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The Grand Master's Message

REPLACE YOURSELF and We'll Travel Together Toward the New Millennium.

Brethren:

A short time ago, I sent a personal letter to you — and every Pennsylvania Mason — asking for your help. I asked for your personal commitment to do just one thing: "REPLACE YOURSELF!"

I'd like to think that *every* Pennsylvania Mason has taken that commitment seriously. I hope you are one of the Masons who already has followed through on your commitment and talked to a worthy friend about Freemasonry, telling him who we are, what we believe and what we do. Remember, Brethren, each of us represents Freemasonry in our community. We are looked upon as men of fine character and esteem because of our good works, charity and brotherhood.

We do so much that is good for so many. We work to make good men better, serve humanity charitably, and benefit our communities. We are able to do this because we are a fraternity of men bonded for the good of mankind. For us to continue to do our good works, we must sustain that brotherhood. At the least, we must have a stable membership; optimistically, we will see it grow.

That's why your commitment to REPLACE YOURSELF is not only important, it's key to the future of your lodge and our fraternity. I am opposed to solicitation, and quite frankly, I don't feel we have to solicit. I sincerely believe that when good and worthy men can see what Masons — men of quality — are doing in the communities, they will want to be part of our brotherhood. Remember, as we work to build membership, we have an obligation and an objective to sustain membership quality.

So, "quality" is more than a "buzz word." As a man of quality yourself, it follows that a person you would select to tell about Freemasonry would be one whom you would appreciate having as a member of your lodge. Therefore, like you, he would be of good character, enjoy a favorable standing in society, and be fit to be made a Mason — a man you would be pleased to call "brother."

If you haven't done so already, I hope you will offer a worthy friend the **Friend to Friend** brochure that came with my per-

sonal letter. Your friend will learn that he has to ask; and when he does, you have a petition and know what to do.

The outstanding charitable activities that the lodges are carrying forth in their communities because of the Matching Charity Grants Program suggest that there should be a growing potential of interested men aware of the good works of Masons. I call to your attention the cover story in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* reporting the gratifying, extensive charitable services lodges are giving to their friends and neighbors in communities across Pennsylvania.

In the first five months, more than 200 applications from lodges for matching grants totalling nearly a quarter of a million dollars have been approved for committed local charitable projects. Since these are matching funds, that means that already almost a half-million dollars of good work is helping individuals and service agencies in communities across the Commonwealth — and each local lodge earns the sole recognition as the benefactor.

Most of our lodges called off from labor for the months of July and August, but Masonic enthusiasm has remained alive and well through the summer. Our presence on the Internet offers a new way to keep the light of Freemasonry glowing even while the lodges are dark. Every day, more and more people — Masons and friends, from near and around the world — are clicking on to the home page of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. More than 15,000 had accessed the home page and hundreds have signed in with messages in the guest book. Cyberspace communication with your fraternity is as near as your phone line and computer.

These are progressive, exciting, and challenging times as we approach the 21st Century and Masonry in Pennsylvania is on a positive course. I ask you again to take your commitment seriously, REPLACE YOURSELF and we'll continue to travel that same road together toward the new millennium.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James L. Ernette

James L. Ernette,
R.W. Grand Master



Matching Grants Program a Grand Success and Growing Across State

Masons across the state are reaching out and touching the lives of many people through their generosity and concern for their fellow man. With their participation in the Masonic Matching Charities Fund Program, the lodges are doubling their charitable impact.

In five months of receiving applications in the Matching Charities Grants Program, there were 323 "Perfect Matches" totalling \$233,654 approved for 191 lodges statewide. As a result of lodge commitments that had been matched as of July 1, there were at least \$467,300 in charity contributions available to serve communities across the state. In the program, all approved lodge commitments are doubled, but the actual presentation to the recipient charity is made by way of one check from the lodge with no mention of the Grand Lodge participation. The local lodge and its members take full credit for the contribution in their home community.

In reporting on the program at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, Chairman of the Matching Grants Committee, said: "The program has become successful more rapidly than anticipated. The interest in the program is statewide. (As of June 1) District 14 had 100% participation and 13 other districts had at least 50% of their lodges involved in the program."

It is interesting to observe how dramatically the participation grew. The program was announced at the Annual Grand Communication, Dec. 27. No applications were received in January. By the end of February, there were eight. In March, there were 21 more. During April and May there were 237 applications!

Some of the recipients of grants are: Individual medical and hardship cases,



TOP: Frankford Lodge No. 292, Philadelphia, granted funds to help the Community Care Center of the Northeast provide home care to the homebound.

CENTER: Masons of the 8th Masonic District matched funds raised jointly by the Knights of Columbus and Masons for Easter Seals.

BOTTOM: Masons of Valley Lodge No. 797 raised over \$5,000 grilling steak dinners to benefit The Tyler Stiehl Medical Fund.

Easter Seals, scholarships, school citizenship programs, youth organizations, American Red Cross, neighborhood playgrounds, Make-A-Wish Foundation, hospital volunteers services, food banks, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, nursing home care, Blind Association, United Way, volunteer fire departments, neo-natal care facilities, Special Olympics, and more.

Status Reports and a summary of the types of recipients of the Masonic Matching Charity Grants are updated regularly on the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge page on the Internet at pagrandlodge.org.

On The Cover... Serving mankind in their communities are (photos clockwise from upper left): Masons of District 17 moved everything from a piano to frying pans for an auction that raised \$7,000, then matched the proceeds to help the Northern Tier Children's Home. • Bluestone Lodge No. 338, Great Bend gave a grant to purchase mats and weight-lifting equipment for the Blue Ridge H.S. Wrestling Club. • Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526,

Elizabeth, matched funds raised at a spaghetti dinner to help James Shaffer, a two-times recipient of liver transplants. • Brethren of Chester Lodge No. 236 construct a foot bridge at Girl Scout Camp Sunset Hill. • Cassia-Mt. Horeb, Ardmore, equipped the Upper Darby Little League with uniforms and caps. • See story about the Matching Grants Program above.

Outreach Helps to Pave the Road to a Higher Quality of Life

Nothing is more tragic than when a child is stricken with a terminal disease.

Here's an example of how Masons reach out to those who need help. In early April, Outreach received a call from a person who knew someone in the community "needing help." As John Suchanec, Outreach Director, explained, Tyler Heckendorn, a seven-year-old boy, had been stricken with cancer. Paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair, this young boy nevertheless is still full of hope and life. Their home is along a short, unpaved country road. Both parents took time from their employment to take care of their son. Finances and the stress of caring for their son was taking a toll. They had no choice but to look to the community for help and the community responded!

An admissions counselor, representing the Masonic Homes, visited the home to assess the family's needs. The counselor determined that this young boy needed a way to get outside and enjoy his surroundings. If the driveway were paved he would be able to move around outside, collect the mail for his mom and dad, visit with the neighbors' animals, and get some much needed fresh air.

Friends in the community, Masonic lodges, and some celebrities came together to find a way to help. Local contractors donated time, money, material, and labor to reduce the original cost of the project by 75 percent. Funds were collected by local lodges and increased by Matching Masonic Charity Grants, and various private individuals. By May, the driveway was built.



Tyler Heckendorn enjoys being outdoors now that he can move around on the newly paved driveway leading from his home.

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District 17 Masons Join With Galeton Lodge Float For Region-wide Parades

For the past several years, the members of Galeton Lodge No. 602 have built a "Masons Honor Veterans" float and entered it in the local Fourth of July parade. It took a lot of work, but the brethren enjoyed themselves. It made such a big impression on their community that they decided it would be great for members of the nine lodges of the 17th Masonic District to march together during the Summer with a bigger float in community parades throughout the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. Gary B. Stahley, D.D.G.M., agreed.

Galeton Lodge built a bigger float with the same theme on a 40-foot flatbed trailer

and invited the lodges in the District to join in parades throughout the region.

Each lodge has been asked for volunteer marchers; not just for the parade in its own community, but for all of the seven parades scheduled for this Summer. Edward K. Bailey, P.M., the Galeton Lodge Secretary, explained that with each lodge committing up to ten members, there would be 50 to 100 Masons in regalia to march with the float.

The communities are directly involved with the float. For each parade, there are to be ten to 15 students from the respective high schools posing as historical characters. Their participation not only

involves people from the community, but also by not having Masons do the acting, it assures that the maximum number of brethren will be available as marchers.

The float depicts veterans in various historical scenes, starting with George Washington crossing the Delaware. For the Civil War, a life-size papier-mache replica of the **Friend to Friend** statue at Gettysburg was crafted. For World War II, the scene has four or five students in uniform raising the flag at Iwo Jima. Students in uniform represent the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. At the back of the float is a 12-foot high Square and Compasses replica.



The "Masons Honor Veterans" float that has been winning prizes in community parades throughout the 17th Masonic District depicts veterans in various historical scenes, starting with (left photo) George Washington crossing the Delaware; (middle photo) the Civil War with a life-size papier-mache replica of the **Friend to Friend** statue at Gettysburg and the World War II flag-raising at Iwo Jima; and (right photo) the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. At the back of the float is a 12-foot high Square and Compasses replica.

Two G.M.'s Visit and State Police Degree Team Confers in Busy Month at Lodge 648



R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette was present in H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge, Bethlehem, March 25, when a State Police Degree Team conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Trooper Michael Thomas Ruhf (center left). The conferring Master was retired State Police Sgt. Evan J. Jones, P.M., Union Lodge No. 291. Other members of the State Police who were present or participating in the conferral were: Sgt. Homer Jones (ret.); Cpls. James J. Shultz, Gary F. Shoener, Richard W. Armbrust, and John P. Madison; and Troopers William R. Quinn (ret.), Paul E. Bickelman (ret.), Robert H. Robbins, Patrick J. Foy, Carl E. Mease, John G. Richards, Sean P. Jennings, Harrison F. Balthaser, Harold S. McElroy, David S. Jones, and John R. Oakley.

It was a most interesting and busy fraternal month of March for H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem. The lodge welcomed the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Master of Prince Hall, officers and official party members from both Grand Lodges, and a State Police Degree Team.

The speaker for the stated meeting on March 18 was the Rev. Thomas A. Jackman, Sr., M.W. Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. He was accompanied by several Prince Hall Grand Lodge officers and 21 members of subordinate lodges in the area. Grand Master Jackman spoke on the history of Prince Hall Masonry. There were 114 Masons present for the meeting.

A week later, Grand Master James L. Ernette was joined by Grand Master Jackman when a State Police Degree Team conferred the Master Mason Degree on Trooper Michael Ruhf. Accompanying Grand Master Ernette were: William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Edward O. Weisser, R.W. Past Grand Master; and eight others in the Grand Lodge party. Accompanying Grand Master Jackman were: eight other Grand Lodge officers, 12 D.D.G.M.s; and four P.D.D.G.M.s.

Former Football Pro Raised in Lodge No. 410

During a stated meeting of W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410, Hatboro, the Senior Wardens of the Eighth Masonic District conferred the Master Mason Degree on J. Wayne Sadowski (third from left), a former Cleveland Browns football player. At six-ft.-six and 355 pounds, Bro. Sadowski is the largest mason ever raised in W. K. Bray Lodge. Pictured with the new Mason are (l-r): Richard Haver, P.M., Guide; Thomas R. Eynon, P.M., D.D.G.M.; Bro. Sadowski; Charles P. Metzger, W.M. of W. K. Bray Lodge; Jeffrey L. Eichen, S.W., Doylestown Lodge No. 245, who was the conferring Master; and Clarence Heffendrager, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.



The Hand of Brotherhood

Mason Travels to Oklahoma for Prosthesis, Gets Red Carpet Treatment and Lots of Help.

By Alvin S. Goodman, P.M., William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg

When Darwin J. Moyer of Dillsburg went to Oklahoma City earlier this year to receive an artificial leg, replacing one amputated because of cancer, he hoped to visit Masonic lodges during his three-week stay. What he received was the helping hand of brotherhood and a red carpet treatment by Oklahoma Masons.

Prior to the trip, Bro. Moyer, 60, of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, asked John E. Adams, Jr., P.M., Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Harrisburg, about lodges in Oklahoma City. Bro. Adams put him in touch with his Scottish Rite counterpart in Oklahoma City, T. Max Tatum, who also is the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M., Oklahoma.

The helping hand of brotherhood was extended the moment Bro. Moyer got off the plane. He was met by four Oklahoma brethren, Fred Dittman, Marc Garriott, Bob Acuff, and John Karayianis. "Am I ever glad to see you," Bro. Moyer said, adding that he would never have been able to handle his two carry-ons and suitcase while walking with two metal Canadian crutches.

Bro. Moyer had to travel to Oklahoma because the clinic there is the only one holding the patent for the unique spring-loaded prosthesis that he needed. It took

a week to construct his prosthesis and two weeks of physical therapy. "I couldn't believe that three weeks went so fast," Bro. Moyer said. While there, he was given a tour of the city, including the site of the infamous federal building bombing, taken to meetings and dinners and helped in so many hospitable ways. First, his four greeters invited him to attend their lodge, Bethany Lodge No. 529. Then, C.W. "Pete" Peterson, Chaplain of Siloan Lodge No. 236, invited him to attend his lodge's dinner and meeting. Before he left Oklahoma City, both lodges voted to make him an honorary member.

Despite his medical problems, he is very active. He works in the office of the Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, John M. Perzel. In 1997 he was elected to Dillsburg Borough Council and named its President. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Zomba Shrine, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, all in Harrisburg.

Bro. Darwin J. Moyer



MASONS OF NOTE

Elmer Kenneth Gronlund came a long way for his 50-Year Emblem of Gold. He traveled from Orlando, FL to Alliquippa Lodge No. 375 where the presentation was made by Jay E. McElravy, P.D.D.G.M., 49th District. When he returned to Florida, he received 50-year recognition from the Scottish Rite Valley of Orlando and Bahia Shrine. Prior to moving south in 1954, he was a member of those bodies in Pittsburgh.

John G. Good of Beaver was 21 on May 8, 1923, when he was initiated in McKinley-Stuckrath Lodge No. 318, Pittsburgh. Last May 2, at a dinner prior to the stated meeting of the lodge, Bro. Good, now 96, was awarded a 75-Year Masonic Service Certificate by Donald M. Murphy, D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District. His wife, son, and daughter-in-law were guests at the dinner when he received the award.

Kenneth P. Weslager, P.M., retired as Secretary of Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Shippingport after 38 years of service.

A distinguished visitor from Australia, **Robert M. Tait** (left), R.W. Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was welcomed to Pennsylvania by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, during his visitation to Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, May 9, for its 150th Anniversary. Bro. Tait was in the United States for the World Conference of Grand Lodges in New York earlier in the week and remained for a visit with his good friend, Thomas W. Jackson (right), R.W. Grand Secretary. He was invited to accompany the Grand Master for the visitation.



Speakers on Prevention of Addiction Attend Informative One-Day Seminar

More than 50 Masons from across the state who speak in lodges and to public groups about the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among children received valuable input for their messages during a day-long Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children Speakers' Seminar May 9 in Harrisburg.

The seminar opened with an information-packed presentation on "Media Literacy" by Christopher Lloyd, a high school media instructor. He has spoken nationwide, on Capitol Hill, and on network television about the impact of manipulative media messages. Using video clips, he demonstrated how commercials — especially those for addictive products such as alcohol and tobacco — are crafted to manipulate. He said that he teaches young people how commercials are constructed and how to "deconstruct" them logically to avoid being manipulated.



Joseph W. Witte (center), Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Foundation for Children, along with Andrew Pecuch (left), a volunteer speaker from C. Grant Brittingham Lodge No. 788, Woodside, discusses the importance of "Media Literacy" training with the seminar's initial speaker, Christopher Lloyd. Seated in the center is Thomas Budner, of Indiana Lodge No. 313.

ers up to date on the growth and effectiveness of the Student Assistance Program across the state. She also presented tips on public speaking.

In the closing segment, Officer Daniel Richmond of the Philadelphia Police Department, and Officer John Lyons of the Abington Twp. Police Department, respectively, defined the roles and successes of the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. Programs and the importance of the support given by the Masons of Pennsylvania.

Sgt. and Bro. Glenn Young, of the New Sewickley Twp. Police Department, demonstrated a model of a talking robotics KID Car that he created and built. It not only is very popular among youngsters, it is a tremendous teaching tool for safety awareness and drug and alcohol prevention education.

Deborah McCoy, a consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, brought the speak-

New D.D.G.M. Presented



On June 5, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (right) presented John J. Shannon, Jr. to the membership of Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, York, as the new District Deputy Grand Master of the 42nd Masonic District. He succeeds Michael H. Gotshall, who became a P.D.D.G.M. on June 1.

Bro. Shannon who holds dual Masonic membership, was made a Mason in Blyth Lodge No. 593, West Newton, in 1992. He served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and as Secretary in 1996. He was admitted to Zeredatha Lodge in 1997.

He has been active in York Rite Bodies and served as Most Excellent High Priest of Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter No. 249 and Generalissimo of McKean Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar, both in 1996. He holds membership in the Allied Masonic Degrees, Mon Valley Council No. 330. He is a member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Harrisburg, and a member of Zembo Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Bro. Shannon, 37, a tool, die, and gauge-maker, is a manager at Harley Davidson Motor Co. in York. He served in the U.S. Army 1977-84. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children, John J., III, and Jennifer L.

Acacia Fraternity Initiates Honorary Alumni Members

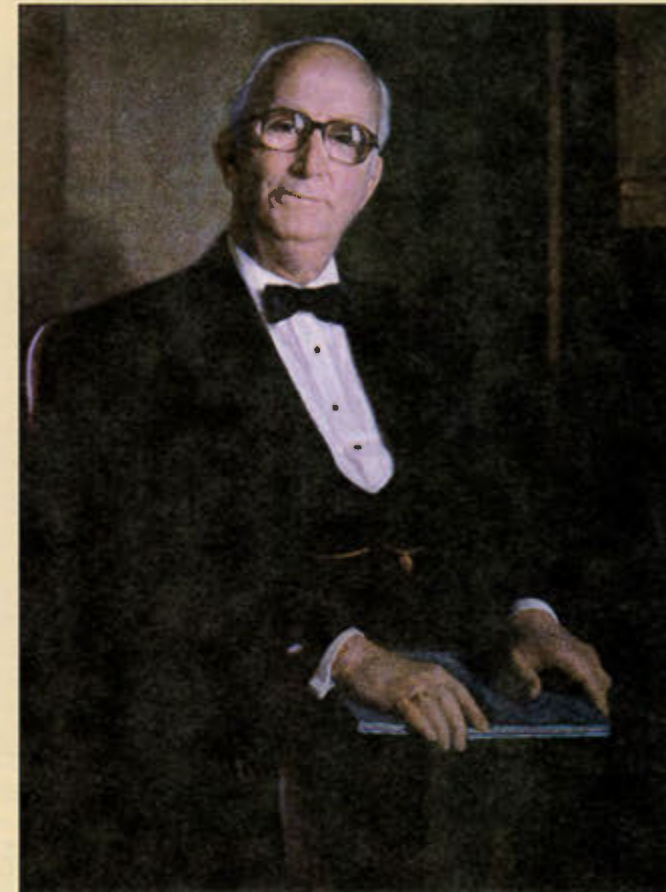
Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and several other area Masons were initiated as Honorary Alumni members of the Acacia Fraternity in Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The ceremonies followed a formal dinner in the Wanamaker Room of the Temple where the Grand Master hosted Acacia International dignitaries who presided over the initiation rites.



At the conclusion of the initiation, the Grand Master announced presentations to be made to Franklin Chapter to begin the "Brother James L. Ernette Scholarship Fund." The scholarship will be available to any Franklin Chapter member who becomes a Pennsylvania Freemason. Also announced were contributions from Hiram Lodge No. 81 and St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529 to begin a permanent fund for Franklin Chapter. Any lodge desiring to help Franklin Chapter with a donation can do so by contacting the Chapter Advisor, Joseph DiPinto, Jr., D.D.G.M., District C.

Members of Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity who conferred an initiation in the Masonic Temple are shown with James L. Ernette (front center), R. W. Grand Master, and Joseph DiPinto, Jr. (front right), who were among the initiates. To the left of the Grand Master is Jit Seng Oon of the Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM



**Arthur Richard Diamond,
R.W. Past Grand Treasurer,
Died March 25, 1998,
At The Age of 90.**

He was born June 9, 1907, in Rochester, NY, but educated in the Philadelphia public schools. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree and he earned a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity.

Before retiring from business, he was self-employed, owning the Arthur R. Diamond Co.

In Freemasonry, Bro. Diamond was entered, passed, and raised in Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Chestnut Hill, in 1945. He later transferred to Philates Lodge No. 527, and served that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1964. When Philates Lodge returned its Warrant to the Grand Lodge in 1984, he transferred to William B. Hackenburg Lodge No. 703, now William B. Hackenburg-Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia.

He was exalted in Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 175 in

1948 and served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1953. He was greeted in Joppa Council of Royal and Select Master Masons No. 46 in 1948 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1957. From 1953 to 1962, he served as a District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Bro. Diamond was Worshipful Master of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia, in 1961. In 1967 and 1968, he served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

A member of the Valley of Reading, A.A.S.R., Bro. Diamond was coroneted a 33° Mason in 1968 in Atlantic City. He served the Valley as Sovereign Prince of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem in 1969 and 1970, and as Commander-in-Chief of Reading Consistory from 1973 to 1975.

He was a member of LuLu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees; Erin Council, Knight Masons of the United States; the Philalethes Society; Grand College of Rites; Masonic Order of Bath; Ancient Order of Corks; Joshua Association; and the Order of DeMolay.

On Dec. 27, 1967, Brother Diamond was appointed R.W. Grand Treasurer by R.W. Grand Master John K. Young to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Louis Bacharach, who died in office on Dec. 21, 1967. In December, 1968, Bro. Diamond was elected and installed R.W. Grand Treasurer and continued in that office until his retirement on June 14, 1989, at which time he was presented with the newly created R.W. Past Grand Treasurer's jewel and apron.

In recognition of his work in Freemasonry, Bro. Diamond was awarded the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1961; and in 1985 he received the Benjamin Franklin Medal, the highest honor given by the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Diamond will long be remembered for his dedication to Freemasonry and his close attention to the conduct of the business of the Grand Lodge which fell within his area of responsibility. He was, however, gifted with a delightful sense of humor, much of which was aimed at himself. Elizabeth — or "Liz," as he called his wife of 61 years — was a school teacher in Philadelphia, so he would tell anyone who would listen that it took him "20 years to discover that she was handling him the way she handled her second grade students."

Thank God for the blessings of memory. With it we can recall, at will, our good friend, Arthur, and hear him ask: "Wherefore is this day different from any other?" To which we can only respond: "The difference, my brother, is in not being able to share it with you." Thank God also for good friends and brethren like Arthur Richard Diamond.

(The above eulogy to Bro. Arthur R. Diamond was presented by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Past Grand Master during the Grand Lodge Communication, June 3, 1998.)

Marker Notes That Rochester Lodge is Older Than its Town

It is rare when a Masonic Lodge can boast of being older than the city or town in which it is located.

Rochester Lodge No. 229 was constituted in 1848 and the town of Rochester, with less than 230 taxable citizens, was incorporated a year later, in 1849. The Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation, recognizing the significance of Rochester Lodge, provided a cast iron marker to be placed in the public park that is adjacent to the Masonic Temple.

The inscription on the marker reads: "ROCHESTER LODGE NO. 229 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, IS THE OLDEST MASONIC LODGE IN BEAVER COUNTY, MEETING CONTINUOUSLY SINCE IT WAS CONSTITUTED APRIL 11, 1848, A YEAR BEFORE ROCHESTER BOROUGH WAS INCORPORATED."



RATED. THE MASONIC TEMPLE WAS BUILT IN 1884."

James L. Ernette (center), R.W. Grand Master, dedicated the marker on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Lodge on April 11. At left is Robert Batto, P.D.D.G.M., Historian of the Lodge, and at right, James G. Camp, III, S.D. of the Lodge and Trustee of the Historical and Landmarks Foundation. Bro. Camp's grandfather and great-great grandfather were Masters of Rochester Lodge.

World Renowned Organist To Play Dedicatory Recital

Dr. John Weaver, head of the Organ Department of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and Chair of the Organ Department of the Julliard School in New York, will play the Dedicatory Recital on the new three-manual Rodgers organ recently installed in Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The recital is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8. Dr. Weaver also has been Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, since 1970. He has played throughout the United States, Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom.

In addition to the new organ in Corinthian Hall, seven new organs were installed in the other lodge rooms and the Grand Banquet Hall during July.



More than 1,000 Masons from 400 Pennsylvania lodges

completed the Overture Series seminars held at eight locations throughout the state. The Overture program was developed as a way to help lodges increase membership and reduce the number of losses due to suspensions and resignations. The goal of the Overture Program is zero losses in 1998 as the first phase of a renewed membership development effort. The seminars were conducted by G. Kent Hackney, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of the Overture Program, assisted by David Meachen, Staff Assistant, and facilitated by Dudley Davis.

After each session, participants were asked to evaluate the seminars based upon their expectations and the effectiveness of the presentations and materials. More than 800 Masons completed the evaluations and the results speak for the quality of the experience.

In opening remarks made before the majority of the seminars, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette asked each of those attending to keep an open mind and to learn from the experience. He also said, "I'd like each of you to think of your members as customers and to see what you need to do to satisfy them by meeting their needs."

Bro. Davis noted that in research conducted among men several years ago, it was evident that: "Men bring clearly identified needs to their lodge when they join." The research also indicated that men wanted a role for their families, active community outreach programs and an opportunity to lead.

Overture Series Generate Much Enthusiasm

Most of those who attended the Overture Series seminars were very interested in learning those specific needs and the ways in which they could meet them in their leadership in the lodge. They also were given materials that would make fulfillment easier and more exciting in the lodge.

"Many of those who attended saw immediately what the Overture Program was all about," said Bro. Hackney. "It was clear that the ideas about leadership were applicable not only to the lodge, but also to their jobs and to life as well."

Fifty-eight Masons in Pennsylvania, who have a significant background in service to customers, have accepted the Grand Master's call to help in the Overture Program by volunteering for a two-year term as membership chairmen. These Masons have accepted the task of helping the lodges with the concepts of the Overture Program and with the implementation of the goals for membership development and retention through excellence in leadership.

Eight Seminars During the Fall

The Conductor Series of seminars have been scheduled for eight locations during the Fall. This series is designed to help all lodges focus on lodge leadership and management. Again, the workshops are for every lodge's Senior and Junior Wardens and the Membership Development Chairman.

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

Note dates for the workshops in the Titusville/Meadville Area and the Allentown Area have been exchanged from the previously announced schedule.

New Blazer, New Ties Available

Pictured are the exclusively designed navy blue Masonic blazer and 100 per cent silk tie. Both are available from the Gift Shop of the Masonic Library and Museum.

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.)

The tie, which is available in either maroon or navy blue, has the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, prominently woven into it. It comes boxed for gift purposes and the cost is \$26.50, plus shipping and handling costs of \$6.

To order the jacket, tie or both, complete the request form and send it with a check or money order to: "The Masonic Library and Museum of PA, 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 all necessary credit card information.)"

REQUEST FORM

I am ordering _____ Pennsylvania Masonic Blazer(s), size(s) _____ at \$200 each, which includes S&H.

I am ordering _____ maroon tie(s) and/or _____ navy tie(s) at \$26.50 each plus \$6 S&H.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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* Sizes: Regular, 36-52; Short 38-46; Long, 38-50; Extra Long, 40-48.

Any questions re. sizing, call Mr. Ali Khatama toll-free at 1-800-251-232-2323.



SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION SET FOR 1999

The ten Sectional Schools of Instruction in 1998 were a big success thanks to the regional instructors, principals, senior instructors, and instructors of the lodges throughout the state, according to William M. Janes, Director of Ritualistic Work. The Ritual is being taught and conferred exactly the same throughout the Jurisdiction.

Dates and locations for 1999 are:

Feb. 20	Scranton
Feb. 27	Clearfield
Mar. 6	Greensburg
Mar. 13	New Castle
Mar. 20	Pittsburgh
Mar. 27	Harrisburg
April 10	Everett
April 24	Philadelphia
May 1	Oil City
May 8	Williamsport

Masonic Ed. Providing Tools to Communicate

The video tapes, "I've Heard the Name, What Does It Mean," have been sent by The Masonic Education Committee to the 58 District Deputy Grand Masters for distribution to the lodges. The Deputies, along with the District Chairmen of Masonic Education, have been asked to present two copies to each lodge. In turn, the lodge Committees on Inquiry are asked to use them to communicate the purpose and history of Freemasonry to the prospective candidates and their families. The video will answer many questions about the Fraternity, resulting in a more positive feeling when a candidate becomes a member and engender a better understanding by his wife and family. The Steering Committee is very interested in feedback and asks for comments in order to evaluate the program.

Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., Chairman, said that the Committee is considering the production of other videos relating to the three degrees that could be viewed by a candidate prior to their respective conferrals.

"We believe this will result in a better understanding of Freemasonry and encourage new members to become active and viable," Bro. Fowler said.

The Speakers Bureau Handbook is being reviewed and updated. Any member interested in participating should call the Masonic Education office at 1-215-988-1919. This is an excellent service for lodge officers to use in developing innovative programs. There are speakers in the Bureau who will address groups not related to Masonry to inform them about Freemasonry and its long-standing interest in charitable and community matters.

Chairman Fowler announced the appointment of William F. Hubler, P.M., Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown, as the Masonic Education Chairman for Region 3, which includes Districts 19, 20, 34, 39, and 41.

The annual Masonic Education Seminar will be Oct. 9 and 10, at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown.

Multimedia Center Groundbreaking

Ground was broken and construction is underway for the modern multimedia center adjoining Memorial Hall of the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown.

Included in the addition will be the multimedia center/conference room, six rooms for breakout sessions, a registration center and a multi-purpose lobby. Dedication has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12.



Breaking ground for the new multimedia center are (photo, l-r): Mervin Kreider of Warfel Construction Co.; Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master; James E. Lewis, Architect of Reese Lower Patrick & Scott Ltd.; Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer.



Youth Appreciation Day

75th Youth Appreciation Day at Masonic Homes

The Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown celebrated its 75th annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet on May 22. The 41 youth residing at the Children's Home received recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocation, athletics, volunteerism, and citizenship.

Six of the residents were graduated from Elizabethtown High School in June and each will attend a college or vocational school.

The majority of the program was presented by the children, who provided musical entertainment and shared the duties of emcee and award presenters.



Bro. Norman A. Fox (at lectern) and his wife, Gertrude, along with Bro. William L. McCarrier and his wife, Irene, present their personal gifts to the graduating seniors on Youth Appreciation Day.

Attending were: parents, relatives, and friends of the residents; representatives from the Elizabethtown Area School District, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and the Masonic Children's Home staff.

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette congratulated the children on their awards and wished the graduating seniors success in all of their future endeavors. He also thanked the staff for all that they do for the children.

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden, and Gilson Cash, Director of Children's Services, presented the awards to the children. The Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Director of Pastoral Care, presented Bibles to the six graduating seniors. Mr. Richard L. Singer presented the seniors with scholarships and membership certificates from the Patton School Alumni Association. Norman A. Fox, and his wife, Gertrude; and William L. McCarrier Sr., his wife, Irene, presented personal awards to the graduating seniors.

Miss Jennifer Paquette, who resided at the Masonic Children's Home since age 12, provided an emotional senior class address. She told the audience: "Look

From left to right: Heather Crozier, Tracee Evans, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette, Jennifer Paquette, David Hunger, Bro. Gilson Cash, Melinda Tkacs, and David Carbonneau participate in the traditional tree-planting ceremony.

at me now. I made it! You, all in your own way, have taught me something that I can take with me forever."

The afternoon concluded with the traditional Tree Planting Ceremony. Each year, the senior residents, the Director of Children's Services, and the Grand Master plant a tree on the grounds of the Children's Home to symbolize the senior residents' living and growing ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

For further information on the services offered by the Masonic Children's Home, or for an application, contact: Director of Children's Services, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA, 17022-2199, (717) 367-1121, extension 33301.

Respite Cottage a Valued Service

From the time it opened in March through the end of May, the Respite Cottage at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown provided services to 13 persons. Due to the demand for the types of quality services provided at the cottage, the staff steadily receives calls from interested persons requesting information and scheduling tours, visits, and stays.

The Respite Cottage serves as a temporary home for up to eight adults with mild to moderate mental retardation and similar developmental challenges. The program allows parents or care-givers to take a vacation, or respite, by providing the assurance that their loved one will be cared for by a competent staff of professionals. Services include: three nutritious meals, social and recreational activities, assistance with personal care, and access to medical care if needed.

Grand Master's Day is just around the corner!



A young visitor receives a "really cool" balloon animal from a friendly Zemba Shrine Clown.

Make plans today to come to the Masonic Homes' annual open house for Pennsylvania Masons and their loved ones!

Grand Master's Day at the Homes in Elizabethtown will be held on Sept. 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It's a special day filled with friendly, fun-loving clowns, delicious "Homes"-made food, musical entertainment, amazing jugglers, the popular resident talent show, and guided tours.

Grand Master's Day is a perfect time to visit family members, reunite with friends, and learn about the new and expanded services offered at the Masonic Homes.

Delicious food will be provided free at locations throughout the grounds: "Homes"-made sausage, baked beans, sauerkraut, hot dogs, ice cream, and beverages.

Various organizations will set up information booths and displays. Orchard stands will have fresh fruits, vegetables, and other items for sale at great prices. Many residents throughout the campus will open their homes so that you can view first-hand the services, accommodations, and excellent living arrangements available at the Masonic Homes.

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

You'll never know how many new friends you'll make on Grand Master's Day!

Grand Master's Day, Sept. 26 at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

Name _____

Lodge No. _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Transportation: ☐ Driving Own Car ☐ Passenger
☐ Charter Bus ☐ Arriving by Train
☐ Require Handicapped Parking*

** If handicapped parking is required, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with this coupon. A special parking permit will be sent, which you must bring with you.*

Complete coupon and return to:
 Grand Master's Day
 Masonic Homes
 One Masonic Drive
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Masonic Life Center Offers Wellness Programs

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has long advocated wellness programs for the mind, body, and spirit. But with the completion of the Freemasons Building, many new and exciting opportunities were provided for the residents, employees, and clients of the facility through the opening of the long-awaited Masonic Life Center on May 18.

The Masonic Life Center is the new wellness and fitness center located on the Terrace Level of the Freemasons Building. The center has treadmills, step machines, a rower, a cross trainer, dumbbells up to 50 lbs., a stretching area, and men's and women's locker rooms. Other services are provided, such as: health screens, fitness assessments, personal training, and health risk appraisals. Wellness programs such as stress management, smoking cessation, Tai Chi and more will be held throughout the campus. Group fitness classes of all levels and types are also being planned at various sites on campus including the Deike Auditorium, Roosevelt Building Assembly Room, Ballroom, and Masonic Conference Center Campus.

The center is supervised by professional health and fitness staff members to assist participants in safely achieving their personal wellness and fitness goals.

Good News from the East and West Homes

Good news! Since the beginning of 1998 through May, admissions have been climbing at the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. Much of this growth is due to the interest shown by Masons, their eligible family members, and Eastern Star members who are now able to be admitted to these facilities.

On Jan. 1, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster had 37 residents, and as of May 20, it had 45. The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West had 38 residents on January 1, and now serves 54 residents. The Homes continue to receive numerous inquiries daily about admissions or transfers to their Homes.

Both Masonic Eastern Star Homes provide quality assisted living and nursing care, and offer personalized services such as transportation, religious and fraternal activities, recreation, entertainment, nutritional services, and on-site beautician services.

For information concerning the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, call: (215) 672- 2500 and for the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh, call: (412) 931-8300.

Residential Living is Carefree in the Village Green Area

A variety of residential options are available immediately in the beautiful Village Green Area for individuals who desire independence without the daily household chores. Services in this area include three meals daily in the beautiful Grand Lodge Hall dining room, biweekly housekeeping services, personal laundry services, transportation, activities, outpatient medical services, 24-hour emergency nurse call response, and all utilities except telephone and cable.

Conveniently located and within walking distance are a post office, library, gift shop, general store, chapel, ice cream parlor, recreational area, dining room, lodge room, and ballroom for Masonic lodges' and Eastern Star chapters functions. Transportation is provided to shopping malls, other activities, and medical appointments.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment for a tour, call 1-800-422-1207. Share in the beauty of carefree living in the Village Green Area.

Pennsylvania Masons Greeted in Florida

Approximately 7,500 Pennsylvania Freemasons living in Florida were invited to attend a Masonic Reunion at one of the two locations: the Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa on Friday, March 27, or at the Amara Shrine Temple in Palm Beach Gardens on Saturday, March 28. Five hundred Pennsylvania Masons, their relatives and friends attended in Tampa, and 250 in Palm Beach Gardens. The four-hour events included a reception, lunch, program, and social hour.

The reunions were hosted by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and his wife, Brenda. Also meeting and greeting the brethren and their guests in Florida were: Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master and his wife, Debra; Marvin A. Cunningham, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, and his wife, Rosalie; and William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and his wife, Maria; along with twelve other Brothers and their ladies representing Grand Lodge.

Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes, and a team of seven staff accompanied the Grand Master. They shared important information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes, which includes the facilities at Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, and Warminster. The staff set up displays of pictures, offered brochures explaining the services provided, and were available to answer any questions.

Special highlights of the reunions included the Grand Master's presentation of 50-year Emblems of Gold, door prizes, and gifts from the Grand Master and his wife. The Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes plan to return to Florida in 1999 to meet more brethren and friends and to share the benefits of membership.



During the reunion with Pennsylvania Masons now residing in Florida, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette presented a 50-Year Emblem of Gold to Arthur B. Alexander of Oil City Lodge No. 710.



Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania greeted Pennsylvania Masons who now reside in Florida at reunions in Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa and Amara Shrine Temple in West Palm Beach. Pictured at Amara Temple are (l-r): Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden; William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer.



At each of two locations, Pennsylvania Masons who now reside in Florida enjoyed fraternal fellowship at reunions hosted by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Model Railroad Club Project Under Way at Masonic Homes

A group of residents who share a common interest of collecting and displaying model railroads have joined together to form the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club. The purpose of the club will be to develop, build, and operate model railroads and related scenery. The club's collection will occupy the former cannery building which is located along Freemasons Drive, across from the Freemasons Building.

Renovation of this building for use by the club began on May 11, and is anticipated to be completed and ready for railroad enthusiasts to begin setting up their displays by late summer.

There is a tremendous amount of interest by residents and members of the general Elizabethtown community in participating in this new hobby and attraction at the Masonic Homes. As a result, the club received the donation of a professionally designed train display worth more than \$45,000. This donation was made possible through the efforts of David Methlie, son of Mrs. Florence

Methlie, an independent living resident. Methlie professionally designs model train displays and, while visiting, heard of the club's plans to start this worthwhile project. Methlie, in turn, contacted David Foster, who generously donated this display to the Masonic Homes.

Membership in the club is open to all residents of Masonic Homes, all Masons, as well as the community. The club anticipates tours of the displays to be available by Grand Master's Day on Sept. 26.

Anyone interested in more information about the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club or who would like to contribute railroad memorabilia should contact Bro. Elwood Schmidt at (717) 361-0861 or Bro. Walter Weidner at (717) 367-5328. Written inquiries can be forwarded to: Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad, 3212 James Buchanan Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101.

Masonic Homes Hosts Admissions Counselors at Florida Training Sessions

In March, the Masonic Homes hosted the Florida Admissions Counselors at Tampa and West Palm Beach, Florida, for training sessions on updated information regarding the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh.

The Masonic Homes' Admissions Counselor program has been in place since 1988. These counselors are available in Pennsylvania and some neighboring states, as well as in Florida, to assist applicants and their families who are seeking admission to the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh or Warminster. The Counselors assist prospective residents in completing their applications and are available to answer questions about the facilities.

The trip to Florida provided the Masonic Homes with the opportunity to provide education to the Counselors so they will be able to provide accurate, up-to-date information to Masonic Homes' applicants. Since the Masonic Homes has grown to offer more and expanded services and now offers services in three locations (Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, and Warminster), there was a lot of information to cover during the visit.

All of the Admissions Counselors provide a tremendous service to the Masonic Homes. Our Counselors in Florida include: Bros. Wayne Adamson, Lodge 642; Donald T. Beecher, Lodge 799; Joseph Bolton, Lodge 464; David Boxman, Lodge 368; Bruce Bupp, Lodge 302; George H. Burt, Lodge 599; John E. Bush, Lodge 794; Howard DeTample, Lodge 778; George Gee, Lodge 666; Fenton B. Glazier, Lodge 600; Burt Gorbach, Lodge 544; Robert Gregoire, Lodge 502; Walter W. Grote, Lodge 218; Ronald L. Gruno, Lodge 487; Mark J. Heidelberger, Lodge 230; John P. Henry, Jr., Lodge 324; J. Wesley Hill, Lodge 529; Clarence R. Klopp, Lodge 587; James M. Legge, Lodge 287; Dean M. Lesnett, Sr., Lodge 300; John D. Liken, Lodge 265; Edward L. Mark, Lodge 126; Louis M. Marshall, Lodge 549; Leland S. McNutt, Lodge 355; Harold L. Meyers, Lodge 456; Donald L. Nock, Lodge 577; Jackson C. Powers, Lodge 237; Joseph M. Reed, Lodge 544; William M. Rees, Jr., Lodge 591; Irwin K. Renneisen, Sr., Lodge 292; James Sandeman, Lodge 292; Theodore P. Schell, Lodge 682; Charles E. Schleicher, Lodge 396; Marlin C. Seace, Lodge 021; Stanley Sklarow, Lodge 591; Ewing Smith, Lodge 228; Robert E. Spriggle, Lodge 619; Dr. Earl Tietsworth, Lodge 479; and Gerald F. Yeager, Lodge 400; and Ms. Onnallee Ricketts.

To these caring and selfless individuals, as well as to those who provide counseling services in other areas: thank you for all that you do for our residents and staff.



Memorial Program Pays Tribute to Veterans

The Masonic Homes paid tribute to veterans who have served our country at a Memorial Program on May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Health Care Center Roosevelt Building Assembly Room.

Guest speakers included R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette; Elizabethtown Mayor Bro. Bud Greiner; Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes; Dr. Vicki L. Gillmore, Administrator of Health Care Services; and Pastor Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Director of Pastoral Care.

Grand Master Ernette called the ceremony "a wonderful opportunity to be together and honor the veterans of America." Mayor Greiner, a WWII Army veteran, said, "Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance." A musical tribute was provided by the Masonic Homes' Men's Chorus, who sang patriotic songs and hymns.

"Many of our residents have either served our nation in a military capacity or have loved someone who did," said Bro. Murphy. "Programs such as this allow individuals to come together, enjoy camaraderie while celebrating their patriotism, and remembering important times in their lives."



From left to right: Bro. and Pastor Charles H. Locquement, D.D., Bro. and Elizabethtown Mayor Bud Greiner, Dr. Vicki L. Gillmore, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette, and Bro. Joseph E. Murphy.



Bro. Stewart Titus, a member of the Masonic Homes Men's Chorus, presents a memorial narration entitled "The Flag."



There Must Be A Message For Us!

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

My Brothers:

It has been my great privilege in recent years to visit Grand Lodges in different countries. There, I was able to see Freemasonry as it is practiced in other areas of the world. The basic precepts and philosophies, of course, are universal in our Craft; but the modes of operation vary considerably. This is not only evident within the lodges, but also it is reflected in the attitudes toward them among the respective societies in which they operate.

I found that in most jurisdictions it can take several years to become a Master Mason, a time during which Masonic education is given to each candidate. The Assistant Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of France told me that, even with this time requirement, their membership has averaged a ten percent annual increase for the last decade.

It is significant that the financial cost to become a member in most countries is much higher than what we are accustomed to in North America, and the dues are considerably higher. The requirement to learn the ritual, the history and the meaning of the Craft is emphasized much more than we emphasize it. And, most important, in some jurisdictions attendance at meetings is not an option.

I have been greatly impressed with what Freemasonry means to those members and the significance that it carries into society in general. It is more reminiscent of the Craft and society of Colonial America. There must be some message somewhere in there for us.

This is not to say that problems do not exist in other countries, but most are of a different nature than those that we face. The members know much more about the Craft than do our members and they show a far greater appreciation for the privilege of being a Freemason. The respect generated outside of the Craft in many instances is more pronounced. This creates a different environment in which to work than the one we know.

On the opposite end of the acceptance spectrum are those jurisdictions where the Craft is repressed by various authorities, yet there remains those who are willing to take the risk to be Freemasons. Our individual appreciation and dedication pales in comparison to the brother in most other jurisdictions. We have no threat of restriction to our freedom to practice the Craft, yet our greatest problem is our inability to even get our brethren to attend meetings.

I am much impressed with most of the Grand Lodges I have visited, especially with the attitude of brotherhood which I experienced. There exists that feeling of camaraderie and brotherly love that at one time must have been more of a part of us.

I am optimistic for the future of our Craft in those countries where it is emerging after years of suppression. They know what it was to be forced to live without it and, subsequently, have developed a greater appreciation for it. We who have had no need to struggle to be Freemasons unfortunately have lost our understanding and appreciation of it.

I also believe a great future for the Craft exists on the African continent where it is just arising. Those brothers are discovering the idealism of Freemasonry and what it means. They have the opportunity to weave the principles and ideals of Craft Masonry into a new fabric, one that can be different and yet the same; one then can help lay the cornerstones of democratic thought as it did in so many nations.

That idealism — the foundation of Freemasonry which causes us to believe — is alive. Its influence is still being felt because its purpose of making good men better remains a fundamental purpose. I wish there were a way of instilling it into more of our members who take it so much for granted.

Masonic Health Care Center Construction is Complete!



An aerial view of the Masonic Health Care Center in May, after the completion of the Freemasons Building.

As of May, the Masonic Health Care Center construction project, which began in 1990 and cost approximately \$55 million, was completed. In the final phase of the project, the Masons Care Building was reconstructed to accommodate individuals in need of assisted living services, and renamed the Freemasons Building. The building provides an additional 127 living accommodations on the Elizabethtown campus, 103 private rooms and 12 semi-private rooms.

The layout of the building is designed to create a home-like atmosphere. A third floor was added to the existing terrace

level, first and second floors. Resident rooms are divided among the four floors. Elegant lounges are conveniently located on each level, providing a place for residents and their families to socialize.

More than 120 residents moved into the Freemasons Building from the residential Village Green Area in mid-May. Staff from the Health Room, previously located in Grand Lodge Hall, relocated to new staff office and treatment rooms, which are centrally located on the first floor of the new building.



Staff members Deb Waters and Jean Cover pose with Mildred Sadler (center) in her new room.

Cottage Expansion Efforts Continue



An aerial view of the independent living cottage expansion project, as of May, 1998.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes recently approved the construction of 28 new cottages in Phase 3 of the independent living expansion effort at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. As with Phase 1 and Phase 2, the new cottages will include a variety of floor plans with every unit featuring a garage, wall-to-wall carpeting, sheer curtains, electric range, refrigerator, washer and dryer, emergency call system, smoke detector, fire safety system, and individually controlled heating and air-conditioning thermostats. While completion is planned for some of these units as early as October, 1998, all cottage construction is scheduled to be finished by February, 1999. When completed, independent living will offer a total of 116 cottages.

Independent living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is all about

choices. Independent living options include entrance fee apartments and apartments available under the rental option.

Independent living is a lifestyle whereby residents gain access to the security and quality of the Masonic Homes in a more independent, active environment. Independent living and retirement communities continue to grow in popularity. Pennsylvania brethren and their eligible family members are encouraged to consider the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The Marketing Office has recently made several presentations throughout Pennsylvania on the benefits of independent living. The presentations provide an opportunity to emphasize the many positive changes that have occurred at Elizabethtown since independent living opened its doors to a new lifestyle in 1990.

One topic that surfaces continually at every presentation is that of health care and health care services. Many have stated there is peace of mind in knowing that a state-of-the-art facility exists on the campus of the Masonic Homes. The Health Care Center sets the Masonic Homes apart from virtually all other independent living communities.

For more information, call 1-800-676-6452 or complete and mail the coupon. The staff will be happy to answer your questions and arrange a personal appointment and tour.

Send me more information about Independent Living at the Masonic Homes

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Complete coupon and return to:

Admission Office
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Three Grand Master's Golf Outings To Benefit The Three Masonic Homes



James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, will host three Grand Master's Charity Golf Outings to benefit the Masonic Homes in Pennsylvania. There will be one in each sector of the state where there is a Grand Lodge affiliated Masonic Home:

- **Eastern**, Aug. 31 at Lulu Country Club, North Hills. Limit: 120 golfers. The Honorary Chairman is Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden.

- **Central**, Sept. 2 at the Hershey Country Club, East Course, Hershey. Limit: 144 golfers. The Honorary Chairman is Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

- **Western**, Sept. 3 at Latrobe Country Club. Limit: 120 golfers. The Honorary Chairman is William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

All of the tournaments will be scrambles with 1 p.m. shotgun starts. After golf, there will be a reception at 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a program to award prizes. The individual golfer's entry fee will be \$125. Reservations are being accepted on a first-come basis until the limit for each course is reached, with an ultimate deadline of Aug. 22. Non-golfers are invited to attend the reception, dinner and program for \$30.

Chairing the respective committees organizing and running the tournaments are: East, Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M., District E, Philadelphia; Central, Fred D. Rissinger, Director of Development, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown; and West, Richard J. Stemmler, D.D.G.M., District 30, Latrobe.

For information about the tournament or to request an entry form, call the Development Office at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown (toll free) 1-800-599-6454.



11 Are Initiated in DeMolay State-wide Rose Croix Class

The state-wide DeMolay initiation sponsored by Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix, A.A.S.R. was held May 8 in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

The 1998 class, which honored Michael J. Schloer, the Most Wise Master, had 11 new members representing DeMolay Chapters from Altoona, Beaver Falls, Butler, Dravosburg, Ingram, Susquehanna, and Uniontown. The Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees were expertly conferred by an all-star, all-Pennsylvania team made up of skilled ritualists from DeMolay Chapters across the state, including: Allentown, Elizabethtown, Fidelity, George Washington, McMann, and Somerton. David B. Kline, the current State Flower Talk champion and Master Councilor of Elizabethtown, presented the Flower Talk. Special activities after the conferral of the degrees included a free concert by the Christian Rock Group, "Remnant," a pizza party, and a dance.



Special guests for the degrees (l-r in the center of the group pictured) were: R.W. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, the DeMolay Executive Officer in Pennsylvania; Most Wise Master Schloer; and Jason B. Stains, State Master Councilor of Pennsylvania.

Next year's Rose Croix Class will be on May 1, 1999.

28 Get Scholarships Totalling \$52,000

The 1998 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarships have been presented to the winners by District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the state. A total of \$52,000 was given in 28 grants, ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The winners are:

The Grand Master's Scholarships for \$2,500 each to Paula J. Biscup, Export; Jennifer Clemons, Berwick; Gregory M. Schaeffer, Elizabethtown; John A. Creek, Shippensburg; Melissa Logan, Exton; and Michelle T. Kemp, Josephine. Scholarships for \$1,500 each to Kyle William Hollick, Montoursville, and Natalie Rae Krouser, Flushing, NY.

The Herman Witte Memorial Scholarships for \$2,500 each to Megan E. Smith, Elizabethtown; Amanda Feigel, Philadelphia; and Christina Marie Hogrebe, Wilkes-Barre.

The Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship for \$2,500 to Amber F. Pifer, Reynoldsville. Scholarships for \$1,500 each to Annick Scillia, Elizabethtown; Jill E. McGrady, Laflin; Jane Martin, Connellsville; Adrienne Gifford, Mars; Lydia Garver, Kirkwood; Brian Weinberg, Dalton; Renae D. Irvine, Chicora; and Leah Krynicky, Mt. Pleasant. Scholarships for \$1,000 each to Alicia J. Martin, Connellsville; David Lee Gilbert, Ligonier; and Kelly M. West, Shavertown.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Educational Endowment Fund Scholarships for \$2,000 each to Jessica S. Waywell, Colmar; Dustin A. Bowden, Phoenixville; Melissa M. Hawker, Grindstone; Jaime Simpson, New Kensington; and Amy E. Shoemaker, Quarryville.

1999 Program Begins in Fall

The 1999 Scholarship Program will begin in the Fall when applications and the latest edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide will become available.

Seven Receive Scholarships

Seven students received checks for \$1,000 each as first installments on up to four years of Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. scholarship support. They are young persons who have turned their lives around through the Student Assistance Program. They were selected from among 16 finalists out of 137 applicants.

The 1998 winners are: Jennifer Kaval, Shippensburg; George J. Gencarelli, East Stroudsburg; Bethany Seib, Erie; Jeremiah J. Blasik, Turtle Creek; Larisa Palmentere, Forty Fort; Heidi A. Siwik, Pittsburgh; and Elias R. Gwinn, Blairsville. In the photo, Robert T. Addleman, Jr. (right), D.D.G.M., 57th Masonic District, presents a check to Heidi Siwik, who will be attending the University of Pittsburgh. At left is Walt Fanok, Guidance Counselor and Scholarship Coordinator at Baldwin High School.



Each recipient who has successfully completed a Student Assistance Program and was recommended by his or her school's team is eligible for up to \$1,000 a year for as many as four years of post high school education. The students must remain drug and alcohol free and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average while in college.

The Foundation is now awarding \$20,000 a year in scholarships. Since the fund was established in 1993, 26 scholarships have been awarded.

Law Enforcement Scholarships

Four students were announced as recipients of 1998 Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarships. Two will receive \$2,500 grants per year for their four-year college education; and two who are in college will receive grants of \$2,500 per year until their graduation.

The recipients are: for four years, C. David Smith, Jr., son of David Smith, Sr., Cromwell Lodge No. 572, Orbisonia, attending

Shippensburg University, and Charles P. Gallagher III, son of Charles P. Gallagher II, Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler, attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and Jennifer E. Feick, granddaughter of Ray E. Feick, Boyertown Lodge No. 741, beginning her Junior year at Pennsylvania State University, and Joshua Sefchick, son of Frank Sefchick, Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, who is beginning his senior year at Kings College, Wilkes-Barre.

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Foundation for Children Supports Student Assistance Professionals

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children sponsored teachers from across the state and had a display at the annual conference of The Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP), March 22-24, at the Hershey Motor Lodge. At the Conference awards banquet, Joseph W. Witte, the Executive Director of the Foundation presented a check for more than \$33,000 to Robert Wilson, President of PASAP. More than 70 of the 728 attendees benefited from the grant.

This conference gives the Student Assistance Teams updated information from professionals from all over the country on the latest methods for helping students at risk, as well as the sharing of information among the teams from throughout the Commonwealth. Support of this conference and other PASAP efforts is one of the ways to keep the Pennsylvania's Student Assistance Program the best in the country. Masons can be proud of the program, because it would not exist if the Fraternity didn't support it.

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St. Alban-Swain Lodge Helps Restore Spanish-American War Ship

Aboard the cruiser Olympia during ceremonies celebrating the Centennial of the Battle of Manila Bay, Robert M. Stauffer (left), W.M. of Saint Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, contributed \$4,000 to John S. Carter, President of Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on Philadelphia's waterfront. In keeping with the fraternity's charitable goals of preserving our historical legacy, the contribution will assist in ongoing stabilization and renovations of the historic vessel.



The Olympia is the only remaining ship of the Spanish American War and of the "New Navy" which heralded the emergence of the United States as a world power. Under the guidance of the Seaport Museum, it has undergone extensive removal of lead-based paints and was refinished with modern paints.

Law Enforcement Night at Lodge



It was "Law Enforcement Night" in Washington Lodge No. 164 on April 6 and some two dozen law enforcement personnel (pictured) attended in uniform, including R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (seated left), a retired Pennsylvania State Police Trooper. The Worshipful Master, David Richards (seated right), a patrolman in North Strabane Twp., invited all brethren involved in law enforcement to attend in uniform. The honored guest speaker was Detective Michael Aaron (standing directly behind the Grand Master) from Camden County, NJ, a member of Merchantville Lodge No. 119, Pensauken, NJ. Among the more than 150 attending lodge were state troopers, municipal police, district justices and sheriffs.

Bro. Jackson Elected Executive Secretary Of World Conference

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was elected as the first Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Grand Lodges at its third annual meeting held in New York City, May 1-3. The World Conference is composed of grand lodges worldwide and represented by their grand masters and grand secretaries. James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and Bro. Jackson attended from Pennsylvania.

Elsewhere the National Grand Lodge of France created Bro. Jackson a Past Senior Grand Warden. This is only the sixth time in the history of that Grand Lodge that the honor has been conferred. While attending the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast in Abidjan in April, he was created an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Grand Director of Ceremonies. On May 4, he received the Joseph Hayden Drummond Medal from the Grand Lodge of Maine. The medal is the highest honor that the Grand Lodge of Maine awards for the contribution of time, thought, and services to Masonry beyond the line of duty.

BRETHREN, TAKE NOTICE

There will be no Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September.

The Grand Master's Itinerary

- Aug. 1 District Deputy Grand Masters Seminar, Harrisburg Hilton - 9 a.m.
- Aug. 4 DeMolay Key Man Conference, Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown
- Aug. 6 PIN Club Picnic, Pittsburgh
- Aug. 7 Western Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic, Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh
- Aug. 8 150th Anniversary Parade, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon - 2 p.m.
- Aug. 10 Rainbow Honor Day, Grand Assembly, Irwin
- Aug. 15 Concert on the Green, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown - 6:45 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Extra Communication of Grand Lodge, "Masons at Sight," Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - Noon
- Aug. 29 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for Lodge Room Dedication, Cornerstone Laying, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf - 10 a.m.
- Aug. 31 Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament, Lulu Country Club, Plymouth Meeting
- Sept. 2 Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament, Hershey Country Club, Hershey
- Sept. 3 Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament, Latrobe Country Club, Latrobe
- Sept. 5 Testimonial Banquet for Grand Masters of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Harrisburg Hilton - 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10-11 Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention, Virginia Beach
- Sept. 12 150th Anniversary, Crawford Lodge No. 234, Meadville
- Sept. 17 Franklin-St. John's-Trinity Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh
- Sept. 18 125th Anniversary, Everett Lodge No. 524, Everett
- Sept. 19 75th Anniversary, East Liberty Lodge No. 725, Pittsburgh Masonic Center (Represented by William Slater II, R.W.J.G.W.)
- 25 Reading Day in Philadelphia, Luncheon and Temple Tour, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- Sept. 26 Grand Master's Day, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- Sept. 27-29 Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Cincinnati, OH
- Sept. 30 Royal Order of Scotland, Cincinnati, OH
- Oct. 3 150th Anniversary, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon
- Oct. 9 Masonic Education Conference, Elizabethtown
- Oct. 10 Ligonier Days Parade - 11 a.m.
- 75th Anniversary, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren - 3 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Delaware Shield and Square Club, 3°, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- Oct. 15 Friends of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Dinner, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Masonic Library and Museum Association Banquet, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 125th Anniversary, Aurora Lodge No. 523, Jermyn - Dedication, 4 p.m.; Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Presentation of 50-Yr. Emblem of Gold to John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M., Milnor Lodge No. 287
- Oct. 23 Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Staff, 8 a.m.; Sub-Committee, 10 a.m.; Committee on Masonic Homes, 1 p.m.; PA Masonic Foundation for Children, 4 p.m.; PA Youth Foundation Board, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 23 175th Anniversary, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 75th Anniversary, New Temple Lodge No. 720, Allentown
- Oct. 31 100th Anniversary, Wyalusing Lodge No. 618, Wyalusing
- Nov. 7 125th Anniversary, New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, Parker City Lodge No. 521, and Canby Lodge No. 520
- Nov. 8 Organ Dedication Recital, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13-14 Valley of Allentown A.A.S.R. Reunion
- Nov. 21 175th Anniversary, Charity Lodge No. 190, West Norriton
- Nov. 24 Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: Consolidated Funds, 9:30 a.m.; Administrators of the Pension Plan, 11 a.m.; Finance Committee, 1 p.m.

EXTRA COMMUNICATION AUG. 22 FOR MAKING "MASONS-AT-SIGHT" BANQUET TO FOLLOW

There will be an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at noon on Saturday, Aug. 22, for the purpose of "Making Masons-at-Sight."

The degrees will be conferred upon the Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner, Col. Paul J. Evanko, Lt. Col. Joseph H. Westcott, and Trooper Roberto Soto. The degrees will be conferred by the uniformed Pennsylvania State Police Masonic Degree Team with Deputy Commissioner, Lt. Col. George P. Morch conferring the Master Mason's Degree.

There will be a banquet, for brethren only, at the Marriott Hotel at 5:30 p.m. in honor of the new Masons. For banquet reservations, please use the accompanying coupon. Note the August 10 deadline for reservations.

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette has requested that all brethren who are law enforcement officers and are attending the Communication wear their uniforms.

Reservation Form For Banquet Honoring "Masons Made at Sight" Saturday, August 22, 1998

Enclosed is/are _____ reservation(s) (for brethren only) at \$25 per person for the Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, August 22, at the Marriott Hotel, Philadelphia, to honor those who will have been "Made Masons-at-Sight" earlier in the day.
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I am a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ and confirm that reservation(s) is/are for Mosons.

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