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## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

As we approach the most joyous of holiday seasons, it is appropriate to reflect on a year that has almost passed and to look to the future. As we told you, one of the important themes of this administration has been – and will be – “The Old and The New.” That concept defines much of what has occurred during this year and what is to come.

We have tried to return, in some measure, to the basic principles of Freemasonry – of education, fellowship, and having a little bit of fun – so as to enhance your participation in lodge activities. We have suggested that each lodge have meaningful programs to make it interesting to attend lodge, to learn something new, or at least have reinforced the principles of Freemasonry. In addition, we have offered some “options” to enhance presentations of the ritual, both to new and existing members. We also have required, however, that no matter what we do, it be done excellently! How discouraging it is to see work done less than it could be. With a little effort, all of the work can be – and should be – done excellently.

I am pleased to say that from the reports that we have received, you have taken on the challenge. Attendance at the Pennsylvania Masonic Academy of Freemasonry, especially the Academy for Masonic Knowledge, has been far greater than expected. We have tried to give all of our members an opportunity for personal enrichment and improvement – and many of you have participated. Lodge ritual work and programs in lodges seemed to have improved and we will make a continuing effort to enhance that concept as well.

I am most pleased in the efforts that a majority of lodges have engaged in by supporting the A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) program. To date, hundreds of the devices have been made available throughout our Commonwealth by your efforts. Lives will be saved as a direct result of your activities. More particularly, though, I

hear members saying that they enjoyed participating in projects to earn the money to make that happen. It seems that the old phrase, “Put the craft to work and your labors will be rewarded,” has proven itself. It's great to know that we are actually doing things as an organized group to work together for a common goal.

During the next year, we will continue to pursue excellence. The Membership Development and Retention Committee has worked very hard since the inception of this administration to provide direction, studying where we have been and where we are going. This Committee, comprised of a very diverse segment of our membership from all over the Commonwealth, has reported recently on its deliberations. Their recommendations include the pursuit of excellence, continuing our educational efforts and training programs, and general upgrading of lodge meetings, including enhanced quality of those meetings. We will do all that we can to fulfill those recommendations. Several new efforts will appear over the next few months as additional tools or “options” for lodge usage.

My Brethren, the greatest part of this organization is you! Your friendship, fellowship, and constructive suggestions to improve our Fraternity are appreciated and each one is seriously considered. It is only by your help, input, and participation that we can succeed. Please attend at least one lodge meeting in the upcoming year, recommend a candidate for membership, and participate in the events that your Grand Lodge has created for your benefit.

So mote it be.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



## Pennsylvania Lodge of Research No. 1 Will Be Warranted on Dec. 27

The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will have its own Lodge of Research, the first in its history. While Lodges of Research have become relatively common in many jurisdictions, with some having more than one, for some inexplicable reason Pennsylvania, the largest jurisdiction, has never had one.

That will change this year. Pennsylvania Lodge of Research No. 1 will be warranted by the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27. The new Research Lodge will be open to all Master Masons belonging to a lodge in any recognized jurisdiction. Pennsylvania Masons under our Grand Lodge will be regarded as full members and those from other jurisdictions will be associate members.

The Lodge of Research will meet twice a year at different locations within the state. All who join within the Masonic year of 2001 will become charter members. Since a Research Lodge is not a Craft Lodge, even though it is warranted by the Grand Lodge, it does not interfere with, or count as, a dual membership.

The fee for joining will be \$50, which will include a member's jewel. Annual dues will be \$25. Petitions for membership became available Oct. 15 and may be secured by writing to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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## Enthusiasm Abounds for the Second Session of The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry

[Editor's Note: When the second session of The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry was to be held on Oct. 14, this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason was on press.]

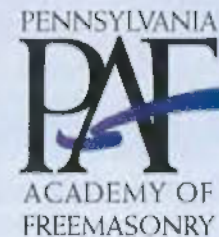
There is no doubt that the second three-track session of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry was destined to be another historic moment in the vitality of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and around the world. Weeks before the Saturday, Oct. 14 event, it was obvious from the large number of early reservations that there would be a full house at each of the three presentations: the School for Ritual, the Seminar for Wardens, and the Academy of Masonic Knowledge.

“It is evident that Pennsylvania Masons love Masonic history, tradition, education, and excellence in the degrees,” said Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master. “When we introduced The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry, we said that 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. We were excited with the response to the first sessions in March and the emphatic approval of the quality and value of the presentations,” Grand Master Dluge remarked in looking forward to these sessions.

Here is an overview of the scheduled presentations for each of the three sessions:

**Academy of Masonic Knowledge:** Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Academy, said that brethren from throughout Pennsylvania were to hear two outstanding Masonic leaders. Speaking on the general theme of the historic development and geographic spread of Freemasonry were Bro. Wallace McLeod, retired professor of Classical Languages, from the Victoria College of the University of Toronto, Canada, and Bro. Leon Zeldis, Past Sovereign Grand Commander for the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., for the State of Israel.

**School for Ritual:** Larry A. Buzzard, Director of Ritualistic Work, said that a full day of training, exemplification, and discussion was organized for ritualists meeting in the Abraham C. Treichler lodge room at the Masonic Homes.



Topics for the morning session were to be concerned with the conduct of the business of the lodge, the election of officers, and the examination of a visitor. After the luncheon, a degree team of ritualists was to exemplify the Master Mason's Degree. Ample time was planned for a discussion and question period at the end of the session.

**Seminar for Wardens:** The Junior and Senior Wardens' Seminar was designed as a concise, one-day training program that would give the leaders 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 service to the Fraternity. “When they leave the seminar, the wardens will be prepared to be quality leaders of their lodges,” said Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Masonic Training and Education Committee.

The agenda began with a discussion of “Values of Masonry,” goals of the lodge, and roles of the officers. It continued with suggestions for organizing the talent in a lodge and planning programs for the year as the master. There was a period for listing and defining the operations of the required and optional committees of a lodge and another relative to working with the lodge secretary. A section on protocol defined the guidelines for arranging and conducting various functions, such as a visit by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers.

## 2001 Session of Academy in March

Chairman Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, announced that the next session of the Academy of Knowledge will be March 17, 2001, in the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. It will feature the topic “Religion and Freemasonry,” highlighted by two renowned Masonic experts and clergymen, Neville B. Cryer and Gary Leazer. A question and answer period will follow each speaker.

Bro. Cryer, a noted English Masonic author, is the General Director of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a Prestonian Lecturer, and recipient of numerous Masonic honors. Dr. Leazer, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, is the founder and president of the Center for Interfaith Studies, Inc. He is the author of two books concerning the Southern Baptist controversy with Freemasonry. In addition, Bro. Leazer is a member of the steering committee of the Masonic Information Center, Silver Spring, MD.

## Certification Program of Masonic Knowledge Announced

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge has developed a certification program for those Brethren interested in furthering their background in the history, customs, and philosophy of Freemasonry. The details of the program and information for enrolling were presented to the attendees of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge held at Elizabethtown on Oct. 14.

The program provides three successive levels of self-study. Each level contains a basic core of information, with the participant reading certain required books, as well as additional Masonic books of his own choice. A book list of recommended reading, containing nearly 100 titles, is being distributed for this purpose. In addition, points applicable toward certification may be earned through activities, such as attending Academy of Masonic Knowledge sessions, giving Masonic presentations at lodge meetings, submitting Masonic articles for publication, and developing a Masonic education program for lodge use. The participant will submit a brief report on his activities to earn points for accreditation in each level.

Interested Pennsylvania Freemasons who were not at the October session of the Academy may register for the program by contacting the Masonic Education Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598. Phone: (215) 988-1909.



# WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

Earlier this year, Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, asked all lodges in Pennsylvania to honor veterans as an important part of their programming for November. To assist the lodges, the Masonic Education/ Training Committee of the Grand Lodge compiled a manual of program suggestions that is packed with historical information and ideas for activities. The worshipful master of every Pennsylvania lodge should have received it late in September.

The manual has two very informative sections. First is the "Introduction," which is not meant to be a welcome message for the manual, but is material for a perfect beginning for a lodge program. It contains a chronology, historical facts, experiences, and philosophy surrounding Veterans Day, the military, and Americanism with which a presenter can set an exciting stage for activities recognizing veterans. Then, as one would expect in a program guide, the manual offers 18 suggested activities from which the lodge can choose to carry out.

The opening segment, entitled "We Honor Our Masonic Veterans," chronicles military involvement and actions of citizens and servicemen from the early colonies through today. It cites the "War for Independence," the War of 1812 that gave the new nation a second victory and an opportunity to solidify its freedom and gain recognition abroad, and the military action of 1845 through which this country gained Texas and territory in the West.

Recalled is the War Between the States with its internal quarrel between brothers from the North and the South. Then, there was the Spanish-American War in 1898, when Puerto Rico became a U. S. territory. In the Pacific, we took control of the Philippine Islands which continued until July 4, 1946.

"The new century changed the nature of conflicts to wars of a worldwide scope," the manual reports. World War I was called "The War to End All Wars," but in

less than two decades there was World War II. The Introduction continues, "Since the end of World War II, ... (the U.S.) has taken on a larger role as a keeper of the peace ... sent troops to Korea ... (and) has had troops stationed there since the 1950's. A regional war in Viet Nam ... the recent foray to the Persian Gulf...."

The motivation and determination for citizenry to fight for one's country comes through clearly in a brief segment entitled, "Those Who Served Their Country." It expounds upon the driving forces for the colonists who volunteered to be soldiers in the Continental Army.

"America owes a great debt of gratitude to its Masonic veterans and all veterans," the program emphasizes in a section of "What The Veterans Have Done For Us." "The cemeteries in Arlington, in Gettysburg, and in France show, in a very vivid way, those who made the supreme sacrifice ...."

There are several Veterans Hospitals in Pennsylvania: Philadelphia, Coatesville, Butler, Erie, Wilkes Barre, Aspinwall (Pittsburgh), and Altoona. All lodges and individual Masons are urged to support those hospitals and to visit the veterans there. In addition, lodge officers, particularly the secretaries, should assure that all hospitalized veterans' dues are kept current.

The "Honor Our Veterans" program was created and compiled by the Masonic Training/Education Committee to help the officers of the lodges fulfill the Grand Master's request for blue lodges to honor veterans in November.

## Masonic Club in Pacific Theater

After islands in the Pacific were secured by the U.S. armed forces during World War II, it was customary for Masons in the service to form clubs.

Bro. Roland R. Gemmill, Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, was a member of one on Okinawa where he served with the 7th Division at the end of the war. He noted that at one meeting, there were brethren from all 48 contiguous states, D.C., Alaska, and Hawaii, plus some from seven foreign countries. He's curious about how many brethren had fraternal experiences like his. He figures there must have been a lot because his membership card dated Sept. 6, 1945 was numbered 1,023. Some years later he saw a similar card of a veteran whose number was higher than 50,000. Bro. Gemmill is interested in communicating with brethren who had the same experiences. Contact him at 216 S. Sunset Dr., Shrewsbury, PA 17361.

## ABOUT THE COVER... In Honor of Our Veterans

**In Memory of Heroic Men** - The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, restored by the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, honors the brave men of the Revolutionary War era who were ready to lay down their lives in the cause of liberty, justice and righteousness.

**The Bonds of Brotherhood** - The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in Gettysburg National Cemetery depicts Union Capt. and Bro. Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate Gen. and Bro. Lewis Armistead during Pickett's Charge.

**Honor For All Veterans** - The Freemason Pavilion and Monument, erected in the park of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Aspinwall near Pittsburgh, was presented for the use of veterans in appreciation for their service to the country.

## Many Lodges Provided WWI Servicemen With ID Medals

During World War I, many lodges presented to their members who served in the military bronze or silver identification medallions, or what might be considered early day "dog tags." There are several of them preserved at the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

One of them presented by lodges in Allegheny County is an attractive, heavy-duty, 1 3/8th-inch circular bronze medal with the following raised artwork and lettering:



Obverse

The face (obverse) of the coin displays a majestic spread-winged eagle perched atop a scroll. The eagle and scroll are above the Master Mason's square and compasses with the letter "G," which are flanked by olive branches and backed by a sunburst. Arced around the upper two-thirds of the perimeter of the coin are the words, "FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNA." Arced on the bottom third of the perimeter is the identification of "ALLEGHENY COUNTY."

Encircling the perimeter of the reverse of the coin is the direction, "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY MASONIC TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA, USA." The center of the reverse provides for the vital information wherein the name of the Mason and the number of his lodge would be engraved. The wording is: "BROTHER (Name) MEMBER OF LODGE No. (Lodge Number) WITH THE UNITED STATES EXPEDITIONARY FORCES."



Reverse



## "Let Freedom Ring" in New Year's Parade

Three of America's most significant symbols of freedom - The Liberty Bell, Constitution, and 1777 design of the Stars and Stripes, all with historic roots in Pennsylvania - will decorate the striking Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. As the 35-ft. "Let Freedom Ring" float passes, the sound of the Liberty Bell will be heard. On each side of the Constitution will be six youth from DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters, all dressed in the regalia of their organizations. We are reminded that a number of the leaders who framed the documents portrayed on the float were Freemasons.

## National Sojourners Are Veterans Dedicated To Americanism, Patriotism and Fraternity

National Sojourners is an organization of Masonic veterans staunchly dedicated to Americanism, patriotism, and the Fraternity. Its members are Master Masons who are U. S. citizens and commissioned or warrant officers, past and present, of the uniformed services of the United States, having served honorably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. In addition, honorary members may be elected to chapters of the National Sojourners.

Their purposes are: To promote good fellowship among its members; assist those who may be overtaken by adversity or affliction; cultivate Masonic ideals; support all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry; develop true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation; further the military need of national defense; and oppose any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security. They work to achieve their purposes by recognizing students with military interests and by proclaiming, demonstrating, and teaching Americanism and patriotism.

Across Pennsylvania, there are eight chapters of the National Sojourners: Benjamin Franklin No. 16, Philadelphia; Fort Pitt No. 38, Pittsburgh; Harrisburg No. 76; Carlisle No. 130; Lancaster No. 292; Valley Forge No. 444, Phoenixville; Lycoming No. 509, Williamsport; and Penmar No. 532, Waynesboro.

Among those chapters, as many as 50 Americanism medals are presented each year to students in R.O.T.C. (Reserve Officers Training Corps) and Junior R.O.T.C. units in educational institutions across the state. Recommendations for the awards come from the R.O.T.C. staffs of the institutions, based upon basic criteria established by the respective military service organizations, including academic standing and class involvement. Then, the National Sojourners' criteria require that each recipient has encouraged and demonstrated the ideals of Americanism by deed or conduct, or both, and has demonstrated a potential for outstanding leadership.

"Building of the Flag" is an Americanism program documenting the history of our flag as the various colonies and territories became states. Usually presented by four brethren in colonial uniforms, the historical presentation begins with events before the Revolution and concludes with those related to the present 50-starred flag. It documents the country's progress, stripe by stripe and star by star. The 35-minute program is excellent for any audience and is well received within the Fraternity or among the public, whether adult or youth.

Brethren in Sojourners chapters are "on the road" presenting a program called "The Bridge of Light," designed to promote a liaison, a bonding, an interweaving, a better understanding, and a friendship between National Sojourners and the Family of Freemasonry. It is an effort to keep alive the respect for the veterans and increase Sojourners membership. Through The Bridge of Light program, lodges, appendant Masonic bodies, allied clubs, and units gain programs and other assistance, especially with patriotic endeavors.

National Sojourners have their heroes — "Heroes of '76," an affiliate, or auxiliary organization composed of Sojourners who have had an inspiring patriotic degree conferred upon them in recognition of exemplary service to Freemasonry, the National Sojourners, or the government.

The national headquarters for Sojourners are at Collingwood Library and Museum on Americanism on a property that once was one of Brother, General, and President George Washington's river farms fronting on both the Potomac River and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Alexandria, VA. Not only does Collingwood house the Sojourners' headquarters, its archives have acquired, catalogued, processed, protected, and displayed for the public an outstanding collection of documents, literature, and artifacts that promote, enhance, and inspire patriotism. Toward that end, the Foundation has amassed more than 6,000 volumes relating to American history, more than 400 books relating to Freemasonry in Colonial America, and 80 volumes on early British Masonry. The

Sojourners had a collection of nearly 50 American Grand Lodge Masonic Codes and histories which were turned over to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial where they can be better preserved. Of great interest at Collingwood is the "Heroes Room," dedicated to Masonic heroes who risked their lives, their honor, and their fortunes to help establish this Republic. There is a 29-minute video tape suitable for a meeting program available for loan by contacting Collingwood, 8301 E. Boulevard Dr., Alexandria, VA 22308. Phone (703) 765-5000.

The "Building of the Flag" is completed at the conclusion of the presentation by Maj. Robert A. Weekly (left) and LTC James R. Smith, P.M., both of Poor Richard Camp of Heroes of '76 and Benjamin Franklin Chapter of National Sojourners. Bro. Weekly is Commander of the Camp and Bro. Smith is the Area Representative of the North Atlantic Area of National Sojourners.





## 55th Masonic District Again Mini-Grand Prix Champions



Again, the 55th Masonic District came away with the trophies and the American Arthritis Foundation in western Pennsylvania was the big winner of the seventh annual Greater Pittsburgh Mini-Grand Prix Race. This marked the third consecutive year that the District has won the award as the largest contributor.

There were 21 cars on the starting line and two of them were from the Masonic District, one identified with the number "55" and the other with "2-B-1." After they passed the checkered flag, the 55th Masonic District came away with a collection of trophies: first place overall race champion; the Mini-Grand Prix championship, and the second best decorated car. But, the major award won by the District – the one the brethren consider the most important of all – is the plaque for the highest amount of contributions. The District was responsible for contributions of \$8,500 this year from the lodges, including a Masonic Matching Charity grant, and from some individuals in western Pennsylvania.

Late news was reported announcing that during the first week of September, the 55th District Masonic Race Team won the "Never-Quit Cart Award" at another Arthritis Foundation Mini-Grand Prix in Harrisburg. That was a particularly exciting event because the winning racer had its axle bent in the first race; however, the race crew worked diligently to repair it and have the cart back on the track for the final race.

Want to keep up with the achievements of the 55th Masonic District's seven-year old race team? They have their own web site «<http://www.Masonicraceteam.org>». (Photo - video still courtesy of Nathan Fullerton.)

## Philadelphia Lodges Help Scout Council

In mid-August, Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District A in Philadelphia (center), along with four past masters, presented a check for \$14,000 in support of camping activities at the Cradle of Liberty Council's three Scout Reservations to Camp Director Frank Hollick (left). The project was developed by Robert Campitti, S.W., Equity Lodge No. 591 (right). These funds are to enable the construction of a special activity center, complete a maintenance road, and refurbish an archery range at Resica Falls Scout Reservation in the Marshall's Creek area where more than 3,800 youths camped this Summer. While at the Scout reservation for the presentation, Joseph Levy, P.M., added to the value of the contribution and involvement of Masons by volunteering to assist in the design of the activity center. Those projects are to be completed for next year's camping season.



Also, it was recognized that the Council's Musser Scout Reservation near Quakertown needs a C.O.P.E. activity center where young men and boys can develop team participation and confidence-building skills. The Council's third camp is Treasure Island Scout Reservation. D.D.G.M. Miller hopes that other area lodges will join in helping to meet the large council's needs and has offered to provide information about the program to anyone who contacts him at (215) 675-6763.

## 7th District Sponsors Indian Dancers

Through the sponsorship of the 7th Masonic District, the Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America presented the Koshare Indian Dancers in a cultural and educational performance for the Berks County community on Aug. 18. The Koshare Indian Dancers are an elite troop of Boy Scouts from Colorado who travel and perform throughout the world. Mark A. Haines, (left), D.D.G.M., offered the District's contribution to Bro. Richard C. Bennett, Council Scout Executive (second from right), joined by the Dancers' Head Chief, Nick Bohman (second from left), and Assistant Head Chief, Jason Martinez.



## Perseverance Lodge Helps Scouts

Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, contributed \$3,000 to Hidden Valley Scout Reservation near Loysville for much needed repair of tents. Mitchell L. Smith, W.M. (Center) presented the contribution to Michael J. Kelly (left), Facility Director of the Reservation, and Bill Gesford, Camp Ranger. The contribution resulted after several members of the Lodge who are active in Scouting heard of the need and suggested that the Lodge assist the Keystone Area Scout Council.



## Two Camp Hill Lodges Aid Playground

West Shore Lodge No. 681 and Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, both in Camp Hill, joined together with Masonic Matching Charity Grants to contribute \$2,000 to help rebuild and equip "The Lion's Den," a children's playground in the Camp Hill Borough Park named for the community's sports mascot. To fund the project, the Camp Hill Recreation Board sold multi-colored bricks for a sidewalk and play area. The two lodges purchased a large area of bricks which has been overlaid and inscribed with a square and compasses emblem and identifies "Freemasons of Camp Hill." To one side of the logo is the identification for Camp Hill Lodge and to the other side for Lowther Manor Lodge. Inscribed above the lodge names are the words, "God" and "Family" and below, "Charity" and "Community." When the playground was dedicated in June, S. Berne Smith, W.M., Lowther Manor Lodge, represented all of the Masons of the community.

## Vaux Lodge Spirits Walk-A-Thon,

Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg, has been busy in the community, spiriting 24 enthusiastic walkers who became known as "DiAnn's Team" by matching the funds they raised in a May 7 walk-a-thon to benefit the Berks County Multiple Sclerosis Society, and by supporting a high school prom party. The team raised more than \$3,600 as a result of their walk, including the matching funds from Vaux Lodge. DiAnn, who is afflicted with M.S., is the wife of a member of Vaux Lodge.

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Blaine F. Fabian, Editor

## 75-Year Award for P.M. of Six Decades

When John T. Wolfertz, P.M. (second from right), who was W.M. of Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown, 61 years ago, was awarded a 75-year service certificate, the past master, Ralph H. Slider, Sr. (left), who presented him with his 50-Year Emblem of Gold a quarter of a century ago, was part of the ceremony. At rear is Eugene F. Leitgeb, W.M., and at right is Robert W. "Skip" Steckel, D.D.G.M., 10th Masonic District.



## CD Recording Produced Of Corinthian Hall Organ



The much acclaimed "Music at the Masonic Temple" recital series, which was introduced in November 1998, has brought about the production of an outstanding new recording of the three-manual organ in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Marc F. Cheban, who was the recitalist of the Aug. 1, 1999 concert, spent several days in the Masonic Temple creating the new recording. Mr. Cheban holds the Chair of the Creative Arts Department at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE, where he has served 23 years. He also is organist of the St. Andrew's Chapel and conducts all of the school's choirs. He has published many of his original compositions of organ and choral music.

The recording has varied presentations that are bound to please all listeners. They will hear just about every facet of the organ, including some sounds that can't be heard under any other circumstance. Technicians who recorded the CD say, "The sound ... is really spectacular. The clarity and 'presence' of the organ are very good, indeed. The 'theatre sound' on some of the tracks is wonderful ... there is a natural 'live' feel to the selections, not an artificial 'studio-like' sound."

The CDs are available at \$12 plus tax and shipping from the Masonic Gift Shop at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598. Phone (215) 988-1973.

## Surprise Visit Honors Two-Time Master

Henry Alvan Sallack P.M. (seated) was W.M. of James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Johnsonburg, in 1950 and, a half-century later, he is again in 2000. That's quite a distinction and to recognize his outstanding service to Freemasonry and pay tribute to him for his dedication, a contingent of distinguished brethren including four D.D.G.M.s paid a surprise visit to his April stated meeting. The D.D.G.M.s were: Carl R. Johnson, 33rd Masonic District, in which James W. Brown Lodge is located; W. Thomas Marlowe, 26th Masonic District; David A. Teorsky, 27th Masonic District; and Mark E. Viertel, 52nd Masonic District (center). Among the visitors were Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District; Harvey E. McNabb, Regional Instructor, Region 5, and Bros. Richard Slaughenhaupt (left) and James Oberlin (right). D.D.G.M. Johnson received and introduced the guests, then the 27th Masonic District presented the plaque and the 52nd Masonic District presented the trowel and gavel.





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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

MASONIC TEMPLE

PHILADELPHIA 19107  
Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 2000, A.L. 6000

The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Friday, December 8, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon so that the same as amended shall read as follows:

**Amendment No. 1**

**Election of Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes**

5.01. The Grand Lodge Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes shall each serve for a two-year term. The initial election to an office shall be by ballot at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day. A reaffirmation ballot shall be held at the succeeding December Quarterly Communication which is prior to the second year of an Officer's term; however, a voice vote as opposed to written or printed ballot may be used to reaffirm such election.

**Amendment No. 2**

**Trustees and Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge**

6.01. The Grand Master shall appoint the necessary Trustees for the Trust Funds of the Grand Lodge and the members of the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge, in such numbers as are provided for by the *Ahiman Rezon* and other action by the Grand Lodge; the Almoners, Stewards and Bursars; except when such appointment is provided for by election or by Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

**Amendment No. 3**

**Proceedings in the Grand Lodge**

9.04. The following shall be the order of business at all Stated Communications:

1. The reading of a synopsis or an abridgement of the Minutes of the last regular Stated Communication and of any Extra or Special Communication if such have been held.
2. Communications from Subordinate Lodges.
3. Reports of Trustees.
4. Reports of Standing Committees, etc.
5. Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.
6. Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.
7. Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund.
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Returns of Lodges.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Communications from Brethren and others.

The Grand Master may dispense with the order of business or arrange it as he deems for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

In all cases, papers or communications will be referred to Standing Committees, unless otherwise ordered, but special subjects may be referred to Special Committees.

**Amendment No. 4**

**Subordinate Lodges**

17.13. The stated place of meeting of a Lodge is inserted in its Warrant, but should circumstances at any time render such a place of meeting improper, the Master may convene the Lodge at some other place, within the limits named in the Warrant. But, no Lodge can be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor any motion made for that purpose unless he is present. When a motion is made to change the stated place of meeting of the Lodge, and is seconded by two Members, a summons with the Seal of the Lodge attached, attested by the Secretary, shall be issued to every Member, stating the proposition for removal, and assigning a time for acting upon it. Such summons shall be issued at least ten days before the meeting, and upon such special call no other business than that designated shall be entered upon. A vote of two-thirds of the Members present, and the approval of the Grand Master, or of the District Deputy Grand Master, shall be necessary to authorize such removal. If it is decided in favor of removal, immediate notice of the place to which the Lodge has been removed shall be given to the Grand Secretary. The minority may appeal from the vote of the Lodge, directing such removal, and a hearing shall be given to both parties in the Grand Lodge before such removal is confirmed and registered. Removals from one room to another in the same building may be made at any Stated Meeting of the Lodge, provided one month's notice of the intention to vote on a Resolution to remove is given to all the Members.

The Worshipful Master may, with permission of the District Deputy Grand Master, cancel or postpone a Lodge Meeting in the event of local or weather emergencies. Appropriate notice of the postponement or cancellation of the Lodge Meeting shall be provided to all Members by public or private means as are reasonably practical.

17.14. Elections shall be held, and all other business and work shall be done, in a Master Masons' Lodge, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to a Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice Masons' Lodge.

A Lodge may, when conferring Degrees other than that of Master Mason, open and close on the Degree which is to be conferred.

**Amendment No. 5**

**Members**

19.06. A Member of a Lodge ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension or resignation. But no Member shall be permitted to resign and withdraw from membership until his dues have been paid or remitted by his Lodge, and a Member of a Lodge shall not be suspended for non-payment of dues while subject to Masonic charges.

## Grand Master's Gala Banquet and Show Following Quarterly Communication

The Grand Master's Banquet to be held in conjunction with the December Quarterly Communication will be a gala event including outstanding entertainment featuring the popular and renowned Bobby Rydell and very funny Jim Teter with his presidential dummies. It will be held in Ballrooms A & B of the Pennsylvania Convention Center adjoining the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia.

The banquet, with a combination entree of tenderloin of beef and sole with lobster stuffing, will be served at 6:30 p.m. The entertainment is scheduled for 8 p.m. Cost for the dinner and show is \$30 per person. At 5:30 p.m., preceding the banquet, there will be a social hour in the Grand Hall of the Convention Center. Reservations for the banquet and show can be made by completing the adjoining coupon and sending it with your payment to the Office of the Grand Master.



Bobby Rydell, one of the original three "Golden Boys" with Frankie Avalon and Fabian, will headline the two-part show. He has been an entertainment hit from the time he made his debut in the late '50's as a rock and roll teen idol and appearing on the popular American Bandstand. He has played starring roles in such hit films as "Bye Bye Birdie" and "West Side Story" and has appeared on the Red Skelton and Ed Sullivan shows. In the world of recordings, he has earned nearly three dozen rankings in the top 40 and is among the top five of all single artists from his era.

Jim Teter and his presidential dummies is the other part of the show. He is a comedian – and much more. He keeps everybody roaring with his topical humor, political satire, and comedic ventriloquism. He begins with rapid-fire, stand-up comedy, concluding with his classic performance with life-size presidential dummies.

### The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will convene at 10:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Originally, the Quarterly Communication had been announced for Saturday, but scheduling conflicts necessitated the change.

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A Member may terminate his membership in the Fraternity by voluntary resignation in one of two methods. The first is a resignation without prejudice, which will not prevent that Member from rejoining the Fraternity at a later time. The second is a resignation with prejudice, which will be conclusive and binding upon the individual so that he will not be able to rejoin a Fraternity at a later date for any reason whatsoever.

**Amendment No. 6**

**Petitions for Membership and Transfer of Membership**

20.03. A Brother who has been expelled or suspended, or who has resigned without prejudice for any other cause than for non-payment of dues or non-proficiency, and is desirous of being restored must apply at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge of which he was last a Member, when, if a majority of the Lodge present shall so decide, the Lodge shall request the Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion or suspension, and after it is removed, the Brother may petition for membership in the same manner and subject to the same Rules and Regulations governing the proceedings in cases for membership.

A Brother who has been expelled, suspended or otherwise disciplined by a Grand Master may only seek reaffiliation of such discipline by action of the Grand Master and the Grand Master alone.

**Amendment No. 7**

**Petitions for Initiation and Membership**

21.07. If the report of the Committee is favorable, and the ballot approves the petitioner, he may receive the first degree in Freemasonry subject, however, to objection from any Member of the Lodge until initiation. When an objection is made, it must be entered on the Minutes and cannot be withdrawn. Such objection shall have the same force and effect as a rejection by ballot, and the petitioner shall be in the same position as on a rejection by ballot. If no objection is made, and the degree is completed, any objection to advancement must be in the form of a charge against the Brother, which must be tried in a Lodge of Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Masons, in which the charge was made. After any charge has been preferred, he shall not be advanced, and if upon trial he is found guilty he shall receive such Masonic discipline as shall be determined by the trial committee.

**Amendment No. 8**

**Visitors**

24.02. This Article shall be omitted in its entirety.

Donald L. Albert  
R.W. Grand Secretary

### Reservation Coupon The Grand Master's Banquet and Show

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I want \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Grand Master's Banquet and Show on Dec. 8 at \$30 per person. Total payment for groups wanting to sit together must accompany the reservation.

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to "Grand Lodge of PA."

Tickets will be mailed, so please type or print the information below.

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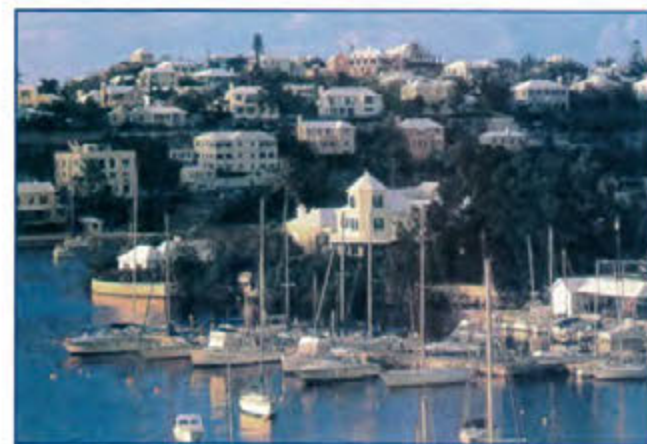
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Also during Autumn Day festival, Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Masonic members received a Pennsylvania flag that was donated by Bro. Ray Administrator, Retirement Living at Masonic Homes, and his wife, Ann. The presentation (photo at right) was made by Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, and Walter Weidner, President of Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Masonic.



It's luxury supreme aboard Celebrity Cruises' beautiful, spacious ship *Zenith*. A week-long cruise from New York City to Bermuda and back is the setting for a superb vacation.

Mark your calendar for August 4 through 11 for the Masonic Family Cruise Vacation to Bermuda.



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Office of the Grand Master

Dear Brethren, Ladies, and Friends:

Get ready to have fun. Next August 4th to 11th, we're going for a week-long Masonic Family Cruise to Bermuda and you're all invited. Reserve the dates right now.

I have been saying over and over that we want to have fun as a family while we carry forth the ideals and traditions of our great Fraternity. Toward that goal, several months ago we asked for feedback on how you felt about our planning a cruise to Bermuda. The response was most favorable and now the plans have been made.



Cooperating with the AAA Mid-Atlantic travel agents, arrangements are being confirmed with Celebrity Cruises for Pennsylvania Masons, their ladies and families, friends of Masons and their families to sail from New York City. We will enjoy a full week of fun-filled cruising and vacationing with the ship as our hotel. We'll return to New York City.

Scan the other side of this page to "get a taste" of the good times, fabulous sights, and fantastic entertainment that awaits our pleasure. And, don't forget you never dine better than aboard a cruise ship. Details and reservation information will be in the February issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

We are planning this to be a relaxing, enjoyable vacation and we're doing our very best to offer a selection of packages affordable to all Masons and their families. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for fun on a cruise and fun in the sun.

It will be my privilege and pleasure to welcome you, your family, and friends aboard.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

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## Date Stone, Flag-Raising Ceremony is on Autumn Day



During Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania placed the Date Stone for the Freemasons Cultural Center that is part of the Village Green area construction project. In conjunction with that event, there was an impressive flag-raising ceremony.

The impressive Date Stone Ceremony is an adaptation of the traditional Cornerstone Ceremony performed throughout history by Freemasons for the construction of major buildings or structures, public or private. It is based on the same ceremony that Bro. and President George Washington performed on Sept. 18, 1793, when he laid the cornerstone for the White House.

In the ceremony, prior to the Grand Master's symbolically placing the Date Stone, the Chaplain invokes the blessing of God on the construction work underway, recognizing His work and asking for His protection. The Grand Lodge officers disperse the corn of strength, pour the wine of refreshment, and spread the oil of joy to symbolize brotherhood, unity and harmony, and prosperity in this magnificent undertaking and its service to mankind. Residents of the Masonic Homes participated in the ceremonies: Bro. Stuart Titus, a member of St. John's Lodge, Jenkins Twp., played the organ and the Men's Chorus sang and led the audience packed with residents in singing the anthem in the flag ceremony.

The flag of the United States of America was raised by Bro. George D. Grimes, resident of the Masonic Homes and a member of Lodge No. 62, Reading. Bro. Grimes, who is 103 years old, has been named Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor by the President of the French Republic as a surviving member of the U.S. armed forces who fought in France in World War I. Todd J. Cook, a resident of the Masonic Children's Home and Senior Counselor of the Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, assisted Bro. Grimes. The flag, which had flown over the U.S. Capitol on Aug. 25, was presented for the Freemasons Cultural Center by Congressman George W. Gekas. Pennsylvania Senator and Bro. Noah W. Wenger, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, presented and raised the flag of the Commonwealth. The flag of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was presented by the Grand Lodge, was raised by R.W. Past Grand Warden Thomas H. Burgess, a member of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, and a resident of the Retirement Living Community of the Masonic Homes.

During the ceremonies, Grand Master Dluge made special presentations. The Grand Master's Service Award was presented to Bro. Titus for his outstanding service to the community. The Grand Master gave Bro. Carl R. Flohr, P.M., George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Award and a plaque to him and his wife, Arlene, when he named the therapy pool in his honor (see story below). The Grand Master gave special recognition to Bro. Jay G. Brossman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, for his continuous support of the Masonic Homes and announced that the new ballroom of the Freemasons Cultural Center will be named in his honor.



## FLOHR THERAPY POOL NAMED

Bro. Carl R. Flohr, P.M. (right), Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, and his wife, Arlene, who is Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Order of the Eastern Star, were recognized and honored by R.W. Grand Master, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., during the unveiling of a sign for the therapy pool in the Masonic Health Care Center. The pool, which was approved for the fourth phase of the Masonic Health Care Center Construction Project, was named the Flohr Therapy Pool in recognition of Bro. Flohr's dedication and service as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes from 1991 through 1999, during which time he also served as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee. Bro. Flohr offered the services of his firm to contribute all of the pumps, piping, and design for the pool, and he installed much of the piping.



**Congratulations: Bro. Flohr Receives Franklin Medal.** During the Date Stone Ceremony, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. awarded the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Medal to Bro. Carl R. Flohr. The surprise recognition occurred when this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was at the printer. A complete report of the tribute and proper recognition of Bro. Flohr's achievements will be given in the February issue.



## Absalom Jones Foundation Gives One of Its First Charity Donations to Masonic Homes

Bro. John H. Grant, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Absalom Jones Foundation, and Bro. Robert E. Wyatt, M.W. Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Absalom Jones Foundation, presented a \$1,000 check to Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on Aug. 18. The check for the Masonic Homes was one of the first charity donations provided by the recently established Absalom Jones Foundation, a non-profit charity organization of the Prince Hall Masons of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Grant also serves as the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Liaison to the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.



Bro. John H. Grant (left) and Bro. Robert E. Wyatt present a \$1,000 check to Bro. Joseph E. Murphy (right).

## Grand Chapter Donates Funds to Mission of Love

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, The Order of The Eastern Star, recently provided funds to benefit the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On June 26, Sister Jean D. Fey, Past Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. H. Lin Jones, Past Worthy Grand Patron, presented a check to Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, at the Grand Session, Pittsburgh. The \$59,535.34 donation will be used to purchase "wish items" for the residents of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh, and the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Two days later, Bro. Davis was pleased to receive an additional \$4,000 from Worthy Grand Matron Arlene S. Flohr on behalf of the Grand Chapter. The funds, representing some of the proceeds from sales of Noah's Ark tacs and monies from Sister Arlene's Club Luncheons, will go toward the sound system for the new Star Points Building at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The high quality audio/visual system in the assembly room of the Star Points Building will include a cassette deck, CD player, wireless microphones, an infrared listening system for people who have difficulty hearing, a large screen projector, and a projection screen.



Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., center, receives a check on behalf of the Masonic Homes from Bro. H. Lin Jones, Past Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Jean D. Fey, Past Worthy Grand Matron.

## Assisted Living Accommodations Available Immediately in Pittsburgh!

If you or someone you know is in need of assisted living services, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh continues to provide quality care and accommodations. The home offers:

- a secure environment where residents can live to their full potential with the assurance that assistance will be provided when needed (such as for bathing, dressing, and taking medications);
- comfort, companionship, and security;
- round the clock care services by a qualified staff;
- quality medical services when required;
- delicious meals three times a day;
- an array of personalized services such as free transportation services, religious and fraternal activities, and on-site beautician services; and
- a variety of recreational opportunities, including arts and crafts, games, sing-alongs, shopping trips, intergenerational programs, holiday festivities, and entertainment ... all within a beautifully landscaped setting!



Mrs. Lorraine Toth, resident, enjoys reading in a resident lounge.



Upon completion of the beautiful, new Star Points Building at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, in October 2001, residents of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will move there and be given first priority to select a room.

For more information about assisted living services in western Pennsylvania, call (412) 931-8300.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West is located in suburban Pittsburgh.

## Abraham C. Treichler Lodge and Roosters' Corner Work Together on Masonic Youth Camp

Last spring, brethren from the Roosters' Corner, a Masonic Homes resident-run wood-working shop, committed to help prepare the Masonic Youth Camp at Sugar Run, Bradford County, for the youth of the Masonic Children's Home. They built and donated six picnic tables and benches, a porch glider, and a rocker from funds donated by the Masonic Homes' Independent Living Community Residents Association.

The club members also began working on a 15 ft. x 30 ft. screened-in pavilion. Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, recognizing the men's good work, donated \$2,500 toward the lumber materials needed to build the pavilion.

When the pavilion was built, it was disassembled by the Roosters' Corner members, and the Masonic Homes' staff transferred the materials to Sugar Run to be reassembled by the club members. On Aug. 21 and 22, Bros. Gene Tobias, Sr., John Irwin, Gene Light, Robert Murray, Martin Weinelt, William Treager, and William Hildebrand; and Masonic Homes' staff members, Mark Spada and Gene Tobias, Jr.; plus a few of the youth from the Masonic Children's Home worked hard to rebuild the pavilion.



▲ The pavilion, complete except for the roof.

◀ Workers on the pavilion are: standing (l-r), Gene Tobias, Jr., Mark Spada, Robert Murray, William Treager, Martin Weinelt, and William Hildebrand; sitting (l-r), Gene Tobias, Sr., Gene Light, and John Irwin.

## Grand Lodge Officers Will Visit PA Brethren in Florida

In February 2001, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. and his wife, Debra, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, Committee on Masonic Homes members, and their ladies, will host three Masonic reunions scheduled for Pennsylvania Freemasons who now reside in Florida permanently or during the winter months.

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

On Thursday, Feb. 22, a reunion will be held at the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Winter Park. A second reunion will be held on Friday, Feb. 23, at the Tampa Airport Marriott in Tampa. On Saturday, Feb. 24, a third reunion will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott in Palm Beach Gardens.

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.

Pennsylvania Masons residing in Florida will be receiving an invitation to attend one of the reunions.

## Newtown Lodge Members Visit, Lunch With Members at The Masonic Homes

Officers and members of Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, traveled to Elizabethtown and visited ten members of their lodge who reside at the Masonic Homes. The visitors enjoyed lunch and a fine period of sociability and fellowship with seven of the brethren in a private dining room of the Retirement Living Club House. Three resident brethren who were unable to attend the luncheon were visited in their rooms at the Masonic Health Care Center.

The resident brethren who were at the luncheon were Benjamin P. Carter, Allan Darrow, Leroy Edwards, Guy Gernet, Lynn Poyner, Richard Rice, and Elvin Warfel. The three brethren unable to attend the luncheon were John I. Accuff, Sr., Anton Bittenbinder, and Harold Packer. The officers and members who traveled to Elizabethtown were John Horn, Jr., W.M.; Oliver Toigo, III, S.W.; William G. Logan, J.W.; James Edwards, Chaplain; Edward O. Weissner, P.M. and R.W.P.G.M.; James Accuff, P.M.; and Robert Sloughback, Gene Edwards, and Albert Muntez. The officers and wardens presented gifts from Newtown Lodge to the members who reside at the Masonic Homes.

## Dudley Watch Donated to Masonic Homes Museum

Part of the Village Green Area Construction project has involved the relocation of the Masonic Homes Museum to make it more visible and accessible to visitors.

One of the newest displays in the new museum will feature a gracious gift recently provided to the Masonic Homes by Bro. and Mrs. C. Clark Julius, York Lodge No. 266. The gift is the Dudley Masonic pocket watch owned by Bro. William Wallace Dudley, himself! Valued at \$25,000, the watch has all of its original parts, which were made in Switzerland in 1924... and it still runs! According to Bro. Julius, this watch is valuable because it is the rarest and most unusual. Bro. Julius has been a Mason since 1944.



Bro. and Mrs. C. Clark Julius present the Dudley watch to Bro. Joseph E. Murphy (left), Chief Executive Officer for the Masonic Homes.



## Making the Decision to Move to Residential Living

"I can't afford to live at Masonic Homes"...is an erroneous statement heard from time to time. The truth is that there are many avenues that make moving to Masonic Homes a possibility for many people. Residential living, which is the Village Green Area, is a wonderful example of affordable and convenient living. That area offers nice rooms with private baths. Meals are served three times a day in Grand Lodge Hall. Laundry and house-keeping assistance is available to make life more enjoyable.

Each building recently was equipped with a community kitchenette area that is perfect for those "late night" snacks. There is a shuttle bus to transport residents all over the campus. Frequent trips to local shopping areas, malls, and restaurants are also included. Scheduled activities and recreational areas round out a full living experience.

All those services and more are included in one per-diem fee. There is no need for a down payment, nor is it required that all assets be signed over. A financial assessment is made during the application

process and suggestions are made at that time to assist in your decision. No required amount of money is necessary to enter the Masonic Homes. If a resident runs out of funds, the monthly income will be accepted as payment for services being provided. Any balance is met through contributions, bequests, and trusts that are received for Masonic Homes' operations.

If you or someone you know would like more information on Residential Living, call (800) 422-1207. The friendly Masonic Homes staff will be happy to answer your questions.



Residents enjoyed a scrumptious meal, music, and entertainment at this summer's "Renaissance Faire," a special event which took place in the Village Green Circle.



## Masonic Eastern Star Home-East Serves Philadelphia Area Within a Suburban Setting

Part of the Mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster is to serve persons in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients. A Medicare and Medicaid-certified facility, the home offers nursing and assisted living accommodations in a suburban setting, offering:

- quality care services 24 hours a day;
- access to medical services when needed;
- delicious, nutritious meals three times daily;
- personal beauty care;
- a complete religious program of regular interdenominational and secular services;
- many recreational activities such as arts and crafts, games, bingo, and sing-alongs;
- planned trips to see entertainment, go shopping, and enjoy picnics; and
- a beautifully landscaped courtyard



Special events in the outdoor courtyard are a summertime favorite!

For more information on availability or rates, call (215) 672-2500.



## Outreach Program Hosting Statewide Health Fairs

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program is hosting a series of Health Fairs at sites within each of the seven Masonic Regions across the Commonwealth. They began in October and will continue into April. Each event is being coordinated with the respective District Deputy Grand Masters and local lodge volunteers in each region. Local resources and health care providers will be featured, as well as agencies and associations which offer various degrees of support for Masonic and non-Masonic families.

Each Health Fair is designed to bring contacts and opportunities to local communities. Information, literature, and hands-on seminars offer education on topics such as Alzheimer's Disease, Prostate Health, Caregiving, Women's Health Issues including Breast Cancer, Safety in the Home, Long-Term Care Insurance, Medicare, and many more. Besides the opportunity to meet local community health care providers, attendees may watch a useful video presentation or take part in an educational seminar led by representatives from the list of presenters and participants.

The series began in the First Masonic Region at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster on Oct. 28. Locations for future events in 2001 include the Jaffa Mosque in Altoona (Region 3) on Mar. 24, the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Williamsport (Region 6) on Apr. 7, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown (Region 2) on Apr. 28, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley (Region 4) on Nov. 10. Erie, Allentown, New Castle, and Scranton are on the list of future sites as well.

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## "Our Move to Retirement Living!"

Bro. Roy and Doris Ecklund in front of their Retirement Living cottage at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.



The last issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* featured Bro. Roy Ecklund, Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey and his wife, Doris who were in the process of moving to Retirement Living. Their home in Palmyra was sold, and they were looking forward to their relocation to Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. They have now settled into their new home in Retirement Living and to quote Bro. Roy, "We couldn't be happier!"

Gone are the days of never-ending home maintenance — house-keeping, lawn care, the probable snow removal, and all the other responsibilities that go along with owning your own home. The Ecklunds are now enjoying the lifestyle they deserve. Knowing that health care services are available on the campus on a fee-for-service basis also provides the additional security and peace of mind for the future.

The primary question for Bro. Roy and Doris was whether their new home could accommodate all of their existing furniture and personal belongings. The answer is an emphatic "Yes!"

Bro. and Mrs. Ecklund chose a cottage that has more than 3,000 square feet and includes a porch, garage, and full basement. Thanks to Doris' furniture placement skills, everything went smoothly and according to plan on move-in day.

Follow-up, according to Bro. Ecklund, is critical, and the staff at Masonic Homes has fulfilled its commitments to meet their needs and expectations during this time of transition. The Ecklunds also have appreciated the friendliness of their new neighbors and the new relationships they are building.

Bro. Ecklund sums it all up when he says, "It's all about security, comfort, and a continuation of our home without all the responsibilities."

If you or your spouse are at least 65 years of age and would desire information on Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes, call (800) 676-6452 or complete and mail the adjoining coupon. Members of the Marketing staff will be happy to answer your questions and arrange a personal appointment and tour.

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## Companion "Residents" Move into Masonic Homes!

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has gone to the dogs. And the residents couldn't be happier. Two Golden Retrievers, Daisy, a 17-month-old female, and Dubie, a 19-month-old male, moved into their new homes this summer. Dubie moved into the first floor of the Freemasons Building on Monday, July 31. Daisy moved into the third floor of the Roosevelt Building in the Masonic Health Care Center on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The dogs have become companions to residents as part of the Eden Alternative™, an ongoing process to eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom from the lives of residents in long-term care. Part of the Eden Alternative philosophy involves bringing children, animals, and plants into residents' homes to provide residents with the opportunity to care for other living things, enjoy continual companionship, and add variety and spontaneity to their everyday lives.

Both dogs came from New Life Assistance Dogs, a program of United Cerebral Palsy of Lancaster County that trains dogs for approximately eight weeks to assist individuals with limited mobility in performing everyday tasks. Then they go to a "puppy home," where volunteer owners raise the puppies until they are through their playful stage. Daisy was raised by Bro. Howard and Elizabeth Wittel, retirement living residents at the Masonic Homes, and Dubie was raised by a family in the community.

Bro. and Mrs. Wittel received Daisy when she was nine weeks old. New Life Assistance Dogs provided a list of 45 basic commands for Daisy to learn while she lived with Bro. and Mrs. Wittel. They raised her until she was 14 months old, and then they gave her away to her secondary training home, where Daisy was

exposed to a different environment. After three months at her secondary home, Daisy returned to the Wittels' home for another month to go through the breaking-in process. Once the residents voted to accept the canine companions, the dogs gradually spent more time with the residents, and the residents learned how to groom and care for the dogs. Residents and staff now share the responsibilities for grooming, walking, and feeding the dogs.

According to Sandy Gingrich, New Life Assistance Dogs Program Director, Daisy and Dubie were selected for Masonic Homes because they both have separation anxiety, a condition in which the dogs do not like being alone. Not only do Daisy and Dubie bring joy to the residents, but the residents provide the dogs with the loving attention that they need to prevent separation anxiety.

According to the staff and residents, however, the dogs have already been working their magic. Residents of the first floor of the Freemasons Building have enjoyed brushing, walking, petting, and playing with Dubie. On the third floor of the Roosevelt Building, Daisy has been known to lay beside residents who are feeling under the weather, and she has already alerted staff when one gentleman fell in his room.

Not all of the new "residents" are of the four-legged variety... in fact, many of them have feathers, tiny claws, and, yes, bird brains. Yet they all have one thing in common: they make wonderful companions!

Neighborhoods of the second and fourth floors of the Roosevelt Building in the Masonic Health Care Center have brought finches into their dining areas and solariums, where residents can enjoy their company. Many residents visit the birds often and enjoy watching them, listening and talking to them, and learning their behavior patterns. A few residents have even chosen to keep birds in their rooms.

According to Cathy Misciewicz, Nurse Manager and Eden Associate, the staff has let the residents know that the birds are available if they wish to take care of them. "When they're ready, they'll ask," she said. Mrs. Misciewicz also said that the residents on the two floors did not feel ready for a dog or a cat... but the birds, though small, have been making a big difference in the neighborhoods in a very short time.



Bro. Steven and Anita Hardin talk to the lovebirds on the second floor of the Roosevelt Building.

"Residents who often stayed in their rooms are coming out to watch the birds and talk with other residents. Those with birds in their rooms invite other residents in to see them," she said.

The residents and staff in the Masonic Health Care Center and the Freemasons Building are continuing to work together to decide whether they would like to invite more "companions" into their homes.

"Each neighborhood (all units and floors are commonly called neighborhoods, to reflect the homelike atmosphere that the Eden Alternative promotes) has to agree on what type of animal they want to bring in and how they will care for the animal," said Lori Seiders, Director of Organization, Development and Training, and an Eden Associate. "Once that is accomplished, the neighborhoods put in their requests and our committees work to fulfill them."

For more information about the Eden Alternative at the Masonic Homes, call (717) 367-1121, extension 33139.

## "Hike For HIKE" on Nov. 18

Job's Daughters annual "Hike for HIKE" will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. Everyone is welcome.

Anyone who wants to join the hiking fun, needs grant application information, or would like to request general information about Job's Daughters or the HIKE Fund, Inc., should contact Richard Snyder, Associate Grand Guardian, at (717) 755-1535 or e-mail Rick DJ503@aol.com.

See a related story about the HIKE Fund on page 18.

## Model RR Club Monthly Open House is Popular

The Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club has been offering open house showings on the first Saturday of every month with consistently large turnouts. Work on adding a trolley line in the layout of the "O" gauge platform has progressed. Bro. Elwood Schmidt, Past President, said the train and trolley will arrive simultaneously at an intersection where, through much careful planning, the trolley car will stop, avoiding a collision by yielding the right-of-way to the train.

The "HO" gauge platform expansion project has also progressed successfully. As a result there is more viewing area of the expansion and the entire layout. The next planned upgrade for the "HO" gauge platform is a central control panel and some expanded scenery.

Anyone interested in joining the model railroad club may contact: Bro. David G. DePrefontaine, Secretary, Masonic Homes & Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club, 34 Franklin Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Phone: (717) 361-7832. Charitable donations to the club should be made through the Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Phone: (800) 599-6454.

## Leadership and Skills Conference is Life-Changing Reality for Youth

The first-ever Masonic Youth Leadership and Life Skills Conference was held July 23-28 at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. Prepared for young men and women between the ages of 11 and 16, the program included members of all three Masonic youth groups, relatives of Pennsylvania Masons, or other youth sponsored by a Pennsylvania lodge.

The conference was directed and developed by Bro. Thom Stecher, a member of Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, at the direction of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., who set forth the vision for the program. Bro. Stecher is a professional educator and motivational speaker who has been involved in similar projects of the Grand Lodge and is one of the originators of the now-national Student Assistance Program (S.A.P.). He led the week's conference, along with site director and school psychologist, Dr. John Bearoff and a crew of professional and volunteer staff.

The program was built on principles of respect, responsibility, and relationships as key factors for youth development. The week's experience-based learning activities included exercises in problem-solving, teamwork, trust, and interpersonal communication. Several special presenters visited during the week, including a professional trampoline gymnast and a professional juggler who taught the conferees how to juggle in slow motion with silk scarves.

Bro. Stecher and the staff already are making plans for next year's conference scheduled for July 23-27. For information on that conference, contact the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at (800) 266-8424, or (717) 367-1536.

## LAST CALL FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: "All Aboard" for Model Masonic Trains

There's still time for model train lovers to get on board and order The Pennsylvania Masonic Train in time for this holiday season.

The train — an outstanding bargain at \$500 — is a C-1 Atlantic engine and tender with five uniquely detailed cars and caboose. The "O" gauge, three-rail set is manufactured by Weaver's Models of Northumberland, PA.

The engine and the cars are highly detailed scale models (not semi-scale) that are prototypically correct "miniatures" of the real thing — right down to the rivets and handrails. The engine and tender are die cast, weigh seven pounds, and the precision mechanisms feature a cam motor and flywheel. The engine features a detailed back head, operating smoke unit, brass detail parts, operating couplers, chemically blackened drivers and mechanism, lit side numbers boards, operating headlight, directional backup, and LED marker lights in the tender. This particular class of locomotive has never been produced before as a three-rail model.

The set is unique for all model train lovers and especially impressive for Masons. All of the cars, including the tender and caboose, are marked with Masonic symbols representing a majority of the organizations that comprise the Family of Freemasonry.

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## R.W. Grand Secretary

Donald L. Albert

### Secretaries Employing State-of-Art Membership Computer Program

Brethren:

Most of you are aware that our Grand Lodge has been developing a Membership Computer Program to aid our Grand Lodge and blue lodges.

I am pleased to inform you that after much hard work and delays we have been successful in releasing a new state-of-the-art means of communications system to the lodge secretaries. At this time, the system allows your lodge secretary to correct lodge members' addresses, phone numbers, other pertinent membership information directly into the Grand Lodge system. As we continue to enhance and move forward with this system, features will be added which will provide greater usage for all participants.

Your District Deputy Grand Master has been provided access to the system. That will help him in his role as the Grand Master's representative to communicate information between Grand Lodge and your lodge in a timely manner.

We also are developing ways for lodge officers and other Masonic members to interface with this system. We anticipate the completion of this activity prior to 2001.

All of this interface activity is conducted via the Internet, using an ISP (Internet Service Provider) and is available to you, personally, for a low monthly fee and a financial return to your lodge for your usage. When you install the ISP, you will be required to provide a credit card number and indicate your lodge number by using the pull-down screen, then follow the easy steps to log-on to our Grand Lodge web site, «www.pagrandle.org». ISP access to the Internet also can be made available to non-Masonic users. In addition, ISP can be used as a membership tool, since it takes you directly to the Grand Lodge web site to view all categories included in this web site.

Please ask your lodge secretary for additional information regarding obtaining access to the Grand Lodge ISP to utilize the web site. Also, please share any comments or questions you may have directly with your lodge secretary. At this time, approximately 50 percent of the lodge secretaries are utilizing the Membership Computer Program and we hope to be at 100 percent participation in the near future.

## R.W.P.G.M. Williamson Steps Down, Bro. Labagh Succeeds as Executive Officer of PA DeMolay



Samuel C. Williams, R.W.P.G.M.

At the conclusion of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania DeMolay, R.W. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson resigned as the Executive Officer for Pennsylvania. He stepped down after serving for 13 years as the ranking representative for DeMolay International in the local jurisdiction. The Grand Master of DeMolay International, Ross Van Ness Bayer, M.W. Past Grand Master of New Jersey, appointed Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, to succeed Bro. Williamson.

Bro. Williamson followed in the footsteps of R.W. Past Grand Master John L. McCain, whom he succeeded as the Executive Officer, and capably guided the Order in the Commonwealth through prosperous years. Though the Pennsylvania DeMolay

will miss his leadership, he will be devoting the major part of his time to developing new programs through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Bro. Williamson was instrumental in founding the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the original renovation of the Patton Masonic School for Boys into the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus, and has continued in tireless dedication to the youth of the state. Fittingly, a scholarship fund has been established in his honor and from it will come awards to deserving DeMolay boys in Bro. Williamson's name.

The new Executive Officer for Pennsylvania, Bro. Labagh, is a Past Master of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown. He served for a long time as the Assistant Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and holds a myriad of DeMolay and Masonic honors, including the Degree of Chevalier, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and the Guild of the Leather Apron ("Advisor of the Year"), and is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay. He is a Past State Master Councilor of New Jersey DeMolay and worked for DeMolay International prior to coming to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. In late September in Pittsburgh, he was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, A.A.S.R.



Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer

### For Third Consecutive Year, Prestigious Award Earned by a PA Job's Daughter

For the third consecutive year, a Pennsylvania Job's Daughter has been presented the prestigious Supreme HIKE award, an honor given at the annual Supreme Session of the International Order of Job's Daughters. This year's award was earned by Kimberly Detwiler, a Past Honored Queen, from Bethel 14, Quarryville, Lancaster County, for her efforts in leading Pennsylvania's members in their fund-raising activities for HIKE.

The special honor is awarded to a Job's Daughter who individually has raised the most money internationally for the organization's philanthropic project, the HIKE Fund, Inc. HIKE is the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment that was created in 1985 as the philanthropic project of the International Order of Job's Daughters. It assists youth from birth through the age of 20 by awarding grants to purchase hearing assistance devices. Recipients of the grants need not be related to a member of Job's Daughters.

Pennsylvania Job's Daughters are very proud to be the only state organization to have received this award since its first presentation in 1997 and hope that the supportive Family of Freemasonry is equally proud of them.

**Not only do Pennsylvania's Job's Daughters raise money for HIKE, they also have the opportunities to present grants when the recipients are from their state. Eight year-old twin girls, Sarah and Megan Dodson (photo), each received a check for \$4,000 for new hearing aids.**



## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

### Why do Grand Lodge officers wear the color purple?

The color purple is most commonly associated with royalty, but this is not the case with Freemasonry as the color purple has a much more significant meaning in regard to the Craft. Purple is an emblem of union, being produced by the combination of blue and scarlet. The color is worn by Grand Lodge officers as a constant reminder that they have been entrusted to cultivate amongst the brethren, such a spirit of union as may cement them into one complete and harmonious society. (Source: *Masonry Defined*, by E.R. Johnson, Kissinger Publishing)

### What is the origin of the expression "Blue Lodges?"

There are several theories, of which two have the most adherents. Some believe that operative Masons felt that blue, the color of the sky both by day and by night, was associated in their minds with purity of Deity, which Masons attempted to emulate. Others refer to the change made by speculative Masons, shortly after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, substituted blue for white as the official Masonic color presumably because it was the color of the Order of the Garter of which a number of Masonic leaders were members. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers*, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999)

### Why are we called "Freemasons?"

The name definitely dates back to the days when Masonry was almost wholly operative in character. Numerous explanations have been suggested, such as: Masons worked in free stone (which could be carved easily), and hence were called "free-stone masons," later shortened to "freemasons;" they were free men, not serfs; they were free to move from place to place as they might desire; they were given the freedom of the towns and localities in which they might work; and they were free of the rules and regulations that were usually imposed upon members of guilds. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers*, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999)

## District D Lodges Convert D.A.R.E. Van

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) van in Bensalem Twp. is not only an outstanding mobile educational aid in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, it's a prize-winner, having won four trophies already. The most prestigious being first place in state competition and second place nationally. One can't miss the royal purple vehicle emblazoned with appropriate logos, including the square and compasses.

In the beginning of 2000, Thomas M. Vasek, W.M. of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton, suggested to Kenneth W. Bleiler, D.D.G.M. that all ten of the lodges in Masonic District D unite in a special project to support D.A.R.E. It all came about when the Bensalem Police Department said that it was willing to convert one of its patrol vans to become a D.A.R.E. vehicle and Bro. Vasek's wife,



Donna, who is the D.A.R.E. officer in the township, asked if lodges would be interested in the project. All of the lodges showed a keen interest and a total of \$18,000 was collected - enough to allow for the job to be done right. Representative officers of the lodges in District D are pictured with the van. Bro. Vasek is at right with his children.

The van was on display at the site of the June Quarterly Communication in Elysburg and has been on display at numerous schools, lodges, and public places all summer and at Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. It is at the lodge hall for every meeting of Harry A. Houseman Lodge.

## Masons of Note

**Brian B. Luzier** (right), J.M.C., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, traveled most of the way across the state three times to guide his father, **Estel Boyd Luzier**, through all of his degrees in Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg. Bro. Brian is the Director of Residential Respite Services at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. He said the long trips didn't faze him because they afforded three of his proudest experiences in Masonic life.



**Mark A. Haines, D.D.G.M., 7th Masonic District**, had to admit that sometimes he's "all wet." When Reading Lodge No. 549 held its annual family picnic, it staged a dunking contest as a fund-raiser to support its Masonic Matching Grants efforts. Bro. Haines said that he didn't raise the most money, but he was the most frequently dunked participant.

## Nov. 30 Deadline For Law Enforcement Scholarships

The Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship information and applications were sent to all of the lodge secretaries, district deputies, and members of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children Speakers Bureau. Deadline for applications to be received is Nov. 30.

Two scholarships will be awarded and each will provide the student with \$2,500 per year, renewable for up to three additional years, for a total of \$10,000. The student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale each year of his or her post-secondary education.

Started in 1998, these scholarships were developed to honor students desiring to enter the law enforcement profession. To apply, a student must be a senior and have been accepted at a college or university, have declared Criminal Justice as his or her major, and be a son or daughter of a Pennsylvania Master Mason in good standing.

"Masons have a deep regard for those individuals who keep our communities safe through the daily war on drugs, and this is one way to honor them," said Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation. Anyone who would like to receive a scholarship application or know more about the program should contact Bro. Brown at (215) 988-1978, or Mrs. Deborah McCoy, Assistant Director, at (717) 871-0408.