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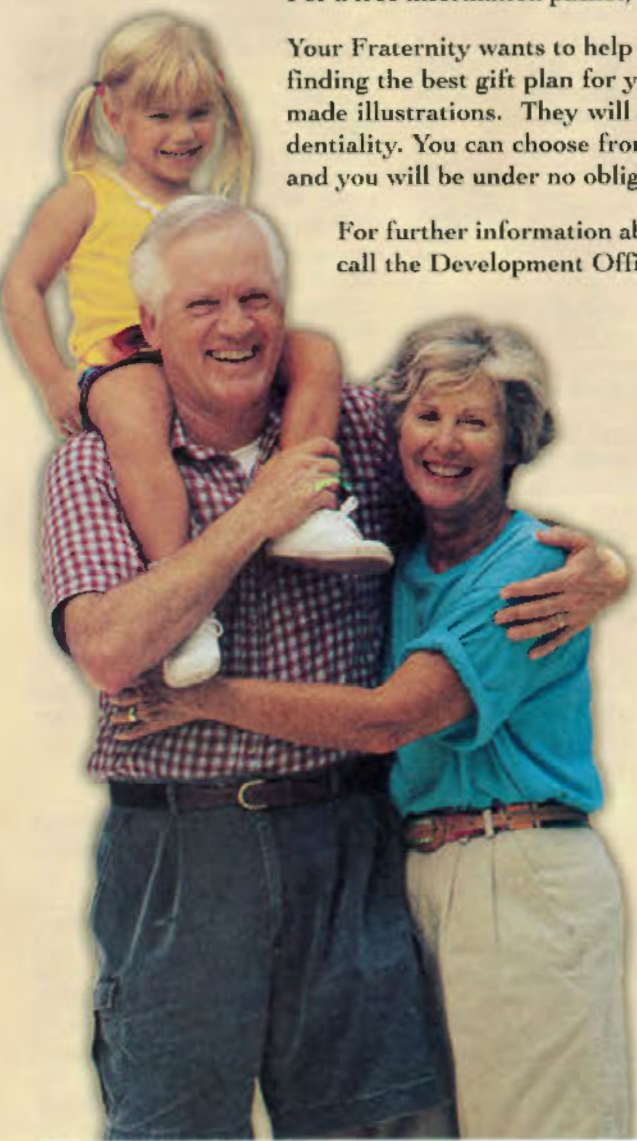
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# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE HERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES, TAKE THE CHALLENGE

My Brethren:

It is our hope that you have entered into this new millennium without any Y2K difficulties and you are prepared to participate actively in the activities of your lodge and of this great Grand Lodge. The pages of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* reflect that our brethren have taken the challenge placed before them at the Annual Grand Communication – that of continuing service to our Fraternity and our communities.



In this issue, you also will find the names of our members who will serve all of us as Grand Lodge elected and appointed officers, district deputies, chaplains, ritualists, aides, important committee members, directors, and staff. The next time you see any of these brethren, tell them that you saw their names and give them "a pat on the back" for their efforts.

As we can see, our lodges are very active in helping others. We are now going to give you the opportunity to improve yourself which, by your participation, will help your lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. The opportunity I refer to will be a series of educational self-improvement programs on Saturday, Mar. 11, on the Masonic Homes campus in Elizabethtown.

If you are a lodge leader, Saturday, the 11th, will be when the Junior and Senior Wardens training seminars will return. Wardens and their wives are being invited to attend and to learn what it means to be a leader. By the end of the day, they will have been given the tools to plan to lead their lodges completely and successfully.

Saturday's session also will focus on ritual when a Grand Lodge School of Instruction will take place. This school will be conducted and presented by our Grand Lodge ritualistic staff. The ritual will be presented by the brethren and principals of the district schools. Come and see the work presented the way it is intended.

Lastly, we will give you the opportunity to improve yourself by gaining accurate knowledge of the Fraternity, its purposes, goals, and a unique perspective of your position as a member locally as well as globally. This opportunity will come with the opening session of our Academy of Freemasonry. Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, has arranged for a dialogue to begin on these subjects with some of the foremost experts of Freemasonry in the world. This is an exciting challenge for Pennsylvania Masons. Please take that challenge and attend!

Best wishes for a millennial year. We look forward to seeing you in Elizabethtown.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert L. Dlugé, Jr.,  
R.W. Grand Master



## Robert L. Dlugé, Jr. Installed 113th Grand Master During Impressive Communication in Hershey

Robert L. Dlugé, Jr. was installed as the 113th R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on Dec. 27 in the presence of more than 600 brethren in a Grand Lodge room-in-the-round staged in the expansive Chocolate Ballroom of the Hershey Convention Center.

The Annual Grand Communication was attended by an impressive line of visiting dignitaries from many of the grand jurisdictions in the United States, as well as the Province of Ontario, Canada, and Haiti. The leaders, or their representatives, from most of the appendant and allied bodies of Freemasonry attended.

The Grand Master's installation at noon climaxed the administering of obligations to the other elected officers: Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., Deputy Grand Master; William Slater II, Senior Grand Warden; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., Junior Grand Warden; and Donald L. Albert, Grand Secretary. As the re-elected incumbent R.W. Grand Treasurer, it was not necessary to re-install Marvin G. Speicher.

After the new Past Grand Master, James L. Ernette, "passed the gavel" of leadership, Grand Master Dlugé introduced a new symbolic ceremony during which those retiring Worshipful Masters of Blue Lodges who were present in Grand Lodge "passed the gavel" of their leadership to their successors by transferring to them the collars and aprons of their offices.

Grand Master Dlugé introduced another inspiring innovation, "The Pennsylvania Charge," which was delivered by Homer Jones, P.M., Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco. The charge recalls the obligatory values, principles, and character of a Freemason.

Among his first acts as Grand Master, Bro. Dlugé awarded the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal for outstanding, distinguished service to Freemasonry to Past Grand Masters Edward O. Weissner and James L. Ernette. (See articles on page 8 of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.)



Within two hours of his installation, Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, was received in his home lodge, Elysburg Lodge No. 414, during an informal visitation at a special meeting in Hershey. Grand Master Dlugé and the Grand Lodge officers are pictured retiring from the lodge room after the reception.

[Annual Communication Photos by Kenneth R. Brooks]

### Grand Master Received in His Lodge

Within two hours of his installation as the 113th Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., P.M., was received in his lodge during an informal visitation at a special meeting in Hershey. Accompanying the new R.W. Grand Master for the visitation were the elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge as well as the R.W. Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, other appointed Grand Lodge personnel, and the distinguished guests who attended the Annual Grand Communication.

The brethren assured that Grand Master Dlugé would be well equipped to command order and govern Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. In the course of the ceremonies, he was presented with three gavels: the first by his father, Bro. Robert L. Dlugé, Sr.; the second by the 58th Masonic District; and the third, which was carved in the shape of a model train engine, by Bro. William Weissner.

### 1,300 Enjoy Gala Banquet

Some 1,300 brethren and ladies celebrated the installation of Bro. Dlugé at the gala Grand Master's Banquet held that evening in the new Great American Ballroom of the Hershey Convention Center. The gala evening was climaxed by a well received, lively show featuring Marilyn McCoo and Billie Davis, Jr., the founding headliners of the Original 5th Dimension.

James L. Ernette, then-R.W. Grand Master (left) and Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Grand Master-elect, celebrate on the eve of the installation.



Awaiting the opening of the Annual Grand Communication in Hershey are (l-r): Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.-elect; James L. Ernette, then-R.W. Grand Master;

George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.P.G.M.; Drew W. Washabau, Active Member of Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.; and Judge Charles F. Greevy, Active Emeritus Member of Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.

Grand Master Dlugé compliments and thanks Homer Jones, P.D.D.G.M., for a job well done in delivering the newly adopted Pennsylvania Charge following the installation in Grand Lodge.



Members of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., gather prior to the Annual Grand Communication in Hershey. They are

(l-r): Thomas K. Sturgeon, Active Member; C. DeForrest Trexler, Deputy for Pennsylvania; Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander; and Judge Charles F. Greevy, Active Emeritus.

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## Grand Master Dluge Announces Program That Teams Pennsylvania Freemasons With Little League Baseball



In front of "A World of Opportunity" logo, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Grand Master (left), presents the big check representing Pennsylvania Freemasons' 'grand slam' support for the Little League World Series to Karen Stotz Myers, Theodore Reich, and Stephen Kemmer.

In honor of the late Bro. Carl Stotz, the Mason who founded Little League Baseball in 1939, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master announced a monumental program for the Masons of Pennsylvania to support the expansion of the Little League World Series in Williamsport. During a well attended media conference on Dec. 30 in the Little League Baseball Museum in Williamsport, Grand Master Dluge tossed a winning pitch in this team effort to benefit youth by presenting a contribution of \$500,000 to Little League Baseball.

Because of this support, in conjunction with the building of another stadium, the Little League complex will have a big league-style scoreboard marked with Masonic symbols and dedicated in honor of the late Bro. Stotz. In addition, there will be a memorial sculpture of him placed at the entrance of the stadium complex. A Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony for the memorial statue is also being planned for the unveiling and dedication of the statue during the Little League World Series.

It was Bro. Stotz, who was a member of John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport, who conceived the idea of organized baseball for young boys. He founded the first program in 1939 with only three teams that today has grown to become the world's largest organized youth sports program. Nearly three million boys and girls participate in Little League baseball and softball programs, with one million volunteers in 103 countries.

Grand Master Dluge presented the check to Stephen D. Kemmer, President and C.E.O. of Little League Baseball; Karen Stotz Myers, daughter of the late Bro. Carl Stotz; and Theodore H. Reich, Chairman of Little League Baseball International Board of Directors. In receiving the grant, President Kemmer said: "With Little League Baseball continuing to grow and expand, it is appropriate that we take this opportunity to remember Carl Stotz as the founder of our program. We thank the Masons of Pennsylvania for their generosity and their belief in the mission of Little League as they memorialize Mr. Stotz. Their gifts will be of benefit to the children around the world."

"It is a great day for the Stotz family, Masons, and the Little League," said Chairman Reich, who also is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Jersey Shore (PA) State Bank.

According to Karen Stotz Myers, the founding of Little League was simply the result of her father wanting his nephews to play baseball. "The Stotz family dreams will be realized when future generations of Little Leaguers know it was Carl Stotz who gave them the

opportunity," she said at the media conference.

After the conference, Grand Master Dluge commented on behalf of the nearly 150,000 Pennsylvania Masons, "Our team effort and contribution is a 'grand slam' for youth, again putting action into the often repeated words that 'Masons care about youth.'"

This Grand Master's program came to this point as a team effort among a number of Masons, especially Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and Richard L. Betron, Sr., P.M., Lodge No. 106, Williamsport, who is an employee of Little League Headquarters, Inc.



Ready to deliver the first pitch during a well attended media conference in Little League Stadium, Bro. Dluge announces this Grand Master's monumental program to support youth. The Grand Lodge team of officers are there to support what will become "A World of Opportunity" for children.

## Lodges Urged to Aid Heart Program



Theo Kotjarapoglus, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Heart Association (left), and Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, display an automatic external defibrillator (AED), such as the Grand Master is encouraging lodges to assist the Heart

Association in providing for local police, fire, and ambulance units in their communities. The AED is a device that literally can shock a person back to life. The Grand Master said that helping the Heart Association attain its goal of placing 1,000 units across Pennsylvania is a program that literally will save lives. It is an excellent method to apply the Matching Grants Program to good community service. Joining in the presentation of the AED story are (at right): Alvin Blitz, General Counsel of the Pennsylvania Heart Association, and Earl "Skip" Mordan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Emergency Safety Committee.

## Over Two Years With Matching Grants, Lodges Infuse \$2-Million-Plus into Communities



Spirited by the Grand Lodge Matching Charities Grants Program, in two years lodges across Pennsylvania have infused \$2,154,470 into their communities to serve the needs of their neighbors. Along with the funds, brethren have contributed countless hours of personal service to mankind.

In 1998, 326 lodges filed 736 applications and \$478,575 were granted. That means with Grand Lodge Matching Grants, nearly a million dollars benefitted mankind in communities across the state in the first year of the program.

If 1998 was great, then 1999 was superb: 349 lodges filed 1,010 applications of which 911 were granted \$598,660. In other words, with Matching Grants monies, nearly \$1.2 million more made a difference in the lives of persons across the state in 1999. That's a seven percent increase in lodge participation and a 25 percent increase in funding.

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. has said that the Matching Charities Grants Program will continue, adding increased emphasis for lodges' and members' personal involvement in community projects along with the funding. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. will continue to chair the program and administer it.

## Pittsburgh Proclamation Cites Grant

The City of Pittsburgh issued an official Proclamation resolving that the Council "...does hereby thank the officers and members of East Liberty Lodge No. 725, Pittsburgh, and Pennsylvania's Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons for their generous and gracious support of the community of Garfield (in Pittsburgh)... and for their efforts, energy, and undying dedication to the principles upon which the Free & Accepted Masons were founded nearly three hundred years ago." East Liberty Lodge contributed \$1,000 in support of the Garfield Youth Football project to improve its facilities in Pittsburgh.



## Azalea Lodge Gives Police Night Vision

With an ITT Night Quest Monocular device purchased at a cost of \$1,500 by Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Butler Township police will be able to see things more clearly. The equipment, known by police as "night vision," looks like a small hand-held video camera and makes night-time look almost like daylight. Charles Miller, W.M., of Azalea Lodge (right) presented the night vision equipment to Patrolmen Al Demko (left) and Brian Sabatini.

## Concordia Lodge Helps Police Dept.

During the annual ladies' night of Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, Frederick Wichterman, W.M. (Center), presented a check for \$6,000 to the Jenkintown Chief of Police, Craig Rickard (right), for the purchase of a mobile data transmitter. The equipment will allow a police officer to access instantly information relating to the situation at hand. Participating in the presentation was Dale H. Fera (left), D.D.G.M., Masonic District E. Concordia Lodge has a history of also supporting the local volunteer fire department and the D.A.R.E. programs.



## Masons Donate \$1,000 for Police Chapel

Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764 presented a donation of \$1,000 to the Lancaster City's Mayor Charlie Smithgall, and Donald L. Erb, Sr., at a city hall ceremony for the construction of a chapel in a new city police station to be built. Donald L. Erb, Sr. is the husband of the late Carol Erb, for whom the chapel will be named. She was the mother of two city police officers, Chris and Donald Erb, Jr.

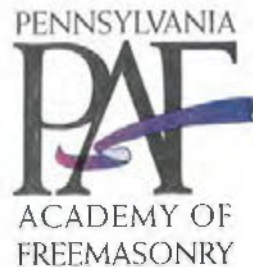


The chapel will serve as a sanctuary for police officers, employees, victims, families of victims, and the public who are in need of a quiet place for meditation, reflection, and solitude during times of stress.

Pictured (l-r) are: front row: George E. Vernau, Jr., P.M. and Past Secretary; Charles I. Fasnacht, P.M., Secretary; Donald Erb, Sr., husband of the late Carol Erb and father of the two police officers; Police Chief Michael Landis; and Mayor Charlie Smithgall. Also, back row: John P. Anuscavage, Chaplain; Donald L. Erb, Jr. and Christopher M. Erb, officers of Lancaster City Police.



# **"Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry" Ready To Open Three Schools of Opportunity in Elizabethtown on March 11**



The first sessions of the "Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry" will be conducted at the Masonic Homes and the Masonic Conference Center at Elizabethtown at 9:00 a.m. on Mar. 11. The second session will be Oct. 14. The Academy will comprise three areas of Masonic education, which will be a School for Ritual, Seminars for Wardens, and an Academy for Masonic Knowledge.

The three-track program, developed at the direction of Robert L. Duge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, will offer Pennsylvania Masons educational opportunities that are vital to the history, tradition and operations of Freemasonry. The Grand Master said, "As a result of the training, Masons will be able to broaden their knowledge of Freemasonry, its origins, history, and ritualistic work and to impart skills and planning information for their lodge leadership."

## **Junior and Senior Wardens' Seminars**

The Masonic Education Committee will conduct training sessions for Junior and Senior Wardens, with Worshipful Masters invited, as part of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry on Mar. 11 and Oct. 14 at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. During the next few weeks, all lodges will receive letters inviting those elected officers to the training sessions.

The concise, one-day training is designed particularly to give Junior and Senior Wardens of all lodges in Pennsylvania the opportunity to learn what their jobs entail while progressing through the line and to be able to plan fully for their service to the Fraternity. The ladies of the wardens and masters will be invited to observe the Fraternity in action and enable them to understand more fully their supporting roles.

## **REGISTRATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FREEMASONRY**

To facilitate planning and arrangements for the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry, please complete the coupon and send it to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

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The Masonic Education Committee that is planning and conducting the training is chaired by Edward O. Weisser, R.W. Past Grand Master, and comprises Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Stephen Gardner, P.D.D.G.M.; Jay W. Smith, P.D.D.G.M.; Dr. Elvin Warfel, Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside; and William Wetterau, P.M., Lodge No. 806, Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge No. 896, Halboro.

## **School For Ritual**

In the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, Regional Instructors and Principals of the Schools of Instruction will exemplify the ritualistic work. Bro. Duge emphasized, "Through the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, we are striving for the excellence in our ritualistic work that is so vital to the philosophy, motivation and tradition of our Fraternity. Brethren involved in ritual will be able to witness the degrees the way they are intended to be exemplified."

This school, which is one of the three tracks of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry, will replace several of the Regional Schools of Instruction.

## **The Academy of Masonic Knowledge**

In presenting the plans for the newly conceived Academy of Masonic Knowledge, its chairman, Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, noted: "For a considerable number of years it has been a concern of many in the Fraternity that Freemasonry in North America has been failing to provide the proper stimulus to develop Masonic scholars and to provide an environment for those who wish to learn about Freemasonry and its impact and receive guidance in understanding and communicating it."

This has been a particularly great concern for Brother Robert L. Duge, Jr., and rectifying that deficiency has become one of the major causes to be addressed during his tenure as the R.W. Grand Master. For that reason, he has had the "Academy of Masonic Knowledge" created as part of the Pennsylvania Masonic Academy. The committee that is directing the Academy of Masonic Knowledge is composed of some of the most knowledgeable and interested Freemasons in Pennsylvania.

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge has been designed specifically to present a learning opportunity based on the "Academy of Ancient Greece." It will be open to all who truly have a desire to learn more about Freemasonry, its origins, its early purposes, accomplishments and reasons for being. Bro. Jackson explains that it is recognized that this will not be a program that will interest all members, but it should be a program that, in the end, will have an impact upon the quality of the Craft in general through the improvement of those who will carry the information into the lodges.

It will meet twice this year, Mar. 11 and Oct. 14, as part of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry. Each meeting will feature a prominent Masonic scholar who will deliver the keynote address. The Masonic scholar who will address the first meeting is Bro. John Hanill, noted author and scholar who served as the Librarian and Curator of the United Grand Lodge of England for 16 years and currently is the Director of Communications for that Grand Lodge.

There will be written materials distributed, along with suggested reading lists for those seeking more light on the topic of discussion. In addition, it is intended that the Academy will provide through this material a "Home Study Guide" for those interested in expanding their knowledge. It also is the intent that the Academy will develop a home study course that, upon a participant's completion of it, will designate the individual as a graduate of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge.

# **Press Conference Kicks Off Dramatic "Every Thirty Minutes" Program**



Then-Grand Master James L. Ernette (left) and State Police Commissioner Paul J. Evanko present an oversize replica of the \$50,000 check from The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children to Angela Sagetti, S.A.D.D. Director.

On Dec. 17, then-R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and several members of the Grand Lodge, the Executive Director Bro. Joseph L. Witte and members of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, along with Bro. and Col. Paul J. Evanko, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, attended a press conference in the Rotunda of the State Capitol for the kick-off of the "Every Thirty Minutes" program. Grand Master Ernette presented a check for \$50,000 to the Program Coordinator to show the support for our youth by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children and the 150,000 Pennsylvania Masons.

Run by the PA DUI Association in conjunction with the State Police, the Pennsylvania Masons and Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), the "Every Thirty Minutes" program instructs students in area high schools about the consequences of "driving under the influence." During the press conferences, speakers from two high schools that had participated in the pilot program spoke about the impact that it had on their whole student bodies.

In the dramatically instructional "Every Thirty Minutes" enactment, the "Grim Reaper" goes into the classroom every 30 minutes and removes previously chosen students to demonstrate that's how often someone is killed as a result of an auto accident involving driving while impaired. When they are returned to the classroom, those students are not allowed to communicate with anyone in the school while their fellow students write letters expressing their thoughts about the departed students.

The students who were chosen and removed from the classroom stay with the staff in a local hotel overnight, where they write letters to their parents about their "death." Parents are also part of the program and they, too, write letters to their children expressing their feelings of loss and grief. Visits to the emergency room and morgue also are part of the program.

## **Raised Together, Brothers Return To Lodge Together 50 Years Later**



Donald B. Carlson (left), C. William Carlson (middle), and Thomas W. Carlson are three brothers who were made Masons together 50 years ago in Butler Lodge No. 272, but they never attended lodge together again until they received

their 50-Year Emblems of Gold in 1999. The emblems were presented by David A. Teorsky, D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District, assisted by Frank Goephart, W.M.

The three grew up in Butler and all served their country during World War II. Bill was in the Army and Don was in the Air Force, both in the China-Burma-India Theater. Tom was in the Navy serving on the battleship, USS Iowa. After the war, Bill started in the newspaper business, but soon followed his father to become the Credit Manager of the Troutman Department Store in Butler, then later of the Lazarus chain of stores in Columbus, OH, from which he retired. After being graduated from Grove City College, Don became Business Manager for Allied Newspapers, moved to sales management positions with large insurance companies, then to Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh and Chicago, where he retired as Senior Sales Representative in the Midwest area. Tom attended Robert Morris College and began a retail career in the Troutman Department Store in DuBois. His advancements led to that of Manager of the Pomeroy Department Store in Reading, where he retired. All three are married and reside in the areas where they retired.

## **Quarterly in March To Be In Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre; Evening Show by Hampton String Quartet in Scranton**

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held Saturday, March 25, 2000, at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Irem Temple Shrine Center, 59 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Luncheon for members will follow the Grand Lodge meeting.

That evening there will be a special Quarterly Communication show beginning at 8 p.m. by the Hampton String Quartet in the Masonic Temple at the Scranton Cultural Center, 420 Washington St., Scranton.

The Julliard-trained and Grammy-nominated Hampton String Quartet performs unplugged renditions of rock from The Rolling Stones to Led Zeppelin. They have played in concert and broadcast venues such as the Town Hall, Madison Square Garden, and United Nations in New York City, Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, Civic Center in Hong Kong; and on ABC, BBC, CBS, and NBC. The quartet comprises Jon Reed, cello; Regis Iandiorio, first violin; Richard Maximoff, viola; and Richard Hendrickson, second violin.



Price for tickets to the entertainment will be \$20 per adult and \$15 per student. Tickets can be purchased at the Scranton Cultural Center Box Office by calling 570-344-1111, or the toll-free number, 1-888-669-8966. There also is a web site, [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com).



## Franklin Medal Presented to Two Past Grand Masters

After his installation as R.W. Grand Master, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., presented the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal to the two immediate Past Grand Masters, Edward O. Weisser and James L. Ernette.

The Franklin Medal is the most distinguished honor awarded by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 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. Edward O. Weisser

Bro. Weisser served as the 111th Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons in 1996 and 1997. He served as Worshipful Master of Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, in 1972 and as District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District from 1973 through 1983. He had served Grand Lodge as Chairman of Masonic Education in 1989 until he became Grand Master and has returned to that service in 2000, was a driving force and committee member for the Friend to Friend program, and instigated and chaired the program to restore the Memorial Arch at Valley Forge.

In York Rite bodies, he served Abington Royal Arch Chapter No. 245 as Most Excellent High Priest in 1989 and is a member of Philadelphia Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 11; Mizpah Commandery No. 96, Knights Templar; Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia; Liberty Bell York Rite College; Joshua Association of Capitular Masonry; Grand Masters' Council Number (A) of Allied Masonic Degrees; and Philadelphia Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders. He received the Order of the Purple Cross for York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

In Scottish Rite, he is a member of Reading Lodge of Perfection; C. Gilbert Steffe Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Francis Marion Highley Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix; and Reading Consistory. Originally, his Scottish Rite membership was in the Valley of Abington which merged into the Valley of Reading. He served as Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in Abington in 1990. Bro. Weisser was coroneted a 33° Mason in 1992.

Bro. Weisser is a Shriner in Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia and has served on the Youth Committee. He also is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the National Sojourners, the Delaware Valley High Twelve Club No. 593, and several Masonic Research organizations.

He has always been known for his concern for youth and the support he has rendered them through the Fraternity and his own life. In recognition thereof, he has received the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor and has been elected to the Grand Cross of Color of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. He has been involved personally as a Big Brother and, as Grand Master, encouraged local lodge support of the Big Brother/Big Sister programs.

Bro. Weisser was born in Langhorne where he has resided his entire life. He is married to the former Barbara E. Banks and they have two daughters, Robyn Rowlands and Kim Stockburger. There are three grandchildren, George, VI and Matthew Stockburger and Jillian Rowlands. He has a twin brother, William, who served as the Grand Sword Bearer through his term as Grand Master.

He was educated in the Lower Moreland School District. He received an Associate of Science degree from York College; a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Cheyney University; and a Master of Education degree from Temple University. He taught in the Neshaminy School District for 11 years, then owned and operated a family campground for 14 years. Currently, he is Vice President and Secretary of Eastern Dawn Mobile Home Park, Inc. He remains an active member of Langhorne United Methodist Church and through the years has served as a church school teacher, Chairman of Education, and Trustee.

Bro. Weisser is well known for his favorite hobby, music. He plays the accordion and has been a member of a string band for 51 years and marched in the Philadelphia Mummers' Parade for 46 years. He has been a member of the Greater Kensington String Band since 1954, served as its president, treasurer, trustee, and currently is its business manager.

### Bro. James L. Ernette

Bro. Ernette served as the 112th Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons in 1998 and 1999. He served as Worshipful Master of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg, in 1980 and as District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District from 1987 through 1991. In addition to the years served as Junior and Senior Grand Wardens and Deputy Grand Master, he had served Grand Lodge in the appointed office of Senior Grand Deacon. He served as President of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, now The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, and on the Board of Directors of the National Masonic Foundation for Children. As R.W. Grand Master, he introduced the very successful Grand Lodge Matching Charity Grants Program.

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

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

He is a Shriner in Syria Temple, Pittsburgh; a member of Caravan Eight, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and The Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2. He is a member of the PIN Club, Pittsburgh, L.A.M.A.S. Club in Latrobe.

He is the Provincial Deputy Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of the U.S. In 1987, he was the Grand Tall Cedar of Westmoreland Forest No. 77, and is a member of Islam Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Pittsburgh.

He was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay. He also is a member of the National Sojourners No. 130, Carlisle; Allied Masonic Degrees; and Grand Masters Council "A."

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

He and his wife, Brenda (Smith) have a daughter Lisa, the wife of Joseph Frederick, who served as the Grand Sword Bearer during Bro. Ernette's tenure as Grand Master. There are two grandchildren, Ashley and Cole Frederick. The Ernettes are members of The Charter Oak United Methodist Church, Greensburg.

## Chester County Masons Dare to Care

A very successful "Dare to Care" Drug and Alcohol Awareness March and Expo was sponsored by several lodges from Masonic District 5. Goddard Lodge No. 383, Coatesville, and Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown, joined together to involve the community in a fund-raiser to benefit various drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs. The program raised more than \$10,000, and with matching funds of \$7,900, it was a huge success. It received excellent newspaper coverage, two-hours of live radio coverage, and several television newscasts.

The program was coordinated by Bros. Ed Stumm and Ed Dazio, with the support of Russell W. Baker, D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District. Participants included hundreds of sponsored marchers,

local township and Chester County commissioners, a State Representative, a State Senator, Ronald McDonald, and several crash test dummies. Nineteen local substance abuse agencies presented displays at the Expo, which also included a Masonic Awareness Booth. Additional support for the program was provided by Coatesville Lodge No. 564; West Chester Lodge No. 322; Thompson Lodge No. 340, Paoli; Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville; Oxford Lodge No. 353; Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook; Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square; New London Lodge No. 545, West Grove; and Keystone Lodge No. 569, Parkesburg.



**Bros. Ed Stumm (left) and Ed Dazio (right) address the assembled onlookers and walkers at the start of the Awareness March.**

## P.M. Confers Degrees For Three Sons

"For three months, I have enjoyed some of the proudest moments of my life," said Past Master W.



Randall Kegerise (rear) when he welcomed his three sons as Masons in Ephrata Lodge No. 665. He was a recommender for all of them and conferred one of the degrees on each of them (l-r): the Master Mason's Degree on Kim Randall in October, Fellow Craft on Jon Edward in September, and Entered Apprentice on Noel Patrick in June.

## Acacia Chapter Initiates 12, Gains Three Masonic Advisers

On Dec. 3, then-Grand Master James L. Ernette visited the Penn State-Altoona Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity meeting in the Altoona Masonic Temple to witness the initiation of 12 undergraduates and three Masons in the collegiate Fraternity. The Masons, who will serve as advisers are: David B. Smith, P.M., Juniata Lodge No. 282, who will be Chapter Adviser; George Greiner, III, S.W. Logan Lodge No. 490, Assistant Adviser; and Dale A. DeLozier, D.D.G.M., 20th Masonic District.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Venerable Dean of the chapter presented then-Grand Master Ernette with a \$100 contribution to be applied to the Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund. To raise the money, the Acacia members worked for a pizza shop hanging flyers on neighborhood doors. A banquet was held in honor of then-Grand Master Ernette, who is a member of the Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania. The Grand Master spoke of his desire to see an even stronger relationship grow between Freemasonry and the Acacia Fraternity as a result of the initiation of the advisers into the chapter. He then presented the chapter with the Grand Master's Medallion.

The Acacia Fraternity was founded in 1904 at the University of Michigan by 14 Master Masons. Today, the Fraternity has chapters throughout the country and in Canada, with nine chapters and two colonies in the Commonwealth.



**The Venerable Dean of the Penn State-Altoona Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity, Scott Reinwald (second from right) receives a Grand Master's Medallion from then-Grand Master James L. Ernette (center). Other officers of the Chapter present are: At left, Chaplain Douglas Nelson and Senior Dean Gerard Bellini; at right, Junior Dean Bradley Tebbbs.**



## PA Masonic Foundation For Children Graduates 500th D.A.R.E. Officer From Masonic Conference Center

Since 1994 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been supporting the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (P.C.C.D.) with its mission to "provide children with the information and skills they need to live drug-and-violence-free lives," through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.). Recently, the support from the Masons of Pennsylvania reached a milestone with the graduation of the 500th D.A.R.E. officer, Bro. James W. Powers, Jr. of Carroll Valley Police in Fairfield, at the Masonic Conference Center located in Elizabethtown. Bro. Powers is a member of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg.

Brother Powers, who began his career in law enforcement with the Carroll Valley Police in 1995, says children must realize "attitude is everything"

because being positive about life and education will make it easier to overcome negative peer pressure. "Nothing is better than saving the lives of children. Masons of Pennsylvania take great pride in knowing that we are doing something for every child throughout the Commonwealth who has had a D.A.R.E. officer visit their elementary school or secondary school," said then-R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette in addressing the D.A.R.E. graduating class.

The Masonic Conference Center at Elizabethtown has been designated by P.C.C.D. as the official D.A.R.E. Training Center which hosts a minimum of two training classes per year. This allows uniformed police officers enrolled in D.A.R.E. from across the Commonwealth to receive two weeks



**Carroll Valley Police Officer Bro. James W. Powers, Jr. with then-R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette at the Masonic Conference Center at Elizabethtown.**

of intensive training, a total of 80 hours, compliments of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, who has been the liaison between P.C.C.D. and the Grand Lodge, supports D.A.R.E. with an annual budget of approximately \$80,000, a small price to pay when dealing with the lives of children.

## SIX SECTIONAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION SCHEDULED

Six Sectional Schools of Instruction will be conducted across the state in the Spring. They are:

Feb. 26	Scranton
Mar. 4	New Castle
Mar. 18	Pittsburgh
Apr. 1	Bradford
Apr. 8	Johnstown
May 6	Philadelphia

## Have You Seen What's New?

The new Masonic Homes' video was recently sent to all Pennsylvania Masons, presenting the story of all of the services available to the membership, their families, and friends at the various locations across the Commonwealth. If you haven't already done so, spend a few minutes watching the video with your loved ones. Also share it with others who might be interested in the services, or to those who have an interest in our Fraternity. It is a great example of the many ways Pennsylvania Freemasons contribute to their communities.

If for any reason you did not receive your copy, call 1-800-422-1207, and a copy will be forwarded to you.

## Earlier "In Memoriam" Corrected

The "In Memoriam" tribute to the late Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Past Grand Master, in the November issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* erroneously reported Sept. 10 as the date of his death instead of Sept. 11. Also, the "In Memoriam" contained biographical references that were taken from published information that was not current at the time. The following will update and correct some details of that "In Memoriam."

Hiram P. Ball was the son of George Loyal Ball, founder of three Pittsburgh chemical companies, and Lilian Price Ball. On Oct. 16, 1943, in Covington, KY, Bro. Ball married Florence H. Campbell of Indianapolis. The Balls have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, PA.

The record of his Blue Lodge affiliation was incomplete. Not included was the fact that in 1997 Bro. Ball returned to his father's Lodge, Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh, from which he resigned in 1959 to become Warrant Master and a trustee of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh. In the Grand Lodge, Bro. Ball served as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District for one and one-half years before being elected Junior Grand Warden in 1964. He served as R.W. Grand Master in 1970 and 1971.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Hiram Price Ball,**

**Right Worshipful Grand Master 1970-1971**

**July 13, 1913 - September 11, 1999**

Brother Hiram Price Ball was born on July 13, 1913 in Millvale, Pennsylvania, and died on September 11, 1999 in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Florence, son Hiram, Jr., and daughters Victoria and Susan, and two grandsons. In the span of his 86 years, he built a long resume of accomplishments for himself by serving others.

Brother Ball was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and at the University School of Pittsburgh. He attended Lehigh University and received a bachelor's degree in 1937 from Franklin and Marshall College. He attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1937 and 1938 and received an honorary degree from Thiel College when he gave the commencement address there.

In business, he rose to Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Ball Chemical Company. He enjoyed a very successful and fulfilling career and was a recognized leader in the development of paints, resins, and insulating varnish. He also held membership and leadership roles in numerous technical and professional associations.

It was in Freemasonry, however, that Brother Ball seemed to find his deepest satisfactions. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, on March 13, 1941. Brother Ball served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1944. In 1947, he resigned to become a member of his father's Lodge, Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh, from which he also resigned in 1959 to become Warrant Master and trustee of Colonel Henry Bouquet Lodge No. 787, which merged with Lodge No. 45 in Pittsburgh in 1978. In 1997 Brother Ball changed his Blue Lodge affiliation for a final time by returning to Corinthian Lodge No. 573.

He was a member of Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 162; Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Royal and Select Master Masons; Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; U.S. Premier Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; Court No. 2, Royal Order of Jesters; Islam Grotto; Al-O-Mon Forest No. 138, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; the National Sojourners and the Pennsylvania Masonic Homes High Twelve Club.

Brother Ball received his Scottish Rite degrees in the bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh, but also maintained membership in the Valley of New Castle. He received the 33° in September, 1964. A member of Syria Shrine Temple, he served as Illustrious Potentate in 1957.

Brother Ball was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1964, and served as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1970 and 1971.

In his final report as Grand Master, he said: "The landmarks of the obvious aspects of our heritage and accom-

pishments are of a perpetual and enduring nature. But Freemasonry, the changeless, is ever changing, ever beginning. Let us with high resolve, once again, rededicate ourselves and pledge our hearts, minds, and energies to her purpose and service."

He couldn't have described himself better! Brother Ball put his heart, his mind, and his energy into the work of Freemasonry. He seemed to have a changeless personality and he aged with such dignity that his accumulated years were undetected by many. But his interests were ever, and ever beginning. He was youthful in his demeanor and his actions, and he liked being in on the beginnings of new efforts. In 1976, he chaired the Committee on Youth Activities, which began the Masonic

Youth Programs at the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, and which eventually led us to the start of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. During those early years, Brother Ball provided enthusiastic and animated leadership and friendship to the young people of Rainbow, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters, who used the vacant school campus.

Later, he became the right-hand man of our late Brother Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and he provided stellar leadership to that fledgling program, which has since grown in support and activity.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has lost a great Mason, and we are the poorer for his passing.

*(The above eulogy to Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M., was presented by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., during the Grand Lodge Communication, Dec. 1, 1999.)*





## Know the Facts about Life at the Masonic Homes!

Would you enjoy the beauty, convenience, companionship, and caring services offered at the Masonic Homes ... but have questions? Now is the time to visit the Masonic Homes to discover the facts that have alleviated many of our residents' concerns and encouraged them to join the Masonic Homes' family to enjoy the many conveniences offered in the residential living, assisted living, or health care services area.



Resident room in the Freemason Building.  
(Assisted Living)

**Fiction:** Residents must turn over assets to the Masonic Homes.

**Fact:** Residents retain ownership of their assets. Residents will be billed monthly by the Masonic Homes for services rendered to them while they reside at the Masonic Homes.

**Fiction:** Residents must have a minimum amount of assets to be eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes' Residential Living, Assisted Living, and Health Care Center areas.

**Fact:** There is no required amount of money necessary to enter the Masonic Homes' Residential Living, Assisted Living, and Health Care Center areas. However, the Masonic Homes does require that all applicants maintain eligibility for Medical Assistance, Medicare, and other third-party payers by not transferring or giving away assets.

**Fiction:** If residents' funds are depleted, they will be asked to leave the Masonic Homes.

**Fact:** As long as residents maintain their eligibility for Medical Assistance and other third-party reimbursement, they will not be required to leave.

**Fiction:** When residents pass away, the residual of their estate will be given to the Masonic Homes.

**Fact:** The Masonic Homes encourage all residents to have a will. Funds and personal belongings remaining upon their demise will be distributed according to their will.

**Fiction:** Residents may not come and go as they please.

**Fact:** Residents are encouraged to go on trips and visit with friends and relatives. The Masonic Homes asks that residents let staff members know their whereabouts, so that staff can locate them in the event of an emergency.

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**Fiction:** Residents may not keep their automobile.

**Fact:** Residents may maintain their automobile, as long as they follow the guidelines established under the Automobile Policy. The policy indicates that a resident must hold a valid Pennsylvania driver's license, auto registration, auto inspection, and auto insurance. Residents are financially responsible for all costs associated with a motor vehicle.

Now are you ready to visit our caring community? The Masonic Homes are ready to serve you! To schedule a personal appointment or a tour with one of the Admissions representatives, for additional information about the Masonic Homes, or for questions regarding availability, call toll-free: 1-800-422-1207.



Mrs. Virginia A. Colestock, resident of the Masonic Homes, enjoys the Eastern Star Festival with friends and relatives.

## Eastern Star Festival

On Nov. 20, 1999, Eastern Star members, residents, and their families gathered for the Second Annual Eastern Star Festival and Luncheon at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Eleven Eastern Star chapters participated in the festival, themed "Sweets for the Sweet." Visitors had the opportunity to take bus tours of the campus and purchase a variety of items, including homemade baked goods, handicrafts and baskets full of edible treats, and other products.

The Eastern Star Festival raised approximately \$7,000 for the Masonic Homes. Those funds will be used to purchase items to enhance the quality of life for the residents.

Proceeds from last year's festival went toward the purchase of a new computer for the Adult Daily Living Center and a magnifying reader for the Grand Lodge Hall library, among other gifts.

Following the festival, 288 guests attended the sold-out Eastern Star Luncheon.

# GERMANY

July 21-August 1, 2000

The Grand Lodge and R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlupe, 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.

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

**Featuring:** Exclusive charter jet, Frankfurt, Koblenz, cruising the Rhine to St. Goar, wine tasting, Munich, Rothenburg, Weimar, Leipzig, Berlin, the "Passion Play," and much more!



## "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.

**Includes:** Round trip air from Philadelphia to Germany on an exclusive charter jet • 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.

## Itinerary

**July 21** - Depart Philadelphia on your own private chartered jet.

**July 22** - Frankfurt - Mainz: Arrive in Frankfurt in the morning and be met by your DER escort(s). You will board your deluxe motorcoach and travel to Bingen to see the Mouse Tower. Overnight at the Hyatt Regency in Mainz.

**July 23** - Mainz - Koblenz - St. Goarshausen - Oberammergau: After breakfast at your hotel, you will enjoy a two hour cruise on the Rhine River to St. Goar. After your cruise you will be transported via motorcoach to Rudesheim where you will experience wine tasting at George Breuer Vineyard. This afternoon you will be traveling to Oberammergau's surrounding area. This evening you will check into your hotel and have dinner (included).

**July 24** - Oberammergau and the Passion Play: You will enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning and be transferred to the Passion Play which is a show of pageantry and an outstanding cultural event surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the mountains. There will be a two hour lunch break. After the play, enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

**July 25** - Oberammergau - Munich - Nuremberg: This morning you will travel to Munich to enjoy sightseeing in Bavaria's lively capital. Enjoy a city tour including the Olympic Park, Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel, and the Rathaus. This afternoon you will have a relaxing ride to Nuremberg. This afternoon you will have a half day sightseeing tour of this town of children's toys and gingerbread houses. Admire the impressive medieval ramparts and visit St. Sebald Church which is a reconstruction as a monument to peace of wartime destruction. Tonight we'll check into the LeMeridien Grand Hotel.

**July 26** - Nuremberg - Rothenburg - Weimar: Today you will travel to Rothenburg and have a city tour of the "chocolate-box" medieval town including the Altstadt, town hall, 14th century St. James Church, and the Herrngasse with its lovely 16th century mansions. Today you will be traveling to Weimar, known as the "German Athens." Overnight at Hilton Hotel.

**July 27** - Weimar - Buchenwald - Leipzig: After breakfast at your hotel, you will have a walking tour of Weimar and hear about the giants of German literature as you visit Schiller's House and stand in front of Goeth's residence. You will stop at Buchenwald and see the concentration camp en route to

Leipzig. This evening you will have free time in Leipzig after you check into the Renaissance Hotel.

**July 28** - Leipzig - Berlin: You will enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning. Today you will have a tour of this wonderful medieval city that was an important center since the middle ages. See its Renaissance buildings, the 13th century St. Thomas Church - where Bach is buried, and the Battle of the Nationals Monument. After your city tour you will travel to Meissen to see the famous China factory. This evening you will check into the Grand Esplanade Berlin for your next four nights.

**July 29** - Berlin: Enjoy a hotel buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before enjoying "The Gateway To The East" and experience what it has to offer. Today you will have a guide of this wonderful city including Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, and the new government Reichstag Building. You will pass through "Check point Charlie", where you will see the remains of the Berlin Wall. In East Berlin, we will drive along Unter Den Linden and see Alexanderplatz, the German Opera House, and Museum Island.

**July 30** - Berlin - Potsdam - Berlin: After your breakfast at your hotel you will enjoy a scenic ride to Potsdam by crossing the River Elbe, the one-time home of the Hohenzollern Dynasty, and visit one of Europe's most impressive Baroque palaces, Fredrick the Great's Sans Souci. This evening you will enjoy a dinner at the Grand Esplanade hosted by the Grand Master and his wife.

**July 31** - Berlin: Enjoy all the wonderful city has to offer at your leisure today. There are plenty of options: shopping, sightseeing, entertainment district of Kufurstendamm, or visit the Pergamon Museum which houses one of Europe's most precious collections of art treasures.

**August 1** - Berlin - USA: This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home on your private jet.

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.



## Words From Bro. Thomas W. Jackson

### My Brothers:

This will be my last column that I write to you [because of the position as R.W. Grand Secretary] and I want to use it to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for the opportunity that you gave me to serve. Twenty years ago, when I came to Philadelphia, I had no way of knowing that I would spend just short of one-third of my life in the position of Grand Secretary. It has been an experience that few have the privilege to realize — and for that experience, I am grateful!

Freemasonry has afforded me an opportunity to meet some of the greatest people I have ever known and my life has been enriched by them. It has given me not only the opportunity, but also the stimulus, to learn. It taught me leadership skills and how to use them; but, most of all, it provided the lessons of a philosophy unmatched anywhere outside of it.

I established a little prayer shortly after arriving which stated simply, "Dear God, let me never forget where I came from and let me know when to quit." I trust that with my retiring I have fulfilled both parts of that little prayer. I certainly hope, my brothers, that I never forgot what my origins were and that I now leave before I stayed too long.

Looking back historically, I learned that I became the 29th Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge in its 168 years and only the second to last in the position for 20 years. (Brother William Adams died in office shortly after starting his 23rd year in the mid-1800's). I found it significant that over a third of them died in office, and I have no ambition to have that asterisk beside my name. So, the time has come for another to succeed me.

I am totally aware that no one accomplishes much in life without the help of others. Man can be nothing more than a reflection of all of his life's experiences along with his modifications. So many persons have contributed to my life, and what I became is a reflection of them. That which is good is totally due to them. That which is not so good is due to my modifications. I can never give enough thanks to totally express my appreciation to all of you for what you have given to me. I know you will give the same to him who succeeds me.

I sincerely hope that I have fulfilled not only the responsibilities of my office, but also the expectations of each of you and those who preceded you during the years I have been here. My Brothers, I again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this great Craft of ours. May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless and guide each of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Thomas W. Jackson*

Thomas W. Jackson,  
R.W. Past Grand Secretary

## 1727 to 2000

Brother:

Be a true friend to a good and worthy man -- a relative, a neighbor, or an associate. He deserves the opportunity to be a Freemason ... to benefit from all that our Fraternity offers ... to be part of its great charities ... to enjoy the fellowship that comes with brotherhood.

Attached is an advance copy of a new brochure, patterned after the highly effective *Friend to Friend* brochure. It will be available soon in quantities; but with this sample, you can be a true friend today.

Just remove it by tearing along the perforation near the center-fold. Lay it face down and fold the bottom up and the top down so the latter becomes the front panel. With this new brochure, you will be all set to do something special for your good and worthy friend -- acquaint him **FRIEND TO FRIEND** with Freemasonry.



**Put This information  
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Valley Forge National Park



Masonic Conference Center  
Patton Campus, Elizabethtown



Masonic Eastern Star Home - East  
Northwest of Philadelphia



Grand Lodge Hall and Formal Gardens  
Masonic Homes - Elizabethtown



Valley Care Masonic Center - Sewickley



Masonic Eastern Star Home - West  
North of Pittsburgh



# 1727 FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA 2000

Freemasonry is the world's oldest largest Fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Its bonds of friendship, compassion, and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military, and religious conflicts through the centuries. Freemasonry is neither a forum nor a place for worship. Instead, it is a friend of all religions that are based on the belief in one God.

## WHO FREEMASONS ARE

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as the 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the United States including George Washington.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the Fraternity, however, they all meet as equals. They come from diverse political ideologies, but they meet as friends. They come from virtually every religious belief, but they all believe in one God.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been: how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other "Brother!"

## QUALIFICATIONS

Freemasonry is proud of its philosophy and practice of "making good men better." Only individuals believed to be of the finest character are favorably considered for membership. Every applicant must advocate his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being (atheists are not accepted in the Fraternity).

## THOSE WHO SEEK MEMBERSHIP

Anyone seeking membership in Freemasonry must ask a Masonic friend to recommend him. He must sign a petition stating his age, occupation, and place of residence. Members of the lodge vote by ballot. To be accepted, the ballot must be unanimous.

## WHY YOUR FRIEND TALKED TO YOU ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Your friend is proud of Freemasonry and the fine character of its members. He believes that you have the qualities for membership and deserve the opportunity to know more about it.

This brochure explains what Freemasonry is, who Freemasons are, what they believe in, and what they do. It is important for you to know that those who desire membership *must* seek it on their *own*. Unfortunately, without this understanding, many qualified men have not enjoyed the special rewards of membership and fellowship in Freemasonry.

If, after reading this, you have any questions or desire to know more about Freemasonry, your friend will be pleased to give you answers or obtain answers for you.

Whether or not you decide to seek membership in Freemasonry, you can be certain that you have a special friend within the Masonic Fraternity who thinks very highly of you. Please consider it to be the highest compliment that he has shared this information with you. It is a message of kindness . . . from FRIEND TO FRIEND!

## WHAT FREEMASONS BELIEVE IN

All Freemasons believe in one God and in respect for each other.

## WHAT FREEMASONS DO

Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as "the world's greatest philanthropy!"

The Freemasons of America contribute more than two million dollars every day to charitable causes which they, alone, have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity.

## THE MASONIC LODGE

The Masonic Lodge meets one evening per month to conduct its regular business and vote on petitions for membership. Here is where the bonds of friendship and fellowship are strengthened.

## THE MASONIC DEGREES

The candidate for Freemasonry receives three Masonic Degrees concluding with the Third (or Master Mason's Degree). The Degrees are solemn, enlightening, and enjoyable experiences with no uncomfortable or embarrassing moments. It is here where the principles of Freemasonry are taught and where the new member learns that his family and his own necessary vocations are to be considered above Freemasonry.

## Admissions Counselors Attend Annual Training Session

Residents and staff welcomed the Admissions Counselors of the Masonic Homes for their annual training session on Oct. 14 and 15, 1999.

Forty dedicated Admission Counselors participated in a two-day training program Oct. 14 and 15 at the Elizabethtown campus. They attended sessions presented by various departments that discussed changes in policies and procedures, as well as updates of activities at Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster campuses. They also toured the newly renovated John S. Sell Memorial Chapel and the Independent Living Clubhouse.

The Admissions Counselors are responsible for assisting potential residents through the application process for the residential living, assisted living, and health care services at all Masonic Homes' locations. The annual training sessions enable the counselors to provide potential residents with the most accurate and up-to-date information on the Masonic Homes.

Admissions Counselors have been assisting potential residents in Pennsylvania, Florida, and other states since 1988. Because of their desire to help others, many counselors, like J. Walter and Elaine Price, have been dedicated to aiding residents for the Masonic Homes since the inception of the Admissions Counselors program 11 years ago.

"People need our help," Bro. Price said, "and we're trained to extend our hands and hearts to help them."

Mrs. Price added, "It's satisfying knowing that you're taking care of someone who needs help."

Each December, the Prices go the extra mile, extending their hands and their hearts at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown not to bring residents into the community, but to bring love and laughter into the hearts of residents who reside there already.

Guised as "Mr. and Mrs. Claus," as many of the residents know them, Bro. and

Mrs. Price spend a week at the Masonic Homes delivering candy and hugs to the young and the young at heart. They keep a very busy schedule, attempting to visit every adult and child on the campus.



Masonic Homes Admissions Counselors are (l-r): front row - Jane M. Newcomer, Nelson Polite, Charles Hornickell, George Boyer, P.P.D.G.M.. Second row - Jane M. Bleam, Margaret C. Knaub, Lorene C. Sinclair, Norma Spriggle. Third row - Marjorie Johnstone, Shirley Wood, Lorraine Shrive, Robert E. Spriggle, P.D.D.G.M., Mim Rickard, Marjorie Timchak, Mabel Hornickell. Fourth row - David K. Johnstone, P.D.D.G.M., Richard S. Wood, P.D.D.G.M., Debbie Nale, Clinton E. Shrive, P.D.D.G.M., Stella Henry, Margaret E. Nies, Elaine Price. Fifth row - Bonnee Wetlaufer, Donald L. Nock, Nancy Nock, Jeff Nale, D.D.G.M., John P. Henry, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., Robert H. Mason, P.D.D.G.M., Ralph C. Rickard, Margaret E. Nies, Nelson Baird, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and J. Walter Price, P.D.D.G.M..

Not pictured are: Wayne Adamson, William Corlett, P.D.D.G.M., Rudolph Culberson, John H. Grant, Allen J. Henninger, P.D.D.G.M., John C. Johnson, P.D.D.G.M., Clarence R. Klopp, William J. Moore, Robert K. Parrish, P.D.D.G.M., Clifford E. Reed, P.D.D.G.M., and Robert S. Swoyer, P.D.D.G.M..

Bro. and Mrs. Price (right) visit with Bro. and Mrs. Norman Murdock.



## Independent Living Residents Reflect on the Most Difficult Decision

Bill and Helen Schneider moved to the Masonic Homes retirement community this summer. Like many other Independent Living residents, they enjoy the security and quality lifestyle which Masonic Homes offer in a more carefree environment.



Bro. and Mrs. Bill Schneider with The Duchess of York

When asked if it was a difficult decision to leave their home in Scranton, the answer was an emphatic, "No!" The spacious cottage the Schneider's chose allowed them to bring all their furniture from their former residence. They definitely won't miss the work that goes along with home ownership and its never-ending maintenance.

You might ask, "What was their most difficult decision in making the move?" Believe it or not, it was sharing Bill's decision with his business partner that he was retiring! Bill and his partner worked together for 35 years, including 18 years in their own consulting engineering firm, H.S.A. Associates. Bill recalls when he and his partner survived a devastating fire that destroyed their business only a year after start-up. It was a terrific partnership, and a few tears were

shed when Bill broke the news that he was retiring and moving to Independent Living at the Masonic Homes.

Today, Bill is back in the working world. He began a part-time job at a local hardware store just three weeks after moving to Elizabethtown and is now looking at the possibility of joining another engineering firm in the area. Bill quipped, "I just can't sit still!"

Bro. Schneider was Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 261, Scranton, in 1954 and 1964. Hiram Lodge has since merged with Union Lodge No. 291, Scranton. Bill will proudly receive his 50-year Emblem of Gold in 2000.

Helen enjoys reading, suggesting she will read every book in the various campus libraries. She was thrilled to learn that their dog of nine years, The Duchess of York, would be able to join them in their new cottage.

Bill and Helen say they have enjoyed a wonderful life. They will celebrate 51 years of marriage in April 2000. They believe moving to Independent Living will provide them with the opportunity to continue their wonderful life together during the busy and exciting years ahead.

If you would like to learn more about how residing at Independent Living can accommodate your busy and carefree lifestyle, call 1-800-676-6452, or complete and mail the coupon (left) today.

### Send more information about Independent living at the Masonic Homes!

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One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

## Eden Alternative Brings New Joy to Life

If you have expertise, a vocation, or simply a strong interest in dogs, cats, or birds... if you work with or enjoy plants... or if you have a love for children, the Masonic Homes needs you!

The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is now a registered Eden Alternative™ site, which means that the Masonic Homes' community has strengthened its commitment to creating a "life worth living" for residents receiving health care services and assisted living services. This dedication to transforming the Masonic Health Care Center and the Freemasons Building into warm, vibrant, homes requires that residents have daily, continual contact with animals, plants, and children... just as they had all of their lives.

The Masonic Homes' success in eliminating the three plagues of the elderly — loneliness, helplessness, and boredom — is dependent upon its ability to bring variety and spontaneity into residents' everyday lives. If you have some time to give, some experience to share, or just feel compelled to help residents reclaim their right to live a life worth living, call the Masonic Homes at (717) 367-1121, and contact the extension for one of Masonic Homes' Eden Alternative™ Associates: Cathy Misiewicz, RN, extension 33176; Mark Eyer, extension 33306; Vicki Gillmore, NHA, extension 33139; Joyce Heisey, RN, extension 33526; Kirk Rakos, extension 33191; or Lori Seiders, extension 33697.

Implementing the Eden Alternative™ is a process that requires a lot of education for staff, residents, volunteers, and the community. For this reason, and to ensure that the change is gradual and welcome in residents' lives, it will take some time and planning before some of the more visual signs of the Eden Alternative™ will be seen on the campus, such as dogs, cats, and other animals.

The Masonic Homes' goal is to bring the Eden Alternative™ into the lives of residents at the Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster locations as well.

For more information about the Eden Alternative™, visit: [www.edenalt.com](http://www.edenalt.com)

## Lodge Brings Holiday Cheer to Masonic Homes



The holiday celebration was complete with generous gifts, beautiful decor, fellowship...and Santa Claus!

They came by bus instead of by sleigh... but otherwise, nearly 50 members of Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, along with their family members, resembled a team of Santas, Mrs. Clauses, and elves on Sunday, Dec. 12, as they arrived at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Thirty-seven residents at the Masonic Children's Home, as well as three adults from the Residential-Respite Cottage, eagerly awaited their arrival because these visitors were no strangers. This was the second time that the Lodge members and their families brought holiday cheer to the youth. The first was two years ago.

The mood at the Masonic Conference Center was festive as the group shared music, pizza, and friendship. A few months prior to the event, Lodge members had requested that the adults and children make wish lists for Christmastime. The brethren and their families then brought those gifts wrapped for the holiday. Even Old St. Nick joined in the party bringing smiles and laughter to all.

For the Lodge members and their families, this was more than just a community service outing. It was a chance to really make a difference in the lives of individuals through selflessly giving of themselves. And for the recipients of those gifts, it was a reminder of the true spirit of Christmas.



Residents of the Smith Cottage at the Masonic Children's Home enjoy "clowning around" with Lodge members.



Residents and staff of the Masonic Children's Home and Masonic Homes' Residential-Respite Cottage gather together with members of Lodge No. 9 and their families.

With the \$10,000 budget which the Lodge had allocated as a donation to the Masonic Children's Home, this group not only purchased every child's gift, but also piano keyboards with stands for all five cottages, and a computer and software for the resource center. This event was an enormous undertaking, but one that they met very graciously. Many thanks to David Woodhead and Theodore Beck, Past Masters and Co-chairmen of the Charity Policy Committee for Lodge No. 9, who spearheaded the project. Also "thank you" goes out to Albert E. Woodhead, W.M.; Carl A. Firman, S.W.; Robert R. Austin, Jr., J.W.; William G. Woodhead, Treasurer; and John A. Richards, Secretary; who made this opportunity possible for the children.

## Grand Lodge Officers to Visit PA Brethren in Florida

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. and his wife, Debra, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Committee on Masonic Homes, and their ladies, will host three Masonic reunions scheduled for Pennsylvania Freemasons who now reside permanently in Florida, or who reside there during the winter months.

The purpose of this year's reunions is to increase awareness about the expansion of services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The reunions will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Azan Temple in Melbourne; Friday, Feb. 25, at the Bahia Temple in Orlando; and Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Sahib Temple in Sarasota. The schedule for all three reunions will include a reception at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, a program at 1 p.m., and a social hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

During each program, Grand Master Dluge will award 50-year Emblems of Gold to brethren in Florida. If you are eligible to receive your 50-year award in 2000, or did not receive it when you were eligible in a previous year and are planning to attend one of the reunions, call (717) 367-1121, extension 33488.

Also during the program, Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes, and members of the Masonic Homes' staff, will share important, helpful information about the benefits and full continuum of services provided for Masons and their families by the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster.

If you are a Pennsylvania Mason residing in Florida and have not received an invitation to attend one of the reunions, call (717) 367-1121, extension 33488.



## Families "Come Home for the Holidays"...but Volunteers are Needed Year-Round



Santa gives a candy cane to resident Alfred Mash during his visit to the Masonic Health Care Center.

Using the theme "Come Home for the Holidays," this year's annual holiday celebration at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown for residents in the Masonic Health Care Center and the Freemasons Building, along with their families and friends, was held on Saturday, Dec. 11.

This year, the residents in each unit of the Masonic Health Care Center chose and helped to arrange the programs they shared with their loved ones that afternoon — from the music and food they desired to the decorations and activities they enjoyed. Residents in the Freemasons Building celebrated their holiday get-together in the Roosevelt Building Assembly Room. As predicted, Santa appeared to share lots of hugs and cheer, but this year, he was accompanied by "Rudolph" and an elf or two.

While the holidays are wonderful times to experience fun and fellowship with residents, the Masonic Homes would like to encourage brethren and their families to be a constant part of the "Mission of Love" prevalent at the Masonic Homes every day.

Volunteers are integral to providing for some of the residents' daily needs, such as serving as a courier at resident care units by freshening ice pitchers, distributing and reading mail to residents, escorting residents to medical appointments, assisting with therapeutic recreation programs, escorting residents on shopping trips, visiting residents, staffing the gift shop and the information desk, and escorting residents to and from church services on Sunday afternoons. Volunteer opportunities may vary at each Masonic Homes location.

If you would like to experience the fulfillment that volunteering can bring to your life, don't hesitate. Call today to discover opportunities that could enrich your life! At the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, call (717) 367-1121, extension 33175. For opportunities at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster, call (215) 672-2500.

In the western part of the state, call either the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West in Pittsburgh at (412) 931-8300 or the Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley at (412) 741-1400.



Santa and Rudolph the Volunteer Reindeer (Sue Tickey) roam through the Masonic Health Care Center visiting residents.

## Masonic Homes' Services in Western PA Will Come Together and Expand

The master plan for the Valley Care Masonic Center, Sewickley, to be expanded into a 47-acre continuing care retirement community is being developed by the architectural firm, Perkins Eastman, and being presented to various governmental officials for review and approval.

The 60 assisted living accommodations planned for the campus are expected to open for residents in summer 2001 when the residents and staff at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, Pittsburgh, will move to the new facility. Plans for the existing Masonic Eastern Star Home-West facility are undetermined at this time. The Committee on Masonic Homes, with input from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of Eastern Star, has chosen the name for the new assisted living building at Sewickley to be "Star Points Building" to reflect the strong tradition the residents and staff of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will bring with them to their new home. Since June 1 when the Valley Care Masonic Center became part of the continuum of care provided by the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge, the Valley Care Masonic Center and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West have worked together to provide services to the membership in western Pennsylvania. This transition will bring the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West's assisted living and nursing expertise together with Valley Care Masonic Center's quality nursing services to ease the transfer of residents between the two levels of care.

Depending upon interest, up to 235 independent living apartments and 28 independent living cottages are expected to open in Sewickley for residents in summer or fall 2002. Plans for the campus also may include such conveniences as a wellness center, day care area, medical clinics, a pool, and a clubhouse, among other desired features. The community in its entirety will be known as the "Masonic Village at Sewickley."

Reservations to the Priority List for the independent living areas are currently being accepted. To ensure that you get your first choice of a premier apartment or cottage at the new Masonic Village at Sewickley, contact one of the following now:

Marketing Manager, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or Executive Director, Valley Care Masonic Center, 1190 Merriman Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

### Rainbow Girls of PA Join in "Make A Difference Day"

Rainbow Girls of Pennsylvania were a part of the Ninth annual "Make a Difference Day," the nation's largest day of helping others sponsored by USA Weekend along with 550 local newspapers that distribute the magazine. The Points of Light Foundation and its nationwide network of 501 volunteer centers are partners in this project. Millions of Americans reach out to help others on the fourth Saturday of October.

Assemblies across the state worked to "Fill Up Our Food Banks" by contacting stores in their areas for permission to set up collection tables. Rainbow Girls worked throughout the day in approximately 40 locations. Well over 300 persons put in a cumulative total of 320 hours and collected more than 6,000 non-perishable items and more than \$500. Many of the food banks were overwhelmed with the contributions. The Rainbow Girls feel good knowing that at least 500 families, if not more, would be helped.

## D.D.G.M. Gives and Gets Awards



Turn-about was fair play when Jay W. Smith, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, presented 70-year and 50-year service awards during a quarterly luncheon of Masons at the Willow Valley Retirement Community south of Lancaster. Bro. Smith was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for being "...a brother tried and true and has made all of us feel welcome in the district."

The 70-year award was presented to Paul Reidler of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg, and the 50-year award was presented to Gilbert Bohn, Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Philadelphia.

The Masons who live at Willow Valley and take part in the luncheon club come from all parts of Pennsylvania and from other jurisdictions. They enjoy the Fraternity and have visited and were warmly welcomed in every lodge in the district. Pictured at the award presentations are (l-r): Woody Kirk, P.M., Washington Lodge No. 156, Quarryville; Bro. Reidler; Bro. Smith; Bro. Bohn; and Bro. and Rev. A. William Archer, P.M., High Noon Lodge No. 38, Newport, DE.

## Blood & Organ Donor Poster Winners



Renee Spence, a member of Rainbow Assembly No. 19, Franklin, won first place and received \$300 in the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor annual poster contest. Her prize-winning poster depicts a cheerleader calling for people to "Give the gift of life! Donate blood & your organs."

Laura Dunlap, a member of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 6, Blairsville, won second place and received \$200. Tanya Sutcliffe, a member of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 4, Shippensburg, won third place and received \$100.

## Masons Take Part in Recognizing Organ Donors

Through the Masonic Blood Bank and Organ Donor Committee, Masons of Pennsylvania participated in two Gift of Life donor programs in which 38 families were recognized for the donation of organs from loved ones who had died within the past year.

On Sunday, Nov. 7 in Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, then-R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson welcomed the donor families and recipients. In remarks, he recalled the support which Masons have been giving the program since its inception four years ago. The next Sunday in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, A. J. "Bud" Garvey, Chief of Staff for Grand Lodge Operations, spoke of the Masonic Fraternity's dedication to assisting the program of organ donations.

The Grand Lodge Committee Chairman F. Rick Knepper presented \$500 to the Gift of Life Donor Program to assist in the purchase of organ donor medals.

## New Shield & Square Club Growing Strong



More than 70 brethren with common interests in law enforcement attended the first general meeting of the newly formed Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club held Nov. 15 in the

Grand Banquet Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Guest speaker for the evening was then-R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (second from left in picture below) who spoke of the need to unify those brethren in law enforcement to work with the Grand Lodge in providing security at special events across the Commonwealth, in assisting symbolic lodges in creating interesting education programs, and in providing a forum for brethren with common interests to interact.

The President of the new club is William T. Bergman (at lectern), former Deputy Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department and currently a Vice President at Temple University. Bro. Bergman honored those brethren present at the banquet with certificates of appreciation in recognition for being charter members of the newly formed club. Dignitaries attending included Bro. and Col. Paul J. Evanko (left), Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police; Bro. and Lt. Col. Joseph H. Westcott (at right), Deputy Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. Not pictured are Bro. and Lt. Col. Thomas K. Coury, Deputy Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police and Bro. Vincent J. Borelli, Chief of the Delaware River Port Authority.

Membership of the Shield and Square Club comprises brethren who are active in, or retired from, Pennsylvania law enforcement, but limited to those who have held arrest powers granted by the Commonwealth. Current membership is almost 300 brethren from across the state.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Mar. 20, in the Masonic Temple. Any brethren meeting the membership requirements who are interested in joining the Shield and Square Club should contact Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Treasurer, at 215-988-1978.





## New Members Learn that Mickey Mouse Was a DeMolay

The members of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania recently learned that Mickey Mouse and his friends were members of Barnyard Chapter. Their "DeMolay experience" was chronicled in a series of comic strips developed by Walt Disney for the Order of DeMolay's national publication, at the request of "Dad" Frank S. Land, Founder of the Order and Disney's own Chapter Advisor in his youth.

Walt Disney's legacy to DeMolay, and to children around the world, was commemorated by a statewide initiation class held at the Masonic Conference Center on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999. Thirty-two candidates received the degrees of the Order of DeMolay. The Initiatory Degree Team consisted of State Officers and all-star ritualists from several Chapters, and the DeMolay Degree was performed by the championship ritual team of Reading Chapter. Bro. Russell W. Baker, D.D.G.M. of the 5th Masonic District, provided wigs, beards, and make-up for the dramatic portion of the DeMolay Degree.

Bro. Louis Grow, State Master Councilor, presided over the program, under the direction of "Dad" Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. and Executive Officer of DeMolay in Pennsylvania.



"Dad" Williamson and the State Officers are pictured with the newest members of Pennsylvania DeMolay.

## Two Lodges Meeting in Same Hall Have Fathers Install Their Sons

Edenburg Lodge No. 550, and Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 552, both of Knox, meet in the same lodge hall. Within a week of each other, both lodges had fathers install their sons as Worshipful Masters.



Jerry A. Cobler, Sr., P.M., (left in photo) presents a gavel to his son, Jerry A., Jr. after he installed him in Edenburg Lodge on Dec. 7. The elder Cobler was Master in 1946.

Carl J. Sherman, P.M. (left in picture), presents a gavel to his son, Randall A., after he installed him in Allegheny Valley Lodge on Dec. 14. The elder Sherman served as Master twice, in 1972 and 1976.



## Past State Master Councilor of DeMolay Made A Mason



Those who spend time with quality young people can't help but become impressed with their enthusiasm and ability. Such was the case when then-Grand Master James L. Ernette was with the State Master Councilor of DeMolay. From July 1998 to June 1999 Rakesh Kumar served as State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay for Pennsylvania. The well-spoken and energetic 19-year-old member of Allentown DeMolay Chapter is a student at Penn State University. A Dispensation was granted by the Grand Master to Jordan Lodge No. 673 in Allentown to accept a petition for initiation and membership from Rakesh. Bro. Kumar (center) was accepted and received the Entered Apprentice Degree in October, and both the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees in November. The Degrees were conferred by his father, Prabhat Kumar, S.W. (left) of the Lodge. He was guided by his grandfather, Eugene Weider, (second from left). The then-Grand Master (second from right) was present for the Master Mason Degree. Also participating in the program were Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., then-R.W.S.G.W., Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. (right), and Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

## Honors For "Doc, The Man Behind The Man"



Professional golfer, Bro. "Arnie" Palmer (left) with Bro. "Doc" Giffin, his "one-man army."

Popular professional golfer Arnold Palmer has the rousing support of the thousands who are "Arnie's Army" on the golf course, but he has a "one-man army" by the name of "Doc" Giffin as "the man behind the man."

On Oct. 21, Donald W. "Doc" Giffin was honored at the Tri-State annual Champions of Golf dinner as the 1999 Distinguished Service Award winner for his outstanding, lifelong contributions to the sport, adding his name to an honor roll that includes his close friend and employer, Arnold Palmer. The two have been involved with each other in the world of golf at some level for more than 40 years and both have been Masons for longer than that. "Doc" was made a Mason in Crafton Lodge No. 653, Ingram, in 1953; Arnie in Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, in 1958.

In an in-depth story about the award, *The Tribune-Review* reported that "Doc" Giffin's renown "... goes beyond the boundaries of Western Pennsylvania. His name is a familiar one to media members across the United States and even throughout the world." His career was traced from being sports editor of *The Pitt News*, to the Pittsburgh Bureau of United Press International (UPI), to *The Pittsburgh Press*, then as press secretary for the PGA Tour, and to his current position for 30 years as Assistant to Arnold Palmer.

As Bro. Palmer's right hand, he's the stabilizing force in a very busy operation that reflects the energy and vitality of "the man." Asked about his job, Bro. Giffin was quoted in the newspaper: "I'm working for the greatest player of all time.... I met my wife here in Latrobe (Bernadette Horwat).... It's been a dream."

Also quoted in the news article, Bro. Palmer mixed in an appropriate golf reference to express his personal feelings, saying: "'Doc' has turned out to be a gem in the rough. He has taken on a great deal of responsibility in running the office and shouldering it over the last 30 years. He's been terrific and continues to be my confidant and friend."

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Diane Bish, renowned organ virtuoso and host of The Joy of Music television series, will present a solo recital at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on Sunday, Apr. 9, at 2 p.m.

Diane Bish has displayed her virtuosity and unique showmanship the world over. Her performances have been hailed by critics as "stunning, virtuoso, fiery, and astonishing." Through numerous recordings, concerts, and weekly television appearances, Diane Bish is considered by many to be the most visible organist in the world today. Miss Bish is best known as the host of the international television series, The Joy of Music, that is available to over 300 million viewers weekly. It features Miss Bish playing famous organs in solo and with other classical musicians in cathedrals, churches, and concert halls from around the world. The Joy of Music is broadcast on several cable networks. (Call your local cable company for listings.)

Miss Bish's performances have received rave reviews in the United States and abroad. She is an internationally acclaimed musician

with many honors including the National Citation from The National Federation of Music Clubs of America (1989). Miss Bish was the first organist to receive this award for "the highest honor for distinguished service to the musical, artistic, and cultural life of the nation." She shares this rare distinction with such legends as Leonard Bernstein, Eugene Ormandy, Van Cliburn, Robert Shaw, Irving Berlin, and Fred Waring.

On Apr. 9, Miss Bish will literally "pull out all the stops" with a concert of thrilling organ favorites, traditional classics, and some of her own hymn arrangements to demonstrate the full resources of the three-manual 950 Rodgers organ.

Due to the number of persons anticipated attending this recital, tickets will be required for this performance. Because of the limited number of seats, requests will be honored on the basis of the date the requests are received. Attempts will be made to honor the number of tickets requested by each person, but it may be necessary to limit those requesting large blocks of tickets. Your understanding in this situation is greatly appreciated. Tickets may be secured by writing and enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Music at The Masonic Temple  
Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
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Only one tour of the building will be available at 12:30 p.m. on the 9th because of the earlier time of the recital.

## Masons of Note



**Bro. and Dr. Charles William LeVan** was proud to serve as the guide for all three degrees in Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, when **William Charles LeVan** was the fourth generation of the family to become a Mason. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by **John J. Tumolo, III, S.W.**, himself a third generation Mason.



Fifty-two years ago, 21-year-old



**William H. Shafer, P.M.** (third from left), Apollo Lodge No. 437, decided to wait two years before petitioning the lodge so that he and his brother, **James C.** (second from left), could travel the same road together. They were entered in June 1949, passed in Sept. and raised in Oct. Fifty years later at a banquet attended by 90 persons, the brothers were honored to receive their 50-Year Emblems of Gold from **Harvey F. Fishel, D.D.G.M.** (left), 39th Masonic District, and **Randy W. Miller, W.M.**



Now that **John J. Tumolo, III**, has been installed as Worshipful Master of Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, he is the third of his family to preside over a Masonic lodge using a gavel that has been passed from one generation to the next. The new Worshipful Master was installed by his father, **John J., Jr.**, who was Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 748, Philadelphia, in 1965 and 1966 and is a dual member of Chandler Lodge. The gavel was first used by John, III's grandfather, **John, Sr.** when he was Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1932. Golden Rule Lodge merged with Independence Lodge No. 723 in 1974, which then merged into Harmony Lodge No. 52 in 1987.

*Train Buff Alert!*

## THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC TRAIN

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, has a great love for model train collecting. So it is only fitting that he would have created a Pennsylvania Masonic Train. It was unveiled Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication in Hershey.

The train, manufactured by Weaver Models of Northumberland, PA is an "O" Gauge, three-rail set consisting of a C-1 Atlantic engine with tender, five cars, and caboose. Each piece is marked with Masonic symbols representing a majority of the organizations that comprise the Family of Freemasonry and the appendant charities. The charities will benefit from every set sold.

For orders placed on the initial run of 1,500 sets by June 1, 2000, delivery will be guaranteed to you on or about Dec. 15, 2000. The cost per set is \$500. A separate option of 18 sections of 045 track and transformer also will be available for the additional cost of \$105.

In addition to the train and for the serious collector, a special limited-run Pennsylvania M-1 engine will be manufactured at a cost of \$1,100 per unit if orders for 300 or more engines can be obtained.

Another train-related product will be made available to each lodge. This is a specially painted and decorated boxcar that will depict the name and number of any lodge ordering at least 200 cars. Each lodge has been informed of the procedures for obtaining this special car.

Orders for the Pennsylvania Masonic Train, track, and transformer, or M-1 engine should be sent to the Office of the Grand Treasurer, using the accompanying order form.



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## Grand Master Initiated into New Council of Knight Masons

At its first stated meeting of the new Northeast Council No. 74, U.D. Knight Masons of the U.S.A. on Jan. 8 in Hazleton, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., was initiated by Sir Knight Errol T. Betzenberger, the Excellent Chief. He and the other brethren in the "R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Class" became charter members of the Council. Sir Knights of Penn Council No. 13, Philadelphia, conferred the Degrees of Knighthood under the direction of Matthew Dupee, Senior Knight-Elect.

Among those in the honor class were Luther J. Black, the Grand Sword Bearer; Patrick J. Connor, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; and Donald J. Panichi, Grand Governor of York Rite Sovereign College of Pennsylvania.

Present to welcome the R.W. Grand Master was Douglas L. Jordan, R.W. Grand Scribe of the Grand Council of Knight

Masons of the U.S.A., accompanied by Ronald L. Pennell, Grand King of Grand Chapter. Also attending from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania were Grand Master William N. Feilke, Deputy Grand Master Freeman Z. Frey, III, and Grand P.C.W. Meredith Gold, III, and from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania William E. Clepper, Grand Commander, and numerous present and past officers of all of the bodies.

Grand Master Dluge has been active in York Rite Masonry, having served as a presiding officer of the four York Rite bodies, as well as Gallicantu Tabernacle No. LXXV, H.R.A.K.T.P., and Gen. John Sullivan Council No. 84, Allied Masonic Degrees. In recognition of his service as a past presiding officer of the four bodies, he was inducted into Penn Priory No. 6, Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Bro. Dluge was honored with the rank of Knight, York Grand Cross of Honour with One Quadrant, an honor bestowed only on York Rite Grand Presiding officers who have attained the Knight of the York Cross of Honor distinction.



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JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	WILLIAM WETTERAU	806	RDNALD A. AUNGST, SR., J.G.W.	232	THOMAS W. JACKSON, P.G.S.	315
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	JAY WARREN SMITH	551	NORMAN A. FOX	155	JAMES L. SIEBER	315
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	STEPHEN GARDNER	284	SAMUEL C. WILLIAMSON, P.G.M.	613	PHILIP B. LOVETT	700
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>MASONIC CULTURE COMMITTEE</b>		P. THOMAS FEESER (O.M.)	270	<b>COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, GIFTS AND LOANS</b>	
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>*EDWARD O. WEISSER, P.G.M.</b>	<b>427</b>	CARL R. FLOHR (O.M.)	143	<b>*DONALD L. ALBERT, G.S.</b>	<b>698</b>
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	RONALD A. AUNGST, SR., J.G.W.	232	JOHN C. STEVENS (O.M.)	682	BLAINE F. FABIAN	665
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	ELVIN G. WARFEL	427	WILLIAM W. WEISSER (O.M.)	427	JOSEPH E. MURPHY	682
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	WILLIAM WETTERAU	806	CHARLES L. METZGER, SR. (O. M.)	322	MARVIN G. SPEICHER, G.T.	307
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	JAY WARREN SMITH	551	<b>MASONIC HOMES BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUBCOMMITTEE</b>		C. DEFORREST TREXLER	333
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	STEPHEN GARDNER	284	<b>*MARVIN A. CUNNINGHAM, SR., D.G.M.</b>	<b>310</b>	ROBERT L. ENGEL	239
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>MASONIC CULTURE COMMITTEE</b>		WILLIAM SLATER II, S.G.W.	45	EDWIN P. COVER	331
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>*EDWARD O. WEISSER, P.G.M.</b>	<b>427</b>	RDNALD A. AUNGST, SR., J.G.W.	232	SAMUEL C. WILLIAMSON, P.G.M.	613
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	RONALD A. AUNGST, SR., J.G.W.	232	NORMAN A. FOX	155	KENNETH V. HATT (O.M.)	802
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	ELVIN G. WARFEL	427	SAMUEL C. WILLIAMSON, P.G.M.	613	LLOYD S. MORTIMER (O.M.)	340
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	WILLIAM WETTERAU	806	NORMAN A. FOX	155	ROBERT M. SPICER, JR. (O.M.)	464
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	JAY WARREN SMITH	551	ROBERT L. ENGEL	239	<b>MASONIC HOMES DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	STEPHEN GARDNER	284	GUY T. MATTHEWS	600	<b>*C. DEFORREST TREXLER</b>	<b>333</b>
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>MASONIC CULTURE COMMITTEE</b>		EDWIN P. COVER	331	MARVIN A. CUNNINGHAM, SR., D.G.M.	310
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	<b>*EDWARD O. WEISSER, P.G.M.</b>	<b>427</b>	RICHARD J. STEMMER	275	NORMAN A. FOX	155
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	RONALD A. AUNGST, SR., J.G.W.	232	C. DEFORREST TREXLER	333	<b>MASONIC HOMES CONFERENCE CENTER INTERFACE SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	ELVIN G. WARFEL	427	<b>MASONIC HOMES ADMISSIONS, HOME ASSISTANCE AND RESIDENT SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE</b>		<b>*MARVIN A. CUNNINGHAM, SR., D.G.W.</b>	<b>310</b>
JOHN H. PLATT, JR.	712	WILLIAM WETTERAU	806	<b>*NORMAN A. FOX</b>	<b>155</b>	WILLIAM SLATER II, S.G.W.	45
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