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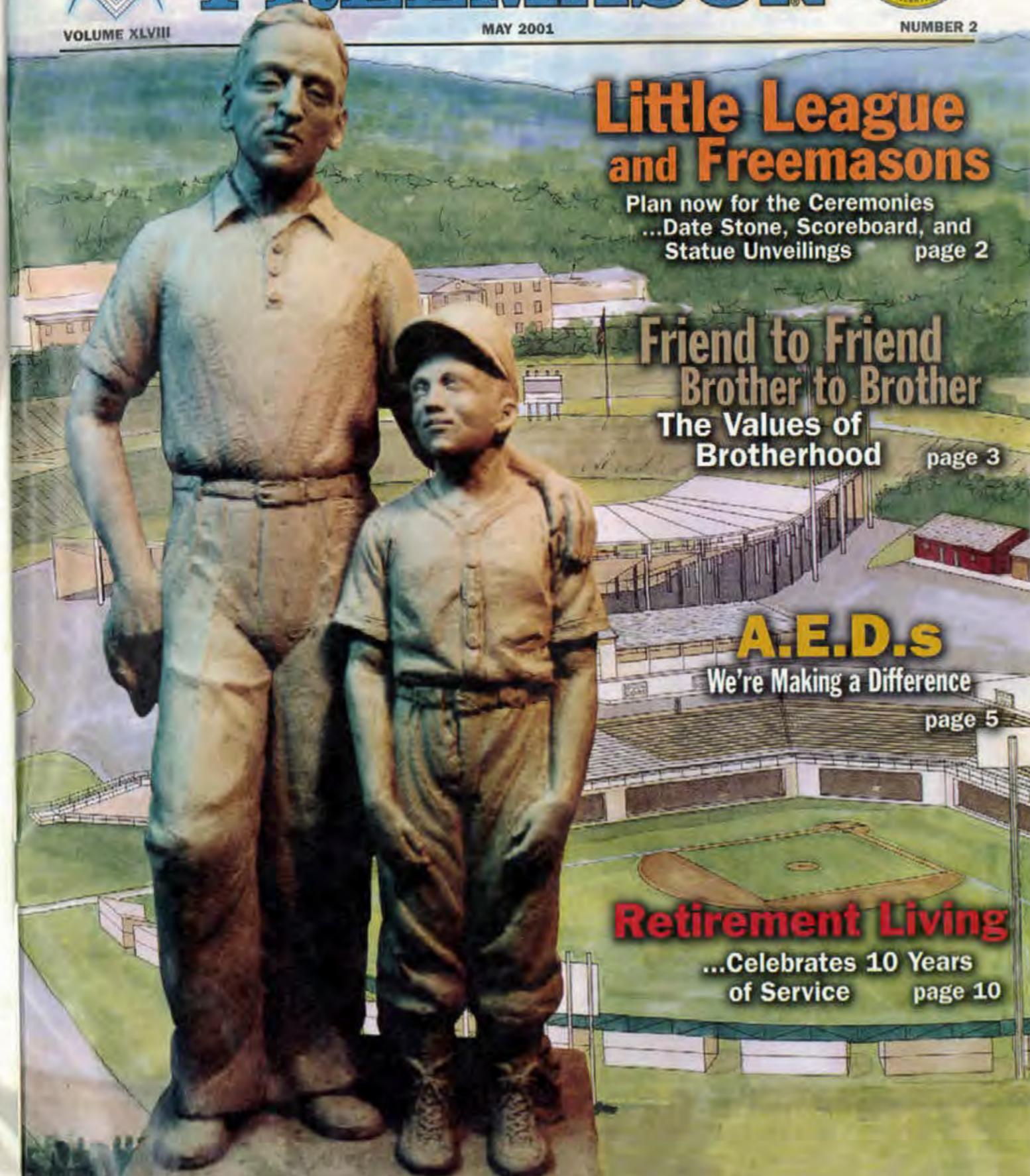
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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

It is the time of renewal, refreshment, and remembrance of the annual promise of a new life beyond that which existed during our long, cold Winter. That promise requires nothing on our part but enjoyment of the time, itself - except for those of us who have gardens or fields that need tending, when it becomes one of the busiest times for the year.

Our Fraternity is not materially different from the world we live in. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the perpetuation of Freemasonry were as easy as waiting for a certain time of the year when it would occur automatically? In recognition of the fact that this is not the case, your Grand Lodge has tried to create programs to give you the opportunity to ensure your continued interest in the Fraternity and, as a result, its continued existence.

Recently, you received two copies of our new booklet, "The Values of Brotherhood." The booklet is to remind you of the promise of your Fraternity in making a good man better and to show you by the experiences of others, how Freemasonry, through all of its entities, can directly impact upon you. One copy of the booklet is to serve as a guide for you, the other is for you to give to another whom you believe would make a good member. It is an extension of our great program, "Friend to Friend," to include the concept of "Brother to Brother." Should you have a story about how the Fraternity has impacted you or your family, let us know in 150 words or less and we will try to include that story in a publication to be created during this Summer.

During this Summer period, we will have two events that we ask you to support and participate in. The first is the June Quarterly Communication in State College. There will be several special events at the Quarterly, including the making of at least one Freemason at-sight. In addition, there will be entertainment on Saturday, June 16, at a venue in State College. We hope that since this event is close to the geographic center of the state, you and your family will take the time to participate. A return coupon is located on page 18 of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* where you can reserve tickets for those activities.

The second is an event of international importance for Freemasonry. On Saturday, Aug. 18, we will participate in the opening ceremonies of the 2001 Little League World Series at South Williamsport, the home of that organization. We will lay the date stone for the new stadium that the Little League has constructed in order to double the number of teams participating in the series. We will unveil the scoreboard that we are providing to the Little League as a part of our \$500,000 donation to them - a scoreboard that will be marked with Masonic symbols recognizing our contribution. We also will unveil a statue of Bro. Carl Stotz, who, as a Pennsylvania Freemason and builder, laid the foundation for what Little League means to youth of the world today.

We hope that you and your families will take the time to make this an outstanding day for Freemasonry. In the evening, we will have an outdoor concert at Bowman Field, the home of the Williamsport Crosscutters, a farm team of the Chicago Cubs baseball organization. Dinner also will be available at the ballpark. You will receive further information about this event later, but please reserve the time on your calendars now!

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Plan Now to be There Aug. 18! Date Stone Ceremony, Scoreboard and Statue Unveiling to Open Little League World Series

It will be a grand slam day for Little League Baseball and the Freemasons of Pennsylvania on Saturday, Aug. 18, in Williamsport.

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers will perform a date stone ceremony for a new stadium beginning at 11 a.m., then unveil a new scoreboard presented by the Masons of Pennsylvania, and unveil a statue of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz, a founder of Little League Baseball. The ceremonies will climax with Grand Master Dluge throwing out the first pitch to begin the 2001 Little League World Series about 1 p.m.

In a media conference three days after he was installed as Grand Master, Bro. Dluge announced the monumental program to support the expansion of the Little League World Series. On behalf of the Masons of Pennsylvania, he contributed \$500,000 for the big league-style scoreboard marked with Masonic symbols that is to be unveiled in a new stadium and dedicated in honor of the late Bro. Stotz. It is the date stone ceremony for that stadium that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will perform.

The memorial statue of the late Bro. Stotz will be unveiled at the entrance to the stadium complex. It was crafted by the sculptor, John Hanna, of Rock of Ages in Barre, VT, through arrangements by Bro. Doug Hayhurst, of Hayhurst Memorials, Muncy.

Bro. Carl Stotz, who was a member of John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport, laid the foundation for what Little League means to youth of the world today. He was one who conceived the idea of organized baseball for young boys that resulted in founding the first program in 1939 with only three teams that today has grown to become the world's largest organized youth sports program.

In the evening the Grand Master will host a family barbecue and a concert. There will be a special mailing to all Pennsylvania Freemasons with the details and reservation information for the dinner and entertainment.

This program, that is supportive of youth, is the culmination of a team effort among a number of Masons, especially Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W., who has been the Project Coordinator to make this a reality.



The clay model of the statue of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz with a Little League ballplayer is displayed for Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W.G.M. (second from left), in the shop of the sculptor, John Hanna (right) in Barre, VT. Also viewing the model is Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. R.W.J.G.W. (left), who is Project Coordinator, and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.

11:00 a.m.	Date Stone Ceremony Unveiling New Scoreboard Unveiling Bro. Stotz Statue
12:55 - 1:05 p.m.	1st Pitch by Grand Master (Details Forthcoming by Mail)
5:00 p.m.	Family Barbecue Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Entertainment/Concert

FRIEND TO FRIEND/BROTHER TO BROTHER

"...it's wanting to be a Mason!"

G. Richard Zimmerman
Sunset Lodge No. 623
Washington, PA



Masonry, like marriage, teaching, missionary work, and so forth, is something one must really want to do. My conversation with anyone who seeks to petition a Masonic lodge is a very personal thing. It's not a matter of belonging to an organization... it's wanting to be a Mason!

I grew up in a family of Masons. Both my grandfathers were active Masons in the Lodge and other Masonic bodies. I fondly remember the Shrine picnic every year. I would look forward to it so much that days before, I'd don my grandfather's fez and parade around the house - proud as punch - saying to myself that someday I would be a Shriner.

I found my road to travel into Masonry half a world away. After college, I served in the Korean War in Kyoto, Japan, stationed at an isolated field station in the midst of a Japanese rice paddy. One day, Masonry came up in a conversation with the first sergeant of our small company and I learned that he was the Master of General John J. Pershing Lodge No. 131, a military lodge which met in the nearby town. I asked him for a petition and after I was made a Mason there I became active in that Lodge. After I arrived home in 1955 and was teaching in the Pittsburgh area, I visited Duquesne Lodge No. 731 several times.

Two years later, I relocated to Washington, PA, where I have lived since. Knowing I would never return to Japan, I petitioned Sunset Lodge No. 623. That was an important fraternal move for me because in my heart I knew that I wanted to become the Master of a lodge someday and I wouldn't be able to do that unless I became a member of that lodge. I served as Master in 1968.

I experience the values of brotherhood every day. Personal benefits - too many to enumerate - have come to me through Masonry, for which I am truly grateful. I still remain active in my Blue Lodge, rarely miss a meeting - stated and extra - and, if called upon, I still do some floor work. I am a lodge trustee and representative in the Grand Lodge. I am thrilled to serve the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as an organist. I have served as the Organist-Director of Music for the Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh, for three decades - and the same for Syria Temple in Pittsburgh, a position from which I retired after 35 years. In 1980, I was coroneted a Thirty-Third Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite.

Masonry has been - and still is - a way of life for me!

"The Square and Compasses
tell me about your character."

Lewis G. Laub
New Temple Lodge No. 720
Allentown, PA



I sought to be made a Mason mostly because of my father's example and the esteem in which he held the Fraternity. He always said that he was thrilled when he became a Mason at 21. He felt it was an honor to be accepted into the Lodge and continued on to receive his cherished 50-year Emblem of Gold. Through him, I could see the real life values of Freemasonry.

When it was my time, I wanted to be a Mason. I didn't petition his lodge because it was in another jurisdiction. I approached brethren of New Temple Lodge in Allentown where several of my fellow co-workers were members. I didn't join the Fraternity for what I could get out of Masonry. I sought and found the kind of fellowship my father knew and, in turn, I also gained the opportunity to be part of aiding others through the charities that the Masonic bodies support. Both the fellowship and service to mankind mean much to me.

Brotherhood is "for real" among Masons. For example, my wife and I have done considerable traveling and several times being recognized as a Mason has helped us out of

difficulty, like emergency road service or good faith credit for expensive repairs. I can think of nothing more reassuring than hearing a Brother say, "The square and compasses tell me about your character."

Because I am a Mason, we now are happy, comfortable, self-reliant residents of the Retirement Living Community of the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. We're very thankful!



Pennsylvania Franklin Medal Presented To C. DeForrest Trexler

During the Council of Deliberation session in Hershey last July 8, Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, presented the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal to Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33rd, Ill. Bro. Trexler is the Deputy for Pennsylvania in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., and a Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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

Bro. Trexler was born in Harrisburg and attended public schools of Lower Paxton Township and Allentown, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Muhlenberg College in 1960. He attended Yale Law School, where he earned a Bachelor of Laws (Juris Doctor) Degree in 1963. In 1966, after two years of private law practice, he joined the corporate legal staff of Mack Trucks, Inc., where he presently is the Deputy General Counsel. In his profession, he has traveled extensively in Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East.

His Masonic relationships are extensive. In 1954, he was initiated into the Order of DeMolay and served Allentown Chapter as Master Councilor in 1957. He was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1982 and was elected an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay in 1996.

Bro. Trexler was raised in Barger Lodge No. 333 on Oct. 1, 1964 and served as Worshipful Master in 1971. He also served the Lodge as Chairman of the Committee on Instruction and as a Trustee for 11 years.

He served the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as D.D.G.M. for the 10th Masonic District from Dec. 27, 1974 through 1983. He was elected to the Grand Lodge

Committee on Masonic Homes in December 1999 and has been Chairman of the Development Subcommittee and a member of the Compliance Subcommittee. He is a member of the Masonic Culture Committee of the Grand Lodge and a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

In the Scottish Rite, he has served as a Sectional Representative of Lehigh Consistory and General Chairman for the Valley's 60th Anniversary. In addition, "The Divine Tragedy," a drama of the Passion written by Ill. Bro. Trexler, has been performed for the public by the Valley several Lenten seasons since 1987.

Bro. Trexler was coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33rd, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Sept. 24, 1980 in Cleveland and was crowned an Active Member in 1987 in Boston. In 1980, he was elected Deputy for Pennsylvania and in 1996, Grand Treasurer General of the Supreme Council. He serves as a member of the Administrative Council of Supreme Council and as a Director of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, Inc. and the 32nd Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. Since 1991, he has been chairman of the Committee on Constitutions, Laws and Jurisprudence. He also is a member of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, the Committee on Rituals, and the Nominating Committee of the Supreme Council. In May, 1995, he represented the Supreme Council at the 15th World Conference of Supreme Councils at Lausanne, Switzerland. In Pennsylvania, he has served on committees of the Council of Deliberation since 1984 and has been the Commander-in-Chief since 1994. He is also a contributor to *The Northern Light* magazine.

Bro. Trexler also has been active in the York Rite, having presided over Jordan Royal Arch Chapter No. 203; Allen Council No. 23, Royal and Select Masons; and Allen Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, all of Allentown. He was elected Knight Commander of the Temple by Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America "for distinguished services to Freemasonry." He is a member of the Council of Anointed Kings, receiving the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1979. In 1980, he was elected Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Penn Priory No. 6.

Bro. Trexler is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown where he served on the church council for six years and from 1964 to 1998 was the announcer for live radio broadcasts of the church services.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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To support this donation, we would remind you again of the Pennsylvania Masonic Train. The train was created as a method of supporting our Masonic Charities and also to support the Little League Project. We need your help in purchasing this most unique Masonic collectable/keepsake made by a Pennsylvania manufacturer. You will have to go far and wide to obtain any train of the character and quality such as this for the price. The collectors' markets are selling the engine alone for more than the price of the entire train. A coupon for your order is enclosed on Page 19.

Brethren, we hope that you will continue to utilize the "tools" we have provided you as we look forward to continuing to serve you and this great Fraternity of ours.

See you at the ballpark!

So mote it be.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

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We're Looking at An Active Year In the Defibrillator (A.E.D.) Program

A year ago, on May 15, the first check to purchase an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) was received from Lodge No. 345 in the 13th Masonic District. In ten months, by March 15, 2001, there were 83 life-saving units purchased for communities by 66 lodges in 29 Masonic districts across the state. Each week, more lodges join the list as new applications are being processed.

The 50th District, Bruce E. Fox, D.D.G.M., leads with 10 units purchased, five each by Lodge No. 325 and Lodge No. 594.

The 1st District, Douglas M. Wiker, D.D.G.M., is second, placing seven units, two of which were by Lodge No. 43 and two by Lodge No. 665. Six units have been bought in three districts: the 2nd, John D. Witmer, Jr., D.D.G.M.; the 36th, Edward D. Miles, D.D.G.M.; and the 40th, W. Richard Dillon, D.D.G.M. In the 2nd District, three of them were placed by Lodge No. 21; in the 36th, all were bought by Lodge No. 625; and in the 40th District, Lodge No. 254 bought five of the six units.

Four districts have placed five units: the 3rd, John L. Stains, D.D.G.M., with Lodge No. 197 buying three; the 15th, Martin W. Migliori, D.D.G.M.; the 27th, David A. Teorsky, D.D.G.M., with Lodge No. 372 buying two; and the 58th, Thomas R. Reich, D.D.G.M., with Lodge No. 442 buying two.

Four units were purchased in the 23rd District, Glenn L. Farren, D.D.G.M., three of them by Lodge No. 483. Three units are in the 40th District, William B. Swinehart, D.D.G.M., two of them purchased by Lodge No. 404; and in the 8th District, where Thomas R. Eynon was D.D.G.M. and Jesus A. Rodriguez is now D.D.G.M. There are four districts that have purchased two units and 13 districts in which one unit has been purchased.

"After only ten months, the lodges' responses to meeting an important need in their communities is heart-warming," said Robert L. Dlugé, Jr., R.W. Grand Master. "As I see more lodges added to the weekly reports, it tells me that 2001 will be a banner year for Masons' concern for others," he added.

Lodge No. 483 Gives A.E.D.

Officers of Fraternal Lodge No. 483, Rouseville, gave an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, represented by (l-r) Ed McAlevy, Jeff Horn, and Jane Thompson. Making the presentation are (l-r): Kenneth W. Barker, W.M.; Norman K. Fisher, S.W.; and James L. Turk, J.W.



Stichter Lodge No. 254 Donates 5 A.E.D.s



Michael J. Pierce (second from left), W.M., Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown, presented five Medtronic Physio-Control LIFEPAK 500 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Pottstown Police Department. During a presentation ceremony on Feb. 24, Mayor Ann M. Jones (center) and Chief of Police Mark Flanders (third from right) received the donations. Also attending the ceremony was Dorian Wells (center rear), of the American Heart Association. Taking part in the presentation were W. Richard Dillon (left), D.D.G.M., 40th Masonic District, and (at right) Andrew E. Weitzenkorn, J.W., and Glenn M. Shirey, P.M., Chairman of the Charity Committee.

PA Masons Exemplify Ritual in the Grand Lodge of Alaska

At the invitation of C. C. Griffin, II, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, a group of Pennsylvania Masons representing the Education and Training Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania attended the Annual Communication in Fairbanks on Feb. 1 where they exemplified the Master Mason's Degree and the opening and closing of a lodge.

The team from Pennsylvania and the stations and places they served included: Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., as Acting Worshipful Master; Guy T. Matthews, P.D.D.G.M., Senior Warden, who also exemplified the opening and closing of the lodge and helped to guide the floor officers; William Wetterau, Past Grand Steward, as Junior Warden; and Kenneth W. McCartney, Director of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, who presented the Charge at the Raising and served as Guide.

One hundred forty Masons from 20 lodges in the state witnessed the degree work and exemplification. Several brothers said that they had traveled 1,000 miles to attend the Annual Communication. The Alaskan brethren asked many interesting questions about the Pennsylvania work.

Brethren from California, Oregon, Washington, and Canada attended. Although the attendance was small in numbers, the Communication was filled with friendship and spirit even though the outside temperature was minus 12 degrees F.

A LIFESAVING DONATION

Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, donated two A.E.D.s (Automated External Defibrillators) to the Lancaster Fire Department. Taking part in the ceremony at the Masonic Center in Lancaster were from (l-r): Front—Steven Leed; Robert E. Weaver, Jr. Warden, P.M.; John P. Anuscavage, Worshipful Master; Charles I. Fasnacht, P.M., Sec.; Jeffrey I. Pierce, Chief; and Lt. Harry Watkins. Back—Bro. and Mayor Charlie Smithgall, Lambertson Lodge 476, Lancaster; Lt. Tom Arnold, Assistant Fire Marshall/Inspector; and (far right) Bud Andrew.



Dad Said, "Call the Masons."

Florence Emily Houtz remembered what her father told her more than six decades ago when she was 12: "If you ever need help, call the Masons." Last year she did, and it saved her life and brought her a safe and happy environment for the rest of her days.

It was a different kind of conversation for Bro. Daniel J. Hinds, Building Superintendent at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, when he answered that telephone call. The lady's voice asked if he is a Mason because, she said, "I have to speak to a Mason." She went on to explain that her father was a Mason and always told her to contact the Masons if she really needed help. Bro. Hinds told her that he is a Mason and that her father was "absolutely correct." He listened to her problems and promptly gave top priority to "helping Florence."

She explained that she was 76 years old and the lone survivor of her family. She needed money (really cash) to buy food, but was too sick to go out to buy it. In the course of the conversation, Bro. Hinds learned that she must have been ill for some time and through a social agency arrangements had been made for a local grocer to deliver food supplies, but she had to pay for them in cash on delivery (a check or credit card was not acceptable). She said that she had sufficient money in the bank, but could not go out to get the cash and, therefore, could not get groceries until someone brought her cash for which she would write a personal check.

Bro. Hinds responded at once, then began weekly visits, taking cash and some food items to Florence. He did that for about ten weeks and then Florence became very sick — as it turned out, deathly sick.

Then, one day she called to say that she did not feel well. Bro. Hinds said that he could tell by her voice and conversation that she was seriously ill. He suggested that she go to the hospital, but Florence didn't want to do that. Bro. Hinds was certain that she was in serious trouble, so he contacted the Rescue Squad of the Philadelphia Fire Department and insisted that they respond to help her, taking whatever measures necessary to get her to the hospital.

Florence was admitted to Pennsylvania Hospital where Bro. Hinds visited her two days later. As he approached Florence's room, the doctor stopped him in the hallway and asked, "Who was responsible for her admission to the emergency ward?" When Bro. Hinds said that he was, the doctor said that his action actually had saved her life. "Another six hours without treatment and she would have died," the doctor said.

The story doesn't end there. Florence had an operation and, after 26 days in the hospital, she had to have a place to go. The Masonic Homes was the answer, especially since Florence was the daughter of a Mason. She was admitted to the Masonic Health Care Center, recovered and, though brief, spent the rest of her days in the safe and happy environment of the Masonic Homes.



First Saw Masonic Homes at 12, It Became Her Home at 76

FLORENCE EMILY HOUTZ

Born: May 29, 1923

Died: February 28, 2001

As she recovered from illness in the Masonic Health Care Center, Florence Emily Houtz recalled the first time she saw the Masonic Homes, talked about her family and how her father told her to "Call the Masons" if she ever needed help. She told her story to Lee H. Helle, a volunteer assisting in the Renaissance Unit, who wrote the following article recounting those recollections.

Florence Emily Houtz was just 12-years old when she first saw Elizabethtown. Her father, the late Rev. Harry D. Houtz (Schuylkill Lodge 138, Orwigsburg), was looking for a new place to live and preach, having served five churches in East Berlin. In their new Nash automobile, they traveled along the Old Harrisburg Pike. He told Florence about the "Grand Lodge" the Masons had built in Elizabethtown.

Seeing the beautiful red brick building, they pulled over and parked, staring at the fine three-story building with the white columns. He had assumed that what is now the Brown Apartments was the "Masonic Grand Lodge." It was then one of several of the Children's Homes. Rev. Houtz told Florence that if she was ever in need of help, it was the Masons who would help her.

Sixty-five years later, Florence Houtz remembered her father's words.

Rev. Houtz, a 32nd Mason, cared deeply for those in serious need. Before Social Security, he petitioned local and state governments

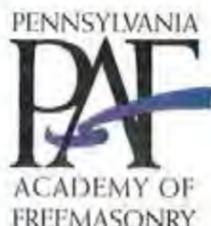
to help those unable to help themselves, donating his grandfather's homestead as the first "poor farm" in Lebanon County.

Florence went to high school in Selinsgrove, to Susquehanna University, and later to the University of Pennsylvania, earning degrees in English Literature. She taught for some time at Lebanon Valley College, Cedar Crest College, and Hardwick College in New York.

In 1962, she moved to Philadelphia, deciding to concentrate on writing poetry, songs, and plays. She has self-published four books and even wrote songs for the McGovern presidential campaign. She loved to tour the city and found the beautiful Masonic Temple just as her father had described it.

When she needed help at age 76, she called the Masonic Temple and talked to Daniel J. Hinds, the Building Superintendent. He took it upon himself to take her fresh baked goods and cashed her checks as needed. Soon afterward, Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., decided to see what else could be done for her, since she needed medical attention as well. With the help of Mr. Hinds and the Grand Master, Florence Houtz came back to Elizabethtown.

The campus has certainly changed in 65 years, but the commitment to loving care has not. Just as her father had said so long ago outside a red brick building, "If you ever need help, call the Masons."



Hundreds Attend Very Successful Academy Sessions

Nearly 500 brethren attended the very successful and highly interesting three sessions of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry in Elizabethtown on Saturday, Mar. 17. The programs were the first events held in the magnificent new Freemasons Cultural Center on the campus of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Two dynamic Masons addressed 200 brethren in the Deike Auditorium on the topic "Freemasonry and Religion" and participated in very informative discussion and question and answer periods. M.W. Bro. and Rev. Neville B. Cryer, a noted English Masonic author, General Director of the British and Foreign Bible School, a Prestonian Lecturer, and recipient of numerous Masonic honors, clearly brought into focus the challenges to Freemasonry by some Christians in England and set the record straight as to why it is altogether proper to be a Christian and a Freemason. Dr. Gary Leazer, an ordained Southern Baptist minister and founder and President of the Center for Interfaith Studies, Inc., as well as the author of two books concerning the Southern Baptist controversy with Freemasonry, spoke of his findings in the study of Freemasonry for the Southern Baptist Convention which led to his leaving the position he held. He gave insights into various charges



◀ During a break in the Academy of Masonic Knowledge session, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., (front, center), is pictured with the guest speakers, M.W. Bro. and Rev. Neville B. Cryer (left) and Bro. and Dr. Gary Leazer (right). Behind them are members of the Grand Lodge Masonic Culture Committee, who organized and presented the session (-r): Middle - William R. Rininger, Old Fort Lodge No. 537, Centre Hall; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S. and Chairman of the Committee, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg; and John W. Postlewaite, Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brickville. Rear - Paul D. Fisher, Reading

Lodge No. 549; Henry Sinopoli, Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler; and James L. Siaber, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg.

against the Fraternity not based on fact, but "because they fit" the cause of the attack.

It was an enthusiastic gathering of nearly another 200 Senior and Junior Wardens meeting in a section of the Brossman Ballroom. Presentations on the responsibilities and duties of the Wardens, business of the lodge and relationships with other lodge officers, and planning and preparing for a forthcoming year as Worshipful Master were well done and well received.

There was a good attendance for the Academy session on Ritual in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple that is now incorporated into the Freemasons Cultural Center, where there was a full day of training, exemplifications, and discussions.



Bro. and Rev. Neville B. Cryer



Bro. and Dr. Gary Leazer



▲ A full house of attentive brethren hear R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. address the Wardens Seminar.

Academy of Freemasonry is Topic For Conference of Grand Masters

A presentation on Pennsylvania's Academy of Freemasonry at the 2001 Conference of Grand Masters in Phoenix, AZ, on Feb. 20 was well received, resulting in many of those attending requesting more information and a number of them desiring to attend the March 17 session in Elizabethtown. The presentation, one of three at the sessions, was at the invitation of the Conference of Grand Masters.

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, recognized as the creator of the three-part Academy, introduced the concept at the conference and gave an in-depth insight to the purpose and structure of the new venture. He reported that attendance at the two Academy sessions that had been held indicated a great interest by Pennsylvania Freemasons.

During the presentation, Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Masonic Training and Education Committee, discussed the workshop created for Junior and Senior Wardens. A copy of the Wardens' program was supplied for every Grand Lodge represented at the conference.

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S., Chairman of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge, discussed the research function of the Academy. He also spoke of the renowned Masonic speakers who had been and are invited to share their views and knowledge.

It was an honor for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to have been selected to make the presentation to the Conference of Grand Masters, which underscores Pennsylvania's excellence in the development of new programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Autumn Day
Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown
September 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Meeting of Research Lodge Will be June 9 in Elizabethtown

The first meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will convene at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 9, in the Deike Auditorium of the new Freemasons Cultural Center on the campus of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania effective St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 2000. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S., was named Warrant Master.

The new Research Lodge is open to all Master Masons belonging to a lodge in any jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Masons under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be regarded as full members and those from other jurisdictions will be associate members. Since a Lodge of Research is not a Craft Lodge, it does not interfere with, or count as, a dual membership. The initiation fee is \$50, which includes a member's jewel. The annual dues are \$25.

To join the Research Lodge, a Master Mason must request a petition by contacting Mrs. Joanne Ford in the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598, or call (215) 988-1919.

Phila. Lodges Sponsoring Golf Oct. 3 to Benefit Masonic Children's Home

The lodges of the Philadelphia area again are sponsoring a charity golf outing to benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown. The outing will be Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Lulu Country Club, North Hills, near Plymouth Meeting.

The shotgun start will be at noon. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch will be ready at 11 a.m. There will be a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by an awards dinner. The fee for the outing is \$150, which includes greens fee and cart, refreshments on the course, lunch, dinner, and awards.

Send reservations with a check to William Greet, 2125 Parkdale Ave., Glenside, PA 19038. (Phone: (215) 887-4915.) Deadline for reservations is one week before the tournament, unless the maximum number of golfers is reached before then.

GOLF RESERVATION FORM

Enter the golfers listed below at \$150 per person in the Philadelphia Area's Masonic Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown (payment must accompany reservation). Enclosed is my check made payable to "Masonic Charity Golf Tournament" in the amount of \$ _____

1.) _____ Name	3.) _____ Name
_____ Address	_____ Address
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_____ Lodge Name & Number (if applicable)	_____ Lodge Name & Number (if applicable)
2.) _____ Name	4.) _____ Name
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DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Is the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States?

Not only is the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the oldest Grand Lodge in the United States, but it is also the third oldest Grand Lodge in the world, having been formed as a Provincial Grand Lodge in 1731, Philadelphia. The Grand Lodge of England was the first Grand Lodge formed in 1717; followed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1725; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1733; and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1736. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999*)

Which Presidents of the United States were Freemasons?

To date there have been 14 Presidents who have been Master Masons: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald R. Ford. In addition, Lyndon B. Johnson received the Entered Apprentice Degree, but did not advance. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999*)

Which U.S. Presidents were Grand Masters?

Two Presidents of the United States served as Grand Masters to their Masonic Jurisdictions. They were Andrew Jackson of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman of Missouri. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999*)

Where has the gavel used by Bro. George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol been used in Pennsylvania?

The gavel used by Bro. George Washington was first used in Pennsylvania during the cornerstone laying of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia in 1868 and then at the State Capitol in Harrisburg in 1898. In 1986, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania again used the gavel at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, during the redepositing of the capstone in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge's independence from England. Two more times the gavel traveled to Pennsylvania, when in 1992 the cornerstone of the renovated Washington Grist Mill in Perryopolis was laid and in 1997 at the dedication of the restored National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge National Historic Park. (Source: *Masonic Questions & Answers, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999*)

Families of Leaders

Robert T. Addleman, Jr., D.D.G.M., 57th Masonic District, says that Freemasonry is a "Family Affair" in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh and he provided photos to prove it.

The one photo is the Engleson family that shares the rather unusual (and very busy) distinction of having three members preside simultaneously over a lodge, a chapter, and an assembly. When John E. Engleson, P.M., was serving as Worshipful Master of Whitehall Lodge No. 794, Pleasant Hills, his daughter, Jennifer (center) was Worthy Advisor of White Win Hill Assembly No. 87, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and his wife, Mary, was Worthy Matron of Silver Chalice Chapter No. 530, Order of The Eastern Star. The



picture was taken at Jennifer's installation.

In the other photo, Louis F. Heinz, Jr., P.M. (left) passes the gavel to his son, Douglas L. Heinz. The younger Bro. Heinz followed his dad in the East at William D. McFroy Lodge No. 758, Pittsburgh. They are the first father and son combination to serve as Worshipful Master in the 52-year history of the lodge.



November: Initiation Month!

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Duge, Jr., is asking all Worshipful Masters in Pennsylvania to declare November to be "Initiation Month" in their lodges. For initiations to occur during November, petitions must be received in lodges by the September stated meeting and balloting would take place in October. "That's an exciting thought, to have at least 476—or more—worthy men become Masons during the same month across the Commonwealth," Grand Master Duge said with enthusiastic optimism, hoping that many lodges would have more than one petition.

The stage has been set for this to happen, starting with efforts designed to motivate brethren to recall and communicate the values inherent in their fraternity. Early in March, "The Values of Brotherhood" booklet was mailed to every Pennsylvania Mason. Soon after that, the Grand Master sent a **Friend to Friend/Brother to Brother** letter to every Pennsylvania Freemason asking him to consider the values and benefits that are his and let Grand Lodge know how "Freemasonry has been good for me." (A convenient reply form was included with the letter from the Grand Master.)

At the same time, District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters have been asked by the Grand Master to call attention to the request in the April and May stated meetings and to urge brethren to submit testimonials by the end of May. Selections from the testimonials received will be reproduced in a publication late in the Summer, which will provide each Mason with another informational and motivational "tool" for speaking **Friend to Friend** to their worthy relative, friend or neighbor.

Hearty Success by Kiskiminetas Lodge

Members of Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift, made their town's "Operation Santa Claus" program conducted by the Salvation Army, a hearty success. The brethren held a food drive at a local grocery store during December, asking shoppers to donate one non-perishable food item upon leaving. According to Harvey F. Fishel, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District, the shoppers' response was overwhelming. The Lodge then purchased 18 turkeys and additional necessary non-perishable items to complete a Christmas food package for families recommended by the Salvation Army. Also included in the food packet was a small store cash voucher for each recipient to buy something special to complement the holiday meal.

In another community effort, Paul Black, W.M., of Kiskiminetas Lodge awarded the ownership of the Lodge-sponsored Gold Star Mothers bench at the Veterans Memorial to the Vandergrift Joint Veterans organization.

D.D.G.M. Fera Raises Son With Team of D.D.G.M.s and P.D.D.G.M.s

It was a packed house at Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, for the Feb. 15 stated meeting when Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E, with a degree team comprising past and present District Deputy Grand Masters and a Grand Lodge Chaplain, conferred the Master Mason's Degree on his son, Kevin.

The participants and the stations or places in which they served were: Front row - Walter Mohl, P.D.D.G.M., delivered the Charge; Bro. Kevin Fera; D.D.G.M. Fera, District E, W.M.; and Rev. William D. Hartman, Grand Chaplain, Chaplain. Middle row - Charles T. Graham, D.D.G.M., District D, J.W.; Thomas J. Miller, D.D.G.M., District A, S.W.; John R. Miller, D.D.G.M., District D, J.D.; Jesus Rodriguez, D.D.G.M., 8th District, J.M.C.; and Harry Hackman, D.D.G.M., 5th District, S.M.C. Back row - Guy T. Matthews, P.D.D.G.M., Guide; Joseph W. Dows, D.D.G.M., 60th District, Treasurer; Lynwood J. Dixon, Sr., P.D.D.G.M., Marshal; W. Richard Dillon, D.D.G.M., 40th District, Pursuivant; Mark A. Haines, D.D.G.M., 7th District, Secretary; and Edward D. Miles, D.D.G.M., 36th District, S.D.



MASONIC HOMES

Retirement Living Celebrates 10 Years

The Masonic Homes marked its 10th anniversary of retirement living services on Dec. 15 with a candle-light holiday celebration in the Clubhouse Dining Room.

The dream of developing retirement living options at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, which would provide the opportunity for members of the Masonic Fraternity and their eligible family members to enjoy an enriched lifestyle while securing their future, became a reality on Oct. 8, 1990. That was the date when the Masonic Homes opened the retirement living area, which included the Clubhouse that provided a full array of recreational and service areas.

The plans for development of retirement living as part of the Masonic Homes' operations began in 1988 during the administration of Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W.P.G.M., who saw the new service area as an integral part of the Masonic Homes' mission to serve the changing needs and interests of the Fraternity. The first residents to occupy a living unit in this new service area in 1990 were Tom and Mildred English. Bro. and Mrs. English actually moved into their cottage on Tall Cedar Lane

The Retirement Living Community.

in August 1990, prior to the opening of the Clubhouse, because their home had been sold and they were anxious to move to Elizabethtown. Bro. and Mrs. Raymond Barley, Bro. and Mrs. Nevin Cooley and Bro. and Mrs. Robert Hotchkiss also chose to occupy their cottages prior to the opening of the Clubhouse.

Those residents served as pioneers for this new type of living arrangement and service plan, in preparation for the grand opening and date stone ceremonies.

Since 1990, the program has continued to evolve through the development of additional and enhanced programs and facilities that have allowed the Masonic Homes to serve the changing needs and preferences of the Family of Freemasonry. During the past year, the term "independent living" was changed to "retirement living" in response to a recent review of the Fair Housing Act. It has been determined that the term "independent living" implies that admission is restricted to those who are able to live independently and without any disability.



Star Points Construction

Construction of the Star Points Building, the new 60-unit assisted living facility at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, has been progressing smoothly and is scheduled to open in October. It will provide deluxe assisted living accommodations, all of which will include a kitchenette, a full bath, and plenty of closet space. There will be attractive common areas, such as a dining room, great room, assembly room, lounges, and terraces. Medical clinics also will be part of the Star Points Building, and residents will be able to receive additional services in the adjacent Valley Care Masonic Center. A child care center also will be housed in the Star Points Building, offering many opportunities for intergenerational opportunities among the children and the residents.

For persons needing assisted living services in western Pennsylvania now, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West in Pittsburgh has availability. Residents at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will be given first choice of accommodations in the Star Points building when it opens.

Anyone looking for a future accommodation at the Star Points Building is urged to call now to be placed on a priority list. Interested persons should call the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West today at (412) 931-8300.



A "Victory Garden Nostalgia" Theme For 3rd Annual Masonic Homes' Flower Show

The 3rd Annual Masonic Homes' Flower Show was held on Mar. 6 and 7 in the Masonic Health Care Center Roosevelt Assembly Room. While the show was mainly staged for the enjoyment of residents, such as Bro. Harold and Marjorie Sassaman (in photo), it was open to the community on both dates from 4 to 8 p.m.

The theme for the flower show was "Victory Garden Nostalgia." The floral arrangements and displays, which included a backyard, factory, and park scene by the Masonic Homes' Landscape and Greenhouse departments, were accompanied by images and relics memorable of the World War II era.



Pennsylvania Masons in Florida in Reunion

More than 1,000 Pennsylvania Masons, their spouses, widows, and family members attended the 2001 Florida Masonic Reunions. The reunions were hosted by R. W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., and his wife, Debra, along with the other Grand Lodge officers, a R.W. Past Grand Master, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and their wives, as well as Masonic Homes' personnel. The Masonic Homes' staff shared information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The highlight of the reunions included the Grand Master's presentation of the 50-Year Emblems of Gold to 44 Masons.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentation during the Feb. 23 Reunion in the Tampa Marriott, Tampa, FL.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentation during the Feb. 22 Reunion in the Orlando Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Winter Park, FL.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentation during the Feb. 24 Reunion in the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

**Position Open:
Director of Gift Planning-West Region**

This position is responsible for administrating and coordinating the planned giving efforts for the Masonic Homes and the other Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the western part of Pennsylvania. Candidates for this position should have a bachelor's degree and two years' experience; knowledge of planned giving methods, financial planning concepts and gift tax laws; and strong interpersonal skills. Experience with annual giving and capital campaigns a plus. Individuals with extensive experience in banking, financial, or legal backgrounds will be considered.

Forward resume and salary requirements to:
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New Commissary and Central Kitchen at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown



A knife originally used in the Grand Lodge Hall kitchen was used in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Commissary and Kitchen. Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master (second from left) accepts the knife from Daphne Gullock, Director of Food Services at the Masonic Homes. Shown with Mrs. Gullock at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are (l-r): Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Grand Master Dluge; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. D.G.M.; Marilyn G. Speicher, R.W. G.T.; Bro. Robert L. Engel; and Kim W. Jeffreys, P.D.D.G.M.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown advanced to the next level in food service technology when the new Commissary and Central Kitchen began operations on Feb. 20.

Since the new commissary will be the central production, storage, and dispatching location for all areas of food services on campus, it will enable the Masonic Homes to provide higher quality food consistently and more efficiently. With state-of-the-art technology, the Masonic Homes will be able to serve residents' specific needs better. While the commissary will enable the Food Services staff to cater to residents' needs with different food presentations, diets, and styles of meals, it will greatly increase the level of service provided to residents in the Masonic Health Care Center.

For example, for residents on special diets who

cannot eat solid food and who need their meals pureed, advanced re-thermalization will be able to mold and freeze the pureed food to be more visually pleasing and appetizing. This process will be done with the hope of increasing the residents' appetites and eating habits. A new style of preparation and cooking will allow food delivered to the Masonic Health Care Center to be heated or cooled to the desired temperature, providing more flexibility as to when residents dine. The additional flexibility in the production operation also will enable the staff to offer residents in the Masonic Health Care Center special meal choices on their birthdays, to make their days extra special.

Prior to the official opening of the Central Kitchen and Commissary, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Jan. 26 with Robert L. Dluge Jr., R.W. Grand Master, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and Masonic Homes' staff.

An open house and grand opening celebration was held on Feb. 6 for residents and staff.

Sewickley Community Brings Enthusiastic Response

When Bro. William and Mrs. Marlene Moisey first heard about the Masonic Village at Sewickley, they wasted no time in finding out what "all the fuss was about." Although still in their early to mid-sixties, the Moiseys were among the first in line to reserve one of the spacious apartments, which will be ready for occupancy in Spring of 2003. "We want to be close to home and have a sense of security as we get older," said Mrs. Moisey.

One of the reasons the Moiseys did not

need to look beyond the Masonic Village at Sewickley was because of their experiences with both the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and Valley Care Masonic Center, which is the Sewickley community's existing nursing center. "My dad lived at Elizabethtown for eight years," shares Bro. Moisey. "As far as he was concerned there was no other choice." Mrs. Moisey also emphasizes the excellent care that her mother received while living at the Valley Care Masonic Center. Since they are currently residents of Sewickley, the new Masonic Village at Sewickley will allow the Moiseys to remain a part of the community.

"The reasons vary considerably, but it is obvious that people trust the reputation of Masonic Homes and are anxious to learn what the Masonic Village at Sewickley has to offer," explains Jeff Mohler, Marketing Manager for the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The marketing staff also includes Anita Zeiders, Marketing Counselor, and Mary Jane Hyre, Marketing Assistant.

Construction of the Star Points Building, the new assisted living building for the Sewickley campus, creates excitement as people see that they are on the ground floor of something new. A full-scale, two-bedroom apartment model and a marketing office are now available for prospective residents to view as they consider their retirement options.

The Masonic Village at Sewickley has embraced the life-care concept, which means that residents will have access



Bro. William and Marlene Moisey liked what they saw when they looked over the planned layout of their new apartment building at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. William is a Past Master and current Treasurer for Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley. He is also a Past Patron and current Worthy Patron for Sewickley Chapter No. 439, Order of The Eastern Star. Marlene is a Past Matron and current Treasurer for Chapter 439.

to assisted living and nursing care services in the future with the same monthly service fee structure as for their retirement living services. The Sewickley team is planning presentations throughout western Pennsylvania, along with monthly house events. For more information on retirement living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley or these events, call toll-free (866) 872-0664.

Simplify Life, Plan for Your Future, Consider "Continuum of Care"

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown offers a continuum of care to simplify life.

"Residential Living" is an area of the campus that many residents enter and have access to physicians and clinical services such as audiology, cardiology, dentistry, ophthalmology, pharmacy, laboratory, podiatry, and radiology. The area also provides the assurance of knowing that such amenities as housekeeping, personal laundry, transportation, activities and emergency response are available.

"Assisted Living and Nursing Care" are health care services provided on a long-term basis as medical situations arise and the resident is no longer comfortable in the residential setting. Assisted living accommodations in the Freemasons Building and the Masonic Health Care Center encourage residents to live at their fullest potential; but provide some nursing services such as assistance with personal hygiene, bathing, dressing, and administration of medications. This area provides an environment of comfort, companionship, and security.

Nursing care provides for round-the-clock care by physicians and nursing staff. Support staffs provide for such needs as social work, pastoral care, dietary assistance, housekeeping, laundry, security, and maintenance and create an environment that enhances the well-being of each resident. Within the Masonic Health Care Center, rehabilitation services in the Renaissance Unit are designed for residents who require subacute care after hospitalization with the goal of returning to their previous living area.

"Specialized Units" are designed to offer care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementia.

Finally, continuum of care is reflected in the Masonic Homes' mission: "We are committed to providing for wellness of body, mind, and spirit through a continuum of care, and to providing each individual with the dignity and compassion necessary for human development." Consider the Masonic Homes as a place for continuum of care to simplify your life. For additional information on the Masonic Homes, please contact the Admissions Office at (800) 422-1207 or e-mail your requests to Admissions@masonichomespa.org.

Subacute Services Available In Elizabethtown and Sewickley

Subacute services are provided to individuals on a short-term basis in the Renaissance Unit of the Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown and at the Valley Care Masonic Center of the Masonic Village at Sewickley for patients who require rehabilitation after hospitalization. The following subacute services are provided at both locations:

- Care and monitoring of dialysis treatments
- Infection control
- Wound management
- IV therapy
- Total parenteral nutrition
- Orthopedic rehabilitation (such as fractures, joint replacements, amputations)
- Pain management
- Respiratory care services

The staffs of the subacute units work with patients individually to help them achieve their highest level of functioning. Teamwork among physicians, care managers, nursing staff, social workers, dietitians, pastoral services, therapeutic recreation, rehabilitation staff, patients, and their families, establishes an outcome-oriented treatment and works toward returning the patient to his or her home environment. Both are Medicare/Medicaid approved subacute facilities.

For more information on availability at Elizabethtown, contact the Admissions Office at (717) 361-4552 or (800) 422-1207. For services at Sewickley, call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3020.

Masonic Homes Residents Support Community Groups

The Masonic Homes' Retirement Living Residents' Association recently donated more than \$1,500 to Northwest Emergency Medical Services to help with the facility's capital campaign. According to Lyn Ginnett, Director of the program, the donation will be used toward the purchase of new vehicles.

Bro. Henry A. Clay, Donora Lodge No. 626, President of the Retirement Living Residents' Association, said, "The long-term success of Northwest Emergency Medical Services is important to retirement living residents, so we are pleased to be able to contribute our resources." This is not the first time that the Masonic

Homes residents have stepped forward to support the organization. When Northwest first moved into its new location on Bainbridge Rd., numerous residents donated beds, recliners, chairs, tables, and furniture to equip the station.

The Masonic Homes also supports Northwest Emergency Medical Services, having committed to contributing \$35,000 a year for three years toward the cost of the new station. "Northwest Emergency Medical Services is a vital community asset, and we are pleased to continue our support in honor of all of the volunteers who make it a success," said Joseph E. Murphy, C.E.O. of the Masonic Homes.

The Retirement Living Residents' Association also donated nearly \$600 each to the local DeMolay chapter, the Masonic Children's Home, and the Tree of Life, a benevolent fund for residents of the community in financial need.



Lyn Ginnett, Director, and Bob Enok, Chairman, Northwest Emergency Medical Services (both to left) received the residents' donation from Bro. Leslie Ehringer, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg, a board member of the Masonic Homes' Retirement Living Residents' Association; and Bro. Clay, on behalf of the Residents' Association.



Stephen R. Logan, Master Councilor of Elizabethtown Chapter DeMolay; Christopher M. Fry, Junior Councilor (left); and Justin D. Killian, Senior Councilor (right), receive a check from Henry Clay, President of the Masonic Homes' Retirement Living Residents' Association.

Children's Home and College Students Benefit from Tutor, Mentor Programs

The Masonic Children's Home has many exciting and positive collaborations with Elizabethtown College students who volunteer, fulfill course requirements, complete internships, or receive work-study hours for their efforts with the children.

There are eight students who volunteer as tutor aides to work with elementary, middle, and high school-age students. Through associations with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lancaster and the Communities That Care, 13 children have been matched with the college students.

Through the Student Directed Learning Community (SDLC) at Elizabethtown College, several service learning groups have completed projects such as "Into the Streets." The "Lighthouse" group hosted a recreational activity for the children at the college in February. The "FIG" group organized an ongoing mentor program with the middle school girls. The "SMILE" group planned for an intergenerational program at the

Masonic Health Care Center with the residents and the children in March and April.

Three senior psychology majors are interns at the Children's Home. Two staff members at the Children's Home are Elizabethtown College alumni. The Children's Home is indeed fortunate and appreciative of the partnerships with the college and looks forward to many more in the future.



▲ Kristen Norman (left), a Masonic Children's Home resident, plays basketball with Kelly Berlin, an Elizabethtown College intern who is a psychology major.

Melissa Reinhart, (left) psychology major and Elizabethtown College intern, spends quality time with Masonic Children's Home residents at the Smith Cottage; (r): Gabriel Arroyo, Melissa Balmer and Dani Norman.



▲ Twice a week, Kate Gibbons (right) an elementary education major at Elizabethtown College, tutors Dana Balmer, a Masonic Children's Home resident.

Retirement Living Video Now Available

The Marketing Office at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown recently introduced a video focusing on retirement living. Prospective residents are able to view the many reasons why more than 600 persons already have made the decision to choose the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown as their retirement community.

Featuring various living accommodations, dining facilities, and the availability of health care services, the video also high-

lights activities, clubs, and programs available. Whether you wish to broaden your horizons, anticipate the prospect to begin a new activity or continue a life-long hobby, the opportunities are at the Masonic Homes retirement community.

While retirement living at Elizabethtown has been serving the needs of the Fraternity for ten years, many brethren and ladies have been unable to visit the campus for varied reasons. The new video will provide a preview of residents pursuing a carefree and dynamic lifestyle... a lifestyle that allows freedom and security for today and the future.

The retirement living community in Elizabethtown consists of 334 apartments and 116 cottages. There are several options for choosing the right accommodations to suit any lifestyle... apartments range from efficiencies to one-bedroom apartments to varying types of two-bedroom apartments, and cottages featuring five different floor plans.

The video captures the beauty of the campus and the importance of the high quality of Masonic Homes' standards and services, which are reinforced by testimonials shared by our residents. One statement that continually surfaces as residents encourage their friends to join them at retirement living in Elizabethtown is "Come now! Don't wait until it's too late to enjoy it."

If you or your spouse are at least age 55



and are considering a retirement community, complete and return the accompanying coupon. The Masonic Homes will be happy to send you a copy of the "Retirement Living at Elizabethtown" video, or a Masonic Homes brochure including services, floor plans and rate information, etc. Don't wait! Get on the priority list to become a

member of the Masonic Homes' family and begin living the lifestyle you deserve!

Retirement Living Information Luncheon

On June 12, the Retirement Living Marketing staff will host a presentation-luncheon in the Freemasons Cultural Center for those interested in retirement living options. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour this new facility, as well as the retirement living areas of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The event will begin at 10 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call (800) 676-6452 by Monday, June 4.

New Staff Members and Promotions Announced at Masonic Homes

Alvin H. Blitz, Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, has been appointed Chief Director of Gift Planning for the Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, effective Apr. 2. Bro. Blitz, an attorney, will be responsible for designing, planning, and executing short- and long-range fund-raising programs to assist the Masonic Homes and other Masonic Charities in fulfilling their missions through philanthropic support.

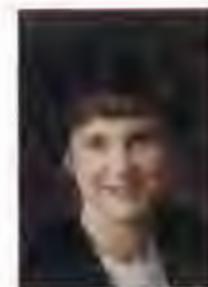
Prior to joining the Masonic Homes, Bro. Blitz served as General Counsel and Director of Gift Planning for the American Heart Association since 1999, where he was responsible for overseeing and implementing the planned giving and major gifts program for the Pennsylvania/Delaware region, including bequest administration and legal affairs. Before that, he worked as an attorney for Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, and Hetrick, Zaleski & Pierce.

Bro. Blitz holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton, a master of arts degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and a juris doctorate from Dickinson School of Law. He is Treasurer and Chairman of the Planned Giving and Finance Committees for St. Johns Episcopal Church, Carlisle; past Chairman of the Planned Giving Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; Treasurer, board member, and Chairman of the Planned Giving/Major Gifts and Finance Committees for Carlisle Hospital Medical Care Foundation; Treasurer and Board Member for the Estate Planning Council of Central Pennsylvania; and a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals; and the Delaware Valley Planned Giving Council. He is a Past Treasurer, Board Member, and Chair of the Planned Giving Task Force for the American Heart Association.

John R. McFadden, Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, has been promoted to Director of Gift Planning-East Region. He is responsible for assisting in planning, implementing, and coordinating programs directed toward the solicitation of deferred gifts and other contributions on behalf of the Masonic Homes and other Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. McFadden joined the Development Department at the Masonic Homes in October 1994 as Planned Giving Officer. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Lebanon Valley College. He is a founding member and past President of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and is a member of the Susquehanna Valley Planned Giving Council. He is Chair of the Stewardship Commission for the First United Methodist Church, Palmyra, and sits on its Administrative Council and Finance Committee. He is a past member of the Board of Directors for United Church of Christ Homes and served on Lebanon Valley College's Alumni Council. He is an active member and past president of the Campbelltown Lions Club and previously served as president of the Board of Directors for Gretna Theatre. He is also a former Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 56, Palmyra.

Beverly A. Sweigart was appointed recently to the position of Director of Administration for the Masonic Homes. In this position, Mrs. Sweigart deals with all aspects of the Masonic Homes'



Mrs. Beverly A. Sweigart, Director of Administration

operations at the Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster locations. She will continue to supervise the administrative, public relations and event planning staffs, as well as work with the Masonic Homes' senior management team and Committee on Masonic Homes. Mrs. Sweigart was first employed at the Masonic Homes in August 1986 as Executive Secretary, and was promoted in 1988 to Administrative Assistant and in 1998 to Executive Assistant. Richard E. Whitman, Jr., Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon, was appointed Event Coordinator for the Masonic Homes, effective Jan. 1. He is responsible for all aspects of coordinating events for internal and external groups held on the campus of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which include the new Freemasons Cultural Center and the Masonic Conference Center. He will coordinate the scheduling of space for programs, communicating setup details, and procuring additional services as required.

Previously, Bro. Whitman served as Conference Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. He holds an associate degree from Harrisburg Area Community College and a bachelor of science degree from Elizabethtown College.



Bro. Richard E. Whitman, Jr., Event Coordinator

AUCTION

What: Auction of Used Furniture, Antiques, Old Farm Equipment, and Many More Items

Where: Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

When: Summer 2001

If you would like to be on a mailing list to receive information about the auction, e-mail, write or call:

Chief Executive Officer
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
auction@masonichomespa.org
(717) 367-1121, Ext. 33849

Contribution to Help Give Trip for Youth

A \$500 contribution from Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, will help to finance a trip to California for youth of the Masonic Children's Home. John P. Anuscavage, Sr., W.M. (left), and Charles I. Fasnacht, Secretary (second from right) presented the donation to youth from the Children's Home and Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director (third from left). This was one of nearly two dozen contributions from lodges that will help to make this trip possible.



Freemasons Cultural Center Now Open!

The Freemasons Cultural Center opened on March 17. This new area was built to accommodate the continuous growth on the campus and the need for space for resident and staff programming, meetings, special events, and additional requests made by the Fraternity and the community.

The Brossman Ballroom, named in honor of Bro. Jay G. Brossman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, for his continual support of the Masonic Homes, has space to seat 1,200 persons for programs or 750 persons in a dining setting.

The Freemasons Cultural Center also comprises the new Museum, new recreation areas, the newly renovated Deike Auditorium, White Ballroom, and Masonic Lodge Hall. The main information desk for the Masonic Homes has been relocated to this area. The Visitors Center is a central location for visitors to inquire about the Masonic Homes, receive directions to the various buildings on campus, and connect with a tour guide. Another new attraction is the Three Loaves Café, offering a wide variety of foods and desserts in a casual dining atmosphere for residents, employees, and visitors.

Big Hearted Valentine Check

With a big heart for Valentine's Day, an over-size check for \$2,000 was presented during a fund-raising dinner by officers of LaBelle Valley Lodge No. 232 to Ms. Sally Kelso who has incurred great expense for medical treatment over five years. The successful event was attended by brethren and their ladies from the 18th Masonic District as well as residents from Jersey Shore and surrounding areas.



Enhanced Benefactor Program Announced for Library and Museum

The Board of Directors of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania approved a program intended to enhance its endowment fund and provide financial support well into the 21st century and beyond. "Friends of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania," invite lodges, other Masonic and Masonically related organizations, and individuals to make contributions in various levels of support.

The "Acacia Circle" is a level of support designed for those lodges and other related Masonic organizations that desire to honor an outstanding member in the Family of Freemasonry by making a \$250 contribution on that person's behalf. Doing so enters that person into the Acacia Circle of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation suitable for framing, an invitation to the Friends Reception, and a Friends lapel pin. The nominating Masonic body will receive a specially designed commemorative plaque suitable for displaying at the lodge or other meeting place. With each nomination, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania also will provide a complimentary engraved nameplate of the honoree to place on the plaque.

Categories of recognition for individual contributing members are:

Pillar for contributing \$1,000 or more. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, invitation to the Friends Reception, a framed commemorative print, a memento, and a Friends lapel pin.

Benefactor for contributing \$500 or more. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, invitation to the Friends Reception, a commemorative print, a memento, and a Friends lapel pin.

Bulder for contributing \$250 or more. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, invitation to the Friends Reception, a memento, and a Friends lapel pin.

Fellow for contributing \$100 or more. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, invitation to the Friends Reception, and a Friends lapel pin.

Contributor for contributing \$30 or more. That person will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and an invitation to the Friends Reception.

Memorial: A contribution of \$20 or more is intended to honor a deceased brother. The names of all brethren so honored will be submitted for printing annually in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, Kenneth W. McCarty, Director of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, said, "Whether you are recognizing a member of your lodge, becoming an individual contributor, or honoring a deceased brother, you are invited to become a Friend of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania by contributing to this worthwhile Masonic charity." Contributions to The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Endowment Fund can be made to "Friends of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania," Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520 or for more information you may call (215)988-1932.

Masons of Note

Jack T. Duffey, P.M., the 3rd Masonic District Blood/Organ Donor Chairman, is also the Chairman of the Blood Committee of the Waynesboro American Legion Post No. 15. He recently led a blood donor drive that attracted 246 persons donating 215 units of blood, enabling the American Red Cross to exceed its 200-unit goal. On behalf of the Legion Post, Bro. Duffey accepted an award of appreciation presented by Melissa Ann Jeka, Miss Pennsylvania 2000.

At its annual meeting, the Grand Lodge of Washington awarded its Bill Paul Horn Memorial Masonic Medal to **Thomas R. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S.** of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Though created in 1990, Bro. Jackson is the recipient of that Grand Lodge's first medal for distinguished service, having made a quiet consistent, and significant contribution to the promotion and success of our Fraternity.

Youth Groups Witness History in the Making

On Jan. 20, five bus-loads of Pennsylvania DeMolays, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and their guests traveled to Washington, D.C., to witness the inauguration of George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States. After lunch at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, the roughly 250 participants took the Metro into D.C., either to the Mall at the Capitol to witness the swearing in, or to a point along Pennsylvania Avenue to view the parade to the White House. Some visited the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and other Washington sights.

The trip was the fourth of its kind hosted by Pennsylvania DeMolay, and the best attended to date. When State Master Councilor Walter Pietrowski was asked why this program was so popular with the DeMolays, he said, "We plan this trip every four years because young people don't get this opportunity through their schools or clubs. It is a chance really to participate in the peaceful change of our national government."

As in past years, partial underwriting of the trip, including purchase of custom souvenir caps and a custom-made banner, was generously provided by the Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia. Visit www.pademolay.org for photographs of the trip.

More DeMolays Becoming Masons

In recent months many Senior DeMolays have joined the Masonic Fraternity and, to welcome them into the Craft, their DeMolay Advisors have participated in the degrees. Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, P.M., Executive Officer of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, has made it a priority of the Order to have advisors and staff members present at numerous conferrals of Masonic degrees on the young Senior DeMolays.

Recently, Jason Stains, Past State Master Councilor, was raised in Acacia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro. The degree team consisted of Master Masons who are very active in DeMolay leadership:

John L. Stains, D.D.G.M., 3rd Masonic District, served as W.M.; Bro. Labagh as S.W.; Lee L. Cram, Jr. (PSMC) as J.W.; Fred W. Wichterman, P.M., as S.D.; Brent D. Richards (PSMC) as J.D.; Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., as S.M.C.; Jess A. Leidig, III, as J.M.C.; Harry L. Oyler, P.D.D.G.M., as Pursuivant, and David W. Berry, as Guide. Jess A. Leidig, III, who is the Chapter Advisor of George Washington Chapter, Chambersburg, also presented the Bible that was used for all of Jason's degrees.

DeMolay Advisors also have participated in degree teams for Joshua E. Collins, Canawacta Lodge No. 360, Susquehanna; Brett F. Fisher, Lodge No. 9, Tacony; Judah B. Hoover, Lamberton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster; James R. Runyan, Wilson-Joppa Lodge No. 714, Dravosburg; Phillip S. Leopold, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, and others.



Bros. John and Jason Stains



The internet is the perfect medium for building Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. It is both a business tool and an educational resource. Statistically, the year 2000 was our most successful, with more than 100,000 visits to the site via the home page, countless other visitors going directly from search engines to the information they wanted, and more than 1,000,000 pages of information about Freemasonry served to those who want to know more about our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

What can you do on the Grand Lodge web page?

Search for a Job in the On-Line Employment Center: This year an On-Line Employment Center was implemented to offer Pennsylvania Masons the exclusive opportunity to post resumes and job opportunities for Masons. In these times of equal opportunity employment, that may seem to be anachronistic; but they are not employer postings. This is a private system of networking where Masons share opportunities with their brothers, with the choice of initial anonymity allowing for discreet inquiry. There is no charge, nor is it known if anyone is hired or rejected; but it is a service that 670 registered users have utilized. At the close of the year, there were 11 job postings and 35 resumes available for perusal.

Purchase Books, Pins, Regalia, and Gifts: The On-Line Gift Shop contains hundreds of items at reasonable prices to use in the promotion and operation of your lodge. You can purchase by credit card in a secure and safe way, or you can find the items you need and fax or mail your order to the Gift Shop.

Borrow a Book: The On-Line Circulating Library has all of the available volumes listed and any Pennsylvania Mason can borrow two at a time. In the year 2000, 125 borrowing requests were processed via the Internet, representing 43% of all the remote requests from the Library. The catalog is updated regularly, and represents all of the resources of the Circulating Library available from The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

Request a Speaker for Your Meeting: The On-Line Speakers Guide is one of our under-used resources, but 59 Speaker Requests were processed for Masters and Senior Wardens who are looking to schedule programs for their lodge meetings. The Speakers Guide is updated annually. If you are a speaker, and want to be listed, contact the Office of Masonic Education.

File a Change of Address Notice: A form available on the Grand Secretary's site will allow you to report an address change that will be recorded in the records and forwarded to your Lodge Secretary.

Request a Matching Grant, or Sponsor an A.E.D.: All the forms you need are available for your lodge to apply for a Matching Charity Grant. All the paperwork necessary for placing an Automated External Defibrillator is also available for your use.

Watch Masonic Videos: In the year 2000, seven videos were posted on-line. They can be viewed, using the free RealPlayer format. Included are videos on the Masonic Homes, the Friend To Friend Masonic Monument at Gettysburg, DeMolay, and the Masonic Education series, "Tools of the Craft."

Those are just some of the things you can do at the Grand Lodge Web Site. To find out all that is available, don't delay, log on today, at www.pagrandle.org.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Banquet In State College on June 16

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be opened at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 16, in The Penn Stater Conference Center, State College. A continental breakfast will be available from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served at the conclusion of the communication.

In addition to the business of the Grand Lodge, a degree team will be making a Mason-at-Sight, conferring the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree and the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree in the morning and the Master Mason's Degree in the afternoon.

In the evening, there will be a reception and dinner followed by entertainment. Reservations will be on a first-come basis since seating will be limited.

Registration Request Form For Quarterly Communication Activities June 16

(Complete Request and Mail - Deadline, May 25)

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

I/We will be attending the reception, dinner, and entertainment in conjunction with the June Quarterly Communication in State College on June 16.

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$30 per person.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, payable to "The Grand Lodge of PA."

(Tickets and menu will be mailed to you.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Lodge: _____

50-Year Emblem for R.W.P.G.M. Williamson

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R. W. Grand Master, (second from right), presented a 50-Year Emblem of Gold to Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. P.G.M. (right), in Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek, on March 13. Taking part in the presentation were Kurt R. Tesche, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District (left), and Thomas R. Leicht, Jr., W.M., Valley Lodge. Bro. Williamson, a Past Master of Valley Lodge, served as Grand Master in 1982 and 1983.



Big Check for "Charlie Check-First"

James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M. and President of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, presented a check for \$18,400 to Safety Kids, Inc. to be used in the Charlie Check-First program, which is run in conjunction with the F.B.I.'s Adopt-a-School program. The contribution was accepted by Diane Brown, Director of Safety Kids, Inc., pictured with Bro. Ernette and the Charlie Check-First mascot. This is one of the many community programs that the Foundation is sponsoring throughout the Commonwealth in 2001.



Present at the ceremony were Bro. and Lt. Col. Thomas K. Coury, Tyrion Lodge No. 644, Lower Burrell, of the Pennsylvania State Police, who is a member of the Safety Kids Board of Directors, and the district attorney, legislators, and dignitaries from the Pittsburgh area.

Grand Master Addressed Youth Conference

About 125 high school youth attended the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking (PAUD) Youth-to-Youth Conference Jan. 4-7 at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. On Saturday, Jan. 6, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, addressed the youth, congratulating them on their pledge to remain drug- and alcohol-free.

Students, with adult supervision, ran the conference for youth from throughout the Commonwealth. The student leaders selected and sponsored workshops for those attending to give them skills and information necessary to provide drug- and alcohol-free programs at the home schools. Several of the students, as a result of the training, will become student leaders and will provide guidance and training to other students in establishing S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) clubs in their schools.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is an active member of the PAUD Steering Committee, which organized the conference. Bro. Raymond G. Brown, the Executive Director of the Foundation, and Deborah McCoy, the Foundation's liaison with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, attended the conference.



After having their picture taken with Grand Master Dluge, the youth had a picture signed and framed as a memento in appreciation for hosting their first conference at the Masonic Conference Center.

STILL AVAILABLE IN 2001 "All Aboard" for Model Masonic Trains

Model train lovers can get on board and order The Pennsylvania Masonic Train in 2001.

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

Modernizing in Tune With Customs and Traditions

In today's fast moving world, it allows little time for us to accomplish all that is desired, but it is important that, in addition to time spent with our families, we are able to make time for God, Country, and Fraternity.

Like most organizations, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been developing ways to streamline and modernize the way we do business. However, we also realize the importance of continuing the customs and traditions that have made our Craft so great and unique. The founding principles of Freemasonry are enduring and are for all of us to incorporate into our lives in order to continue to reap the rewards that go along with practicing those principles. In continuing to maintain the standards passed down, we also are working very hard to improve the processes that will allow the Fraternity to operate at its potential with minimal administrative work for all, particularly the lodge secretaries.

Currently, we have more than 300 lodge secretaries working on-line. Secretaries are now able to change lodge members, addresses and other related data, along with submitting monthly reports and lodge audit reports on-line. There is also a page for secretaries to process the "Dues" and "Fees" of the lodge. In addition, a section has been set up for the secretaries to document details of the business of the lodge.

Grand Lodge is providing an ISP (Internet Service Provider) CD to interface with the web sight for all lodges that use it. The ISP CD, when used in excess of the monthly fee, will provide a return to the lodge at no additional cost. We currently are providing a process on-line to apply for a no interest loan for lodges to purchase a computer from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Further information regarding this program can be obtained by contacting the Grand Secretary's Office.

At the recent Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Phoenix, AZ, it was discussed that many Grand Lodges are now, or in the process of, implementing information technology services for their lodges.

It also was discussed that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is currently one of the leading Grand Lodges in the field of information service technology. This is due to the commitment of those individuals of our Information Technology team and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania who have worked very hard to achieve this goal.

As Grand Secretary, and as part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Information Technology team, I note that it is crucial that continuing education and training programs be implemented and provided throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORIAM

John Kline Young

Right Worshipful Grand Master 1968-1969

December 28, 1911 - January 13, 2001

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is sad to announce the death of Brother John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. Brother Young died on Saturday, January 13, 2001.

He was born on December 28, 1911, the only child of Jacob H. and Edythe (Kline) Young. He was graduated from Northeast High School of Philadelphia in 1929. He furthered his education at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. In 1936, he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School with a Bachelor of Laws Degree.

John was married to the former Ruth Ellen Hancock. They have three daughters and nine grandchildren. The family resides in Lansdale. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, where he was an elder. Our Illustrious Brother served his country during the Second World War as a member of the United States Coast Guard Port Security Force.

Brother John made his living as an attorney. After being admitted to the Philadelphia Bar Association, he joined the firm of Peck and White in 1937. In 1939, he became a full partner in the firm of Peck, Bornemann and Young. In 1943 the firm changed its name to Peck, Young and Van Sant, the name currently in use.

Bro. Young was raised a Master Mason in Melita Lodge No. 295 in 1933 and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1950. He also served his Lodge as Trustee of the Permanent Fund and as a committee member. His father and grandfather were also members of Melita Lodge. In the Grand Lodge, he was District Deputy Grand Master of District "A" from 1952 to 1961. He was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden in 1962 and succeeded through the Grand Line to serve as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1968 and 1969. He was a Trustee of the Grand Lodge Pension Fund and the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys. He also served as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, and as the Vice President of the Board of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. In 1970, he became legal counsel for the Grand Lodge.

III. Brother John received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Philadelphia during the Spring Reunion of 1948. In

1960-61 he served as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. At the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council held in Chicago, Illinois, in September 1961, our Illustrious Brother was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council in September 1978 and in October 1987 he was elected Active Emeritus. The Valley of Philadelphia's Spring Class of 1968 was named in his honor. The Valley of Philadelphia's Ill John K. Young, 33°, Scholarship Fund, which assists children and grandchildren of Valley members pursuing a law degree, is named for him.

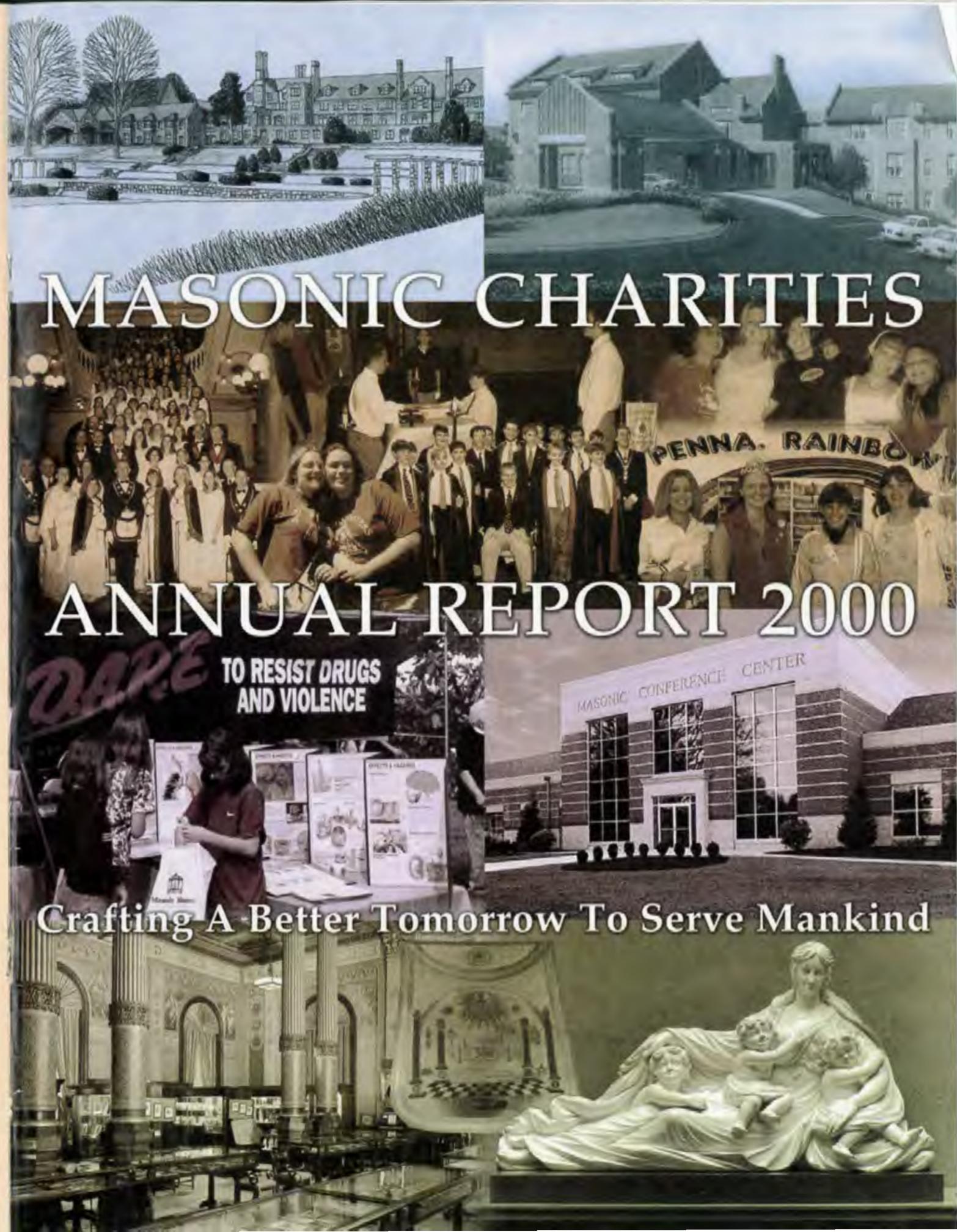
His other Masonic memberships included: Temple-Melita Royal Arch Chapter No. 183; Joppa Council No. 46, Royal and Select Masters; Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar; and Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, which he served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He also belonged to the Red Cross of Constantine, Pennsylvania College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Missouri Lodge of Research. He was also a Life Member of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania in Lafayette Hill.

His many honors include: Chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in 1968, the Benjamin Franklin Medal in 1979, the Erasmus James Phipps Medal from the Nova Scotia Lodge of Research, the Pierpoint Edwards Medal from the Grand Lodge of

Connecticut, the Henry Price Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the honorary membership in the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R. of Costa Rica.

Other memberships included: Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Hare Law Club, the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations, the Lawyer's Club of Philadelphia, the Penn Athletic Club, the Bachelors' Barge Club, the Presbyterian Social Union and the Union League.

Brother Young was well known for his devotion to the tenets of Freemasonry. He expressed it very well in a talk given at a Shrine breakfast during the first month of his term as Grand Master. He closed with the question: "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" His answer—typical of the man—was simply: "You bet I am!"



MASONIC CHARITIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Crafting A Better Tomorrow To Serve Mankind



Brethren and Friends:

This Annual Report shows that we are serious about our theme to combine the best of "The Old and The New" to craft a better tomorrow. As the old century has been passing into the new, we have been building upon the successes that brought us to where we are and have been adding the promise and excitement of 21st century ideas, plans, and enthusiasm.

The human services and concerns for mankind that are rendered through the facilities, foundations, and programs that make up the Masonic Charities are wide-ranging diverse and philanthropic. Along with our well recognized, ongoing Charities, I also think about the importance of meeting special needs, such as the way Masons across the state are equipping communities with A.E.D. (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) units, supporting the Little League, and targeting fire safety education in college dormitories, just to cite a few.

Building for tomorrow is visible at the Masonic Homes in construction and in their ever-expanding "Mission of Love" at Elizabethtown and the Masonic Eastern Star Homes - East and West across the state, caring for Masons and their wives, families, widows of Masons and others in need. By the time you read this Annual Report, the new Freemasons Cultural Center — the "new" blended with the stately "old" Grand Lodge Hall — will be open on the 1,400-acre main campus of the Masonic Homes. The caring generosity of Masons and friends have made those magnificent new facilities a reality. Meanwhile, in western Pennsylvania, expansion is underway at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Be sure to read about these achievements in this Annual Report.

Elizabethtown is a hub for youth services, starting with the Masonic Children's Home that cares for children from families that can no longer manage their needs. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation operates from the Masonic Conference Center-Patton campus, providing coordination, leadership and citizenship training, scholarships and educational assistance for Masonic youth and members of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children provides important youth-benefiting services throughout Pennsylvania. Because of that Foundation, every secondary school in the Commonwealth has a Student Assistance Program (SAP) team and more than 500 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) law enforcement officers have been trained to present drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs in schools.

All Pennsylvania Freemasons and the friends of Masonic Charities can look at the far-ranging achievements in service to mankind not only with pride, but also with a deep sense of satisfaction. You can make a tax-deductible contribution any time to all of the Masonic Charities, or give directly to any one or several of them by designating where you want your gift to be directed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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



January

- The Resource and Computer Center opened in the Smith North Building, where residents use their expertise to teach others.



February

- Masonic Homes representatives joined Grand Lodge officers to present information about the Masonic Homes at the three Masonic Reunions held in Florida.

March

- The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown celebrated its registration as an Eden Alternative™ site by unveiling its Eden Tree.
- Masonic Homes' Second Annual Flower Show brought more than 800 residents, employees, volunteers, and community members to view the beautiful floral creations by the Landscape/Greenhouse departments and outside vendors.
- The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East held its Eastern Star Festival on March 18.
- The Masonic Homes' Orchard Store expanded in size and began to offer additional merchandise.

At the beginning of 2000, there were 1,376 residents at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. As of December 31, there were 1,438 residents: 37 in the Masonic Children's Home, 7 in the Residential/Respite Cottage, 237 in Residential Living, 424 in the Masonic Health Care Center, 113 in the Freemasons Building, and 620 in Retirement Living. The Masonic Homes' youngest resident is 7 and the oldest resident is 104.

Masonic Homes

a mission of love

April

- All Masonic Homes' locations celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week, honoring those residents, youth, and members of the community.



May

- On May 23, five senior volunteers from Elizabethtown Area High School each received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Masonic Homes at the school's senior awards program.
- Thirty-six children residing at the Masonic Children's Home were recognized for their various activities and accomplishments at the 77th Annual Youth Appreciation Day on May 26.



- The Committee on Masonic Homes passed a motion to name the camp donated by Jack and Geraldine Harding to the Masonic Children's Home the "Masonic Youth Camp at Sugar Run." Contributions for the camp were given by various lodge groups, resident groups, and others.

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Masonic Homes

Condensed Statements of Unrestricted Activities for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999 (Dollars in thousands)

	2000	1999
Operating revenues	\$72,331	\$64,506
Operating expenses	81,602	72,437
Loss incurred in the fulfillment of our charitable mission	(9,271)	(7,931)
This loss was covered by the following support from the Members and friends of the Fraternity:		
Gifts and Bequests	7,176	5,366
Realized gains earned on accumulated past support from the Members and friends of the Fraternity	20,316	17,087
Revenues, support and gains in excess of expenses	\$18,221	\$14,522

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

June

- On June 8, at the 32nd Annual Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Institute 2000 Awards Program, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown won the Agency Award, Outstanding Program Award, and the Outstanding Programming Award Honorable Mention. Residents Betty Howe, Jackie Hollinger, and June Scott won the Volunteer Award.
- Members of the Committee on Masonic Homes; Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, The Order of The Eastern Star; Masonic Homes' staff; and residents broke ground on the Star Points Building on June 25.



- Two seniors graduated from the Masonic Children's Home: Becky Horn and Brandon Smith. (Pictured under May)
- An array of beautiful flowers, shrubbery and trees were planted in the front gardens of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East.

July

- As part of the Eden Alternative™ process, the Masonic Homes' first companion dog, Dubie, moved into the Freemasons Building on July 31. Daisy moved into the Masonic Health Care Center the next day, and Cheyenne moved in on November 24. Various finches, love birds and cockatiels also made themselves at home in residents' rooms and in common areas within the Masonic Health Care Center and the Freemasons Building.



The Village Green Area construction/renovation project at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown continued throughout 2000 with completion set for March 2001. The project included the construction of the Freemasons Cultural Center, including the Brossman Ballroom, named in honor of Bro. Jay G. Brossman for his continual support of the Masonic Homes; the new Museum; new recreation areas; the newly renovated Deike Auditorium, White Ballroom, and Masonic Lodge; a Visitors Center; the Three Loaves Café; staff offices; and the new Masonic Homes' Child Care Center. The upgrades and new areas will offer more opportunities for resident programming, staff education, inter-generational opportunities among the youth and the residents, and space for meetings and special events for the Fraternity and community groups. Adding 200 parking spaces to the area will help to provide much needed parking during large events on campus. A new Central Kitchen and Commissary, an advanced cookchill food preparation kitchen, is being built adjacent to the Ben Franklin Building at the current dock area. Renovations also were made to the Grand Lodge Hall building and to various residential buildings. The Clubhouse Dining Room in the Retirement Living area was upgraded as well.

September

- On September 11, the last skilled nursing resident transferred from the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West to the Valley Care Masonic Center. Twelve of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West's nursing rooms were converted to assisted living accommodations and marketed for occupancy.
- The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West held its Eastern Star Festival on September 20.
- The Masonic Village at Sewickley was one of ten food establishments to win an award at the Allegheny County's 9th Annual Excellence in Food Protection Awards for outstanding performance in food safety and sanitation.
- On September 22, the Committee on Masonic Homes authorized the Masonic Homes to begin the marketing process for the proposed retirement living accommodations at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.
- On September 23, more than 6,000 people attended Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The highlights of the day were the Flag Raising and Date Stone ceremonies for the Freemasons Cultural Center, part of the Village Green Area construction/renovation project. The therapy pool in the Masonic Health Care Center was named in honor of Bro. Carl R. Flohr.
- The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East's Advisory Board held its first Penny Party on September 30, raising more than \$2,100 to benefit residents.
- The Landscape and Greenhouse departments represented the Masonic Homes at the Philadelphia Harvest Show.

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August

- The Adult Daily Living Center celebrated its 5th Anniversary of service to the community.



The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East worked on a variety of quality improvement areas in 2000 to improve resident satisfaction such as the dining program and the addition of two new whirlpools, a wheelchair accessible glider for the courtyard and new courtyard furnishings, and new beds and mattresses.



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October

- Representatives from the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley attended Eden Alternative™ Associate training.
- The first of seven health fairs sponsored by the Outreach Program to be held in each of the seven regions throughout the Commonwealth was held at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East on October 28.
- In conjunction with Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown Area School District, and Communities that Care, the Masonic Homes began a tutor/mentor program in the Masonic Health Care Center. Twelve residents committed to meeting with 11 children from the local elementary schools during after-school hours four days a week to help them with homework and to enjoy socialization time.



- The annual Admissions Counselors training session was held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- Several Girl Scouts troops began conducting their meetings on the Masonic Homes' campus; some of the troops interact with the residents on a regular basis, and one troop is led by a group of residents.

Volunteer statistics for 2000 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown:

In Residential Living, 183 resident volunteers gave 37,750 hours of service.

In Retirement Living, 123 resident volunteers gave 7,550 hours of service (not all hours were reported).

In the Masonic Health Care Center, 250 adult volunteers gave 22,000 hours of service, and 64 teenagers gave 2,400 hours of service during the summer.

At the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown during 2000:
1,878,078 lbs. of laundry were cleaned.
1,160,578 meals were served.
2,680,986 lbs. of milk were produced.

November

- Terrace and ground levels of the Star Points Building began to take shape.



- Marketing began for the Retirement Living apartments and villas at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.
- Independent Living at the Masonic Homes was changed to Retirement Living.
- The Retirement Living Community Residents' Association and the Retirement Living Residents' Association merged to form the Retirement Living Residents' Association.
- Masonic Homes' Orchard Store changed its name to Masonic Homes' Farm Market.

During 2000, the Outreach Program worked with local Blue Lodges and The Order of The Eastern Star chapters to acquire and install stair climber systems for two persons who are unable to navigate the stairs in their homes, and helped several families in Pennsylvania and Florida to lower drug costs.

December

- On December 22, the Outreach Program expanded its hours to become a 24-hour on-call service, offering callers an option of leaving a message or asking for customer service.
- A training session for new Admissions Counselors was held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- Offerings from Masonic Homes' residents for the Sell Chapel Service Project were given to two families: to the family of an L.P.N. whose home was damaged in a fire, and to the family of a nursing assistant who passed away unexpectedly in 1999.

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Mission Statement of the Masonic Homes

To provide caring communities where individuals, families, and children have the opportunity to enjoy a full and enriched life through the benevolence of Freemasonry.

Our Vision is to be a Center of Excellence.

Our "Mission of Love" Values

- ❖ Quality of Life
- ❖ Respect for the Individual
- ❖ Quality Service

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The Masonic Charities Fund

Providing Help Where Needed

The Masonic Charities Fund is general in its name, but very special in the way it quietly provides help where it is needed, when it is needed. Not only does it epitomize the meaning of "Charity," it also exemplifies in deeds a principal characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity, the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

The "Masonic Charities Fund" defines a helping hand effort quite different from the general parlance of "Masonic Charities" as it is used in a collective reference to all of our well-known philanthropies, such as the Masonic Homes and Children's Home, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

Appropriate donations are distributed from the Masonic Charities Fund to those people, organizations, and places where there are special needs. Support is offered to worthy organizations which qualify as being charitable and need specific help in addressing vital concerns of caring for mankind. Relief assistance is given as emergency or temporary aid in times of tragedy or disaster. Loans and assistance are granted to further worthy educational efforts or to relieve critical economic needs.

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

"Growth" Keys Programs' Successes

From the old century into the new millennium, "growth" has been the key word through 2000 for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation programs that forged ahead in support of young people who share a Masonic heritage.

The Foundation is particularly interested – indeed excited – about the success of our Masonically related youth groups: the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Job's Daughters, and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Everywhere that interested and dedicated leaders are found, there are active programs of social, athletic, and character-building service projects. We can secure our future by providing our young people with the only programs that emulate Masonic principles.



Life Skills Conference

Programs at the Masonic Conference Center continue to grow in variety and popularity. At the request of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., the overwhelmingly successful Life Skills Conference was added to the programming. Thirty-six top-notch junior and senior high school boys and girls experienced a program that focused on ways to increase "Respect, Relationships, and Responsibility." It was a departure from the usual programming because it was open to any young person who is related to a Pennsylvania Mason, or sponsored by a Pennsylvania Masonic lodge. Developed by Bro. Thom Stecher, of Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, the curriculum included a week-long schedule of fun and challenging exercises to teach the lessons in an unforgettable way. Highlighting the conference was the completion of a "high ropes

course," which required teamwork, care, safety, and trust. The week concluded with a program for parents during which the young adults taught some of the skills they learned during the program. This effort was so successful that two similar programs have been scheduled for successive weeks this July.



More Scholarships

The extensive scholarship program continues to grow in both participation and dollars. In 2000, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation presented \$53,450 to 31 different recipients, a ten percent increase over the previous year. Although the Endowment Fund exceeds \$660,000, there simply isn't enough income to provide support for all who apply. Lodges and individuals are encouraged to help in assisting deserving young persons by contributing to the P.Y.F. Educational Endowment Fund, or to the Grand Master's Scholarship Fund.

More than 4,500 copies of the printed edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2001 scholarship season were distributed during the Fall. The Resource Guide, including the application, are always available on-line at «pagrandlodge.org», or on request from the P.Y.F. office. This year, applicants for scholarships may use the on-line form to type their submissions and mail them to us with the necessary attachments.

"The good Education of Youth has been esteemed by wise men of all ages, as the surest foundation of the happiness both of private families and of commonwealths."

Bro. Benjamin Franklin



Youth on the Web

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation web site continues to grow in function and content. The web site unveiled complete Rainbow and Job's Daughters modules during the year to help promote their programs. The most popular section of the web site remains the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide and the on-line application for a P.Y.F. Scholarship.

During 2000, the P.Y.F. was the recipient of a bequest of property from the estate of Bro. David A. Bondzio, late a member of Landmark Lodge No. 442, Wilkes-Barre. All contributions to the P.Y.F. programs are greatly appreciated. They help us reach out with a Masonic hand of assistance and caring to the youth of the entire Commonwealth.

Finally, the P.Y.F. continues to share its activities and programs of the youth groups through the bimonthly publication, Masonic Youth Minutes, mailed to all youth group leaders, lodge youth chairmen, lodge secretaries, and worshipful masters. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for that publication, contact the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022; call 1 (800) 266-8424 (in PA only); or send an e-mail to «pyf@pagrandlodge.org».



The Mission: Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will:

- ◆ Teach Masonic principles to youth emphasizing service to God, family and community.
- ◆ Develop good moral character, virtue and reverence in young people.
- ◆ Provide safe, wholesome and exciting activities for teenagers.
- ◆ Create opportunities for the growth and practice of leadership and public speaking skills.
- ◆ Foster academic achievement among those with financial need.
- ◆ Promote the Masonic youth groups, fostering interaction with the Masonic lodges.

To achieve this mission, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation will lead the Masonic Fraternity in the creation and support of youth programs and services, in particular, through the operation of the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus at Elizabethtown.

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The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

Education, Intervention Support Attacks Abuse

"Effective and successful" define the well targeted efforts in 2000 of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children in addressing the goals of its mission to prevent drug, alcohol, and other abuses by youth through education, intervention, and counseling.

Student Assistance Program

"Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program statewide, thanks to the Masons." That's a commendation offered several years ago by the head of the Student Assistance Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Education which could be amended from year to year to note that the success is ongoing and expands due largely to the continued support of the Masons of Pennsylvania. The Foundation provides the facilities, lodging, and meals for the educators while being trained for the Student Assistance Program.



Debra McCoy (left), the Foundation's liaison with the Board of Education, and Mrs. Berle Hogue at the Foundation's presentation to the Rainbow for Girls Seminar at Patton Campus.

Again in 2000, the vital Student Assistance Program across the state grew in the number of schools participating, educators trained, students served, and success. There are now teams in every senior and junior high school in the Commonwealth. One way to evaluate success is to note that during the last school term, there were 61,557 students assisted and of them, 50,789, or more than 82 percent warranted no further action. Of those with whom action was taken for drug or alcohol problems, 76 percent had no further violations.

In addition, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children made it possible for 100 educators to attend

the statewide conference of more than 700 Pennsylvania Association for Student Assistance Professionals. The \$42,500 grant in 2000 helped the Association, which is a non-profit organization, to reimburse school districts for substitute teachers, provide transportation and housing, and acquire training materials.



Kathy Kravitz, a Sounderton Area High School teacher, and Ray Brown, Director of the Foundation, addressed a youth seminar held at the Patton Campus in conjunction with the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking Coalition.

Scholarships Awarded

Seven Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., Scholarships of \$1,000 each per year for four years were awarded to students who were recommended by their Student Assistance Teams after they successfully completed a counseling program that turned their lives around. Twenty-six Stenberg Scholarships have been awarded since 1993.

Two full four-year Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarships were granted in 2000. Each scholarship provides up to \$2,500 a year for up to four years, or a possible \$10,000, to a student who is seeking to earn a degree in Criminal Justice. The applicants for the Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship must have a Masonic affiliation; i.e., a child or grandchild of a Mason in good standing.

D.A.R.E. Training

During 2000, 103 more law enforcement officers were trained in the two-week D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program supported by the Foundation at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown. That brought the

"Always demanding the best of oneself, living with honor, devoting one's talents and gifts to the benefit of others - these are the measures of success that endure when material things have passed away."

Bro. Gerald R. Ford



Students from the Abington School District are "graduated" from the D.A.R.E. program in the Spring of 2000.

total number of officers trained in the program to 698 and two more sessions with 30 to 50 officers each are to be held in 2001. The officers are trained to teach fifth and sixth grade students in classrooms about how to say "no" and combat peer pressures. This highly successful program is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, D.A.R.E. America, and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. The Foundation provides lodging, meals, classrooms, recreation and training materials for the officers while in training.

Community-Based Programs Supported

In its wide-ranging commitment to provide and support addiction awareness in the communities of Pennsylvania, the Foundation gives support to the Stanton Cultural Center and Safety Kids, Inc. in Pittsburgh among other community-based programs. The Foundation is a member of Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking and plays a role on its Steering and Executive Committees, interacting and co-sponsoring programs with Pennsylvania AWARE and the Pennsylvania National Guard. The Pennsylvania Foundation is a member and strong supporter of the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

Speakers are available for presentations for all Masonic bodies and community organizations. To engage a speaker, or for more information about The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, call (215) 988-1978 or (215) 988-1923.



Police and firemen respond to an enacted "fatal accident scene" in the Every 30 Minutes presentation at Cocalico Union High School, Denver, in the Spring of 2000.

The Mission: The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

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

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

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The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Skills and Technology Preserve Our Heritage

Throughout 2000, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania applied modern technology, techniques, and professional skills in its ever-challenging work blending the old and the new to preserve valuable records of our heritage.

In June of 2000, Kenneth W. McCarty was named Director of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania and later Joshua M. Silver was named Archivist. Bro. McCarty, with more than 30 years in the field of education and a knowledge of computers, is an asset in striving to make the Library and Museum technologically compatible with today's standards. Silver, who holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania, has taken up the ongoing work of cataloging and housing archival artifacts and computerizing in order to share more widely the treasures of Philadelphia's Masonic Temple.



A group of visitors return to the Museum after a tour of the Masonic Temple.

To improve efficiency in their respective areas of responsibility, each staff member was provided with a new Acer computer, which enables them to communicate and retain information more efficiently and to make the Library and Museum more compatible with other computer systems in the Masonic Temple. Two new scanners enable information to be transferred into the memory of a computer, significantly reducing paper retention in the "hard copy" filing system. Also, a new color printer allows sharing and retention of pictorial and graphic information. Computerization of the Library has been explored and the information gained should provide a foundation for a modern library system. It is hoped that this will enable the creation of a database for the collection of approximately 70,000 volumes.



Some of the finest collections of Masonic treasures in the world are displayed in the Museum.

The Library

The Library, directed by Dr. Glenys Waldman, Librarian, and Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian, addressed more than 300 reference questions, genealogical inquiries, and research investigations during the year, some taking a short time and others needing days to answer. Some specific activities included: revising and updating the data of District Deputy Grand Masters serving from 1822 to the present, providing background for the Masonic float for the Rose Bowl parade, gathering information on the history of Russian Masonry; and assisting the Grand Secretary's office in obtaining biographical information on all Past Grand Secretaries which is now on the web site. New purchases continue to expand the reference and circulating portions of the library and about 1,000 books were added to the computer database. Thirty items were rebound to insure their preservation. New steel and wood shelving was added to three-quarters of the reading room, which will increase shelf capacity and provide acid-free storage for that portion of the collection.

It is important to keep abreast of professional and technological developments. Dr. Waldman attended a "Beyond Search Engines" workshop at Drexel University and Mrs. Giaimo attended a data base research workshop. Both of them also attended a workshop presented by Sydney Plus, the database system source and support for the Library. Archivist Silver participated in two workshops dealing with paper conservation and water damage.

"Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither"

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



The Library's extensive collection is a valuable resource for both research and enjoyable reading.

The Archives

In the Archives room, a large area was reorganized to accommodate the new section of stack shelving. Old storage furniture was discarded and replaced with four sections of heavy duty steel post shelving to provide an additional 106 cubic feet of storage. The large collection of Masonic aprons and dozens of other items, originally stored in wooden drawers, were put in covers and/or acid-free boxes and shelved. Samples of the rug that was replaced in the Egyptian Room were stored for future reference and dozens of historic pieces also were placed in plastic covers and/or acid-free boxes. Three choice works were selected to be repaired by professional conservators and were sent out in November.

Significant archival research time was dedicated to assisting professionals obtain information on: Robert Wood, a famous iron contractor responsible for the staircases in the Masonic Temple; John Sartain, an artist whose pieces are part of the collection of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and the *Keystone*, a nineteenth century Pennsylvania Masonic weekly publication.

The Museum

The Museum continues to receive pieces donated by brethren and members of their families. A lovely soup tureen, circa 1856, belonging to Union Lodge No. 121, was added to the collection of Masonic china. During the year, five display cases previously located in other parts of the Masonic Temple were relocated on the lower level and new displays were created from the archival collections. Those displays included swords, china, working tools, and items of interest



The Library Staff (l-r): Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian; Glenys Waldman, Librarian; and Helen Boyer, Administrative Assistant.

from the Wanamaker collection. In addition, the spade used in the groundbreaking ceremony at the new Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia was displayed with a scale model block and tackle.

The Gift Shop

The Masonic Gift Shop had a face lift, remodeled to give it a very professional appearance. David Brett has been added to the staff to assist with the mail orders and retail sales. Two computers and a printer have made the gift shop more efficient and improved customer service.

The Mission: The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The mission of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is to maintain and operate for the use of Freemasons and the general public a library consisting of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, prints and related materials illustrative of the history, work, nature, and objectives of Freemasonry; and to operate a museum for the display of regalia, jewelry, emblems, and other items of whatever character dealing with Freemasonry and related subjects.

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