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, and includes: Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E; Rodney E. Boyce, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518; Fred R. Kaylor, P.M., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682; William D. Neill, Jr., Westmoreland Lodge No. 518; and David Zinman, Shekinah Lodge No. 246. Bro. Zinman is the "Webmaster," an Internet term for the person in charge of the technical day-to-day support and maintenance of the web site.

Four Act to Save Life Of P.D.D.G.M.

Life-saving actions taken quickly by four staff members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia saved the life of Arthur Buzzard, P.D.D.G.M.

On Feb. 12, while Bro. Buzzard was in the Masonic Temple doing volunteer work as Treasurer of the Masonic Blood Bank and Organ Donor Committee, he collapsed with a heart attack. Quickly, Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; Curtis C. Gensemer, of the Maintenance Department; Patrick M. Lampley, a tour guide for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and Ronald C. Stoecker, of the Masonic Education Department, responded. Bro. Buzzard had stopped breathing and there was no pulse. Quick action revived him once; however, he stopped breathing again.



CPR was continued and Bro. Buzzard again responded before the paramedics arrived. The paramedics and the doctor at the hospital said without a doubt that because the four responded promptly and knew what to do, Bro. Buzzard's life was saved.

At the dinner preceding the March Quarterly Communication, James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master (left), cited the life-saving actions of the four and presented certificates of commendation to (l-r): Bros. Gensemer, Jackson, Lampley, and Stoecker.

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During the 125th Anniversary of Dedication, Renovations Are Restoring Masonic Temple To High Standards Set By Original Planners

Renovations and refurbishing to portions of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, were begun on Dec. 29 and are expected to be completed by late Spring. Building on the past and looking toward the future, James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, seized upon the year of the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Masonic Temple to bring the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania back to the high standards that were established long ago by the planners of the outstanding Masonic architectural wonder.

The Grand Master's office has been returned to the first floor, where it had been from the earliest days of the building's opening. The area includes the office of the Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff, and all of the Grand Master's support staff. The Grand Secretary's suite has been completely refurbished, including a most pleasant and inviting reception area. The entrance from North Penn Square, which opens into the Building Superintendent's area, is most inviting to all of the Temple's guests, both members and non-members. The Grand Master's Conference Room, reception rooms, and private office also have been refurbished.

The Grand Banquet Room has received a face-lifting, which included painting, new drapes, and the addition of a magnificent

Steinway grand piano. The Reference Room of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania was returned to its location of two years ago. The Gift Shop of the Library and Museum, the offices of the Librarian and Curator, and the Curator have been moved to the areas which previously housed the Masonic Education Committee. The Masonic Education Committee Office has been relocated to the lower level. The office of the Executive Director of the Library and Museum has been returned to the area adjacent to the Museum.

In the lower level, Room No. 4 has been renamed the John Wanamaker Dining Room and a new staff lunch room has been installed, which includes a new snack machine, coffee machine, and a microwave oven. Committee Room No. 2 is the new home of the Masonic Education Committee. The Accounting Office and the Office of the Pennsylvania Foundation for Children, previously in the lower level, are now on the fourth floor.

Also included in this project was the painting of a majority of the rooms mentioned, and the installation of new carpeting. An order for a new three-manual electronic organ for Corinthian Hall has been placed with installation scheduled by the June Quarterly.

Big Parade, Informal Visitation For Mt. Lebanon's 150th Year



This is the 150th year of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon. William S. Arnold, Sr., D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District said that the lodge is not only recognizing its heritage from 1848 to 1998 in a big way, but it also is looking with great promise to tomorrow with a dramatic logo and inspiring slogan, "1998-2148, Surveyors of the Future."

The first celebration will be a parade on Saturday, Aug. 8. Organizers say it probably will be the biggest parade ever seen on Cumberland Street in Lebanon. The brethren and their ladies at Mt. Lebanon Lodge have been at work for months getting ready, especially raising funds to cover the cost of the celebration. Typical of the zeal with which they are approaching the celebration, several times during the winter more than a dozen members of the committee met at 2 a.m. for "early breakfast" at a local diner before getting to work making between 1,100 and 1,200 Italian sandwiches. It's obvious the sandwich sales are popular — there's a standing order from one customer far 35 to be picked up at 4 a.m. "By 6 a.m., we're doing a land office business," said the lodge historian, William Sattazahn.

In a second event during the year, the anniversary will be recognized officially on Saturday, Oct. 3, with an informal visitation by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

FAST START FOR MATCHING GRANTS

The Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program is a big hit among the lodges of Pennsylvania. In just three months, there have been 95 Matching Grant applications from 74 lodges representing an estimated total of over \$101,000. As of Apr. 17, there had been 45 grants made, totaling \$40,077. Only three applications were rejected, and only nine applications were returned for further information or clarification.

The Masonic Matching Charity Grants program is already a huge success, as the variety of beneficiaries can attest. Charitable gifts have been granted to numerous causes, including the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, numerous scholarships, the Scotland School for Boys, many school athletic and musical activities, several historic preservation programs, and six with catastrophic medical bills.

Every grant provides a "feel good" story which lodge members can share with their family and friends. Here is just one of those stories.

Edenburg Lodge No. 550, Knox, wanted to help the single mother of a local family, who needs to receive a bone marrow transplant, but needs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to cover donor expenses, in addition to her treatment, which is covered by insurance. In January, the members of the Lodge voted to help by conducting a chicken and biscuit dinner at a local community building. On their preliminary application, they estimated that they would make approximately \$1,700.

The dinner was held on Feb. 28 and was an overwhelming success, raising \$3,492, which will be matched, to make a gift from Edenburg Lodge No. 550 of \$6,984! As Worshipful Master Stephen J. Perez, P.M., tells it.

"With the help of the entire Lodge interacting and working within the community, no expenses were incurred for the dinner. All supplies, hall space, and help were donated. The community reacted with great support and some surprise at seeing the Masons working visibly and in large numbers for a local cause. No doubt because of the visibility of the Lodge and the large donation we are about to make for a local cause, membership development is in the making. It is our estimation that the Matching Grants Program is a good one, and should be continued 'for the good of Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in particular'."



Other grants were awarded, as follows:

Garfield Lodge No. 559, DuBois, granted \$500 to help purchase equipment for the neo-natal unit of the DuBois Regional Medical Center, a non-profit agency.

Philadelphia Potter Lodge No. 72 of Philadelphia, granted \$500 to sponsor the Junior ROTC Battalion Military Ball, a formal event for the students at the Scotland School, a facility for needy and at-risk children of Pennsylvania's War Veterans.

Carbondale Lodge No. 249 granted \$250 to assist in the construction of a public neighborhood playground by Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.

Frankford Lodge No. 292, Philadelphia, granted \$5,000 to support the low-cost in-home care given by visiting nurses and aides through the Community Care Center of the Northeast.

Ashara Lodge No. 398, Mount Joy, granted \$100 to sponsor a bowler for the Bowl-For-Kids-Sake bowl-a-thon to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lancaster County.

Andrew Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, granted \$100 to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lancaster County.

REMEMBER THAT ALL OF THESE AMOUNTS ARE DOUBLED by the match of lodge and Grand Lodge funds; but the actual presentation is made via one lodge check, without mention of the Grand Lodge's involvement. The Lodge and its members are to have the credit for this contribution in their home community.

As most of these grants are very recent, we haven't realized yet what effect they have had on generating good relations for the lodge; but we do know this: the Masons in these communities have reached out and touched the lives of many people by their generosity and concern for their fellow man.

The excitement generated by this program is contagious. Some members who had not been regular in their attendance at lodge meetings have suddenly shown interest again, because they can contribute a real service to their community by giving time, money, and talent to a lodge charity fund-raiser. This is what our members want to do. This is what they obligated themselves to do. This is what they expect to do as Masons.

And this is the beginning of the fulfillment of the purpose of the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program. When we share our charity we become better men, better lodges, a better Fraternity—and that, in and of itself, will give non-members "a favorable opinion of this, our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity" and encourage them to seek membership in their local lodge.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC AT KENNYWOOD PARK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

- ★ RIDE-ALL-DAY TICKETS ★ PARADE ★ DOOR PRIZES ★ CLOWNS
- ★ SENIOR & YOUTH GAMES ★ FREE BUTTER MILK & CHOCOLATE MILK
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Co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Syria Shrine in association with all Western Pennsylvania Masonic Organizations.

Use coupon for reservations!

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONS WILL PICNIC AT DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM ON JUNE 13

Saturday, June 13, is when Masons, their families, and friends in Eastern Pennsylvania will picnic at Dorney Park-Wildwater Kingdom, Allentown, featuring an all-you-can-eat menu (fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, and soda). Dorney Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Wildwater Kingdom from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission pays for both parks. For tickets, use the accompanying coupon. Make your reservations promptly to beat the May 26 deadline.

Excellent weather is planned, but the picnic will be held rain or shine. There are covered pavilions for meals.

Coupons for parking to be paid at the gate can be obtained in advance upon request with your reservation. (Please include a self-addressed envelope with 55¢ postage for return of tickets and discount parking coupon.)

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UNLIMITED MENU SERVED 1 TO 6 P.M.

(Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Soda, & More)

Price: \$25/Person

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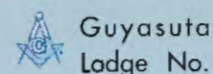
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MASONS OF NOTE



Guyasuta
Lodge No.

513, Ingram, in the 47th Masonic District honored **Ellis F. Kramer** of Coraopolis, a past master of Ambridge Lodge No. 701, in the 37th Masonic District, for years of special friendship and service. Robert D. Miller, W.M., of Guyasuta Lodge presented the plaque inscribed "... for your dedicated service, friendship, and labor rendered as a guide and teacher to our new officers and for your untiring assistance as a ritualist and conferring officer. Through your efforts, our lodge has emerged from a successful rebuilding program with a promising future."



During the year, Bro. Kramer, who is the Principal of the School of Instruction in the 37th Masonic District, attended Guyasuta rehearsals, helped to tutor their officers, and conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees, ten Fellowcraft Degrees, and four Master Mason Degrees. Bro. Kramer, who has been active in the 37th Masonic District School of Instruction since 1974, is a retired school teacher and assistant band director from the Montour School District in Pittsburgh. He now owns and operates the Kramer Band Instrument Repair Co.

Grand Master Presents 50-Year Awards



During the presentation of Charles L. Klingaman, D.D.G.M. of the 45th Masonic District (left), in Tamaqua Lodge No. 238 on Jan. 9, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (center) presented 50-Year Emblems of Gold to George A. Christ (second from left) and Raymond R. Essington (second from right). At right is Michael P. Burns, W.M., of Tamaqua Lodge.

Masonic Education Mission Defined; Innovative Programs Being Developed

The Masonic Education Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W. Past Grand Master, has been meeting regularly since December to develop an innovative approach toward improving the understanding of Freemasonry and its programs. Toward that ambitious goal, the Committee adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall assist the Grand Lodge in fulfilling its mission by creating and implementing programs and disseminating information that acquaints and educates better both the membership and the public about the mission of Freemasonry. Further, the Committee shall prepare programs and present information which develop moral, intellectual, and social character and which explain, instruct, and demonstrate Masonic ideals, principles, and activities and how Freemasonry improves the quality of life for our members, their families, and their communities."

The Committee said that it hopes that during 1998 each lodge will develop a program that defines better for its members "What Freemasonry is and what Freemasons do and why."

In carrying forth this agenda, the Committee has been restructured and the job responsibilities of lodge, district, and regional chairmen have been redefined "... to permit those filling the

important positions (to have) a greater degree of latitude in working together in this critical endeavor."

Regional Masonic Education Chairmen have been appointed: Region 1 - Jerry Hamilton, Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge No. 806, 8th Masonic District; Region 2 - George D. Sovers, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, 2nd Masonic District; Region 3 - Lowell D. Shaffer, Cambria Lodge No. 278, 41st Masonic District; Region 4 - Jay E. McElravy, Youghiogheny Lodge No. 583, 49th Masonic District; Region 5 - John W. Postlewait, Hobah Lodge No. 276, 52nd Masonic District; Region 6 - William R. Rininger, Old Fort Lodge No. 537, 21st Masonic District; and Region 7 - John R. Thomas, Oriental Lodge No. 460, 35th Masonic District.

The Committee will continue to review various material and media for the dissemination of information related to its Mission Statement. That will include the development of a Masonic Education web page, a video program to be used by the Committees on Inquiry when they visit candidates and their families, and a major revision of the Masonic Education Handbook with updates for clarity and relevance.

The annual Masonic Education Seminar is planned for Oct. 9 and 10 at Elizabethtown.

German-Speaking Lodges Lead Parade



Leading with the banner of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, members of the two German-speaking lodges in the Philadelphia area prepare to step off in the 27th annual parade to honor Bro. and Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, the drillmaster of the Continental Army at Valley Forge, and to recognize the contributions of all German-Americans to the national heritage. German ethnic groups from numerous surrounding communities join with the two German-speaking lodges, Hermann Lodge No. 125 and Humboldt Lodge No. 359.

Directly behind the banner in the photo are (l-r): William Hettel; Peter Hansen, W.M., Hermann Lodge; Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District A; Thomas R. Eynon, Masonic District 8; Erwin Stielow, W.M., Humboldt Lodge; and Erik Crudele. In the rear are: Walter Ruhfuss, Arno Ruetcel, Charles Nebel, Klaus Abenroth, and Kurt Fago.

Masonic Temple Tour and Arch Rededication Videos Available

Two interesting Pennsylvania Masonic video tapes are available for home viewing, as well as for lodge or club programs. They may be purchased in person, or by mail, from the Gift Shop in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

A Tour of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is a narrative showing all of the lodge meeting rooms, hallways, and points of interest of the Masonic Temple. This 25-minute, full-color video that was produced by Multi Media Videos for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania costs \$19.95. If ordering by mail, include \$4 for shipping. (Pennsylvania residents add 6% sales tax.)

A full-color video of the Rededication Ceremony at the National Memorial Arch last August produced by Lulu Shrine is available. The full capstone-laying and dedication ceremonies are recorded in the video of approximately 90 minutes. The cost is \$14.95. If ordering by mail, add \$4 for shipping. (Pennsylvania residents include 6% sales tax.)

The mail address for the Gift Shop is: Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520.

Overture's First Sessions Generate Enthusiastic Feedback

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Overture Program



At the time that this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was completed, nearly a thousand Masons representing the leadership of more than half of the lodges in Pennsylvania, had attended four of the eight Overture sessions planned statewide and offered enthusiastic feedback. "Overture" is the recognized identification for Grand Master Ernette's Program for Membership Development and Membership Retention Through Excellence in Leadership.

The first of the dialogue sessions was held in Philadelphia on Feb. 28, with subsequent programs in State College on March 7; Oil City on March 14; and Fogelsville on March 21. The remaining sessions were to be held in Wilkes-Barre, April 4; Harrisburg, April 18; and Pittsburgh, April 25 and May 2.

For six hours at each of the get-togethers, the leaders among Pennsylvania Masons explored, debated, questioned, and accepted a new definition of their roles as leaders of their lodges. By attending these seminars, they are being helped to discover new skills that will be required of them for their lodges to succeed in the 21st Century and they will be receiving the tools and materials that will help to make them successful.

Grand Master Ernette has attended most of the sessions and expressed the same kind of enthusiasm shown by the participants. Reiterating his membership development and retention goal as "Net Zero for 1998," the Grand Master said, "First, we have to stop the bleeding, that is, turn around the decline; then we have to keep our members by offering programs and services they want." As a businessman, he sees a solution in providing customer service principles to the Fraternity. He points out to the leaders of lodges, "The new member is your new customer."

The Overture Program is designed to make lodge leaders aware of their new responsibilities in member services and satisfaction. Among the topics covered were: A look at who are those men called members. How are customers and members alike — and different? Who's in charge of member relations? What's your role as the elected leader? What are the right choices you can consider? What to do when your programs need fixing.

Bringing together the lodge leaders in these seminars was the result of outstanding support by 58 District

Membership Chairmen who assisted the lodges in arranging to send three representatives, comprising the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and one brother charged with membership development. To enable the District Chairmen to guide the lodge leaders, they first attended day-long Overture seminars during January.

The Overture Series in the Spring will be followed by the Conductor's Series in the Fall, when the leaders will learn important lodge management skills.



G. Kent Hackney, P.D.D.G.M., Deputy Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations and Director of the Overture Program, passes the microphone to one of the participants in the first seminar in Philadelphia. At right, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette observes while Anthony J. Garvey (standing), Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations, looks on.

Conductor Series Schedule

The Conductor Series of workshops in the OVERTURE Program have been scheduled for the Fall. This series is designed to help all lodges focus on lodge leadership and management. As with the workshops in the Spring, this series is for Junior and Senior Wardens and the Lodge Membership Development Chairman.

Lodges have a special incentive to attend. All lodges were invited to send three men to the Overture Series in the Spring. If at least two of the same men from a lodge return to the Conductor's Series in the Fall, that lodge will receive an incentive of \$500 for use by the lodge in its community, in charitable efforts, for refurbishing the lodge, or in the purchase of materials used to support membership development and retention.

Fall Seminars will be:

Sept. 12	Titusville/Meadville Area
Sept. 19	State College
Oct. 3	Philadelphia
Oct. 17	Pittsburgh North (Reg. 5)
Oct. 24	Allentown
Nov. 7	Pittsburgh South (Reg. 4)
Nov. 14	Wilkes-Barre
Nov. 21	Harrisburg

HELPFUL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has ordered materials that will help lodge leaders and membership chairmen initiate programs for the next several years. Lodges may purchase those materials outright, or apply a portion of their \$500 incentive to purchase them. The materials, including five Guides on the Essential Skills of Leadership, 75+ Ways to Attract and Retain New Members, 101+ Ways to Improve Interest and Attendance in Your Lodge, 150+ Ways to Involve Your Lodge With the Family and in the Community, and A Masonic Leader's Planning Guide, cost a lodge \$89.

Foundation for Children Benefits When District 7 Goes "Outer Space"

The theme was "Space Odyssey" when more than 300 Masons and their ladies and friends were greeted by out-of-this-world costumed characters for the 12th annual Masonic District 7 ladies' night on Feb. 7 at the Riveredge Inn, Reading.



At the event, Frank E. Daniels, D.D.G.M., presented a contribution of more than \$800 for the Masonic Foundation for Children to R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and Joseph W. Witte, the Foundation Executive Director. Over the past dozen years, District 7 has presented more than \$10,000 to the Foundation, formerly known as The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Flanking the dignitaries in the front row of the photo are Frank Rodgers (left) of Union Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro, portraying Darth Vader, and his daughter, Georgina Evans (right) as Princess Leah. Across the front row are (l-r): D.D.G.M. Daniels; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; R.W. Grand Master Ernette and Executive Director Joseph W. Witte. In the rear are four of the District 7 Worshipful Masters: Cary Kaucher, P.M. Reading

Lodge No. 549; John Espic, Teutonia Lodge No. 367, Reading; Henry Hyneman, Union Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro; and Trevor Frederick, Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, Reading. Morvin A. Cunningham, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, also attended, but is not in the picture.



The object on the table is one of the unusual centerpieces fashioned by the District's Arrangements Committee. It is a model of a hovering space craft over Planet Earth.

TWO GRAND MASTERS TO BE HONORED IN HARRISBURG ON SEPTEMBER 5

Complete, Clip, and Mail

MAIL TO: The Office of The Grand Master - Attn: Ms. Tina Hardin
Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Please reserve _____ dinners for the PA and NJ Grand Masters' Testimonial at the Harrisburg Hilton, Sept. 5, at cost of \$25 each. The food choices are:

of Pork _____ # of Chicken _____ (Payment must accompany Order)

Enclosed is check payable to "Grand Masters' Testimonial" for \$ _____
(Tickets will be at registration table prior to banquet.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Also please send me information about: ☐ Hershey Park ☐ PA Dutch Country
☐ Gettysburg National Park ☐ Masonic Himes Tour at Elizabethtown

It will be a day for testimonials for two Grand Masters on Saturday, Sept. 5. James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and Ross Van Ness Bayer, M.W. Grand Master of New Jersey, will be honored at a very special testimonial in the Harrisburg Hilton. There will hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, and commemorative memorabilia.

The two affable Grand Masters have been long-time friends; both are law enforcement veterans, progressed through their respective Grand Lodge lines together, and are jovial counterparts. The New Jersey Grand Master, however, commands a noticeable size advantage, while the Pennsylvania Grand Master is lighter — and maybe faster — on his feet. The Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Judge and Bro. Seamus McCaffrey of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, who is also a former police officer.

You and your lady are invited, said Robert L. Plato, the Chairman of the Guest Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who is coordinating the arrangements for the event. Seating will be limited, so reserve early. The cost is \$25 a person, and tickets can be ordered from the Office of the Grand Master, using the accompanying coupon. For more information, call 1-800-462-0430, Ext. 1928.

SUPPORT FOR ACACIA FRATERNITY



Members and pledges of Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity are pictured during a meeting early in March in the Grand Master's Conference Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The collegiate-oriented fraternity based on Masonic principles is planning formal ceremonies in Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple during May to initiate pledges and honorary members.

Standing in the photo is Bro. James Katsaounis, an Ohio Mason who is Communications Director of the International Acacia Fraternity headquartered in Indianapolis. At the head of the table are Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Anthony J. Garvey, Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations. Seated around the table are members and pledges of Franklin Chapter. Joseph DiPinto, Jr.,

D.D.G.M. of Masonic District C, who took the picture, is the Chapter Advisor. Anyone desiring to become an alumnus of the Franklin Chapter or wanting information about Acacia may contact Bro. DiPinto at (215) MASONIC, or e-mail <jdipinto@aol.com>.

Those brethren who attended the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will recall the presentation by Bro. Katsaounis, who explained the Acacia Fraternity and its relationship with the Craft. Acacia was founded in 1902 at the University of Michigan by 14 Master Masons.

Effective January 23, 1998, Admission Policy for the Masonic Homes

The Masonic Homes, which include the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Home - East at Warminster, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home - West at Pittsburgh, are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

On January 23, 1998, the Committee on Masonic Homes reviewed the service levels and approved a revised Admissions policy to ensure that the best service is given to our members and their family members. Current eligibility for admission to the Masonic Homes includes the following service levels:

Service Level 1 will continue to be our core admissions policy. Individuals in this level are eligible, first and foremost, for admissions to all areas of the Masonic Homes.

The revised Admissions Policy, which is currently in effect, is provided below along with definitions for clarity:

SERVICE LEVEL 1:

Pennsylvania Master Mason

A member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years in The R. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania or The M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Eastern Star

A Pennsylvania Eastern Star member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years. Eastern Star members who are Masons from another state on or before January 1, 1998, are eligible for admission to each of the three facilities. Non-Pennsylvania Masons who became Eastern Star members after January 1, 1998, will be required to gain membership in a Pennsylvania lodge to be eligible for admission, unless the primary state does not permit dual membership.

Wife of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Spouse of a Pennsylvania Eastern Star

Spouses who are Masons from any jurisdiction are eligible.

Widow of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Widows continue to be eligible through their Masonic husband even if they remarry.

Mother of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Daughter of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Sister of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

SERVICE LEVEL 2:

Grandmother of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Grandfather of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Father of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Mother-in-law of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Father-in-law of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Son of a Pennsylvania Master Mason

Spouse of a Pennsylvania Eastern Star who is not a Mason

Those with less than five year's membership

SERVICE LEVEL 3:

Other Pennsylvania Masonic Relatives

Consideration is given to other relatives of Pennsylvania Masons. We also consider Pennsylvania Senior DeMolay, majority members of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters and Pennsylvania Rainbow Girls, senior members of Pennsylvania Knights of Pythagoras, and members of female related Pennsylvania Masonic organizations in good standing. Employees of Grand Lodge or the Masonic Homes with a minimum of 20 years of service

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

A member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years in another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and his spouse or widow.

SERVICE LEVEL 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry

If you have any questions regarding the Admissions Policy, please contact:

Masonic Homes - Admissions: (800) 422-1207

Masonic Homes - Marketing: (800) 676-6452

Masonic Eastern Star Home - East: (215) 672-2500

Masonic Eastern Star Home - West: (412) 931-8300

Admissions to the Masonic Homes are governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by Grand Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant.

Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodges of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and daughters; and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Pennsylvania and their spouse, are received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania and the Order of the Eastern Star of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, in the provision of care or service at the Masonic Homes.

Specifically the previous includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
3. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection) of either the patient or employee.
4. Staff privileges of professionally qualified personnel will not be denied on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
5. All facilities of this institution will be used without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
6. Transfers, discharges, and room assignments will not be made on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection); however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available and the patient is financially able to pay for the requested room.

Master Plan Authorized for Masonic Eastern Star Homes

The affiliation of the Masonic Homes with the Eastern Star Homes at Pittsburgh and Warminster was completed on January 1.

Now that the affiliation is complete, the Committee on Masonic Homes has authorized the development of a master plan for possible renovations or new construction at the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. This decision was based on the good response received from the marketing surveys sent in December 1997, to more than 11,000 Masons and Eastern Star members living within the surrounding areas of the Masonic Eastern Star Homes at Pittsburgh and Warminster. The purpose of that survey was to help determine what types of services prospective residents may need or desire. The survey responses showed an interest on behalf of the membership in nursing, assisted living, and independent living services at both locations.

The Masonic Homes plan to use the results from those surveys to guide the development of a master plan for possible renovations or new construction to the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO, and William C. Davis Jr., Chief Operating Officer, met with employees from the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, and collected valuable input for consideration during the planning process. The two plan to do the same at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East.



Worthy Grand Matron Barbara Carson and R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette joined together to celebrate the official affiliation of the Masonic Eastern Star Home - East and the Masonic Eastern Star Home - West with the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Masonic Homes personnel have been working with an architect to develop the master plan for the facilities and look forward to receiving direction from the Committee on Masonic Homes for the project.

The Masonic Eastern Star Homes are nonprofit nursing facilities providing excellent residential and nursing care. Masonic Eastern Star Home - East has 62 licensed beds; Masonic Eastern Star Home - West has 59 licensed beds. Both facilities offer an array of personalized services such as transportation, religious, and fraternal activities, recreation, entertainment, nutritional services, and on-site beautician services.

Over the years, many persons have told the Masonic Homes that they are looking for services in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas. Since there are large numbers of Eastern Star members and Pennsylvania Freemasons living in each area, the organizations decided to work together to offer better service to members of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star.

This affiliation provides an opportunity to serve people across the state in the geographical location that is best to meet their medical and/or social needs.

With this union, the Masonic Homes' 1,100 employees will serve more than 1,500 residents, plus hundreds of other persons through various outreach services.

NOW is the Time to Call about Residential Living at the Masonic Homes!

Single and double rooms in Residential Living will become available this Spring, after continuing renovations to the beautiful Village Green Area are completed.

A variety of activities and services are conveniently located in this area and can be accessed without going outdoors, including: beauty/barber services, a post office, an auditorium, an ice cream parlor, a library, a museum, a recreation area, a ballroom, and easy access to lodge, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay meetings. Transportation also is provided.

For more information, or an application to the Masonic Homes' Village Green Area, send the coupon on the right: Or, call 1-800-422-1207, and the Admissions Department will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Residential Living at the Masonic Homes. Make an appointment to meet with the staff personally and to tour the Village Green Area.



Now is the time to make plans for your retirement years. Let the Masonic Homes make sure they'll be your best years.

Send me more information about the Masonic Homes' Village Green Area!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Complete coupon and return to:

Admission Office
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



Management Team for Three Homes

The successful affiliation of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown with the Eastern Star Homes at Warminster and Pittsburgh, effective January 1, 1998, presents an opportunity for the combined management team to work together to serve the needs of residents and their family members.

Members of the senior management team for the three homes are as follows:

Joseph E. Murphy, N.H.A., Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, joined the Masonic Homes in 1974. He has served as Executive Director for the Masonic Homes since January, 1983. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree at the Pennsylvania State University.

William C. Davis Jr., N.H.A., Administrator/Chief Operating Officer, has been employed by the Masonic Homes since 1990 as Administrator of Health Care Services. In September, 1997, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer. He is responsible for the services provided in the Masonic Homes' assisted living and residential living areas, as well as the operations of the two Masonic Eastern Star Homes. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Bucknell University.

Raymond E. Tierney, N.H.A., Administrator of Independent Living, has been employed by the Masonic Homes since 1981 and as Administrator of Independent Living since 1988. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 from Elizabethtown College and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Pennsylvania State University in 1993.

Vicki L. Gillmore, R.N., Ph.D., Administrator of Health Care Services, has served as Administrator of Health Care Services for the Masonic Homes since November 1997. She is responsible for managing the operations of the Masonic Health Care Center. Dr. Gillmore was graduated from the Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, Master of Science Degree, and doctorate from the University of Maryland.

William J. Prazenica, CPA, Director of Finance, had been employed by the Masonic Homes as Contoller from 1979 to 1992, and has served as Chief Financial Officer since that date. He received his bachelor's degree in 1976 from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant.

Cynthia L. Stefl, N.H.A., Administrator of Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, served on the Board of Directors for the Eastern Star Home-West from June 1993 until November 1996, when she was hired as Assistant Administrator for the Home. Ms. Stefl was promoted to Administrator in November 1997. She earned her bachelor's degree from Muskingum College, Ohio.

David B. Carter, N.H.A., Administrator, Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, has served as Administrator for the Home since 1994. Mr. Carter was graduated from Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He earned his Master's Degree of Business Administration from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia.



Joseph E. Murphy



William C. Davis Jr.



Vicki L. Gillmore



Raymond E. Tierney



William J. Prazenica



Cynthia L. Stefl



David B. Carter

Advisory Boards Planned

The Masonic Homes are planning to organize an advisory board for each Masonic Eastern Star Home. All former Eastern Star Board members have been invited to continue their involvement in the homes' operations through their advisory board. The facilities also welcome any Masons or Eastern Star members who have an interest in serving in some capacity to contact one of the administrators listed below. An organizational meeting will be planned to develop the advisory boards to support the Masonic Eastern Star facilities with volunteer efforts, special projects, and providing education and information to Chapters and Lodges.

If you are interested in joining the advisory board at either facility, please contact:

David B. Carter, N.H.A., Administrator
Masonic Eastern Star Home - East
805 Norristown Road
Warminster, PA 18974-2694
(215) 672-2500

Cynthia L. Stefl, N.H.A., Administrator
Masonic Eastern Star Home - West
226 Bellevue Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15229-2189
(412) 931-8300

The Department of Public Welfare was expected to respond to the application for Medicaid approval for the Masonic Eastern Star Homes by March 31, 1998. On January 23, the Committee on Masonic Homes decided that the Homes will continue to accept applications from individuals in need of Medicaid funding to the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. In anticipation that when the Homes are certified, those individuals will be eligible for coverage. The application for Medicare Certification for the Masonic Eastern Star facilities has also been filed. The review process is expected to take a few months.

Respite Cottage Open to Serve Guests

In March 1998, the Masonic Homes opened a Respite Cottage to serve adults with special needs. The Respite Cottage accommodates up to eight adult guests diagnosed with mild to moderate retardation and/or other similar developmental challenges. Within the home-like atmosphere of the Masonic Homes, the program provides guests three nutritious meals a day, social and recreational activities, assistance with personal care, and access to medical care if needed.



The Respite Cottage provides a needed service to the community, offering quality, short-term respite services to caregivers, thereby enabling them to have time away from their responsibilities and enhance their quality of life. At the same time, it allows guests to enjoy fun and a relaxing vacation.

The Masonic Homes is working with mental health/mental retardation agencies from surrounding counties to offer this community service program to their clientele. For more information call (717) 367-1121, extension 33751.



Wellness and Fitness Center Set to Open

The Masonic Homes' Wellness and Fitness Center will open mid-May in the terrace level of the Freemasons Building. The center will be equipped with aerobic and strength-building equipment, a conference area, and men's and women's locker rooms with showers.

The new Wellness and Fitness Center will be staffed by professional instructors and a full-time Wellness Program Manager.

The Wellness and Fitness Center initially will be open to residents and employees of the Masonic Homes, as well as to other customers served, such as Adult Daily Living Center participants. An assessment will be completed after the facility has been operational for a period of time to determine if it is feasible to provide quality services to other groups of people.

For further information, call:
(717) 361-5656.

Completion of Freemasons Building

The Freemasons Building is expected to be completed and opened in May 1998.

Assisted living accommodations, which are currently provided in the residential area of the campus, will be moved to the Freemasons Building. This facility will provide assisted living accommodations for 127 persons who are basically independent, but who require some assistance in their daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, transportation, and taking medications.

Assisted living accommodations for residents to live at their full potential with the assurance that individual and personalized assistance will be provided when needed.

Masonic Blazers Now Available

Forms have been designed and the distribution system put into place in the Gift Shop in the Masonic Temple for ordering the exclusive navy blue Pennsylvania Masonic blazers by Bill Blass Menswear in the recently announced program that will benefit the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. John H. Platt, Jr., the Executive Director of the Library and Museum, said that the top quality blazers will cost \$200 from which the Library and Museum will receive a substantial donation.

The blazer is tailored from the finest worsted wool and has two-toned gold buttons that bear the Pennsylvania Masons' insignia. Each coat will have a removable silver bullion pocket crest of the same insignia. (Since the pocket crest is normally attached magnetically, a person with a pacemaker should so indicate and a special attachment will be provided.)

To order, complete the request form and send it with a check or money order payable to: "The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania," Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520. (You can fax a credit card order to the Masonic Temple, attention John H. Platt, Jr., at 215-988-1972. Be sure to include necessary credit card information.)

REQUEST FORM

Please accept my request for _____ Pennsylvania Masonic Blazer(s), size(s) _____ at \$200 each, which includes S&H. I have enclosed my check or money order. Please ship the blazer(s) to:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

Sizes: Regular 36-52; Short 38-46; Long 38-50; Extra Long 40-48 (Any questions re. sizing, call Mr. Ali Khatama at 1-800-251-232)

Testimonial From ILC Residents

Join Us and Be Our Neighbor in Independent Living at the Masonic Homes!

In 1994, changing conditions in our lives made it necessary for us to sit down and look at the future. We were deeply involved in a wonderful community with dear family and friends in Lexington, Virginia.



Washington and Lee University, the Virginia Military Institute, the George C. Marshall Library, and the final resting place for the Confederate General Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson made Lexington a community of varied historical tradition and interests and one where we could never say "no" to a request for volunteer service whether it was for the United Way, the Heart or Cancer fund drives, the Scouts, our local hospital, and the work with our church. We had lived there for over 40 years.

We looked forward to a new phase in our lives and began searching for a retirement community — particularly in the area of our heritage — in Pennsylvania. The search brought us to the Masonic Homes.

A Master Mason in Pennsylvania since 1954 (never having demitted from Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville), I came here with my wife to talk to Hollie Smith (Marketing Counselor). We were immediately impressed with the entire situation and grateful that God had pointed the way.

We chose the Masonic Homes for many reasons, among them:

- ...the warm, friendly and gracious treatment by the employees in every area;
- ...the wonderful facilities at Independent Living, Residential Living, and the Masonic Health Care Center;
- ...the care taken of the buildings and grounds; and
- ...it was in line with our financial plans.

After our application was approved for one of the new Independent Living cottages, we sold our home in Virginia and moved into our new home on September 5, 1997.

We love our new home, have made new friends, enjoy the new meal plan (with superb meals and service), and have become involved in some of the many activities provided. The residents are from broad and diverse backgrounds and are indeed a strong brotherhood.

Our adjustment was made easier with the help of employees too numerous to mention.

We are happy we didn't wait. If you even think to ask — "AM I DOING THIS TOO LATE?" — it may already be too late!

Marilyn and Dick Emery
18 Franklin Drive

Mail the coupon or call 1-800-676-6452. The Marketing Office will be happy to show you all the reasons why Independent Living at the Masonic Homes is the right option for you now! Don't wait to enjoy the rest of your retirement years among friends.



He Crafts Gifts Out of Scrap



What once was a piece of scrap copper now has thousands of holes punched in it by Bro. Jim Elliott (right), who fashioned it into a unique gift lantern adorned with Masonic emblems and tools for David Toersky (left), W.M., of Armstrong Lodge No. 239, Freeport, in the 27th Masonic District.

Bro. Elliott, who has been a member of Armstrong Lodge for more than 50 years, has crafted 28 of the special gift lanterns as a hobby. Bro. Toersky, who is the fifth past master to receive one as a gift, said, "You really have to see it to appreciate the time, work, and craftsmanship." The tools of Bro. Elliott's craft are quite simple: primarily a hammer, ice pick, screwdriver and a darning needle. The artificer comments, "If you want to know how much time is put into each piece, don't ask." He doesn't even want to think about it!

Want to Visit Summer Olympics In Australia September 2000?

Paul Wylie, a Mason in New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, wrote to the Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, reminding that "... next summer Olympic Games will be held in Sydney in September 2000 ... (when) there will be many thousands of visitors from around the world taking the opportunity to visit Sydney and other parts of Australia."

He suggested that while so many people are visiting there, he would like to visit here for three or four-weeks. He would like to know if there is a Pennsylvania Mason who would be interested in "swapping" homes at that time.

The writer is employed as the Financial Controller of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the Masonic Centre in Sydney. He lives in a suburb called Wahraonga, which is 24 kms (15 miles) north of Sydney. Anyone interested may write to him c/o United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, P.O. Box A259, Sydney, NSW 1235, Australia.



Tips For Sponsoring Masonic Youth Groups

Many lodges in Pennsylvania already sponsor one or more Masonic youth groups while others are considering the possibility. These few "Steps to Success" will help your lodge improve its support of youth groups in your area:

Promote membership in the Masonic youth groups: Spread the word about the great programs of Rainbow, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters, among the children, grandchildren, relatives, and neighbors of the members of the sponsoring body.

Visit youth meetings or public functions: It is important that the sponsoring body be represented by an officer at the public installation of officers held several times each year. Occasional visitations to a regular meeting or an activity by members or officers will show the young people that the sponsoring body is committed to their organization.

Financial assistance is helpful, but not necessary. The youth groups know that they are expected to raise their own funds for activities, charity, Masonic service, etc. However, Masonic sponsorship of

some of the special educational activities available to the youth will be helpful.

Provide a proper place for the youth members to meet. Masonic Youth Groups should meet in a lodge room. After all, their rituals were written by Masons, and were designed for lodge rooms. If it is not always available, a social room may suffice for informal meetings, but a lodge room is almost essential for all ritualistic presentations such as degrees and the semi-annual installation of officers. If rent must be charged, it should be reasonable, and within the funding capabilities of young people. If rent is being contemplated, ask this question: "How much rent does a church charge its youth group?" Is Freemasonry's relationship to Masonic youth any different?

Provide a good moral and fraternal example for the youth. The purpose of our youth groups is to take good young people and make them into good young adults. We are, in essence, imparting Masonic principles to our youth.

If you follow those guidelines, you will be providing a great service to the youth of your community.

The Grand Master's Itinerary

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| May 1-3 World Conference of Grand Lodges, New York City | June 2 Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: Consolidated Fund, 9:30 a.m.; Administrators of the Pension Plan, 11 a.m.; Finance Committee, 1 p.m. | July 11 Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Hershey Lodge and Convention Center |
| 2 OVERTURE Membership Development Seminar, Pittsburgh - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | June 3 Meetings in Philadelphia: Landmarks Committee, Masonic Temple, 10 a.m.; District Deputies' Meeting, Masonic Temple, 1:30 p.m.; Rehearsal for Elected and Appointed Officers, 3 p.m.; Dinner at Masonic Temple, 5 p.m.; QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, 7 p.m. | 18 Re-enactment Ceremony of Cornerstone Laying, Washington Monument, Washington, D.C. |
| 4 Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of New York | 6 100th Anniversary, Hiram Lodge No. 616, Altoona - 4 p.m. | 19-20 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C. |
| 8 PA Masonic Foundation for Children Board Meeting, Harrisburg Marriott - 4 p.m. | 13 Grand Chapter Quarterly Communication, Pittsburgh | 24 Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Staff, 8 a.m.; Subcommittee, 10 a.m.; Masonic Homes Committee, 1 p.m.; PA Masonic Foundation for Children Board Meeting, 4 p.m.; PA Youth Foundation Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| 9 PA Masonic Foundation for Children Speakers Seminar, Harrisburg Marriott 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | 150th Anniversary, Chandler Lodge No. 227, West Reading - 4 p.m. | 25 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for Dedication of Lodge Room & Cornerstone Laying, Jeanette Lodge No. 750 |
| 11 Pin Club Golf Outing, Alcoma C.C., Pittsburgh | Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic, Dorney Park, Allentown | Aug. 7 Western Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic, Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh |
| 13 Informal Visitation, Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie | 15-16 Order of The Eastern Star Annual Session, Lancaster | 8 150th Anniversary Celebration and parade, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon - 2 p.m. |
| 14-15 Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R., Spring Reunion | 17 Phillies-Pirates Baseball Game, Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia - 1 p.m. | 10 Rainbow Honor Day, Grand Assembly, Irwin |
| 16 150th Anniversary, Solomon Lodge No. 231, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center | 20 150th Anniversary, St. John's Lodge No. 233, West Pittston | 22 Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, for the purpose of Making a Mason at Sight - 12 noon |
| 22 Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Staff, 8 a.m.; Masonic Homes Committee, 10 a.m.; Youth Appreciation Day, 1:15 p.m. | 27 100th Anniversary, Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift | 29 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for Lodge Room Dedication and Cornerstone Laying, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf |
| 23 Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Harrisburg Hilton | Jun. 28-Jul. 3 Imperial Shrine of North America, Orlando, FL | |
| 28-30 Royal Order of Scotland, Las Vegas | Jul. 8 International Order of Rainbow, Grand Assembly, Altoona - 7 p.m. | |
| | 10 Pirates-Phillies Baseball Game, Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh - 7 p.m. | |

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Baseball Rivalries

PIRATES AT PHILS JUNE 17

It will be a day at the ball game for Masons, their families, and friends Wednesday afternoon, June 17, when the Philadelphia Phillies host the Pittsburgh Pirates at Veterans Stadium. R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette will throw out the first ball for the 1:05 p.m. start of the game.

Proceeds from the ticket sales support the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Masonically affiliated Acacia Fraternity of the University of Pennsylvania. During pregame ceremonies on the field, Grand Master Ernette will present a check to Acacia Fraternity.

Tickets for seating together in the 200 level are being sold on a first-come basis at \$16 per ticket. Send your check for the tickets to your lodge secretary who, in turn, will send a check for all his lodge's ticket requests to Walter Mehl, P.D.D.G.M., 5720 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19120-1627. Brother Mehl will return tickets to the respective secretaries for their lodges' seats in the same general section. The deadline for the preferred seating is May 15, after which seating location can not be guaranteed. Tickets also are available up to game time from the Philadelphia Phillies.

PHILS AT PIRATES JULY 10

In Western Pennsylvania, Masons' night at the ball park will be Friday, July 10, when the Pittsburgh Pirates host the Philadelphia Phillies at Three Rivers Stadium. Again, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette will throw out the first ball for the 7:05 p.m. start of the game. Lodges will receive scoreboard recognition.

Reserved seats, regularly \$11, are priced at \$10 and there will be a surprise gift with each ticket purchase. On a piece of paper, write your name, address (including ZIP), phone number, and lodge name and number and indicate the number of tickets desired. Send it with your check or money order made payable to "Gourgas Lodge of Perfection" and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2700. For information, call (412) 939-3579.

Grand Master Announces Extra Communication on August 22

James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master has announced an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998, for the purpose of Making a Mason at Sight.

Notice of the Extra Communication will be included in all lodge notices for stated meetings preceding Aug. 22.

Three Golf Tourneys To Benefit Masonic Homes Are Being Planned

Three Grand Master's Charities Golf Tournaments to benefit the three Masonic Homes are being planned to be held across the state during the first two weeks of September.

As *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was ready for printing, the Development Subcommittee of the Committee on Masonic Homes had approved a proposal for benefit tournaments to be held at premier golf courses in the areas of the Masonic Homes in Central Pennsylvania; the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster; and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West near Pittsburgh.

The proposal recommends afternoon shotgun scramble tournaments, buffet, prizes and Masonic Homes services and development displays. Committees are being formed in the respective areas to organize and conduct the tournaments, including seeking sponsors for tees and greens and various aspects of the event.

It is proposed that reservations for tee times will begin being taken about July 1. For sponsorship or advance information on registration call the Development Office at the Masonic Homes, 1-800-599-6454.



It's "All in the Family"

John R. Stutzman, the W.M. of Puritan Lodge No. 740, West Reading, visited Laurel Lodge No. 467, White Haven, to confer all three degrees on his father, David John Stutzman, Sr., and his brother, David John Stutzman, Jr. Also when the Master Mason Degree was conferred by Robert Mengle, W.M. of Laurel Lodge, William H. Dixon helped to raise his son, William T. Dixon.

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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Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Hosts Grand Masters of Masons of North America



The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was host to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America in Philadelphia, Feb. 22 through 24. Sixty of the 63 Grand Masters in North America plus their ladies attended, along with other officers, representatives, and guests of their jurisdictions. Also, there were 25 dignitaries, including grand masters from nations around the world. More than 800 persons attended.

William B. Jeffers, Jr., M.W. Grand Master of Arizona, was the Conference Chairman. James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, welcomed the conferees to Pennsylvania and introduced Mayor Edward G. Rendell, who welcomed them to Philadelphia.

The theme for the conference was "Enjoying Masonry" and the major focus was on "The Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children." The first keynote speaker was Bro. and former Senator George McGovern. Keynote speaker on the second day was General Barry McCaffrey, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. First, he congratulated the Grand Masters for their enormous contribution in the field of drug education for our youth and commended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America for being "Charter Members" of the Civic Alliance. He reviewed the 1998 National Drug Control Strategy, saying that its success depends on the commitment of all Americans.

At the Monday luncheon, R.W. Grand Master Ernette was presented with the unique Medallion of Excellence Award by the National Foundation For Children. Two days before, Grand Master Ernette retired from the Board of Directors of the National Foundation and for years was the President of the Pennsylvania Foundation. Pennsylvania's program and its organization served as the model for the National Foundation and its programs. The only previous recipient of the Medallion of Excellence Award was the late R.W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., the founder of the Pennsylvania Foundation and a spearhead of the national organization.

The luncheon speaker was Celia Van Horn, a former nun, now a teacher and leader of a successful Student Assistance Program in Mesa, Arizona. She related the great need and the progress in counselling Native American children from the reservation. Ms. Van Horn has a unique background for facing her challenges in counselling. She grins as she explains what she learned "during my years in prison," where she counselled inmates.

At the closing session, Bro. and Marine General Thomas Wilkerson presented a moving and challenging talk on patriotism and paid tribute to all men who served their country.

During their stay in Philadelphia, the grand masters visited historic sites, including the Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and as a memento had a group picture and individual pictures taken at the Liberty Bell.

The Grand Masters of Masons in North America posed for a historical picture at the Liberty Bell prior to the opening of their three-day Conference hosted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22 through 24.

Flanking the Liberty Bell are the host James L. Ernette (left), R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the Conference Chairman, William B. Jeffers, M.W. Grand Master of Arizona.

To the left of the Liberty Bell are Grand Masters (l-r): Front Row - Harry G. Cunningham, Texas; Bruce S. Sim, Wisconsin; Thomas C. Ehlers, Washington; Albert T. Ames, P.G.M., Massachusetts, Executive Secretary of the Conference; and C. Michael Watson, Ohio. Row 2 - Benny L. Grisham, Illinois; James V. Voyles, Idaho; Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., Vermont; Richard A. H. Brown, Saskatchewan; and Ralph A. Livermore, Iowa. Row 3 - Eldon J. Brown, District of Columbia; Stephen M. Munsinger, Colorado; Robert W. Stevens, Michigan; Douglas O. Fegenbush, Indiana; and Stanley R. Foulke, Alaska. Row 4 - Earle J. Hino, Jr., New York; Arthur Johnson, Massachusetts; Herbert P. Fulmer, Delaware; J. V. Christianson, Minnesota; and Max L. Schumacher, Oregon. Row 5 - Gerald H. Grosskopf, New Jersey; John C. Naquin, Maryland; Frank Dias, Jr., Rhode Island; Jeffrey O. Nations, Missouri; and Charles I. Ottem, North Dakota.

To the right of the Liberty Bell are Grand Masters (l-r): Front Row - Hugh Young, Alberta; Samuel E. Cowan, Florida; Jeffrey L. Sowder, Kansas; Ronnie G. Bell, Kentucky; and Joseph L. Boster, II, Wyoming. Row 2 - Charles Rae Haldane-Wilsone, Manitoba; Garry Odom, Oklahoma; Don E. Rasmussen, Nebraska; Anthony P. Wordlow, California; Arnold M. Ashley, New Hampshire; and Carlos Marban, York, Mexico. Row 3 - William T. Anderson, Ontario; Paul D. Jones, Hawaii; Luis F. Crespo Cordero, Puerto Rico; Leslie L. Morrow, New Mexico; and Arthur K. Cronin, Nevada. Row 4 - Steve J. Brownfield, Alabama; D. Samuel Tennyson, South Carolina; James A. Forbus, Mississippi; John L. Palmer, Tennessee; Lowell C. Holmgren, South Dakota; and William H. Brown, Louisiana. Row 5 - David W. Barron, Utah; W. Kent Bell, Montana; Walter M. Macdougall, Maine; Jimmy R. Avery, American-Canadian; James W. Seymour, Georgia; and William F. Carpenter, Connecticut.

Not pictured are Grand Masters: O. C. Boyd, Arkansas; Alan R. Tomlins, British Columbia; Osborne I. Nason, New Brunswick; Gerry T. Smith, North Carolina; E. Carson Jackson, Nova Scotia; S. Forrest Dumville, Prince Edward Island; Maurice A. Kershaw, Quebec; Albert H. Tignor, Jr., Virginia; and Paul V. Cottrell, West Virginia.



We Need Active and Passive Leaders

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

My Brothers:

One of the great contributions that our Fraternity has made to the world has been in the area of the development of leaders. We have been able to take men with potential, but with limited skills, and transform them from a relatively shy introvert or an untrained extrovert to become dynamic leaders of the Craft on all levels. They then carried this leadership ability into the world outside the Craft. Think how often you have observed members of your lodge begin progression through the chairs and watched them improve in their capabilities prior to completing their terms as Worshipful Master.

Today, we are recognizing a lack of qualified leaders to guide our Craft. Why? Are we failing to attract the potential? Or are we failing to transform the potential? Or both? Because of the significance of this contribution, however, it merits our concern.

Over the years, I have observed two significant types of leadership. First, there is the one whom we would recognize and regard as the active leader. He is the visible one, the one listed on programs as a leader. He is the one wearing the jewels of the Craft.

I have been afforded the privilege of personally knowing some of the great active Masonic leaders of our time. I would not attempt to name them for fear of overlooking those of equal talents and contributions. They are the ones whose names are most frequently related to our Craft and the ones who are receiving the most credit.

But, there is a second type — one who is frequently overlooked as a leader. He is the one whose name is not listed as an officer, but is always there to participate. He doesn't wear jewels, but his presence is imperative for our success. Both have been significant in the development and existence of the Craft.

When I first joined Freemasonry, I met an older brother of the lodge who exemplified a different style of leadership than that with which I was familiar. He never held an office of any kind of which I am aware. But, he served on every committee for which he was asked. He did not drive an automobile, but he rarely missed a meeting of any Masonic body to which he belonged. Frequently, that meant waiting for a bus to get him to a meeting and hoping he could get a ride home. This older brother was as totally ego free as anyone I have ever met. He never asked for, nor sought, recognition, but he offered to help all who were in an active leadership role.

Was this old man a leader? He was, in my opinion, one of the great Masonic leaders I have known because he served as an example for others. He epitomized to me what is significant as a passive leader. He led simply by setting an admirable example. Without men like that there, my Brothers, there could be no men like we who are regarded as leaders. Of what value would the greatest leader be if there were none like him to follow our lead?

Freemasonry today needs both active and passive leaders. We need to find those with the potential to lead either actively or passively. We need to continue to provide to the world the leaders we have developed within the enclaves of our lodge rooms. We, therefore, must attract and develop the qualified leader. When we develop leaders, we serve not only the Craft, but we also serve the world. After all, is that not our intent?

D.D.G.M.s Honored; Medal Presented



Much was accomplished during an evening to honor the past and present officers of District 13 at Genetti Manor in Dickson City on Feb. 14. R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette was the honored guest and speaker for the event which raised funds for the establishment of a scholarship for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children.

During the same tribute, Grand Master Ernette (left in photo) presented the Wanamaker Medal to Mr. Donald Mireau of Milford for volunteer work he has been doing with Eugene D. Lucas, D.D.G.M. of the 13th Masonic District. Mr. Mireau is the third person who is not a Mason to be presented with the award.

**The 1997 Annual
Report for the
Masonic Charities
is included in
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Masonic Charities



Faith,

Family,

Fraternity,

and

Community

'97 Annual Report

Brethren and Friends:

In one of the earliest of charges to a new Master Mason, he is told, "Universal benevolence you are zealously to inculcate."

The multitude of lives touched by the human services that are made possible through all of the Masonic Charities verifies the sincerity with which that challenge has been accepted and how important it is among the Masons, their families, and the many friends who support our good works. That is why this annual report is more than printed words. It tells the story of caring people reaching out to help those in need.

As you read this report, it is easy to appreciate why the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania remains the premier example of universal benevolence at work.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown just completed a seven-year building program that included the modern Masonic Health Care Center. It is your generosity that helps to provide the comfort and care in residential congregate or independent living; in health care, from respite care to adult day care; and to reach out to hundreds more through the Outreach Program. It is pure charity that keeps the Masonic Homes' Children's Home caring for youth in family-style homelike cottages.

We are enthusiastic about the merger of the Masonic Homes and the Eastern Star Homes. The kind of caring for which the Masonic Homes has been known is now available not just in Elizabethtown, but also at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West in Pittsburgh, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster. During 1998, watch for master plans for expansion of the Masonic Eastern Star Homes.

Masons continue to show their great concern for the welfare of youth. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation consistently offers leadership and guidance, scholarships, activities, and facilities for Masonically-related youth organizations. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, which you knew as The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, makes possible training programs for teachers, counselors, and law enforcement personnel throughout Pennsylvania to interface and interact with youngsters in drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs.

Culture and Heritage of our fraternity, nation, and society are valuable. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is world-renowned for its outstanding historical art collection and research capabilities.

Among the Masonic Charities, there is the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Fund. It quietly, but effectively, helps people and communities, supporting worthy programs for education, treatment, personal relief, and disaster relief when and where it is needed.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution anytime to all of the Masonic Charities or directly to one of them simply by designating where you want your gift directed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Universal benevolence seems an appropriate reference for your support. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James L. Ernette

James L. Ernette
R.W. Grand Master



The Masonic Homes serves the Fraternity, their family members, youth, and the community through a continuum of quality care services encompassed in its "Mission of Love." The Masonic Homes has continued to grow and modernize its entire facility, expand the services provided, and reach out to those in need of care. Throughout 1997, the Masonic Homes has continued various expansion projects to ensure it provides quality care services to the Fraternity and the community.



Ken Phelps, program participant,
Adult Daily Living Center

Masonic Health Care Center

On January 16, 1997, the new Renaissance Unit opened on the second floor of the Ben Franklin Building in the Masonic Health Care Center. This area is designed for the provision of subacute care which is in line with health care changes over the last several years. As hospitals have been discharging more acute patients to less costly settings, the Masonic Homes operates this unit to accept residents requiring a great deal more care in a setting that is more cost effective than a hospital.

The 51-bed unit offers comprehensive medical, rehabilitation and consultation programs, and services to meet the needs of each patient. Immediately after or instead of acute hospitalization, an individual can receive active, complex medical treatments through subacute care until stabilization occurs. Rehabilitation services for patients with orthopedic problems and for patients recovering from strokes, surgery or deconditioning are provided. The unit has the capacity to administer respiratory care services, IV therapy, nutrition, pain management, and care and monitoring of residents receiving dialysis treatments.

Individuals eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes may receive short-term services on the Renaissance Unit, and then return home after stabilization occurs. This service was established to meet the health care needs of the changing times, as individuals are being discharged earlier from hospitals and often require specialized, skilled care before they can return home or to their most independent living situation possible.

The last phase of the Masonic Health Care Center Project involves renovating the Masons Care Building to provide Assisted Living services to 127 individuals in this area. To differentiate between nursing facility and assisted living care, the Masons Care Building was renamed the Freemasons Building. The opening of the Freemasons Building in May 1998 will allow the personal care residents living in the Village Green Area the opportunity to move into a new building complete with accessible services for their needs.

For more information about the Renaissance Unit or the Freemasons Building, call 1-800-422-1207.

Adult Daily Living Center

Located on the Ground Floor of the Masonic Health Care Center, the Adult Daily Living Center is nearing its third year of service. The program offers quality, cost-effective adult day care services to individuals with physical and/or cognitive challenges, within a caring, supportive environment.

The Adult Daily Living Center provides goal-oriented programs and services during the day that allow clients to live at home with their families instead of entering a nursing facility. The comfortable, homelike facility is ideal for adults who require assistance for some of their daily needs, but who prefer to live at home with their loved ones.

The center accommodates up to 41 clients, and allows easy access to all ancillary clinics without leaving the building.

Throughout 1997, the center has an expanded clientele, has received many referrals from agencies and by word-of-mouth, and has enjoyed positive feedback from yearly client/family surveys which indicated a high satisfaction level with the program. A new activity director has joined the staff to accommodate the increased number of clients, and the activity areas have been set up in the center to encourage independent recreation participation. The center continues to provide

the following programs: community outings; intergenerational, pet therapy, music, sports and educational programs; and more holiday/theme-oriented special events.

For more information on the Adult Daily Living Center, call (717) 361-5353.

Lafayette Special Care Unit

The Lafayette Special Care Unit provides state-of-the-art care and treatment for up to 69 residents living their lives with dementia. The unit is split into two separate resident care units, Lafayette East and Lafayette West, so the staff can provide the appropriate level of care required for residents who are at a higher or lower level of functioning.



Chester D. Minick, a resident of
the Village Green Area.

These units provide programming in an environment specifically designed for dementia care, such as gardening, music therapy programs, religious services, intergenerational programs, pet therapy, exercise groups, and cooking activities. The staff has incorporated a more individualized approach to resident care, adding special events and holiday celebrations to their activity calendar. The outdoor courtyards, designed to enhance therapeutic recreation and nostalgic memories, allow residents to wander freely, yet remain in a safe and secure environment.

For more information about the Lafayette Special Care Unit, call 1-800-422-1207.

Masonic Children's Home

The Masonic Children's Home currently provides services to 40 school-age children from across the state. 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 children attend local area public schools and are encouraged to participate in numerous extracurricular activities and the religious institution of their choice, to enhance their personal development. The youth participate in the on-campus Adopt-A-Grandparent program, volunteering, part-time employment, music lessons, group vacations, the Into-The-Streets program with Elizabethtown College students, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs, sports, the Music At Gretna Program, mentoring programs, and community service activities.

On-campus recreational activities include indoor and outdoor pools, basketball courts, and tennis courts.

The Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association continues to provide support to the program through scholarships to our graduates attending college, various purchases for the recreation program, and social activities with the youth.

The program continues to grow and improve to provide the opportunity for the children to develop the life skills and values necessary to become productive members of society as they mature.

The Masonic Children's Home's goal is to give each child a chance to receive friendship, care, and guidance. A Masonic affiliation is not required for admission to the Masonic Children's Home, but each child must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge.

Independent Living

The Masonic Homes' Independent Living program has continued to expand throughout 1997.

Phase I of the independent living cottage construction project, consisting of 36 cottages, began in August 1996 and was completed and ready for occupancy in July 1997. The second phase of construction, which will add 36 cottages, is expected to be completed in June 1998. If demand exists, a third phase of 28 cottages will complete the project for a total of 100 new independent living cottages on the Masonic Homes' campus.

The Smith South Apartments opened in September 1997, and offered the availability of an additional eight one-bedroom and two-bedroom units under a rental plan.

The Smith North Building opened for occupancy in January 1998. In addition to offering the availability of 23 apartments, this building provides space for additional leisure and recreation opportunities for residents across the campus. These areas include a ceramic room, card playing areas, pool tables and general craft areas.

Including the Village Green Apartments, Brown Apartments, Charles and Louis Eisenlohr Apartments, and the Smith South Apartments, all of which opened between 1993 and 1997, there are now 91 Independent Living apartments available under a rental option at the Masonic Homes.

As of December 31, 1997, 485 residents occupied 332 Independent Living apartments or cottages on the Masonic Homes' campus.

The Independent Living areas of the Masonic Homes currently consist of 311 apartments and 52 cottages, where residents gain access to the security and quality care services of the Masonic Homes in an independent, active environment.

For more information about independent living options, call 1-800-676-6452.

Masonic Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides education, information, and direction to Masonic and non-Masonic families across the United States. Information and referral services help locate service agencies, nursing homes, transportation services, hot meals, and health providers. Information for senior citizens, direction for families, and aid for children.

Presentations in lodges statewide, community events, and health fairs have taken the Outreach Program's message to Masons and friends wherever need exists. Working with service providers and health agencies nationally, the Outreach Program can help you or a friend find help anywhere in the nation. Locally, the Masonic Outreach Program can direct a caregiver to a support group; or we can refer you to a Caregiver Support Group in your hometown. The Outreach Program extends Masonic Homes' reach into the community for the benefit of all Masons and non-Masonic friends in our own hometowns.

Literature on many subjects including the aging process, Medicare and Medicaid, grief and loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, health maintenance organizations, prostate cancer and treatment, and Living Wills is available free of charge through the Outreach Program.

Individuals in need of assistance can call a toll-free number: 1-800-4-MASONIC (800-462-7664).

Volunteer Department

The late columnist Erma Bombeck probably best described the American Volunteer: "They are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect their nation's compassion, unselfishness, caring, patience, need, and just plain loving each other."

Volunteers at the Masonic Homes are a vital community resource, providing services that further the care, comfort, dignity, and happiness of residents. At the same time, these giving individuals gain a real sense of worth and reward, pleasure and purpose.

During this past year, 184 residents in the Independent Living area volunteered more than 9,500 hours providing services directly benefiting their neighbors. Volunteers served at the information desk, with the craft group, in the mail room and blood pressure clinic, or on committees. In the Village Green Area, 180 residents volunteered with activities in the museum, store, post office, and Hope Chest; by guiding tours and serving in other capacities, totaling 47,000 hours. More than 350 individuals from the community, lodges, chapters, bethels and assemblies dedicated 21,000 hours to escorting, visiting, and assisting residents in the Masonic Health Care Center.

The Masonic Homes is grateful to its volunteers for all of their unique contributions, genuine commitment, and special touches for the role they embrace in helping Masonic Homes meet its goal of providing compassion and the highest quality care for its residents.



Resident volunteers Edith Ritchie and Helen Pages

Masonic Homes

Condensed Statements of Unrestricted Activities for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

(Dollars in thousands)

	1997	1996			
Operating revenues	\$39,760	\$36,768	Operating Revenues	\$39,760	1997
Operating expenses	50,532	47,646		36,768	1996
Loss incurred in the fulfillment of our charitable mission	(10,772)	(10,878)	Operating Expenses	\$50,532	1997
This loss was covered by the following support from the Members and friends of the Fraternity:				47,646	1996
Gifts and Bequests	6,615	6,095	Loss Incurred	(\$10,772)	1997
Investment income earned on accumulated past support	28,951	23,347		(10,878)	1996
Revenues and support in excess of expenses	\$24,794	\$18,564	Gifts and Bequests	\$6,615	1997
				6,095	1996
			Investment Income	\$28,951	1997
				23,347	1996
			Excess Revenues and Support	\$24,794	1997
				18,564	1996

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



1998 Mission Statement of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will

- Teach Masonic principles to youth.
- Develop good moral character, virtue, and reverence in young people.
- Provide safe, wholesome and exciting activities for teenagers.
- Create opportunities for the growth and practice of leadership and public speaking skills.
- Foster academic achievement among those with financial need.

To achieve this Mission, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will LEAD the Masonic Fraternity in the creation and support of youth programs and services, in particular, through the operation of the Masonic Conference Center — Patton Campus at Elizabethtown. The Foundation will promote the Masonic youth groups, fostering interaction with the Masonic lodges and emphasizing service to God, Family, and Community.

Masonic Charities

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation provides support and programs for the Masonic-related youth organizations; the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay for young men, and the Order of Job's Daughters. Most of these programs are held at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown, on the campus of the former Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys. These programs are specially designed to teach self-improvement, character development, physical fitness, and public speaking.

In 1997, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation provided programming, meals, and housing for 2,365 youth group members in 51 different programs at the Masonic Conference Center. In addition, the Foundation hosted the annual convention of the Knights of Pythagoras for young men, sponsored by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Of particular note, was the fourteenth consecutive annual DeMolay/Knights of Pythagoras Brotherhood Retreat in August.

Two unusual events highlighted the programs for 1997. In January, the Foundation coordinated the attendance of 212 youth and adult chaperones at the Presidential Inauguration and Parade in Washington, D.C. The trip included an opportunity to tour the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

In August, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Rededication of the Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, the Foundation sponsored a youth leader weekend at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for 78 youth members focussing on personal freedoms won during the American Revolution. Over 175 youth participated in the dedication parade.

In addition to providing programs and displays about the Masonic youth groups to numerous lodges and other organizations, the Foundation continued its growing program of Scholarship Grants, and the dissemination of information about scholarships available through the Masonic Fraternity. Over 4000 *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guides* were printed and distributed to lodges, public and private high schools, and individuals. More than \$46,000 in scholarship grants were given by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation in 1997.

Freemasonry, through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is reaching out to youth all across the Commonwealth, and providing guidance and leadership to keep them on paths of moral, educated, and religious lives. The Foundation is helping to fulfill the ancient proverb which tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

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

The mission of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children is the reduction of drug and alcohol abuse by young people, through education, intervention, and counseling. In 1997, the Foundation carried out this mission by its continued support of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Student Assistance Program. There are now student assistance teams in place in every high school and junior high school in the Commonwealth. An elementary school curriculum was developed and training of elementary level teams is beginning. Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program, thanks to Pennsylvania Masons.

In May, the selection committee for the Carl W. Stenberg Scholarship met in Philadelphia and awarded five college scholarships of \$1,000 per year for four years. The applicants are students, recommended by their student assistance team, who successfully completed a counseling program and turned their lives around. Thanks to Student Assistance and the help of the Foundation, these young people are now getting the chance at a college education. They must maintain a "C" average and be drug and alcohol free. Nineteen of these scholarships were awarded since 1993.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children continued its support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). At this facility, Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the Commonwealth, train to teach this program to 5th and 6th grade elementary school students. Since 1994 The Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus has been designated the D.A.R.E. Training Center of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation each new D.A.R.E. Officer received a supply of 2,000 Cop Training Cards, similar to Baseball and Football Trading Cards. Each card has the Square and Compasses on both the front and back with an acknowledgment that they were supplied compliments of Masons of Pennsylvania.



Masonic Charities

The Foundation, in cooperation with The Committee on Masonic Education published a list of drug and alcohol speakers in the 1996 Speakers Guide. These speakers are available to all Masonic bodies, civic groups, and community organizations.

The Foundation gave support to the National Masonic Foundation for Children, and such treatment and rehabilitation centers as Aldelphia Village in Western Pennsylvania. The Foundation is a member of the Philadelphia Prevention Partnership and P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education). The Foundation helped sponsor the Susquehanna Valley WHO CARES Program.

The Director is a member of the steering committee for Pennsylvania's Against Underage Drinking (PAUD) coalition. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board formed this coalition at the direction of the Governor. The coalition is funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of the American Medical Association. The incitation to be part of the steering committee of PAUD shows that the Fraternity and the Foundation are becoming recognized leaders statewide in the fight against juvenile addictions.

The Foundation's District Chairmen encouraged lodges to support their local community programs, in drug and alcohol demand reduction efforts.

There is an effort to make the public aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. A quarterly newsletter was started in 1997. The result is very positive and the communities are finding out that Masons care.

The Foundation's work could not be possible without your help. Thank you for all you support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic charity contributions.

THE MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

The videotape-tour of the Masonic Temple was completed, and made its public appearance on November 26.

Librarian and Curator Glenys Waldman was invited to publish the brief history of Grand Lodge she had originally written at the request of Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson. It appeared in the June 1997 issue of the East Central Intelligencer, the journal of the Association for 18th Century Studies, under the title "Masonry in 18th-Century Pennsylvania, with an Introduction to the Resources of The Masonic Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia." She also attended the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries.

In an effort to bolster interest in the Friends of the Library and in the satellite libraries, meetings were held for Worshipful Masters in October, on the 9th (at the Masonic Temple), 16th (at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center), and 23rd (at the Masonic Homes). Each regional satellite library has received, to date, a total of 49 books.

The Archives had a busy year: Pursuant to a request to vacate basement lockers, the record books of approximately 25 Blue Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters have been received for the Archives. These include records of any lodges and chapters which had been merged into those 25. In addition, the Grand Masters' letter books have been relocated from the Grand Master's Office "alley" to the Archives, for reasons mostly of safety and accessibility. These records begin in 1867 and run into the 1970's.

The Museum acquired 85 items, among them: 1. Painting by William Thomas Ternay: "Valley Forge Memorial Arch" 2. Apron of printed and painted silk, ca. 1830 from Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782. 3. Porcelain plaque from the M.W. Grand Master of Germany, Rainer J. Schicke, of Brother Frederick II's (the Great 1712-1786) silhouette in gold with the German words: "Our life leads us with quick steps from birth to death. In this short span of time it is the purpose of a person to work for the good (well-being) of the community of which he is a member." 4. Watercolor (1997) by John Barker, a young Philadelphia artist, of the Masonic Temple. 5. Apron worn at the Dedication of the Masonic Temple building, June 24, 1868, with the photograph of the wearer. 6. Cushion with Masonic symbols.

Several exhibits were mounted: 1. "John Sartain, 33° 1808-1897, Exemplary Engraver, Devoted Freemason" was mounted as of January 29th, and an accompanying checklist was completed. This Sartain exhibit forms part of Philadelphia's city-wide commemoration of the centenary of Bro. Sartain's death. 2. Bicentenary of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

Assistant Curator John Minott wrote an article on Egyptian Hall which was published in the (Valley of Philadelphia) Scottish Rite Newsletter.

Tours of the Masonic Temple continued to be popular: 22,298 people came to visit. August was the busiest month with 2420 people.

Events of interest were the following: On July 11, Bro. John Wanamaker's birthday, a wreath was laid at his statue on the east side of City Hall. Brother Joseph Witte of the Drug and Alcohol Foundation, Assistant Librarian Catherine Giaimo, and Librarian and Curator Glenys Waldman represented Grand Lodge and the Library and Museum. The party was completed by the Rev. Dr. W.A. Zulker, author of John Wanamaker, King of Merchants, which is sold in the Gift Shop.

The Dedication of the newly-restored National Memorial Arch was held at Valley Forge, August 24. The replica of Brother and President George Washington's Masonic Apron, embroidered by Mme De Lafayette enhanced the "Washingtoniana" exhibit at the Visitors' Center. The Library and Museum mounted an exhibit in honor of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's involvement, and assisted the Grand Secretary in assembling artifacts for the Capstone vault.



1998 Mission Statement of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation For Children

The mission of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is the prevention of drug, alcohol, and other abuses by children through education, intervention, and counseling. This mission is carried out through the support of well-established programs of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and other existing groups concerned with juvenile addictions.

The Foundation is also committed to the Fraternity and the Communities of Pennsylvania in providing and supporting addiction awareness. This is done through a speaker's network and grassroots community involvement.



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