

# Life Is Full Of Uncertainty. This Charitable Gift Annuity Is Not.

For further information about charitable gift planning, complete and mail the response form below. Or call Masonic Homes Development office at (717)367-1121, ext. 33311 or 1-800-599-6454. There is never any obligation.

## A Win-Win Situation.

Make a charitable gift annuity to the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and receive:

- Entitlement to an Immediate Income Tax Deduction.
- Great Potential to Increase Your Income.
- Fixed Income for the Rest of Your Life.
- Satisfaction in Providing for Others.



### GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Age 70	7.5%
Age 75	8.2%
Age 80	9.2%
Age 85	10.5%
Age 90 & Over	12.0%
(New Rates)	

(Complete and return this coupon)  
To Development Department of the Masonic Homes:

☐ Send me the brochure on estate planning.

☐ Send me the brochure on Taking Stock and Giving It.

☐ Contact me regarding a Charitable Gift Annuity.

☐ Send me the brochure on Giving Through Your Will.

☐ Contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS FORM TO:  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE  
Fred D. Rissinger, Director of Development  
Masonic Homes  
One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**HURRY,**  
**TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO JOIN US**  
**FOR THE GRAND MASTER'S CHARITY**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENTS...**

See page 18 for details and an application.



VOLUME XLVI

The PENNSYLVANIA  
**FREEMASON**

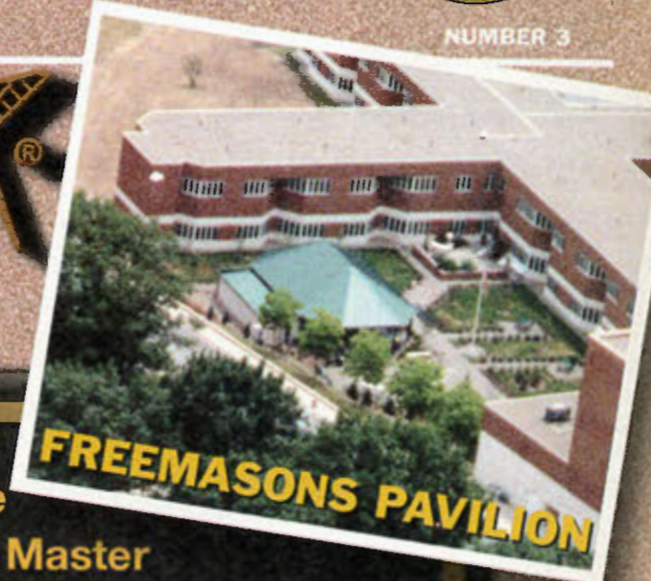
AUGUST 1999



NUMBER 3

**WE WILL  
NEVER  
FORGET**

PAGE 4



**FREEMASONS PAVILION**

**James L. Ernette**  
**Right Worshipful Grand Master**  
**Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania**  
**1998-1999**

With patriotic pride and sincere appreciation, the Masons of Pennsylvania honor the veterans who served our country, from the beleaguered troops led by Brother and General George Washington to heroes of our time.

Freedom reigns today because of all the veterans who served our country with loyalty, valor and devotion. In every encounter, many were Brethren in the Masonic Fraternity; but all were veterans who bore a special kinship, battling together and relying upon each other, bonded as a brotherhood with a glorious purpose to further the cause of freedom and democracy and uphold the principles of liberty and justice.



*James L. Ernette*





## The Grand Master's Message

# COMMUNITY

•United in the Common Goal to Serve Mankind•

*Addressing the Brethren and their ladies at the banquet after the Quarterly Communication, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette spoke of Freemasonry's involvement in the community and service to mankind strengthened by the vitality inherent in unity among Masons and the Family of Freemasonry. Following is the major portion of the message that made it clear: We are "United in the Common Goal to Serve Mankind."*

Brethren, Ladies, and Friends:

We all know the old saying that tells us to stop now and then and smell the roses. The satisfaction of progress can invigorate your spirit.

I received an e-mail message a short time ago that bubbled over with enthusiasm and prompted me to "stop and smell the roses" — to pause and reflect on where we have been recently as a Fraternity. We have reason to feel good about what we have achieved together — and, that progress should invigorate our spirit.

This is what a 33-year-old Mason from Pittsburgh wrote:

"First, I want to say that I really enjoy being a Mason. I mean, I love it! I am Senior Warden of my Lodge and I have made many friends and renewed some old ones through the Craft. This is truly a wonderful thing. I feel that it has changed my life and made me a better person. I want nothing more than to see that our Fraternity and all its good works are perpetuated, not just into the new millennium, but all the way [to the millennium] after that. Thank you Grand Master for making this a great time to be a Mason."

Today IS a great time to be an active part of this wonderful world of Freemasonry — especially in Pennsylvania. The first five months of 1999 were extremely busy, highly productive, very promising, and most gratifying for me and the Grand Lodge Officers. Every Pennsylvania Mason — and all of us in our Family of Freemasonry — can share in the gratification. It is your dedication, support, and personal effort that propels us to achieve "all those good works" that our brother highlighted in his e-mail message. Hand-in-hand with unanimity, we are "Partners for Progress" in serving mankind.

On June 1, the Masonic Homes and the Freemasons of Pennsylvania took another vital step toward our goal to extend full quality care services convenient to our brethren, their loved ones and the community statewide. A 128-bed Medicare- and Medicaid-approved nursing home at Sewickley became the Valley Care Masonic Center.

The Committee on Masonic Homes has announced a building plan there that will add 60 beds of assisted living at Valley Care. Master planning will start immediately and we will be working closely with community leaders there to establish an early construction date in order to plan an opening two years from now, in June 2001 (see story on page 3).

Almost a year and a half ago, I was telling our lodges: "The community is the place to be — we should be involved." The Grand Lodge Matching Charity Grants Program provided an inspiration and assistance for each lodge to make a meaningful impact in its own hometown. I can tell you that today, a majority of the lodges are involved actively in their communities — and every day more join the team.

Already this year, as of May 20, more than 40 per cent of the lodges had applied for 405 grants with an estimated value well over a quarter of a million dollars, or about \$523,000 when matched. At the time of that report, grants had been made to 281 of the applicants with an unmatched value of \$158,000, or well over \$300,000 when put together with the lodges' commitments. (See "Matching Grants" on pages 6 and 7.)

I wish everyone in the Family of Freemasonry could have been with us at the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh on June 2. It was a special honor for us as Masons of Pennsylvania to present a fully equipped pavilion, landscaping with walkways, and a monument as a gift to honor all veterans who served our country through the years. Many were Masons, but all were veterans bonded as a brotherhood struggling to gain and preserve the freedom and justice we cherish so dearly. The Freemasons Pavilion says: "We will never forget the veterans." (See "Cover Story" on pages 4 and 5.)

Soon (Aug. 7), a new partnership will come together at a Unity Banquet in the Harrisburg area. ALL Pennsylvania Masons — that is the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge — are joining with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in an impressive new substance abuse education program for high schools. When the program is on the road next year, it will demonstrate unity in action.

Each year, about two-thirds of the residents in the Masonic Health Care Center and about half of the residents in Congregate Care cannot pay for their care in its entirety. Fraternal care — the result of generosity that is prudently invested and applied — makes up the difference.

The youth programs are unexcelled in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation supports and guides DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and the Knights of Pythagoras, helping young people to prepare for adulthood by teaching them responsibility. In 1998, alone, the Foundation provided programming, meals, and housing for more than 2,600 youth in 39 programs at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus. The Grand Lodge and Foundation scholarship programs, as well as those made available by other organizations, are coordinated by the Foundation.

"Partners for Progress" is a most appropriate designation for the good works of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. I'm sure you are aware of the partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Education that has made the Student Assistance Program a reality in the schools across the Commonwealth. And, the partnership with D.A.R.E. that helps to train law enforcement officers to go into elementary schools where they help fifth and sixth grade students learn how to cope with peer stress, conflicts, and addiction. There are the scholarships for graduating high school seniors who have successfully completed a Student Assistance Program and scholarships for graduates seeking a career in law enforcement.

Freemasonry is at labor on the road to the 21st Century. I'm in tune with that writer of the e-mail — and I hope you are, too, when he says: "I want nothing more than to see that our Fraternity and all its good works are perpetuated, ...."

Sincerely and fraternally,

*James L. Ernette*

James L. Ernette,  
R.W. Grand Master



## Masonic Homes and Valley Care Association Are "Partners for Progress;" Assisted Living and Independent Living to be Constructed at Sewickley

In March, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania signed a purchase agreement with the Valley Care Association for the acquisition of the Valley Care Nursing Home in Sewickley and its 47 acres of property. On June 1, the 128-bed Medicare / Medicaid - certified facility became a part of the continuum of care provided by the Masonic Homes.

Officials from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, and the Masonic Homes joined officials from the Valley Care Association and the Valley Care Nursing Home to celebrate the transaction on June 1, at Sewickley. Joining together to unveil a sign revealing the new name of the home was: R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette; M.W. Grand Master Lawrence

E. Harris, Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Associate Grand Matron Jean D. Fey and Associate Grand Patron H. Lin Jones of the Order of the Eastern Star; Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, CEO; William C. Davis, Jr, COO, and Mrs. B. J. Franks, Executive Director of the Valley Care Masonic Center, all of the Masonic Homes; James Alexander, President of the Valley Care Association; members of both boards of directors; and President of Valley Care Masonic Center's Resident Council, Louise Rollin. Susan Laughlin of the 16th Legislative District also attended.



**Grand Master Ernette greets Grand Master and Mrs. Harris at the sign unveiling ceremony for the Valley Care Masonic Center.**

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette said, "We are excited to work with Valley Care Association as a 'Partner for Progress' serving the Sewickley area."

According to Bro. Murphy the Masonic Homes' search to purchase a nursing home offering services with Medicaid certification in the Pittsburgh area began when it was determined that the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare would not grant Medicaid certification for additional nursing beds in Allegheny County, which affected the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West in Pittsburgh. Since Valley Care Nursing Home is located within eight miles of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West and shares the Masonic Homes' values and mission, Bro. Murphy said that the Masonic Homes found Valley Care Nursing Home to be an alternate means of providing quality, cost-effective nursing

services for members in the western part of the state.

Based on the Masonic Homes' recent market demand analysis and market study of local Masons and residents of the Sewickley community, the Committee on Masonic Homes has decided to move forward with plans to develop assisted living accommodations, and to design and market independent living accommodations at Valley Care Masonic Center. The final decision to build the independent living accommodations will depend on pre-sales of the units. These plans are contingent upon approvals from the appropriate county and township authorities.

The independent living and assisted living units of the project will be open to Masons, Eastern Star members, and the Sewickley community. The existing nursing component will be filled internally with independent living and assisted living residents moving through the continuum of care, and direct admissions by the existing Masonic Homes' admissions policy.

Those interested in having their names on an information or priority list for assisted living at the Sewickley site should call (412) 741-1400 or write to: Mrs. B. J. Franks, Executive Director, Valley Care Masonic Center, 1190 Merriman Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. Anyone interested in having their names on an information or priority list for independent living should call 1-800-676-6452 or write to: Don Romberger, Marketing Manager, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Current residents at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West receiving nursing care will be given priority to transfer to Valley Care Masonic Center, or may choose to remain at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West. Residents will continue to receive assisted living services at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West.

### The new sign unveiled





# COVER STORY Parade, Ceremonies, Presentation of Pavilion For Veterans is a Stirring, Patriotic Event

## ON PARADE



Grand Master Ernette and flag-bearer Edward Lizewski and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit prepare to lead the parade.

A large contingent of District Deputy Grand Masters pass in parade.



The Syria Shrine Temple Highlanders Pipe and Drum Corps set the musical pace for the parade.

On Armed Forces Day, May 15, the Masons of Pennsylvania honored all veterans who served this great country by presenting the new, fully equipped Freemasons Pavilion and monument in a landscaped park area to the Veterans Administration's Pittsburgh Health Care Center at Aspinwall. After a parade through the grounds of the VA hospital, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and the Grand Lodge officers laid the cornerstone, dedicated the facilities, and presented the gift to benefit the residents there.

In the dedication oration, Grand Master Ernette said, "We cannot, must not, and will not ever forget those whose valor made possible the birth of this nation, and those whose dedication and fortitude sustained liberty and justice for us through more than two centuries. Our veterans are special people to whom we will be forever grateful."

Well before the ceremonies, hundreds of people gathered. Seating in the new pavilion was filled to capacity and some people stood outside. Many more veterans, families, friends, and members of veterans organizations lined the curb of the street on a hill overlooking the patio where the ceremonies were held.

A Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit, a U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, the Grand Master, and Grand Lodge officers led the parade of district deputy grand masters, Blue Lodge officers and members through the hospital grounds and passed the pavilion and the audience awaiting the ceremonies. The Syria Shrine Temple Highlanders Pipe and Drum Corps set the musical pace for the parade.

It was a stirring patriotic event from the moment the Marine Color Guard raised the colors and everybody joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" and "The Star Spangled Banner" during the ceremonies, and at the conclusion when all sang "God Bless America."

## THEY CAME EARLY



The spectators were two and three rows deep on the hill overlooking the impressive, patriotic ceremonies on the patio.



With all of the seats occupied in the new Pavilion (with the green roof), veterans, families and friends lined up early on the hill overlooking the patio where the ceremonies were to be held.



Grand Master Ernette declares the cornerstone ready to be placed in the new Freemasons Pavilion.



The monument honoring all veterans of the United States is unveiled by Grand Master Ernette.



The R. W. Grand Lodge officers pay tribute to veterans before the unveiled monument (l-r): Marvin G. Speicher, Grand Treasurer; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., Sr. Grand Warden; Grand Master Ernette; Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; William Slater II, Jr. Grand Warden; and Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000-square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400-square-foot patio. The pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nurses' stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families. It will provide a place for residents of the VA hospital and their families to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities. A beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating areas fronts the granite monument with three bronze plaques that pay "Tribute to American Veterans."

About two years ago a group of Masons who volunteer their time to visit the veterans told the Grand Master that the veterans at this VA hospital had no place for social activities out-of-doors. They asked if the Masons could do something about it. Grand Master Ernette said, "The more we looked at the need, the better we liked the idea until it became a passion - a destiny for the Masons of Pennsylvania to fulfill."

William M. Kratzenberg, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District, was named Project Director and Chairman of a committee to have a pavilion constructed and a monument placed as a tribute to veterans. Grand Master Ernette said, "The Masons of Pennsylvania are highly honored to be able to undertake this project. We are filled with the gratitude and joy of achievement that comes from a job well done. May that facility and the monument that is there with it serve the veterans well and be a long-standing declaration that 'We will never forget the veterans who served throughout the history of this great nation.'"

Bro. Kratzenberg said that the contributions received from lodges and brethren that helped make this possible have been very much appreciated. He noted that contributions continue to be welcome even though the facility is in place. He also noted that the contributions are not eligible for participation in the Matching Charity Grants Program because it is to a program of the Fraternity.



Honored guest, Lt. Gen. Robert D. Springer, U.S.A.F. (Ret.) is flanked by Grand Master Ernette (left) and D.D.G.M. Kratzenberg, the Project Director.



The U.S. Marine Color Guard presented and raised the colors, after which all joined in "The Pledge of Allegiance" and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

## THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON®

VOL. XLVI, AUGUST 1999, NO. 3

Publication No. USPS 426-140

August 1999 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*® at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master  
Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master  
Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden  
William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden  
Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer  
Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary

### THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON COMMITTEE

Blaine F. Fabian, Chairman and Editor  
Luther J. Black  
Paul D. Fisher  
James N. Katsaounis  
John H. Platt, Jr.  
Fred D. Rissinger  
D. William Roberts

(Articles and photographs for publication should be sent to The Editor, *The Pennsylvania Freemason*®, P.O. Box 2614, West Lawn, PA 19080-2614. All articles and photographs become the property of the Grand Lodge.)

© - 1999 The R.W. Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Pennsylvania

Postmaster: Send address changes to:

Distribution Office - Mailing Address

The Pennsylvania Freemason

MASONIC HOMES, One Masonic Drive

Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199

Published at the Masonic Homes, owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, as a means of soliciting the physical and financial support of the members of the Fraternity, their families, and the public in general.

Periodicals Postage Paid at Elizabethtown, PA and Additional Mailing Offices.



## The Show Must Go On – And It Did! Because of Masons of Frankford Lodge

The bold four-column headline in the Philadelphia area newspaper proclaimed, "Masons Rescue the Lincoln High School." The subhead went on to report, "The members of Frankford Lodge No. 292 donated more than just money. They also lent their expertise to help the students build sets for a musical review." Without the help of the Masons, the students' Spring musical review, featuring the hits from "Fiddler on the Roof," "South Pacific," "Music Man," and "Wizard of Oz," would not have occurred.

The article explained that the only scenery available to the students was the white wall at the back of the stage and there was little money available to build the framework for legitimate sets. That's where Frankford Lodge, in Masonic District D, found a much appreciated community service project. Past Master Charles Graham, the Arts Initiative coordinator for the school, drew plans for two-dimensional flats and three-dimensional dollies for stage sets. Members of the Lodge produced them.

Another Past Master, Ted Ewing, who heads the Lodge's Community Project Committee, said "... in excess of \$2,000 was spent on nine steel frames for the sets. The fabrication was done at Ace Welding Service, whose

owners Joe Berkauzer and Fred Ewing (Ted's brother), are lodge members. Members of the Lodge donated their time and carpentry and painting expertise to finish the sets in time for the show."

Writing to R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette on behalf of the school's Arts Initiative Program, Bro. Graham cited:

"I want you, as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, to know about this project and about the fine and dedicated men who participated in its success. I also want to thank you for encouraging this kind of community service. ... Many teachers and parents at the school were pleasantly surprised and grateful for this community project as they were unaware that Freemasonry was active in making a difference in our community."



**Masons and students work together to ready the sets for the Lincoln High School musical revue.**



## Infinity Lodge No. 546 Helps Neighbors, Students of Forbes Elementary School

The Masons of Infinity Lodge No. 546, Penn Hills, have formed a partnership with their next door neighbor, Forbes Elementary School, to help children in need.

Worshipful Master Charles W. "Buzz" Doege, Jr., said that after the Lodge learned that the school's principal, Sari McNamara had students with needs and no means to help, "We decided to help out by developing an ongoing project. The project is open ended, meaning whatever supplies or personal items the pupils need, the Masons will try to get them. [It is] an open relationship with the school, so as different programs come up, the school and the lodge can work together to help."

A most recent contribution was a \$500 check that Principal McNamara can use at her discretion to help pupils .... In an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Principal was quoted, "It was like a windfall. We had no prior connections, but it is wonderful."

### Masonic Matching Charity Grants Results

In 1998, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania matched approximately \$480,000 raised by 322 lodges for 668 different charitable causes throughout the Commonwealth. Since January 1, 1999 approximately \$300,000 has been matched by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 354 charitable causes by 222 lodges. Since the program's beginning in 1998, approximately 1.5 million dollars has been spread throughout Pennsylvania communities where Masons saw there was a need.

Ideas for community projects, the matching charity grants kit, application forms, guidelines, rules and conditions for the program can be found and downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site <<www.pagrandlodge.org >>. All applications and questions are to be sent to the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee in the offices of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Elizabethtown.

### Masonic Matching Charity Grants Philosophy

The Grand Lodge Masonic Matching Charity Grants program is designed to encourage each lodge to extend its charity into the local community. Each lodge is to look into its local community to see the charitable needs of individuals and organizations, which are not being met by any other source of funding.

When the lodge members vote to choose a recipient of their charitable donations and efforts, they should work hand-in-hand in unanimity to successfully support this effort.

To protect the fraternity from public criticism, the Matching Charity Grants Committee must review each recipient and any fundraising program, prior to public announcement or presentation, to assure that lodges only support programs which are not controversial, and which are consistent with the goals of Freemasonry.

By supporting local programs and people, each lodge will become known as a group of caring community members who practice the principles of Freemasonry in their daily lives.

## Salem Lodge Brings Smiles to Tiffany

Tiffany Swingle was smiling on April 27 when Chad Wilmont, W.M. (left in the picture below), of Salem Lodge No. 330, Hamlin, presented her with a check for \$1,300. Tiffany is a high school student who was afflicted last August with meningococemia, a bacterial disease that affected all of her body organs. Her life was in severe danger many times during her 59-day stay in Geisinger Medical Center.

Tiffany has completed her school requirements at home and was with her class at Western Wayne High School for graduation on June 11. Her smile, positive attitude, strong religious beliefs, and the support of her family and the community have been an inspiration throughout the area. Representatives of Salem Lodge were invited to share in a "celebration of life and graduation" scheduled for July 17.

Pictured with Bro. Wilmont and Tiffany for the presentation are (l-r): George and Jeanette Swingle, Tiffany's father and mother; C. Carl Peet; D.D.G.M., 14th Masonic District; and David Toy, S.W.



## Grand Master Honored by the Acacia Fraternity

On Saturday, May 1, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity conferred its three degrees of initiation on the chapter's newest undergraduate members in the Egyptian Room of the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. The day, however, was a special one for five non-undergraduates who were initiated into the Fraternity as Honorary Acacians. Bros. Edward H. Fowler, R.W.P.G.M.; Richard J. Stemmler, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District; D. William Roberts, D.D.G.M., 47th Masonic District; Howard T. Silbaugh, Aide to the Grand Master; and Robert T. Matasich, President, Masonic Fund Society, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, were all made Acacians and members of the I.U.P. Chapter.



**Arland T. Stein (left) presents R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette with The Order of Pythagoras.**

In an effort to build closer ties between Pennsylvania Freemasonry and the Acacia Fraternity, Brothers Roberts and Matasich organized a luncheon following the conferral of the Acacia degrees, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh. R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette, an Acacian from the Franklin Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, addressed the approximately 30 undergraduate Acacians. He spoke of his desire to see all the Acacia chapters in Pennsylvania have a close relationship with the Masonic Fraternity.

To the Grand Master's surprise, Arland T. Stein, a Purdue University Acacian and representative of the Acacia International Fraternity Headquarters' educational foundation, presented Brother Ernette with The Order of Pythagoras on behalf of Acacia's International Council. The Order of Pythagoras is one of the highest honors that the Fraternity can bestow upon an Acacian who has "contributed greatly to the Advancement of Acacia by serving beyond the ordinary call of duty."

The I.U.P. Chapter of Acacia is currently making plans to work with the Valley of Pittsburgh in community programs under the leadership of Bro. Roberts. The Chapter also hopes to have Masons address future Acacia candidates for initiation about Freemasonry.



**Grand Master visiting with a few of the undergraduate Acacians during the A.A.S.R. Valley of Pittsburgh sponsored luncheon.**

## PIN Team Confers MM Degree

A degree team of the PIN Club in Western Pennsylvania, which comprises law enforcement officers, conferred the Master Mason's Degree in Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, on March 18, on James J. Knights (second from left), a Federal Bureau of Investigation officer. The conferring officer was David L. Richards, W.M., Washington Lodge No. 164 (front center). Front left is Wayne D. Frankenstein, W.M. of Harmony Lodge and front right is W. Thomas Marlowe, Jr., D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District. Also in front (second from right) is Thomas R. Dixon, Tyler. Others in the picture are members of the degree team.





## Progress: Slow, but Sure!

### Lodge Leaders Prove They Have the Right Stuff



It has been more than a year since the first OVERTURE Seminar and more than 1,400 Masons in Pennsylvania have heard the same story over and over.

Better get your skills together as the leader of your lodge or the results will be more of the same.

Now, that's not a great way to start a Saturday, either as the participant or the facilitator; but, for Masons in Pennsylvania, it's been a way of life during the year of OVERTURE.

Only a few years ago, one could look across an audience of a hundred or more Masons and see the stares of resistance from almost all. Not so today! Thanks to a general re-awakening of the importance of some right things, and the recent influx of young men eager to make a difference, some lodges are making real progress toward the future.

To view it from afar, it doesn't seem dramatic. A lodge partners with a local non-profit group to provide community services; another lodge uses a ladies' night as an occasion to host a really special event. A lodge in the western part of the state decides to make a difference with youth sports and gets a lot of parents asking, "Who are these guys?" And, in eastern Pennsylvania, Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660, Reading, adopts Jacksonwald Elementary School and makes news that attracts two dozen men to submit petitions for membership.

It's not that Masons hated the idea of renewing their lodges. It was more that the change process was simply too painful. Remember, those who are currently the leaders in many lodges simply like things the way they have been, or they would have done things differently a long time ago.

Along comes *Who Moved My Cheese* by Dr. Spencer Johnson, co-author of the famous *One-Minute Manager*. That latest book, according to the Masons who have read it — an overwhelming number of OVERTURE participants have read it more than once — say that the latest book "was written for us and about us and we need to take a lesson about the joys of finding new cheese."

The leader of a lodge in Pennsylvania, may find the job of turning his lodge toward the millennium too daunting a task to do alone. That's why every participating OVERTURE lodge is asked to appoint a membership chairman, form a team, and turn the team loose on the issue of member attraction, enrollment, and satisfaction. The chairman will need the leader's support — but what a difference one man and a really good team can make.

Lodge membership chairmen seeking help with programs can turn to their respective District Membership Chairman and to *75+ Ways to Attract and Retain Members*. The manual is like the Boy Scout Handbook: read only what you need at the time and save the rest for later.

O.K.! So, the Summer is supposed to be for vacations, time off, and relaxing with a good book. For the person looking at the prospects of four or more months in the East or an officer wondering about his plans for the future, the time can be put to really good use.

"It's a perfect time for planning," said R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette. "Because many lodges do not meet in the Summer, we can get a lot of planning and good thinking done. With a Fall filled with activity, we encourage every Master to meet with his team and try to develop a plan and budget for the lodge. I do that with my business; we do that at Grand Lodge; and I don't see how a lodge can get away with anything less."

Lodges looking for help in planning can turn to their local library or they can use one of the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America's books, including the popular *A Masonic Leaders Planning Guide* — a seven step approach to planning and budgeting.

The Grand Lodge Overture Planning Team, consisting of Grand Master Ernette; G. Kent Hackney, Deputy Chief of Staff; David O. Meachen, Administrator; and Dudley Davis, Consultant, are using the summer to plan the Fall Conductor Series. Some of the topics being developed are: A report on the hard facts about becoming a Mason in Pennsylvania; the role of the Worshipful Master and his team in new member enrollment and retention; effective communication; and opportunities for the lodge.

Masons, and others reading this, will realize that we are halfway through the last year in this millennium and on the verge of a new century. What an opportunity to pause and think about what the future may hold in your life, with your family, and in your lodge. What a perfect opportunity to get control of events that shape how we spend time and concentrate on making a difference. The time will never be better. Why not ask yourself the millennium-shift question: "What is there about my old life at the end of this century that I can most afford to do without and what new behaviors must I embrace to thrive in the future — beginning today?"

You'll be surprised at the things you will think about.

#### Fall Series Schedule

##### The sessions for the Fall OVERTURE Series will be:

- Sept. 11** Allentown, Holiday Inn Conference Center
- Sept. 18** Pittsburgh (South-Region 4), Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
- Oct. 2** State College, Penn State Conference Center
- Oct. 16** Pittsburgh (North-Region 5), Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
- Oct. 23** Philadelphia, Twelve Caesars
- Oct. 30** Oil City, Holiday Inn
- Nov. 13** Wilkes-Barre, Woodlands Inn
- Nov. 20** Harrisburg, Harrisburg Marriott

## Early Reservations Recommended

### Next Grand Master's Banquet and Show Will Be A Dynamic Warm-Up for the 21st Century

Plan now to join the next Grand Master and his lady on Dec. 27 to enjoy the glamour, fun, and excitement of Pennsylvania's last big Masonic social event of this century and be part of an early welcome for the Twenty-First Century.



The Grand Master's Banquet and Gala will be held in the new ballrooms of the Great American Hall of the Hershey Convention Center. The banquet will be followed by a spectacular show, "It Takes Two," starring Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. The founding headliners of the Original 5th Dimension will perform songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. "It Takes Two" is a celebration of love — theirs and the love the public has for their music.

Make your reservations early. The Great American Hall can seat 2,200 for dinner, but, reservations will go fast. The cost is \$30 per person for the banquet and the show. Seating

will be at tables of ten, so you might want to get your group together for a great evening of food, fun and fellowship. Use the attached coupon and forward it with your check payable to "The Grand Lodge of PA" to: Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

[For hotel accommodations for the Annual Meeting, contact the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center directly. Phone 1-717-533-3311, or write to P.O. Box 446, Hershey, PA 17033-0446.]

#### To: Office of the Grand Master

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for #\_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$30 each for the Grand Master's Banquet and Gala at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center on Dec. 27, 1999.

#### From:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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

## GERMANY July 21st - August 1st, 2000



**The Grand Lodge and R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Robert L. Duge, Jr. and his wife Debra,** invite you along with your family and friends to a once in a lifetime deluxe vacation to Germany with an option to attend the "Passion Play," an event that only happens every ten years.

**Featuring:** Exclusive charter jet, Frankfurt, Koblenz, cruising the Rhine to St. Goar, wine tasting, Munich, Rothenburg, Weimer, Leipzig, Berlin, the "Passion Play," and much more! (Itinerary available upon request.)

**Includes:** Round trip air from Philadelphia to Germany on an exclusive charter jet • Eleven night deluxe hotel accommodations including taxes • Round trip airport transfers in Germany • Breakfast daily and two dinners • Full-time professional escort(s) • "Passion Play" tickets (for those attending) • Special events with our brethren who live in Germany.

**Price:** (Based only on double occupancy)  
\$3,900 per person attending play  
\$3,700 per person not attending play

#### Payment Requirements:

**1st Deposit** - \$1,000 per person is due within ten days of confirming reservation.  
**2nd Deposit** - \$1,000 per person is due prior to November 30, 1999.  
**Final Payment** - Due March 30, 2000.

**For information and reservations** call Staci, King Coal Travel, Rt. 61, P.O. Box 446, Mount Carmel, PA 17851, (800) 332-8556 or (570) 373-1525.

#### "Passion Play"

The quaint village of Oberammergau is set amidst a mountaintop backdrop and is the perfect setting for this show of pageantry that has been held throughout the centuries. Oberammergau will delight you with its beauty, breathtaking scenery and crisp air. The "Passion Play," an outstanding cultural event and a testimonial of religious faith, will enthrall you.



## A Tribute to R.W.P.G.M. John K. Young



A special tribute was paid to John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master, May 18 by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and Anthony J. Garvey, the Commander-in-Chief of the Scottish Rite Valley of Philadelphia. A luncheon was held in the Wanamaker Room of the Masonic Temple to commemorate his receiving the 50-year membership award in the Scottish Rite. Past Grand Master Young received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Philadelphia in 1948 and served the Valley as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, in 1960-61. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in Chicago in 1961, crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., in 1978, and elected an Active Emeritus in 1987. Bro. Young is considered Pennsylvania Freemasonry's elder statesman, having served as Grand Master in 1968-69.

## State Police Team Confers Degree



The Pennsylvania State Police Degree Team conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Timothy J. Hutchenson (front, second from right), a Middlesex Twp. Patrolman, on Jan. 19 in Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey. Joseph W. Dows, D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District, and a Silver Spring Twp. Patrolman, is front left.

Next to him is Lewis R. Gruber, W.M., Brownstone Lodge. The others pictured are members of the Pennsylvania State Police Degree Team.

## It was Really a Family Night!

It was Family Night at Factoryville Lodge No. 341 and almost all of the chairs were filled with family members when the Master Mason's Degree was conferred on Kenneth Adam Geary. His father, Kenneth Alan Geary, P.M., conferred the degree and his grandfather, William J. Geary, Sr., P.M., was the Guide. The wardens chairs were filled by his uncles, William Geary, Jr., P.M., and Richard Geary, P.M. One cousin, George Stephen, Jr., P.M., served as Junior Deacon, and another cousin, Arthur McLaughlin, served as Senior Master of Ceremonies. Also present to witness the degree was his great-great uncle, George Stephens, Sr. The Bible upon the altar was presented by the new Master Mason's uncle, Martin Migliori, D.D.G.M., 15th Masonic District. The family is pictured (l-r): Front - Arthur McLaughlin; George Stephens, Jr.; George Stephens, Sr.; William Geary, Sr.; the new Master Mason, Kenneth Geary; and the conferring Master, Kenneth Geary. Back - Richard Geary; William Geary, Jr.; and D.D.G.M. Martin Migliori.



## Masons of Note

Bro. and Dr. Charles E. Krausz (second from left) was presented a 75-year Masonic Service Emblem and Certificate recently in his residence at Midway Manor Retirement Home by officers of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia. Presenting the certificate is the Lodge Secretary, Carl W. Campbell, P.M. (Second from right). Also attending the ceremony are (l-r): Roy G. Morgan, P.M., Chaplain; Leonard P. Ulan, J.W.; and Bro. and Dr. William J. Ziegler.



Walter R. West (left), of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, was presented his 50-Year Emblem of Gold by R.W. Past Grand Master John K. Young, the same man who conferred the Master Mason's degree in 1949. Bro. West said, "It is truly an honor to have Bro. Young, who raised me, present me with this pin."



Bro. Richard Masters, the second longest serving member of Harford Lodge No. 445, Hop Bottom, 15th Masonic District, and his wife of 67 years, Eloise, were highly honored by the Greater Susquehanna Area Chamber of Commerce on April 10. They were named the "1999 Citizens of the Year" in recognition of their strengths of family, leadership in church, community, and business, and as President Bill Clinton wrote in a letter of congratulations, "helping to shape a brighter tomorrow for generations to come." Nearly 200 people attended a dinner in their honor, including many Masons. A special surprise guest was a former Rotary Exchange student from Holland, who was one of many whom the Masters had hosted through the years.

Ronald J. Bowser and Ronald J. Bowser II are both Worshipful Masters of their lodges, but one is in Pennsylvania and the other is in Rhode Island. The elder Bowser is W.M. of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon, PA, and his son is W.M. of Doric Lodge No. 38, A.F.&A.M., Cranston, RI.

## "Trooper for a Day"

An Altoona Youth was selected to be an "Honorary Police Officer" as the Freedom Township Police adopted Tony Sabatino (second from left) as a "Trooper for a Day." The program started by Jaffa Shrine of Altoona, joined by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and local police departments matches patients of the Shriners with the police for a day to honor them and to expose the patients to law enforcement careers.



Tony is a third grade student at Ebner School and is proud of his accomplishments. He is active in sports, and hopes to complete the black belt in tae kwon-do. Currently, he has seven trophies from competition. Tony and his mother, Sherri (left), are strong supporters of the Shriners Hospitals, noting "They are the greatest."

The "Adopt A Trooper" Program was initiated by a Colorado Shrine two years ago, and Jaffa became the third in North America to adopt the program. Dale A. DeLozier (right), D.D.G.M., 20th Masonic District and also a police officer, said that, "Most kids look up to the police as their heroes; this program gives the Shriners' Kids a chance to be part of their dreams." Bro. and Chief John W. Reilly, Sr. (second from right), also a Shiner, commented that these kids are special and this program lets them know we are also on their side; in this Program, everyone is a winner.

This program became reality thanks to the efforts of Potentate David Holland and the Jaffa Divan, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Chief John Reilly of the Freedom Township Police and Past Master of Portage Lodge No. 220, other local police, and Attorney and Bro. James Eberly.

## Father & Son Get Awards

Three awards for service were presented at the June stated meeting of Carbondale Lodge No. 249. Garfield Thomas, Sr. (left) received a 75-Year Certificate of Service and his son, Garfield Thomas, Jr. (second from right), received a 50-year Emblem of Gold. Also receiving a 50-Year Emblem of Gold was Al Willis (right). Making the presentations were Richard T. Griffiths, W.M. (second from left), and Randall A. Thorn, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. (Center).



## MASONS SALUTING AMERICA

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette was the parade marshal and the Masons of Pennsylvania displayed a dramatic float saluting America in the 30th Annual "July 4th Parade" in Latrobe. The Grand Lodge officers are pictured with the float (l-r): Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; Robert L. Duge, Jr., R.W.D.G.M.; James L. Ernette, R.W.G.M.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; William Slater II, R.W.J.G.W.; and Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.G.S.



## Great Day at the Ballparks in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh

It was Mason's Day at the ballgame in Eastern Pennsylvania at Veteran's Stadium on June 22 and in Western Pennsylvania at Three River's Stadium on June 30. There was a lot of fun for all as the Grand Master "warmed up" with the Phillie Phanatic and the Pittsburgh Parrot before tossing out the first ball at each game. The Grand Master and his aides distributed special baseball caps to the crowds of Masons, kids from the Masonic Children's Home and Shriners Hospital, and friends.



▲ "Phun with the Phillie Phanatic."

◀ Kids get caps in Philadelphia.



▲ Grand Master Ernette (right) and Junior Grand Warden Slater with the Pittsburgh Parrot.





## Pastor Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Retiring Sept. 1

Rev. and Bro. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Director of Pastoral Care, will retire on Sept. 1, 1999. Although he has many plans for his free time, Bro. Lacquement is not looking forward to leaving after his 26 years of service. But, he says, he has to do it sometime.

"I have truly enjoyed the privilege of serving the residents of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," Bro. Lacquement said. "My work as Director of Pastoral Care has been a satisfying and rewarding ministry." When Bro. Lacquement came to the Masonic Homes on June 15, 1973, he was the Home's first full-time pastor. Prior to that, the Masonic Homes had visiting pastors deliver the worship services.

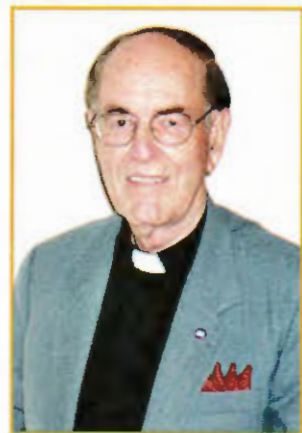
But pastoral care was only one aspect of Bro. Lacquement's responsibilities at the beginning. At one time, Bro. Lacquement said his peers joked that he had the longest title at the Masonic Homes. For 14 years, he served as the Director of Spiritual Services, Social Services, Therapeutic Recreation, Volunteers, and Resident Services — which included the Beauty/Barber Shop and transportation services. At the same time, he was performing the weekly worship services and up to three funerals a week. As the facility grew, many of the disciplines under his direction became their own departments, and Pastoral Care evolved into a department of four employees dedicated solely to spiritual services.

Upon his retirement, Bro. Lacquement plans to stay active as a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Pryor of the Council of Deliberation, and Chaplain of the local High 12 Club. He and his

wife, Connie Jo, also look forward to traveling to see their son in Greensburg, NC, who is a pilot for US Airways. The Lacquements also have three daughters in the Harrisburg area, and stay busy with their ten grandchildren.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Bro. Lacquement's career has been his preaching. After 45 years as an ordained minister, Bro. Lacquement says he feels like he's been a preacher all of his life. "I find real joy and fulfillment in preaching, from its spiritual and social benefits," he said. He would like to keep his preaching skills sharp by becoming active in a small church.

Bro. Lacquement is also an old car enthusiast. He has three classic cars. He keeps his "babies" so clean that you can see your reflection in them.



Rev. and Bro. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D.

Bro. Lacquement said it will be extremely difficult to say "goodbye." In fact, he does not plan to give a farewell sermon, but has asked Pastor A. Preston Van Deursen, Associate Pastor, to do it for him.

"There is no relationship on earth that is closer than a pastor and his congregation," Bro. Lacquement said. "As a pastor, people see you as a representative of God, and are at ease to bare their very soul. This rests heavily on a pastor to know that individuals hold you in such high esteem." Bro. Lacquement says that the key to being a successful pastor is one's ability to identify with people... to touch them emotionally and spiritually with words, but also physically, with compassion. "I've never offered a prayer without laying my hand on a person's shoulder," Bro. Lacquement said. "I think it would be hard to pray without the ministry of touch; otherwise, you're showing the compassion of an iceberg."

## Masonic Homes' Expands Services at Respite and Residential Cottage

For a year and a half, the Masonic Homes' Respite Cottage has provided quality respite services for caregivers, providing a temporary home for adults with mild to moderate mental retardation and similar developmental disabilities. The cottage staff provides care-givers peace of mind with the assurance that their loved ones will enjoy a vacation of their own at the cottage, while they themselves enjoy personal time from their care giving responsibilities. Within the safe, nurturing environment of the Masonic Homes, the cottage offers 24-hour personalized care in a comfortable, beautiful home-away-from home.

This program has been so successful, having already served many repeat customers, that the Masonic Homes has expanded upon its respite services to include residential accommodations. By mid-summer, the cottage had four full-time residents. The four remaining beds at the cottage continue to be made available for those receiving short-term respite services.

Anyone interested in adding his or her name to the waiting list for residential service, or interested in respite care, call Brian Luzier, Program Specialist: (717) 367-1121, ext. 33751.



Ms Susan Dale, the cottage's first resident, enjoys a summer cook-out with Brian Luzier, Program Specialist, on the back porch of the cottage.

## Masonic Homes Opens Brossman Pool with a Splash!

After Youth Appreciation Day festivities on May 28, the Committee on Masonic Homes, led by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and Bro. Jay G. Brossman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, officially opened the new pool which Bro. Brossman made possible through his charitable gift to the Masonic Homes.

Grand Master Ernette and Bro. Brossman unveiled a plaque officially dedicating the pool in memory of J. Glen Brossman, Bro. Brossman's son, who passed away six years ago.

Grand Master Ernette thanked Bro. Brossman for "contributing something to our Masonic Homes which our young people, and those young at heart, will enjoy for many seasons to come." He said, "It is because of Brother Jay Brossman's generosity and commitment to our residents and children, that we have a new swimming pool on the campus."

Bro. Brossman said, "I'm as happy to do this for the residents and children as they will be to use it."

Bro. Brossman, Grand Master Ernette, and Bro. William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, were the first to jump into the new pool and to "test out" the large slide.



Grand Master Ernette extends a personal "thank-you" to Bro. Jay Brossman upon his unveiling the sign officially dedicating the pool in memory of Bro. Brossman's son.



Grand Master Ernette, R.W.J.G.W. William Slater II, and Bro. Jay Brossman, are the first swimmers in the Brossman Pool on May 28.

## The Masonic Homes Loves to Hear from Families!

Almost every day, the Masonic Homes receives letters of thanks from families of residents and others who receive services. The following is a letter from the daughter of the late Charlotte Barshinger, a former resident of the Masonic Homes:

Dear Masonic Homes Committee members and staff,

Thank you very much for the lovely floral arrangement sent in memory of my mother, Charlotte Barshinger, at her funeral December 22, 1998...

I would also like to compliment every member of the wonderful staff on Ben Franklin, third floor. My mother had been with me in Maryland, temporarily, when she was hospitalized in November of 1997. When she left the hospital, she had to live in a nursing home near my home in Annapolis. My husband and I visited the Masonic Health Care Center in December of 1997. We were so impressed, not only with the facility, but even more so with the staff that we asked to put her on the waiting list for a room.

February 10, 1998, I moved her to BF 3 and visited her several times a month. Each time I was greeted with a sincere welcome from all the staff. I never worried about mother (even as far from me as she was) since I knew she was receiving professional and tender care. Small strokes from an irregular heartbeat over many years had finally taken mother's ability to communicate her desires which made it very frustrating for her. Everyone made a special effort to understand her through body language, and they did it with extreme patience in a very trying situation. She always nodded "yes" when I asked her if they were taking good care of her.

She became very ill December 13 with an inoperable abdominal blockage. We all (the staff, my family, and I) came to a compassionate decision to begin "comfort care." I was with her continuously for her last several days and had a chance to observe the staff during all shifts. They truly lived up to my observation since last February that they are very special people. They let me have my quiet time with mother, provided me with a cassette tape of hymns, a recliner to sleep on, and yet were there instantly if mother or I needed help. Those last few days, I felt they were my dear friends and not only mother's loving care givers.

The most important compliment to the staff came from my husband. He had only visited several times, but in those few short hours, he saw something extremely special besides a beautiful, clean facility—a thoroughly competent and extremely caring staff! My husband, Dave, has been in the health care business for 29 years, has been in every department in hospitals and has met hundreds of health care staff. He told me he has never seen a better facility than Masonic Homes—you can be very proud of your staff on BF 3!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and helping to make mother's last few months as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

Sincerely,  
Justine Disborough  
daughter of Charlotte Barshinger



## With Cottage Construction Complete, It's Independent Living at its Best

The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown completed its Independent Living cottage construction project last February.

The project began in August 1996 as part of the Masonic Homes' continuing care retirement community, now comprises 100 cottages designed for persons ages 65 and older.

The project was accomplished in three phases. The first phase, which included 36 cottages with varied floor plans, began in August 1996 and was completed in October 1997. The second phase, also consisting of 36 cottages, began in May 1997 and was completed in May 1998. The third phase, consisting of 28 cottages, began in May 1997 and was completed in February 1999.

The Masonic Homes now has a total of 450 Independent Living units, including apartments and cottages offering varying styles and payment plans: 116 cottages and 220 apartments are offered under an entrance fee plan, and 114 apartments are offered under a rental option. With the entrance fee plan, residents pay an entrance fee, which provides them lifetime use of their apartment or cottage, plus a monthly service fee for a full array of services, such as housekeeping, maintenance, etc. Residents who choose an apartment under the rental option pay a monthly rental and service fee. All residents have access to health care services on the Masonic Homes' campus on a fee-for-service basis, including outpatient, clinical, subacute, or rehabilitation services.

The Masonic Homes began offering Independent Living accommodations in October 1990, with the completion of the Independent Living Community, which includes the first 220 apartments and 16 cottages built on campus. There is also a clubhouse within this area, which includes administrative offices, formal dining room, coffee shop, general store, hair care center, craft room, meeting room, bank, and outdoor courtyard.

In 1993, the Masonic Homes began offering Independent Living apartments under a rental payment plan. Five granite buildings and one brick building on campus were renovated to offer a total of 114 apartments.

The expansion project allowed residents choosing an Independent Living cottage not only the opportunity to choose their preferred cottage site, but also the chance to customize their unit. The cottages range in size from 1,100 square feet to 1,800 square feet, at the cost of \$110,000 to \$163,000, depending on the options chosen.

### Masonic Eastern Star Home-East Appoints New Administrator and Director of Nursing

Anne M. Maher has been appointed Administrator for the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster. She is responsible for ensuring the provision of quality care services to the residents and for the overall management of the facility. Prior to associating with Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, Maher worked as Administrator of the Presbyterian Home, 58th Street, Philadelphia. She holds a B.S. degree in Sociology from Temple University and is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator (NHA).

Bonnie Y. Stuetz, R.N., has been appointed Director of

Nursing for the facility. She is responsible for the planning, organization, utilization, and evaluation of all nursing services provided in the facility. Prior to joining the staff at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, Stuetz worked as an Assistant Director of Nursing for the Rydal Park Medical Center. Stuetz holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Nursing from Gwynedd-Mercy College. She is a certified laboratory assistant and is a member of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. Stuetz is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honor society.



*An Independent Living cottage at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown*

The Masonic Homes offers almost limitless versatility. Residents can choose from a variety of floor plans and can customize their cottages. If people choose to have work done on their own, they have that option as well.

"Our commitment to creating a customer-focused community really allows residents the flexibility to add upgrades and options for their preference and interests," said Bro. Raymond E. Tierney, Administrator of Independent Living. One of the most innovative and flexible services is the dining program. Residents can choose either to participate in the standard meal plan, or they may walk into one of the Home's two dining rooms or the coffee house and pay for their meals.



*Independent Living residents enjoy the Boardwalk theme buffet*

## Meet Masonic Homes' Men's Chorus

The Masonic Homes' Men's Chorus began in 1992 with about a dozen men who enjoyed singing and would gather for a monthly hymn sing. They decided to begin a men's chorus and practice in a resident's apartment. This small group sang at hymn-sings and in Sell Chapel. Bro. Harry Miller came on board as their director in 1994.

Now, in addition to the hymn sings and Sell Chapel, the group sings at various churches in the community and for senior citizen groups. Their numbers have swelled to 34 members with an average age above 80 years young!

The Choir, pictured left to right, are:

**First row:** Harry Miller, Director, Columbia Lodge No. 286; Norma Kehrli, Pianist; William Godshall, Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown; Tom Glidden, Narrator, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown; Robert Lindeman, Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782, Philadelphia; Howard Wittel, Manheim Lodge No. 587; Stewart Titus, St. John's Lodge No. 233, Jenkins Twp; John Galbraith, Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659, Philadelphia; Ralph Taylor, Warren Lodge No. 240, Montrose; and Fred Fechter, Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.



**Second row:** Richard Walker, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster; William Herd, Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh; David Getty, Lodge No. 9, Tacony (Philadelphia); Charles Hornickell, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon; William Moore, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown.

**Third row:** Walter Baleau, Shiloh Lodge No. 558, Lansdale; Richmond Sutton, Acacia Lodge No. 355, Blairsville; William Pedrick, Covenant-Excelsior Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia; Donald Gregg, Grove City Lodge No. 603; Matthew Gallagher, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown.

**Back row** (left to right): Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown; William Treager, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg; Luther Utegraff, Eureka Lodge No. 335, Montoursville; Ralph Barici, Canby Lodge No. 520, St. Petersburg; Fred Ettline, York Lodge No. 266; Robert Steck, Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, Hershey; Alton Kirkpatrick, Perry Lodge No. 458, Marysville; Atlee Shank, Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle; Robert Hotchkiss, North Hills Lodge No. 716, McCandless; Wiley McElwain, Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423; Pastor Van Deurson, Associate Pastor.

**Not pictured:** Richard Emrey, Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville; Everett Iander, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia; Robert Johnson, Perry Lodge No. 392, Erie; William Long, Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall; Charles Metcalf, Elk Lodge No. 379, Ridgway; John Van Horn, St. James Lodge No. 457, Beaver; John Walizer, Washington Lodge No. 265, Bloomsburg; Jim Zarfoss, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown.

### Nursing Positions Available At Masonic Homes Statewide

The media reports that health care organizations nationwide are experiencing a shortage of nursing personnel. This dilemma particularly affects long-term care facilities.

The Masonic Homes are working hard to continue the provision of quality care by ensuring the maintenance of a higher ratio of staff to resident care than required by governmental standards. The Nursing Department has hired a full-time Nurse Recruiter to ensure that staff levels are maintained and that the most caring, professional, and ethical personnel are employed by the Masonic Homes.

If you have family members or friends residing near one of the Masonic Homes – in Elizabethtown, Warminster, Pittsburgh, or Sewickley – who are interested in the health care field, please encourage them to experience our "Mission of Love." Provide them with the following telephone number for our Human Resources Office: (717) 361-4522.

### Assisted Living Services Available at Masonic Eastern Star Home-West

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West offers professional assisted living services within a beautifully landscaped setting. The home is committed to providing a secure environment where residents can live to their full potential with the assurance that assistance will be provided when needed. The home's staff provide companionship, and quality care services to enhance the quality of life of each of its residents.

Persons who are basically independent, but who require assistance for some of their daily activities such as bathing and dressing, can benefit from assisted living services within this secure, comfortable living environment.

For more information, contact:  
Masonic Eastern Star Home-West  
226 Bellevue Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15229  
(412) 931-8300



They Moved to Independent Living for the Freedom!

In the spring of 1998, Forrest Batz, Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, and his wife, June, moved to Independent Living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. They declare it's the best move they ever made!

Ironically, they spend a lot of time away from the campus traveling in their 31-foot motor home.

Camping has always been a part of their lives and they enjoy traveling approximately 10,000 miles a year in their recreational vehicle.

They are members of two Masonic camping groups, including the National Camping Travelers, and the Caravaners, a camping group associated with the Rajah Shrine in Reading. They've traveled up and down the east coast enjoying the fellowship within these groups.

So why retirement living at the Masonic

Homes in Elizabethtown? Forrest and June love the freedom which allows them to travel without worrying about property maintenance. Knowing they have a secure parking lot in which to park their vehicle on the Masonic Homes' campus and that their cottage is being looked after when they are away, also gives them a great sense of security.

Bro. and Mrs. Batz moved to the Masonic Homes from the Reading area where they grew up and were high school sweethearts. After they sold their house, built by Bro. Batz, they traveled and lived in their motor home for nine months before their new cottage was ready for occupancy. While the interim was enjoyable, they are happy to be in their new home.

Bro. Batz remains quite active in his home lodge. Both he and Mrs. Batz are also active in the Order of the Eastern



Bro. and Mrs. Batz love the freedom of life at the Masonic Homes... and in their motor home!

Star, Chapter No. 251, and various other Masonic organizations. The Batz's have two sons and a daughter, and have proudly passed the tradition on to their children, all of whom are active within the Family of Freemasonry.

For more information on how you can enjoy a retirement filled with freedom at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, call 1-800-676-6452.

Another Great Grand Master's Day Set For Sept. 25

Make plans today to come to the Masonic Homes' annual open house for Pennsylvania Masons, their families and friends!

Grand Master's Day at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown will be held on Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 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.

Renovations and additions to the campus include: the completion of the Independent Living cottage construction project; renovations to the Independent Living Clubhouse, including a new café, library, residents' lounge, and the enlarged Keystone Room; the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club; the Brossman's Pool on Freemasons Drive; the Respite and Residential Cottage; expansion and renovations to the Sell Chapel; and the Masonic Conference Center.

Delicious food will be provided free throughout the grounds: sausage, baked beans, sauerkraut, hot dogs, ice cream, and beverages. Various organizations will set up information booths and displays. Visitors will have the opportunity to receive information about the services provided at the four Masonic Homes' locations: Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster. 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 you can view first-hand the services, accommodations, and excellent 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 Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so special tickets can be forwarded to you prior to Grand Master's Day.

Don't miss this great day of fun, excitement, and fellowship!



Youth Appreciation Day Celebrated at the Masonic Homes

The Masonic Children's Home celebrated its 76th annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet in the Assembly Room at the Masonic Health Care Center on May 28. All 36 youth were recognized for their many varied activities and accomplishments throughout the year, and several were given special recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocation, athletics, and citizenship.

Special focus was on three high school graduates: Tella Mercado, who is going on to Central Penn Business School to study Office Administration; Kristina Lewis, who will continue her employment as a Resident Care Assistant at the Masonic Health Care Center; and Megan Davey, who will begin her job at the Center for Industrial Training in Mechanicsburg.

Along with their graduation certificates, the three seniors were presented with Bibles from Rev. A. Preston Van Deursen, associate pastor and a graduate of the Masonic Children's Home, and with gifts from the Masonic Homes - Patton School Alumni Association representative, Judy Wooters.

Much of the program was presented by the children, sharing duties as ushers, emcees, award presenters, and providing musical entertainment.

Attending were parents, relatives, and friends; Dr. Allan Thrush, Dr. Donald Donley, Gerald Lorson, and Miss Carol Myers of the Elizabethtown Area School District; Masonic Children's Home staff and children; and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes. R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette congratulated the seniors on behalf of the Committee on Masonic Homes for an excellent job during the year, and wished them good luck and much success in their future years.

"You may be leaving this program, but you will remain an important part of our lives," Grand Master Ernette said.

Tella Mercado shared some thoughts on behalf of the seniors. "The Masonic Homes has always been on our side, and never let us fall behind," she said. "Thank you, Masonic Homes, for helping not only me, but all of the kids find our way to happiness."



Megan Davey, Grand Master James L. Ernette, Kristina Lewis, Tella Mercado, and Bro. Gilson (Buzz) G. Cash, Director of the Masonic Children's Home, get ready to perform the ceremonial tree planting on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home.



Melissa Balmer receives a trophy at Youth Appreciation Day.

The graduating seniors continued the tradition of planting a tree on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home to commemorate the occasion and to leave a living symbol of their ties to the Masonic Homes.

Thirty-six smiling faces - the residents of the Masonic Children's Home





Act at Once for Limited Tee Times Remaining For Grand Master's Three Charity Golf Outings

Time is short for signing up for any of the Grand Master's three Regional Charity Golf Outings to benefit the Masonic Children's Home of Pennsylvania. There is a limited number of tee times still available, so you will have to act at once.

All tournaments will be shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m. Registration and luncheon from 10:45 a.m. After golf, there will be a reception at 6 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a program to award prizes.

Entry fee: \$125 includes greens fees, carts, refreshments on course, lunch, reception, dinner, and program. For non-golfers, \$30 includes reception, dinner, and program.

Send reservations with check payable to "Masonic Charities Fund" to:

- Western Pennsylvania, Aug. 16, at Quicksilver Country Club, Midway. William Hartland, 2030 North View Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 (Phone: 724-863-6469).
- Central Pennsylvania, Aug. 23, at Felicita Resort, Harrisburg area. John L. Winkelman, 513 N. Fourth St., Reading, PA 19601-2836 (Phone: 610-374-1286).
- Eastern Pennsylvania, Aug. 30, at Lulu Country Club, Plymouth Meeting. William Greet, 2125 Parkdale Ave., Glenside, PA 19038 (Phone: 215-887-4915)



Golf Reservation Form

Please enter the golfers listed below at \$125 per person in the Grand Master's Golf Tournament(s). Enclosed is my check made payable to "Masonic Charities Fund" in the amount of \$

Individual golf entrants will be assigned to a foursome.

Deadline for golf reservations is one week before each tournament, unless the maximum number of golfers is reached before then.

Indicate Tournament(s)

Payment must accompany your reservations.

1.) Name Address City, St., Zip Lodge Number (if applicable)

2.) Name Address City, St., Zip Lodge Number (if applicable)

3.) Name Address City, St., Zip Lodge Number (if applicable)

4.) Name Address City, St., Zip Lodge Number (if applicable)

1999 FLORIDA MASONIC REUNIONS

More than 1,000 Pennsylvania Freemasons, their spouses, widows, and family members living in Florida attended a Masonic Reunion at one of three locations: the Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers on March 25; the Egypt Shrine Temple in Tampa on March 26; or the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Winter Park on March 27. Approximately 7,500 Pennsylvania Freemasons reside in the "Sunshine State." The four-hour events included a reception, lunch, program, and social hour. Special highlights of the reunions included the Grand Master's presentation of 50-year Emblems of Gold, door prizes, and mementos from the Grand Master and his wife.



Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, CEO of the Masonic Homes, enjoys a conversation with a few guests at a reunion in Fort Myers

The reunions were hosted by R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and his wife, Brenda. Grand Lodge officers and their wives, as well as Masonic Homes' staff, also greeted the brethren and their guests. The Masonic Homes' staff shared important information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



Fifty-year Emblems of Gold recipients with the Grand Lodge Officers in Tampa



Fifty-year Emblems of Gold recipients with the Grand Lodge Officers in Winter Park



Fifty-year Emblems of Gold recipients with the Grand Lodge Officers in Fort Myers

Masonic Library and Museum Introduces New Gift Shop Idea Book

Included with this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason you will find a copy of the new Masonic Library and Museum Gift Shop Idea Book. This edition has been up-dated and many new items have been included. We are happy to announce that we have secured a new toll free number (1-800-336-7317) for the convenience of those desiring to make purchases from the Gift Shop.

Many of the needs of our lodges can be fulfilled through the many pages of items in this idea book. We hope that you will help support The Masonic Library and Museum through your purchases in our Gift Shop.

Immediate Availability in the Village Green Area

The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown has immediate availability for Residential Living in the beautiful Village Green Area. Residential Living is an independent option for those looking for a carefree lifestyle.

For additional information about the Village Green Area, or to schedule a tour, please call the Admissions Office at 1-800-422-1207.

Final 1999 Organ Recital at Masonic Temple November 7th

The last organ recital in the 1999 Music Series at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia sponsored by The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. There will be tours of the Temple at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. preceding the Recital.

There are two Rodgers organs in this hall, and our two recitalists will present a truly interesting program. Monty Maxwell, Organist for the Chapel of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, will be joined by Donald H. McFarland, Director of Music for Richardson Park United Methodist Church, Wilmington, DE and representative for the Rodgers Organ Company for the Philadelphia area, will perform in this dual organ recital.



Museum Displays Exhibits on Governors and on 18th Century Masonic Symbols

Two exhibits were displayed in May in the Museum at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. One is a pictorial history called "The Masonic Governors of Pennsylvania, 1726-1971." The other is "18th-century Masonic Songbooks," showing almost all of the music books of that era in the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum.

There have been 108 Governors of Pennsylvania to date (1999), of whom 31 are known or presumed to have been Masons. The exhibit includes provincial governors, born in England, and thought to have been Masons, even though there are no records available from the Grand Lodge of England to prove or disprove their membership in the Fraternity. Some of the better-known Masonic Governors were: John and Richard Penn (grandsons of William Penn, who was not a Mason; John was the son-in-law of William Allen, Grand Master 1731-1732; and 1747-1761), James Hamilton (Mayor of Philadelphia 1745-1746, Grand Master 1735-1736); Benjamin Franklin (Grand Master, 1734-1735 and 1749); John Dickinson; Joseph Hiester; Andrew Gregg Curtain (Member of Congress and Minister to Russia); General John Frederick Hartranft; Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker (who had been made a Mason-at-Sight by Grand Master William J. Kelly on Jan. 29, 1897); William Cameron Sproul; George M. Leader (also made a Mason-at-Sight by

Grand Master Ralph M. Lehr on March 3, 1955); and Raymond P. Shafer, 33°. The last two are still living.

The Seven Liberal Arts were, and still are, the greatest part of a well-rounded education. The seven — grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy — are specifically mentioned and extolled in the Fellow Craft Degree of Masonry. Music, as one of them, has always had a firm place in Masonic lodge life. Even today, every lodge hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia has an organ. As explained in "18th-century Masonic Songbooks," the common practice was to sing lyrics to well-known melodies like those of the patriotic "Rule Britannia," "God Save the King (My Country, 'tis of thee)" or other popular (mostly love or drinking) songs, often written by great composers like Purcell and Clarke. Since everyone knew the tunes, the music did not have to be written out, thus keeping the price low. Some songbooks, however, were published with musical notation, which was a very expensive proposition, since staff lines, notes, and other markings had to be engraved on steel or copper. Masonic songs were usually printed at the end of monitors, constitutions, or rituals. The Ahiman Rezon, for example, contains some Masonic songs, as it has through all its editions. There are, however, some pure songbooks, called songsters, which usually contain songs of an appropriately high-minded Masonic nature, then a tremendous number of "refreshment" songs of varying degrees of bawdiness.



## Pre-School Students Benefit From Grant



R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (right) presents a check for \$37,500, the third annual installment of a grant to St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, to Barbara Hills, the school's Prevention Projects Director, and the Rev. Fr. Martin R. Batel, O.S.B., the college President. The grant funds the college's pre-school student assistance training program. Trainers from the college go to pre-schools throughout the state from Lancaster County westward to teach the educators how to recognize and deal with emotional problems, signs of at-risk situations, and conflicts. This target is to stem the potential problems, stresses, and conflicts that often lead to chemical abuse later in students' school lives.

## Grand Master Awarded 25-Yr. Pin

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette, along with Bros. G. Ervin Boyce, P.M. and Donald Howard received their 25-Year pins during the June stated meeting of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg. R.W. Deputy Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. made the presentations as all of the officers of Grand Lodge occupied the stations and places. Richard J. Stemmler, 30th Masonic D.D.G.M. and Anthony Diversa, W.M., took part in the presentation. A large contingent of District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge personnel attended and there was an excellent attendance by Westmoreland Lodge members and visitors.

At the same meeting, Grand Master Ernette presented 50-Year Emblems of Gold to Carl W. Johns; Charles H. Johnston, Jr., P.M.; and Edward Topper.

## Courtyard, Flagpole Given by Grand Master



Before the June stated meeting of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, R.W. Deputy Grand Master Robert L. Dluge and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dedicated a new courtyard with landscaping and a lighted flagpole that R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (center) presented as a gift to his lodge in memory of his late father-in-law. A bronze plaque at the base of the flagpole indicating "In Memory of William B. Smith" was unveiled by his widow, Ruby M. Smith (second from right), and his daughter, Brenda (Smith) Ernette (second from left). At left is his granddaughter, Lisa (Ernette) Frederick and at right her husband, G. Joseph Frederick. In front of Lisa is great-granddaughter, Ashley Frederick, and held by Joseph is great-grandson, Cole Joseph Frederick. The late Bro. Smith was a recommender on Grand Master Ernette's petition 25 years ago.

## Red Cross Elects Bro. Jackson and Appoints Bro. Speicher

The R.W. Grand Secretary, Thomas W. Jackson, was elected Illustrious Grand Chancellor for the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine at the annual assembly held in Tulsa, OK. Bro. Jackson served in the position of Intendant General, Pennsylvania Eastern, for the past three years. Assuming the normal progression, he will be in position to be elected Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign in 2003.

During the same assembly, the R.W. Grand Treasurer, Marvin G. Speicher, was appointed by Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign James S. DeMond to replace Bro. Jackson as the Intendant General for Pennsylvania Eastern.

## Masonic Donations



Washington Lodge No. 265, awarded \$600 each to the Childrens Museum and to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Columbia County. From left, Bro. Dennis A. Laubach presents the check to Sandra Evans, educational coordinator of the Childrens Museum, while Bro. Fred L. Whitenight, Jr., presents a check to Mary Diehl, director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

## Masonic Education... Preparing Tomorrow's Ambassadors

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee recently completed seven regional seminars on Masonic Education throughout the Jurisdiction during the Spring. The highlight of the seminars was the introduction of the new *Masonic Education Handbook for Candidate Instruction*. The handbook has been designed to answer many of the questions the candidates have relative to Freemasonry in general, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular. The dissemination of the information contained in the handbook will empower our brethren to become effective ambassadors for Freemasonry.

Preparations are underway for the 14th Annual Masonic Education Seminar in Elizabethtown. All District Deputy Grand Masters, Regional and District Chairmen on Masonic Education should mark their calendars for Oct. 8 and 9. The Seminar will take place at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus of the Masonic Homes. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education plans to premier the first of three videos on candidate instruction to be used in conjunction with the *Masonic Education Handbook* in the Williamson Multimedia Center. The videos will be based on the three sections of the handbook and will be used to foster an interactive dialogue between the candidates and the Lodge Chairmen of Masonic Education.

For answers to any questions regarding the upcoming seminar or the Masonic Education Handbook, please contact Masonic Education Office at 215-988-1919.

## Plans Announced for Sept. and Dec. Quarterlies And Dec. 27 Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge

The next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. will precede the meeting. There will be a meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters at 1:00 p.m.

The December Quarterly Communication and Election of Officers will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The business of the Grand Lodge will determine the schedule for lunch. There will be a Grand Master's Banquet with entertainment by "Up With People" in the evening. There will be a social reception at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. (See reservation coupon below.)

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the installation of the new Grand Master and Elected Officers will be Monday, Dec. 27, in the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Grand Lodge will open at 10:00 a.m., and the installation of the Grand Master will be at noon. Lunch will follow the Communication. A gala Grand Master's banquet and outstanding show are planned for the evening in the new Red, White and Blue Ballrooms of the Great American Hall in the remodeled Hershey Convention Center. (See more information and reservation coupon on Page 9.)

### Reservation Form For December Quarterly Communication Banquet and Show

Enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) at \$25 per person for the Banquet and Show at The Philadelphia Marriott after the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, Dec. 1. There will be a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by "Up With People."

Entree selection: # of Beef \_\_\_\_\_; # of Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Reservations will be accepted on a "First Come" Basis)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Nov. 15

Please make checks payable to "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Send check with reservation to: Office of the Grand Master  
Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

## Rainbow Girls Visit 33rd Masonic District

On March 25, the Grand Officers of the International Order of Rainbow visited the 33rd Masonic District as part of the Grand Officers Tour throughout the Commonwealth. The event was held in Elk Lodge No. 379, Ridgway. Currently, there is no Rainbow Assembly in the 33rd Masonic District.

The Grand Officers' Tour is to showcase the young ladies' youth organization to Masons and their wives and spark an interest in starting an assembly. Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Inspector for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania, gave an impressive presentation about the Order and how to start an Assembly in the

District. The state officers also exemplified some of the floor work of the Order (see picture).

The eight lodges of the 33rd Masonic District presented the Grand Officers with a donation of \$250. The donation will be used towards promoting the Order of Rainbow for Girls throughout the Commonwealth.





# The Grand Master's Itinerary

AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER

Aug. 1	Organ Recital, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 4:30 p.m.	Sept.26-28	Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., Atlantic City.
Aug. 6	Western Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic, Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh.	Sept. 29	Royal Order of Scotland, Atlantic City.
Aug. 7	Unity Banquet - Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Radisson Penn Harris, Camp Hill - Social Hour, 5 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m.	Oct. 2	75th Anniversary, Duquesne Lodge No. 731, McKeesport, 49th Masonic District.
Aug. 9	Syria Golf Outing, Latrobe Country Club.	Oct. 6	Royal Order of Scotland, Washington, DC.
Aug. 13	DeMolay Key Man Conference, Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown - 6 p.m.	Oct. 8	50th Anniversary, Bethel Lodge No. 761, Pittsburgh, 57th Masonic District.
Aug. 14	150th Anniversary, Armstrong Lodge No. 239, Freeport, 27th Masonic District.	Oct. 16	OVERTURE Series (South-Region 4), Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.
Aug. 16	Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing. Quicksilver Country Club, Pittsburgh.	Oct. 20	Mac Sanders-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Receive M.W. Grand Master of Arizona.
Aug. 21	Concert on the Green, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.	Oct. 21	Staff Meeting with Grand Lodge Officers, Harrisburg Marriott - 7 p.m.
Aug. 23	Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing, Felicita Resort, Harrisburg.	Oct. 22	Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee, 8-9:45 a.m.; Financial Sub-Committee, 10-11:45 a.m.; Committee on Masonic Homes, 1 p.m.; Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children.
Aug. 24	PIN Club Picnic, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh.	Oct. 23	175th Anniversary, Lafayette Lodge No. 194, Selinsgrove, 46th Masonic District.
Aug. 30	Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing, Lulu Country Club, Plymouth Meeting.	Oct. 24	Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Philadelphia, Legion of Honor Award.
Aug. 31	Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: M&R Presentation, 9 a.m.; Consolidated Fund, 9:30 a.m.; Administrators of the Pension Plan, 11 a.m.; Committee on Finance, 1 p.m.	Oct. 27	Banquet of Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren, and presentation of 50-Year Emblem of Gold to Bro. William E. Yeager, Jr.
Sept. 1	Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: Committee on Landmarks, 10 a.m.; District Deputies' Meeting, 1 p.m.; Rehearsal for Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers, 3 p.m.; Dinner, 5 p.m.; Quarterly Communication, 7 p.m.	Oct. 29	D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremonies, Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown - 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Garfield Lodge No. 559, DuBois, Receive M.W. Grand Master of District of Columbia at Stated Meeting.	Oct. 30	50th Anniversary, Andrew Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, 1st Masonic District.
Sept. 8-10	Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association, Virginia Beach, VA	Nov. 6	International Order of Rainbow for Girls Honor Day, Honoring R.W. Grand Master, Carlisle - Noon.
Sept. 11	Appreciation and Testimonial Banquet for R.W. Grand Master aboard Gateway Clipper, Pittsburgh. OVERTURE Series, Holiday Inn, Allentown.		Banquet of the Eastern Regional Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine, Holiday Inn, Grantville, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Plum Creek-Monroeville Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh, conferral of Master Mason's Degree upon Troopers Brian F. Gross and Robert DePew, II, 7:30 p.m.	Nov. 7	Organ Recital, Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496, Millersville, Master Mason's Degree for Trooper Noel Velez - 7 p.m.	Nov.12-13	Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R. Reunion.
Sept. 17	Dedication of George Washington Statue, Waterford, Erie County, 24th Masonic District, 1 p.m.	Nov. 16	Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: M&R Presentation, 9 a.m.; Consolidated Fund, 9:30 a.m.; Administrators of the Pension Plan, 11 a.m.; Committee on Finance, 1 p.m.
Sept. 18	LaBelle Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore, Special Communication of Grand Lodge for Lodge Room Dedication and Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.	Nov.19-20	Valley of Williamsport, A.A.S.R. Reunion.
Sept. 21	Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania State Police Degree Team, Master Mason's Degree for Capt. Coleman J. McDonough - 7 p.m.	Nov. 20	OVERTURE Series, Woodlands Inn, Wilkes-Barre.
Sept. 22	Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth, conferral of two Master Mason's Degrees upon Troopers Jeffrey Jones and Joshua Giron at McKeesport Masonic Temple.	Nov. 27	Pittsburgh Holiday Parade - 9 a.m. 30th Masonic District Appreciation Dinner, Stahlstown.
Sept. 23	Staff Meeting with Grand Lodge Officers, Harrisburg Marriott - 7 p.m.	Nov. 30	Meetings at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia: Committee on Landmarks, 10 a.m.; District Deputies' Meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Rehearsal for Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers, 3 p.m.; Social Reception, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee, 8-9:45 a.m.; Financial Sub-Committee, 10-11:45 a.m.; Committee on Masonic Homes, 1 p.m.	Dec. 1	Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge and Election of Officers, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia - 10 a.m.
Sept. 25	Grand Master's Day at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.		

VISIT US ON THE INTERNET:  
[pagrandlodge.org](http://pagrandlodge.org)

# Universal Brotherhood: That is Freemasonry!

By: Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary



Brethren:

You will recall a quotation from our ritual stating that "Freemasonry has endured the moral test of ages." This is a great credit to our Craft which few organizations can claim. But, Freemasonry has done more — much, much more — than having endured during those ages. One thing it has done is spread around the world. Almost everywhere that freedom exists, and even in some areas where it does not, Freemasonry may be found.

In a world of changing values, in a world wracked with tensions, wars and threats of wars, in a world where spiritual values and ethics are declining, there has been for several hundred years a bright and shining constant — Freemasonry.

Oh, maybe our membership figures are not shining as brightly as they once did; but our philosophy is ... our purpose is ... our goal is ... our very reason for existing is still shining and has not diminished one iota. The basic precepts of the Fraternity today are as they were in 1717 when we had our structural origin.

Perhaps it would behoove us to examine more fully those precepts which have led to our longevity and our worldwide distribution. Why do we continue to survive when so many organizations have failed?

It is my feeling that the primary factor affecting our success is inherent in the very foundation of our admission process. That single requirement of a belief of God and not in any specific theology has been primary. This character provides a means of promoting a form of brotherhood that no single theology could ever hope to promote. It is the reason for the universality of our Fraternity. There are those who have a problem with this philosophical precept and condemn us for it, but it is a universal foundation stone of our Craft.

There is no doubt that differences exist in Freemasonry around the world. There are differences existing in Freemasonry even within this country; but it is the similarities, not the differences, which make Freemasonry what it is. The universal feeling of brotherhood from grand lodges around the world is impressive.

I had the great privilege of sitting recently in a subordinate lodge in Mali, Africa, where almost all of the members present were of the Muslim faith and where a Tuareg was being made a Mason. The feeling of total brotherhood which permeated that hall was as universal as any I have experienced anywhere else in the world. This, my Brothers, is Freemasonry.

Our Craft seems to have retained this character of brotherhood in some areas more than in others, but perhaps the need is greater there. The principles upon which it was founded do not vary, however. They are as old as civilization, itself: unchanged and unchanging.

We are part of the fortunate few, the relatively small percentage, who have had the opportunity and privilege to be Freemasons. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale expressed his membership this way: "Outside of my relationship to the church of Almighty God, this is the most valued fellowship of my entire experience."

My Brothers, I continue to encourage you to become more cognizant of this great experience, more aware of the influence and significance of the Craft and more thankful that this is a privilege that has been afforded you. Then, and only then, will you truly appreciate it.

# Pennsylvania Franklin Medal Presented to Blaine Fabian

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on June 2, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (left) presented the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal and a Grand Master's Medallion to Blaine F. Fabian, P.M., Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freeman*.



The Franklin Medal, the most distinguished honor awarded by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is presented to those who have rendered outstanding service to the Craft. It is named for Bro. Benjamin Franklin who served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1734 and 1749.

Bro. Fabian was made a Mason in Ephrata Lodge No. 665 in 1956 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1965. Through the years, he served the Grand Lodge on the former Masonic Culture and Masonic Education Committees, and various publications, and public relations projects. He first helped on the predecessor *Freemason* in the 1960's and 1970's and has been involved with the current production of *The Pennsylvania Freeman* since 1990.

He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Past Sovereign Prince in the Valley of Reading and an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°, N.M.J., having been coroneted in Grand Rapids in 1988. He also edits the publication of the Valley of Reading. He is a Past President of both the Lancaster County Club and the Pagoda (Reading) Club of Reading Consistory. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies in Reading, including Constantine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is a member of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia and Benjamin Franklin Chapter No. 16 of the National Sojourners. He is a Shriner in Rajah Temple, Reading, and a Past President of the Lancaster County Shrine Club. He is Past President of Fellowship High Twelve Club, Reading, and edits the club's bimonthly newsletter. Additionally, he helped establish the quarterly *Newsletter* of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, VA.

Bro. Fabian began his career in journalism as a teenager writing for the weekly *Ephrata Review*. After four years in the Navy as a Journalist, he was a writer and editor for *The Lancaster Sunday News* for eight years. He joined Metropolitan Edison Company in Reading as a publicity assistant in 1962 and retired from the electric utility as the Director of Communication (Public Relations) in 1991.

The recipient of the Franklin Medal and his wife, Loretta, reside in Wilshire near Sinking Spring. They are the parents of twin daughters, Lori Skrincosky and Marjorie Ketner, and have one granddaughter, Stefanie Ketner.