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The Language of Freemasonry

"THE VALUES OF BROTHERHOOD!" That's a phrase we have been emphasizing the last several months. It is meant to make you more aware of just what our Fraternity is and what it does. We say that "Freemasonry makes the man" by the impact of its teachings and philosophies on the individual. We hope that our members will then use those concepts to improve not only their lives, but the lives of others as well. As part of that program, we also seek to know from you any personal experiences of how the Fraternity may have impacted on you in some special way. I am delighted that your response to this request has been outstanding! More than 900 brethren replied, providing stories ranging from heart-warming to heart-rending - but all from the heart. It is impossible to categorize, quantify, or qualify those testimonials, other than to say, FREEMASONRY IS TRULY A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT POSITIVELY IMPACTS UPON HUMAN LIFE. While it is the same for all of us, it is also different.

It is the same in the sense that we all receive the same ritual work in this jurisdiction; hopefully the same, or similar, training with the Mentor Program and the Wardens Seminars; and we attend meetings that are reasonably the same jurisdiction-wide. It is different though in its impact upon each one of us as an individual. The booklet contained with this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is just the beginning of your telling us what our Fraternity means to others. We encourage you to take the time to read the booklet and subsequent articles in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

This concept of "same, but different" also was made extremely apparent to me, Deputy Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., and our Past Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson, when we attended the World Conference of Grand Lodges in Madrid, Spain, of which Bro. Jackson is the Executive Director. Seventy-five Grand Lodges were present at that conference and, while we talked the "language of Freemasonry," no matter what our native tongue may have been, it was at the very least interesting, if not startling, to see the application of that "language" in other parts of the world. In some respects, it was almost as if we were visiting a gathering of leaders at the time of the formation of our own governmental system with its attendant discussions of separation of church and state, the power of the central government, the power of the states, and the power of the individual.

There was one common thread, though, to which we all could agree - that Freemasonry is the greatest force for individual development and the greatest non-governmental force for the perpetuation of freedom in the world. All of this is made more impressive when you consider that we cannot, and do not, discuss religion or politics within our meetings, nor become involved in them as an organized force. It truly shows the "genius" that each one of us can have if we choose to use it.

One of our members who had that "genius" will be recognized on Aug. 18, when we travel to South Williamsport to participate in a historic day for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. As we previously told you, on that day, we will lay the date stone for a new stadium at the Little League World Series. We will unveil a scoreboard for that stadium marked with Masonic symbols that is part of a larger donation we have made to Little League. And, most importantly, we will present a statue recognizing that member who was a special "genius," Bro. Carl Stotz. We hope and believe that in his creation of Little League Baseball, Bro. Stotz not only wanted to provide a positive experience for his nephews, but an experience that benefits youth and is based on principles of equality and fair play in dealing with others. Sound familiar?

We hope that you and your family will attend this momentous event. We want to show the world the positive experience of Freemasonry. Please support Freemasonry in Pennsylvania by your attendance.

So mote it be.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH CONSTITUTED

It was a historic occasion at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 9, when Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master constituted the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research in the Abraham C. Treichler Lodge room in the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Accompanying the Grand Master for the ceremony were Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.D.G.M.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; and Larry A. Buzzard, Director of the Ritualistic Work, serving as the Grand Marshal. The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research was warranted by the R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania on Dec. 27, 2000.

After constituting the Research Lodge, the Grand Master installed the elected and appointed warrant officers: Thomas W. Jackson, W.M.; Paul D. Fisher, S.W.; James L. Sieber, J.W.; Danny R. McKnight, Treas.; Charles S. Canning, Sec.; Robert L. Engel, S.D.; John W. Postlewait, J.D.; Theodore W. Schick, S.M.C.; Terry D. Bentzel, J.M.C.; Joseph F. Acton, Pursuivant; William L. Kingsbury, Tyler; Rev. William D. Hartman, Chaplain; and William E. Yeager, W. Jack Yates, and John L. Winkelman, Trustees.

After the installation, Bro. Jackson said, "It is a historic occasion for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to have this Lodge.... I have often wondered why our jurisdiction, the oldest in North America, as well as the largest, did not have a Research Lodge. Well, now we do..."



The charter officers for the newly constituted Pennsylvania Lodge of Research are (l-r): Front-John L. Winkelman, Trustee; Charles S. Canning, Sec.; Paul D. Fisher, S.W.; Thomas W. Jackson, W.M.; James L. Sieber, J.W.; and Danny R. McKnight, Treas. Rear-Terry D. Bentzel, J.M.C.; Robert L. Engel, S.D.; Theodore W. Schick, Jr., S.M.C.; John W. Postlewait, J.D.; Henry L. Leshner, acting Pursuivant standing in for Joseph F. Acton; William Kingsbury, Tyler; and Rev. William D. Hartman, Chaplain.

Visiting The Veterans

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. (left), and R.W. Grand Treasurer Marvin G. Speicher (right) visited the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lebanon and presented a gas grill for use in the veterans' pavilion. While touring the hospital and greeting the veterans, Bro. Speicher was able to visit with a member of his lodge, Joseph John Smith (center). Both are members of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf.



Plan to Be There on Aug. 18

Date Stone Ceremony, Scoreboard and Statue Unveiling at 2001 Little League World Series

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., and many, many Masons across Pennsylvania are looking forward to the Little League Baseball World Series games on Aug. 18 in South Williamsport and plan to be on hand for the date stone and dedication ceremonies beginning at 11 a.m. Later, the Grand Master will throw out the first pitch to begin the Little League World Series game at 1 p.m.

This is destined to be a great, fun-filled day for the Family of Freemasonry. Dress will be appropriately casual for the activities, except for the Grand Lodge brethren who will wear full regalia while participating in the ceremonies.

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers will perform a date stone ceremony for the new stadium for the Little League, unveil a new scoreboard presented by the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, and then unveil a statue of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz, founder of Little League Baseball.

Three days after he became Grand Master, Bro. Dluge presented a contribution of \$500,000 on behalf of the Fraternity to provide the big league-style scoreboard for the new stadium. It is emblazoned, "In Memory of Carl E. Stotz - Presented by Pennsylvania Freemasons," and displays the square and compasses on the upper left and right.

The memorial statue of Bro. Stotz will be unveiled at the entrance to the stadium complex. It was created by John Hanna of Rock of Ages in Barre, VT. Bro. 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 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 concert. Details and reservation information for the evening were sent in a special mailing to the brethren.

The new, big league-style scoreboard in memory of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz featuring the square and compasses will be unveiled prior to the date stone ceremony.



R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. with the scale model of the statue honoring the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz.

ON THE COVER

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania flank the final 3-foot scale model of the statue of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz with a Little League ballplayer. The full-size statue will be unveiled at the Little League World Series on Aug. 18. Pictured (l-r) are: Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; William Slater II, R.W.S.G.W.; Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W.G.M.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.D.G.M.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; and Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge to Meet Oct. 13

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge announced that the Fall sessions will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Deike Auditorium of the Freemasons Cultural Center in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

One of the featured speakers will be Dr. Steven C. Bullock, a professor of history and author of "Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840." This is an outstanding work that views the genesis of Freemasonry in America, as well as its place in our maturing country. There will be a second prominent speaker, not yet confirmed, also speaking on a subject relative to Freemasonry.

This Academy session will be open to ladies who are accompanied by a Masonic escort with the proviso that they are pre-registered along with their escort.

Registration for the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry Activities

Advance registration is necessary to facilitate planning and arrangements for the functions of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry on Oct. 13. Please complete the coupon and send it to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

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...A Continuing Success

In just six months, nearly 200 lodges have participated in the Masonic Matching Charity Grants program to improve the quality of life for neighbors and communities in need. More than \$283,000 have been contributed through 315 grants and 6 lodge projects. This is almost exactly the same status of the Masonic Matching Charity Grants program as it was last year during this time, proving that this is a program that lodges enjoy and want to continue.

The Masonic Matching Charity Grants program enables lodges to double their efforts in actively helping others and participating in their communities. The program also offers the ability for a lodge to perform a service with the active involvement from a significant number of members at no cost to the lodge. This optional aspect of the program allows a lodge to identify a need in the community, prepare an estimated budget to complete the desired project, and request reimbursement from the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee to reimburse the lodge for the costs of supplies to support the work of the members. This "active involvement" portion of the program can energize lodges when they go hand-in-hand in unanimity to serve others.

Monthly updates of the Masonic Matching Charity Grants program, with progress charts and news clippings of successful lodge programs, can be found by visiting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's web site at www.pagrand-lodge.org/mcg. All the rules, regulations, and required forms are available through the web site to assist lodges in requesting matching charity grants.

A Mighty Gift From St. Alban-Swain

The members of St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia, have been regular and strong supporters of youth-related programs that work towards instilling good moral values and patriotism in tomorrow's leaders. One such group, Troop 37, Boy Scouts of America, Essington, has been the beneficiary of such support when William M. Roosevelt, W.M., who also is an Assistant Scout Master, presented Troop 37 with a second donation of \$1,000 to Henry Dawson, Committee Chair, Troop 37. The gift will be used towards the refurbishment of the Troop 37 Scout Cabin, Essington, donated by the Westinghouse Corporation in 1934, and to assist Scouts in attending programs that they may not be able to afford. On hand to accept the donation were two of the Troop's Eagle Scouts.

(l-r) Front - Frank Kalesnik, Scout Master; Bro. William M. Roosevelt, W.M., and Henry Dawson, Committee Chairman. Center - Lynn Measure, Cub Scout Leader and Bros. William Weisel, J.W., and Elwood McKay, S.W.

Stichter Lodge Donates Six Defibrillators

On April 24, the elected officers of Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown, presented six Medtronic Physio-Control LIFEPAK 500 automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.s) to four area police departments. Joining in the presentation was W. Richard Dillon, D.D.G.M., 40th Masonic District. Pictured during the presentation are (l-r): Earl B. Markley, S.W.; D.D.G.M. Dillon; Chief Charles Madonna, Upper Pottsgrove Township; Chief Michael Benyo, North Coventry Township; Chief Earl Swavely, West Pottsgrove Township; Chief Raymond Bechtel, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Michael J. Pierce, W.M.; and Andrew E. Weitzenkorn, J.W.



America's First Zoo Becomes One Of The First To Receive An AED.

The Philadelphia Zoo, America's first zoo, is now one of the first zoos in the country to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site. Thanks to the members of the former Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia, now Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, the Philadelphia Zoo is a safer environment for human guests and their employees.

The presentation took place in front of the animals with the biggest hearts in the Zoo, the elephants (each heart weighing-in at about 50 lbs.). Four local television news stations covered the presentation of the small life saving device as Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E (right), and Bro. Robert H. Pile, Jr., P.M. (center), Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385, handed over the AED to Ray Viscusi (left), Director of Safety, Philadelphia Zoo.



Lebanon Lodges Raise Funds for A.E.D.s

Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226 and Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, conducted a fund-raiser they called "Operation Jump Start" at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center on April 28. The goal was to raise funds to purchase defibrillators to be placed in the area. Clowns, sky divers, booths, and many other events and attractions occurred during the day. A feature of the event was a display booth of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children staffed by Bro. Daniel Martin who distributed educational information and souvenirs designed to combat drug and alcohol abuse among children. In the evening, Joseph W. Dows, D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District, joined the officers and members of the lodges in hosting a fund-raising banquet.

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Birthplace of Liberty Receives Masonic Support

The National Liberty Museum, dedicated to celebrating democracy, promoting tolerance, and defusing violence, located in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district, received a donation of support from The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. The Foundation's Executive Director, Bro. Raymond G. Brown, and R.W. Grand Secretary Donald L. Albert, presented an enlarged ceremonial check for \$25,000 to the National Liberty Museum representing a second contribution towards a \$100,000 pledge to support the Freedom Tours program. At the gathering for the celebration were 30 elementary students from Holy Spirit School, Sharon Hill, including the Grand Secretary's daughter, Ruthanne.

The Freedom Tours program enables students in the Philadelphia Tri-State area to attend an educational program about non-violence for youth at the National Liberty Museum.



Museum Founder and Chairman Irvin J. Borowsky (center) proudly accepts a check from Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director (center-right) and Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S. with wife Kathleen and daughter Ruthanne (center-left).

Masonic Ed's Lodge Officers Workshop Oct. 13; Committee Updates Packets for Candidates

The Masonic Education Committee will conduct a second workshop in 2001 for lodge officers on Saturday, Oct. 13 in the Brossman Ballroom of the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. This session, structured the same as the one for Junior and Senior Wardens that was attended by 186 participants on March 17, will discuss the skills and knowledge necessary to be a good lodge officer. A letter of invitation, along with a response card, will be sent to all Junior and Senior Wardens who did not attend the first workshop. Responses must be returned no later than Sept. 1.

The Education Committee encourages lodges to plan a program in November to honor Masons who are veterans. A program titled, "We Honor Our Masonic Veterans" was developed last October and a copy of it was forwarded to the

Worshipful Master of each lodge. If an additional copy of the program is desired, contact the Masonic Education office by calling (215) 988-1919, or (215) 988-1909.

Another project in progress by the Masonic Education Committee is the updating of the four packets for candidates: "On the Threshold," "The Entered Apprentice," "The Fellow Craft," and "The Master Mason." New brochures are being secured and a number of the existing brochures currently included in the packets are being updated. The new packets will be available from the Masonic Education office by Sept. 1. By the time each candidate advances to the degree of a Master Mason, he should have significant materials on Freemasonry to enhance his understanding of the Fraternity and what it stands for.

Law Enforcement Team Confers M.M. Degree

For the third consecutive year in the month of March, a law enforcement degree team conferred a Master Mason's degree on F.B.I. personnel in Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople. This year, by virtue of a dispensation, a degree was conferred on two members at the same time, a first in Harmony Lodge. Bro. James J. Knights (front, center) conferred the degree on Rev. Stephen McKeown (front, second from left), Chaplain, F.B.I., Pittsburgh, and Ronald F. Zeller, (front, second from right), Telecommunications Manager, F.B.I., Pittsburgh. At front right is S. Robert Marziano, D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District, and at front left is Robert E. Burt, W.M. In the background are members of the Masonic law enforcement degree team who participated in the conferral of the degree. The conferring officer, Bro. Knights, also of the F.B.I., received his M.M. degree in March 1999.



Lodge 534 Proud of Donors to Save Lives

Every other week, dedicated blood donor, Elvin Snyder, P.M., John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawney, drives 90 miles each way to give two units of platelets. (His platelet count is high enough to allow him to do that.) Since he started giving platelets in 1993, he has given 242 units (It takes eight units of whole blood to make one unit of platelets.) In addition to the platelets, he has given 332 units of whole blood throughout his lifetime. Not only is he a donor, but he also has issued a standing invitation to provide transportation for anyone interested in donating platelets. Furthermore, he is an active member of Lodge No. 534 and has helped at every bloodmobile sponsored by the Lodge.

Also, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawney, joined with the American Red Cross and the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service in a blood drive that attracted 221 persons and collected 190 units. Among the donors were 18 Masons. The drive was conducted to honor Paul Pape, who has been receiving blood for treatment for leukemia.

Visitor from Grand Lodge of Ireland



R.W. Bro. Selwyn S. Davies, Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Ireland, visited Newtown Lodge No. 427 on May 9. He was greeted on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Jesus A. Rodriguez, D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District, and welcomed to the Lodge by John J. Horn, W.M. There were 76 brethren present, including 25 visitors. After dinner, the speaker was James N. Katsaounis, who directs Grand Lodge Public Relations.

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Is there a distinction between Masonic oath and Masonic obligation?

The "oath" is the "So help me, God" at the end of any solemn promise made with hand upon the Volume of the Sacred Law. The "obligation" is the substance of the preceding promises. The "oath" is thus symbolical of a man's fear of God and the "obligation" signifies the promises and agreements made preceding the oath. (Source: *One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry, The Masonic Service Association of North America, Silver Spring, MD, 1999*)

What are the four cardinal virtues?

According to E. R. Johnson in "Masonry Defined," the four cardinal virtues taught in Freemasonry are: Fortitude, by which we are taught to resist temptation; Prudence, by which we are instructed to regulate our conduct by the dictates of reason; Temperance, by which we learn to govern our passions; and Justice, which constitutes the cement of civil society. (Source: *Masonry Defined, by E.R. Johnson, Kissinger Publishing*)

Why do brethren not pass between the altar and the East when lodge is at labor?

Brethren do not pass between the altar and the East in a Masonic lodge at labor, except in a degree, because the Master is supposed to have the Great Lights constantly in view. In theory, he draws inspiration from the altar to preside over the lodge and must not, therefore, be obstructed from seeing it at any time. The custom is rooted in a fundamental conception of the Craft that the altar is the center of Freemasonry, and that from it and from the Great Lights it bears, flow all that there is of Masonic inspiration, truth, and light. (Source: *One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry, The Masonic Service Association of North America, Silver Spring, MD, 1999*)

Why does the Worshipful Master wear a hat when lodge is at labor?

A contemporary relic of the ancient custom whereby a King remained covered under all circumstances, while his subjects were obliged to uncover in his presence. Apparently the custom, which began in English lodges, is not common there now; but in American lodges, the Master wears a hat (or in the case of Pennsylvania lodges, a black top hat) as a sign and symbol of his authority. (Source: *One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry, The Masonic Service Association of North America, Silver Spring, MD, 1999*)

What Do You Give a 104-Year Old On His 75th Masonic Birthday?

At the April 4 stated meeting of Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, Wayne S. Gabel (center), who is 104 years of age, was presented a 75-year certificate of recognition from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master (front, left). The Masonic birthday ceremony was conducted by Harry E. Hackman, Jr., D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District (rear, center), and Phillip B. DeMarra, P.M. and W.M. (front, right), assisted by Russell W. Baker and James T. Young, P.D.D.G.M.s (rear, left and right).



A birthday celebration took place in the social hall with Bro. Gabel's family and families of the lodge members present. In addition to the Grand Lodge recognition, the brethren wanted to give a gift from the lodge to Bro. Gabel, who still is able to attend a stated meeting. But, what do you give a 104-year old lodge member on his 75th Masonic birthday? The answer to that required some investigation and observation. Bro. Gabel insists on wearing a baseball cap with a Masonic emblem as he wheels around Tel Hai Retirement Community where he resides, so the brethren decided he would enjoy a new cap. The gift he received is custom-made with a square and compasses emblem. He is delighted and wears it with great pride.

Seven Granted Stenberg Scholarships

Seven students received checks for \$1,000 each from the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children as the first installments on as many as four years of the Carl W. Steinberg, Jr. Scholarships. They were selected from among 20 finalists of more than 100 applicants. These scholarships are awarded annually to young persons who have turned their lives around through the Student Assistance Program (SAP).

The recipients are: Kelly Kaslavage, Wyoming Area Secondary Center, Exeter; Christopher Sowinski, Highlands High School, Natrona Heights; Gillian Peifley, Allentown S.D., Bethlehem; Erica Blair, Muncy High School, Muncy; Daelyn Phillips, Phoenixville Area High School, Phoenixville; Matthew Gramling, Downingtown High School, Exton; and Nicole Manini, Wilson Area High School, Easton.

Each recipient is eligible for up to \$1,000 a year for up to four years of post high school education providing he or she remains drug- and alcohol-free and maintains at least a 2.5 grade average while in college. Each applicant has completed a Student Assistance Program successfully and was recommended by his or her school's SAP team.

Since the fund was established in 1993, a total of 40 scholarships have been awarded. The Foundation is awarding \$28,000 annually in scholarships.

Harry E. Hackman, D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District, presents the Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. Scholarship check to Matthew Gramling who will attend Alvernia College in Reading in the Fall.



Two Made Masons-at-Sight

In the presence of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., (center), Larry Christenson (left) and Walter Dunkle (right) were made Masons-at-Sight at a meeting of Grand Lodge held in conjunction with the Quarterly Communication in State College on June 16. Bro. Christenson, who is a Senior Vice President of Phoenix Investments Partners in West Conshohocken, is well known as an outstanding pitcher on the 1980



national championship Philadelphia Phillies. Bro. Dunkle, of Jersey Shore, is a retired Westinghouse executive. The degree was conferred by Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary.

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 _____
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Masons of Note

Fifty years ago, William Henry Cook (center) served as Worshipful Master of Salem Lodge No. 330, Hamlin. This year, D. Carl Peet (left), D.D.G.M., 14th Masonic District, and Charles C. Dodt (right), Worshipful Master of Salem Lodge, honored him and presented him with a plaque of recognition. Interestingly, when this Past Master was initiated, he was one of four Cooks receiving the E.A. Degree. The brothers, William, Ernest, Harold, and James Cook, all were initiated on Nov. 3, 1947.



When two brethren, Robert M. Frey (front, second from left) and Frederick R. Drews (front, right), received their 50-Year Emblems of Gold in Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, the Worshipful Master of 1951, Kent M. Ruhl, P.M. (rear, right) was present for the ceremony. The same

evening, Lavern L. Saphore (front, second from right) received a 70-year membership recognition certificate. Making the presentations were John L. Stains, D.D.G.M., 3rd Masonic District (front, left), and Kim W. Walk, W.M. (rear, left).

Edgar S. Swartz, Jr. (left), John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawney, is congratulated upon receiving a Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 75-Year Service Certificate presented by Harvey F. Fishel (right), D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District.



When *The Square*, an independent quarterly magazine for Masons in England, conducted a competition of interesting lodge histories, Robert L. Engel, P.M., submitted the book he had produced on the history of Armstrong Lodge No. 239, Freeport, PA, constituted in 1849. He captured the runner-up award. In addition to the usual historical notes, such as the lodge having "paid \$15 rent to the Odd Fellows for the use of the building," there were numerous anecdotes detailing the operations of the lodge, such as one the publication chose to recount: "a bill for \$4.50...for the supply of spittoons..." to which the *The Square* interjected, "Now there's a lodge tradition we had not come across!"

Two Receive Law Enforcement Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children announced two recipients of the 2001 Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship. The award is for four years at \$2,500 a year for those students interested in a career in criminal justice.

The recipients are: Sean McCaffery of Philadelphia, who will attend Temple University, and Joshua Emerick of Williamsport, who will attend Lycoming College. During the rededication ceremony for the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W.G.M., accompanied by Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Director of the Foundation, presented the one scholarship check to Judge and Bro. Seamus McCaffery, who accepted it for his son. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W., presented the scholarship check to Emerick at his high school's graduation ceremony.



R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., (left-center) and R.W. Deputy Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. (right-center) present an over-size check representing the Law Enforcement Scholarship award to Bro. and Judge Seamus McCaffery (center), who accepted it for his son, Sean. Joining in the presentation ceremony are: at left, Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S., and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T., and at right, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.

Family Affair With a Dispensation



It was a family affair when degrees were conferred on John Stephen Gardner (second from left) in Porter Lodge No. 284, North Catasauqua. His father, Stephen Gardner (left), P.D.D.G.M., was the conferring Master for the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason's degrees; his uncle, Robert J. Bateman, P.M. (right), Springfield-Hamby Lodge No. 767, Springfield, conferred the Fellow Craft degree; and his cousin, Robert J. Bateman, Jr. (second from right), was the Guide for all three degrees. Center-left is Daniel I. Jamison, IV, W.M., and center-right is Robert W. "Skip" Steckel, D.D.G.M., 10th Masonic District. It is also noteworthy that Bro. John Stephen Gardner was entered in March and, by virtue of a dispensation, was passed and raised in April.

Now, consider the relationships in this family affair. One readily can recognize that John Stephen is Stephen's son. Also, it was noted that Past Master Bateman is Stephen's cousin and therefore, John Stephen's uncle and the younger Bateman is his cousin. In addition, Past Master Bateman also is a brother-in-law to the father, Stephen Gardner, because they married sisters. Got that straight?

WASHINGTON LODGE AIDS TROOPER-BROTHER



On April 2, Washington Lodge No. 164 presented a check for \$1,850 to Trooper and Bro. Jeffrey Jones, a member of Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on June 19, 2000. Bro. Jones, of the Pennsylvania State Police station at Uniontown, was on his way to work when he was hit by an individual driving under the influence of alcohol. He suffered a severe injury when his head struck the wheel of the vehicle. He spent several weeks at Harmerville Rehabilitation Center and thereafter has continued to recover at home.

A contingent of western Pennsylvania brethren involved with law enforcement attended the Washington Lodge presentation. Some of those brethren are pictured (l-r): George Burgh, Cecil Twp. Police Dept.; David L. Richards, P.M., Strabane Twp. Police Dept.; Thomas M. Gasmire, D.D.G.M., 29th Masonic District; James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M., a retired Trooper, Troop A, Greensburg; Trooper Jones; Trooper Howard Silbaugh, Troop A, Greensburg; Timothy Warco, W.M., Washington Lodge; and Trooper Scott Hermann, Troop B, Washington.

Two Districts Staff Display at Mall



For the second year, officers and members of lodges in the 11th Masonic District (Jeffrey S. Hentz, D.D.G.M.) and the 60th Masonic District (Joseph W. Dows, D.D.G.M.) joined together to staff an information display booth in Strawberry Mall, Harrisburg, for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children that attracted more than 7,000 visitors. Educational information and souvenirs designed to combat drug and alcohol abuse among children were distributed; but again this year an attraction was the popcorn machine loaned and operated by Loretta Chubb, sister to D.D.G.M. Dows.

Brethren and ladies who staffed the display were: from Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf, Jean Moyer; from Pine Grove Lodge No. 409, David Ginder; from Ashlar Lodge No. 570, Lykens, Paul Walker and Donald Schwalm; from Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, Alfred Kaplin and Karl Schill; from Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, Dayton Holmes; from Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704, Lebanon, Donald Ryland and Frank August; and from Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, Hershey, Gene Longenecker.



Web Site Reaches Out to the World

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania web site is a useful tool for members and non-members looking for information to enhance their Masonic knowledge and experience.

We must be doing something right because in 2001 we are averaging more than 1,500 visitors per day, or more than 500,000 visitors per year! Put another way, we are serving more than 4,700 pages per day, or 1.7 million pages of data, photos, and information per year. Is there a better way to reach our members and the general public?

What's New on the Web Site?

A.E.D.s: A complete module of materials, forms, and guidelines for placing automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.s) in the community.

History: A historical review of the verified Masonic Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Magazine: The February and May 2001 editions of *The Pennsylvania Freemason On-Line Edition* and the 2000 Annual Report of the Masonic Charities.

Awards: Pages detailing the new Thomson Cup for Saving a Human Life, and the Wanamaker Medal for Humanitarian Service.

New Videos: New on-line videos, including the new Job's Daughters promotion, and the instructional video entitled "Critical Decisions" about the need for A.E.D.'s in public access locations.

District Sites: We have helped to enable the Masonic Districts 5 and 42 sites and have facilitated the posting of numerous new lodge sites hosted free by the committee.

E-mail for Every Lodge: Most significantly, we have provided an e-mail link to every lodge in the Commonwealth through our Lodge Locator. Now, when a visitor is considering visiting a lodge, he can send an e-mail directly to the lodge secretary to verify the meeting time and date. (For those lodge secretaries who do not have e-mail yet, the messages are printed at the Grand Secretary's office, and mailed to the intended recipient.)

More Jobs: More than 1,000 Pennsylvania Masons have signed into the On-Line Employment Center. At present, 61 resumes and 17 jobs are posted. We know that numerous contacts have been made between potential employers and employees, but it is entirely anonymous - which is the way it should be. We are helping brothers network within the fraternity, without invading their privacy.

Masonic Youth on the Web: We also have facilitated significant improvements in the web sites of the DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters largely through their volunteer participation and enthusiastic creativity.

Wonderful comments from all around the world are left in the on-line guest book, often complimenting what visitors have seen on-line. Those are not really kudos for the web site, but rather, for the rich variety and texture of the entire Pennsylvania Masonic experience which we are permitted to share with the world at large through a web browser and the communication marvel called the internet.

"MUSIC AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE" PRESENTS ARGENTINA NATIVE, HECTOR OLIVERA

One of the most sought-after organists in the world today, Hector Olivera, will present a recital in the magnificent Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Hector Olivera began his musical studies with his father as teacher. At age six, he started serious study in organ as well as harmony at the Buenos Aires Conservatory. At age nine, the Buenos Aires Symphony orchestra performed a suite he had composed for oboe and string orchestra. He studied at the Conservatory of Music and at the young age of 12, he entered the University of Buenos Aires. By 18, he had performed some 300 concerts in Latin America and had appeared frequently on national radio and television. It was at this point he was offered a scholarship to attend the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

Hector Olivera has performed extensively worldwide, including Australia, Japan, Holland, Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland, Paris, Italy, and Spain. By special invitation, Olivera played two solo concerts in the international music concert series for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. *The Atlanta Journal* quoted: "Olivera swept the audience with absolute Olympic virtuosity, and that still doesn't say it...Hector Olivera is in a class by himself" and "Hector Olivera...the Michael Jordan of the music industry."

Olivera has released more than 20 recordings from classical to contemporary and film score transcriptions. He continues to thrill audiences with both solo classical literature and his own orchestral transcriptions. Hector Olivera is a dedicated and talented musician whose very personal interpretations of music literature have proved popular with diverse audiences worldwide.

Complimentary tickets for the Hector Olivera Recital may be secured on a first-come basis by writing and enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Music at the Masonic Temple
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Two guided tours of the Masonic Temple are available prior to the recital at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the performance.

34 More D.A.R.E. Officers Graduated; Total Now 730

Thirty-four more D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers were graduated from training at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown. That brings the total number of law enforcement officers trained courtesy of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children to 730. Two more classes are planned for 2001, as well as middle school mentor training to expand the program to benefit upper grades.

The addition of the Samuel C. Williamson Multi-Media Center to Memorial Hall, along with the upgrading of the facilities at the Patton Campus provides law enforcement personnel in Pennsylvania with the most modern training center for D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) in the country.

Construction Approved for Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley



Bro. William Freeman, North Hills Lodge No. 716, Wexford, and his wife, Margaret, review floor plans for the two-bedroom apartment that they reserved at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

On Friday, June 1, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the start of construction for the first phase of retirement living accommodations to be built at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. This phase, to be completed in spring 2003, will include 76 apartments and a club house. The club house will include such amenities as a branch bank, a dining room, a convenience store, and a hair care center, as well as other services. If demand exists, Phase Two will add 76 apartments and 35 villas, and Phase Three will complete the retirement living area construction project, adding 76 apartments, for a total of 228 apartments and 35 villas.

This is exciting news for the dozens of future residents at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, many of whom realize that in their retirement years they have as much as 25 to 35 percent of their lives ahead of them. During this phase of their lives, they desire to experience the freedom that this carefree lifestyle presents.

For example, after spending more than 30 years with the Koppers Company, Bill Freeman and his wife, Margaret, feel they have made wise financial decisions in order to be comfortable during their retirement years. The Freemans lead a busy lifestyle that includes golf, bridge club,

and as much time with the grandchildren as possible. And they do not plan to slow down any time soon. Several years ago they downsized their living accommodations to alleviate the hassles of maintaining a larger home. While a condominium community in the North Hills of Pittsburgh better suits their current needs, the Freemans have just taken a bigger step toward securing their future. They reserved a spacious two-bedroom retirement living apartment to be built at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Savvy consumers like the Freemans understand the country's anticipated shortage of nursing beds and professional nursing staff who serve long-term care facilities and want to ensure that their needs will be met should they require medical services in the future. Lower state and federal reimbursements and staffing shortages mean that nursing facilities are facing increasingly difficult times, especially if they operate independent of a larger, diversified organization. Facilities serving a retirement community population typically offer a more stabilized work environment.

Three major reasons commonly influence the decision to look for a retirement community:

1. The assurance that quality care is available should it be needed.
2. The desire to eliminate the burden of maintaining a home.
3. The contentment of living within a community of caring peers.

While these factors motivate the search, studies by the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.) show that proximity to family is still the most important factor that determines the selection of a particular community.

More than 40 future residents already have reserved their apartment or villa home at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Four different one-bedroom designs and four different two-bedroom designs offer a variety of apartment selection. However, first choice of a particular floor plan on a floor may become harder to come by.

Additional Fall open houses are scheduled for Aug. 16, Sept. 13, and Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, to obtain a brochure or a video, or to schedule an appointment with a Marketing Counselor, call toll-free 1 (866) 872-0664, or mail the attached coupon. The Marketing Office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekends by appointment.

2001 Donor Dinner

The Seventh Annual Donor Recognition Celebration was held on June 1 in the Brossman Ballroom of the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The special evening was planned to honor the benefactors whose financial support to the Masonic Homes or other Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during 2000 totaled \$500 or more. More than 250 people attended the celebration.

Of special interest during the evening was the unveiling of the picture of Bro. Jay G. Brossman, displayed outside the new Brossman Ballroom, named in his honor for his continual support of the Masonic Homes. R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr. recognized Bro. Brossman on behalf of the Committee on Masonic Homes by presenting him with a Grand Master's blue team jacket.

The evening began with a reception and tours of the new Freemasons Cultural Center. A testimonial was shared by Bro. Henry A. Clay, retirement living resident at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Remarks were given by Grand Master Dlugie; Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Homes; and Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning for the Masonic Charities. Following the dinner, Masonic Homes residents joined the group to enjoy entertainment by Brenda Byers and the Fred Bevon showband.



Grand Master Dlugie honors Bro. Jay G. Brossman as he stands with friend Sally Kinzey next to the photo placed outside the new ballroom bearing his name.



Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner in the atrium of the Freemasons Cultural Center.

Lodge No. 385 Helps C.O.P.E. Program

Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia, which recently merged with Concordia Lodge No. 67, contributed \$2,000 to the Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America, for its Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E.) program at the Council's camps. George Gerstlauer, P.M. (left) and Theodore Molnar, Secretary (right), inspect some of the equipment the contribution will provide. In the center is Jerry Reed, the Council's High Adventure Program Director.



Father Confers M.M. for Twin Sons



Twin brothers, Darryl A. and David A. Hamm (left) were raised to the degree of a Master Mason on Feb. 24 by their father, Samuel G. Hamm, Jr. (second from right), in Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown. Congratulating the father and new Master Masons is Ronald J. Dalius, W.M. of Huguenot Lodge.

Identification Corrected

Our apologies to Eugene S. Hlavac, Worshipful Master of Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek. He is the W.M. pictured on Page 18 of the May issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* with Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W.G.M., and Kurt R. Tesche, 54th Masonic D.D.G.M. at the presentation of the 50-Year Emblem of Gold to Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. The article had identified him as Thomas R. Leicht, Jr., who is the immediate Past Master.

Father and Son Raised Together

The Master Mason's degree was conferred on a father and his son the same evening in Honesdale Lodge No. 218. They are Henry J. Zipperlen (right) and his son, David J. (left), who also were honored by the presence of a friend of the family, Kenneth R. Bush (center), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Honesdale Lodge has 14 father and son memberships, but this is the first time anyone in the lodge can recall a father and son being raised together. Among the 14 father-son combinations, three are fathers with two sons; and among those combinations, all three fathers are past masters.



Lodge Meeting Held at Lafayette Hill



For the first time, at least to anyone's recollection, a lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Home of Lafayette Hill. Hiram Lodge No. 81, Chestnut Hill, met in an appropriate area of the Home that was converted into a lodge room where a Fellow Craft Mason's Degree was exemplified. There were 39 brethren present, including Dale H. Fera, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E. Participating in the exemplification of the degree were Earl Stalker, W.M.; Earl Stalker, III, S.W.; Todd Stalker, Guide; and Andy Orr, P.M., Tyler.

Lancaster Lodge No. 43 Installs Library, Learning Center

Lancaster Lodge No. 43, with the aid of a grant from the estate of the late Albert L. Einolf, P.M., and stimulated by the objectives of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge have installed a comprehensive library in the Lancaster Masonic Center in the 1st Masonic District. Already, it contains an extensive list of books and Masonic literature.

The Library Committee, comprising Past Masters Nat Gilchrist and Jack W. W. Loose and Trustee Richard Mason, has accumulated more than 180 Masonic publications. In addition, numerous copies of Masonic dictionaries and encyclopedias have been cataloged. This initiative has included both acquiring new publications and tracking down out-of-print literature. Book donations from members also have provided some very rare editions of Masonic literature. New audio-video equipment, along with the Masonic videos, have made the library into a true learning center.

The development of the library coincides with the Grand Lodge Academy of Knowledge program in that it provides the tools and support for the individual Mason to participate, while promoting the purposes intended by the late Bro. Einolf. Furthermore, the literature is being used as a part of the education process for new Masons as they proceed through their degrees. In addition, book reports and library updates are provided regularly at lodge meetings and at the District School of Instruction.

Pictured in the library are Spencer Sikder (left) and Richard Mason, Trustee.



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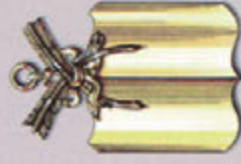
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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: A League of Teams Serving the Brethren and Mankind

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania has the largest membership among the jurisdictions in North America. It also is world-renowned for its outstanding fraternal benefits, activities, services, facilities, and charities available for the brethren, their families, neighbors and communities.

On a highly positive note, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Duge, Jr., noted that the value of our Fraternity's benefits and services was proclaimed enthusiastically in more than 900 testimonials received in the Office of the Grand Master during April and May. The messages heralded Freemasonry as "a way of life," expressed deep appreciation and support for the caring and compassion of our human services and charities — especially the Masonic Homes and the Foundations — and exalted the true fellowship of brotherhood that radiates throughout the wide-ranging functions of the Grand Lodge. "There can be no doubt that such acclamations come as a recognition and, I would say as a 'thank you,' for the fraternal dedication, support, and labor of many, many brethren, past and present," the Grand Master said.

"Our fraternity is very fortunate to have dedicated Masons across the state and employed staffs at our facilities functioning effectively in a well defined and forward-looking organization to serve its members, their families, and the communities so well," he continued. He went on to observe that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is like a well organized league unto itself, made up of exceptionally talented, caring, and hard-working teams performing and serving the fraternity and mankind in unanimity.

It is an expansive, encompassing, and most impressive organization of Grand Lodge and its components that manage and perform those operations, provide the facilities and render the services. To demonstrate the value and the extent of the services and benefits and how the respective functions are situated to serve, this composite graphic delineates the entities that provide those services and indicates their relationship to each other within the Grand Lodge organization.

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FRIEND TO FRIEND BROTHER TO BROTHER

"The Fraternity has given me so much"

Stephen R. Vanucci
Sunset Lodge No. 623
Washington, PA



I'll never forget my Masonic degrees and the power of that experience. That memory strengthens me to endure life's challenges. The values of Freemasonry... opened my heart to brotherhood and service to others.

Somewhere I saw a quotation: "Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life; the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind." The power of those words gave me my mission statement for life. From childhood through college, I had a passion to write and to teach children with special needs. For three decades, I dedicated my life to children and families with special needs, serving as a teacher, counselor, psychologist, and an administrator of pupil personnel services. Therein Freemasonry touched my life.

I became the Regional Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Student Assistance Training. On my first day at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown, as I faced the first week of training for more than 150 educators, I had an epiphany. In a light rain outside the Carpenter Chapel, I asked myself, "Why am I here?" At that moment, the Chapel's lights came on behind a beautiful stained glass window and the Chapel's bells played "Amazing Grace." I knew that God would guide and strengthen me in my work. He did.

There were many weeks of training at Elizabethtown and more throughout the Commonwealth. The Masons, through their Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, provided much of the funding. Without the support of the Masons our work could not have been accomplished.

One day, I asked a lifelong friend how to become a Mason. He said that he had waited a long time for me to ask. As a Mason in Sunset Lodge, I served as Secretary for seven years and then wanted to "go through the chairs." I was asked to serve as the Master for the 100th Anniversary - an honor I quickly accepted.



Every Mason should reap the benefits of brotherhood that are available to him. The Fraternity has given me so much: brotherly love and fellowship, knowledge that I treasure, and the ability to relieve the suffering of others. Our responsibility as Masons extends beyond the Fraternity to the community and I am proud to say that I am a Mason. Freemasonry does make good men better men.

"...a fulfilling life of brotherhood, fellowship and service to others."

John R. Rodd
Chartiers Lodge No. 297
Canonsburg, PA



In 1947 I gave myself a birthday present that has given me a fulfilling life of brotherhood, fellowship, and service to others. That's when I sought to be a Mason. At that time, although many of my relatives were Masons, my dad wasn't. Nevertheless, he urged me to try to become one. So, I asked my cousin, Howard Orr, Past Master, and he proudly recommended me. Happily, through the years, because of me, my brother, Robert, and his two sons, John and Robert, II, became Masons - and all of us have served as Worshipful Master at one time or another.

With that "birthday present," I started traveling a road that has given a lifetime of enjoyment. I love being active in my lodge. I served as Worshipful Master twice. I enjoy a number of the appendant bodies including Scottish Rite and Shrine. I have and cherish my 50-year pins, not just from Grand Lodge, but



from all of the other bodies that I belong to. Those pins not only remind me of how much Freemasonry means to me, but also tells the world that I'm both proud and fortunate to be a Mason and particularly happy to be able to address Past District Deputy Walter L. Sykes as "Brother." Truly, life has been fulfilling for me because of the fellowship in Masonry.



"...a significant role in my adult life."

Thomas M. Gasmire
Chartiers Lodge No. 297
Canonsburg, PA

Masonry has been a part of my life as long as I can remember and has had a significant role in my life. It has directly influenced my character, making me a better man. That's a primary purpose of Freemasonry in a man's life. It certainly has been in mine!

My parents had a great influence on my early Masonic life, even as early as my childhood. I recall my father getting ready for meetings in Chartiers Lodge where he served as Worshipful Master and my mother being active in the Order of the Eastern Star where she was a Worthy Matron and then a District Deputy and Grand Warder. As I matured in life and in the Fraternity, my parents, my religious training, my wife and children, and my work all impacted greatly on my career.

When I was 12, I joined the Order of DeMolay in George Miles Dunn Chapter in Canonsburg and became Master Councilor. I didn't realize then, but I sure have since, how great an impact DeMolay would have on me in my adult life.

In due time after I was made a Mason in Chartiers Lodge, I progressed through the chairs and served as the Master. To this day I cherish the experiences, fellowship, and leadership opportunities, and always have been an active Past Master and strong supporter of the lodge. I also enjoy being active in the York Rite bodies and a Shriner in Syria Temple.

That's a beautiful part of the Fraternity — a Mason can be involved as much as he wants to be and, like I, benefit accordingly from his involvement.

I'm particularly fortunate to have been appointed as District Deputy Grand Master of the 29th Masonic District with brethren in eight lodges in my district. This is not only a great honor for me, but also a very ennobling, educational experience.

"...others before self."



Ralph Barasei
Harmony Lodge No. 52
Philadelphia, PA

What is the true meaning of Masonry? Without a doubt, Masonry is a challenge for a new beginning for a good man to become an even better one. We've heard that said so often,

but I know it's right because that's my heartfelt belief based on my own experiences.

If someone were to ask me why he should become a Mason, I would tell him simply what being a Mason has given to me. When I became part of the Fraternity - or maybe I should say when Freemasonry became an important part of my life - I learned more about standards of living that are God-blessed and even more about faith, trust, honesty, respect, and deepening concern for others before self. I have come to think of the "Masonic way of life" that I appreciate today as being exemplified by "Three C's: Concern to Care with Compassion."

As we Masons journey along in the Fraternity together, we gain friendships - lifelong friendships - through heart-warming camaraderie in the lodge, at dinners, joining in fraternal and community activities and programs, at family functions, and more. And we're all better for it.



ATTENTION!

The Health Fair scheduled for October 2001 at the Masonic Village at Sewickley has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

AUCTION

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

Where: Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

When: Saturday, August 25

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

Western PA Masonic Charity Golf Tournament Sept. 10 to Benefit Masonic Village at Sewickley

A Western Pennsylvania Masonic Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Masonic Village at Sewickley will be held Monday, Sept. 10 at Ligonier Country Club, Ligonier. The entry fee is \$100 per golfer and deadline for reservations is Aug. 30, unless 120 golfers are entered before then.

The tournament will be a shotgun start at 12:15 p.m. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to noon. After the round of golf there will be a cash reception followed by a buffet dinner. The awards program is scheduled for 8 p.m. (Cost to attend the dinner and awards program is only \$30.)

To enter, complete the registration form at right and mail your payment to one of the following: Randy Hobaugh, 39 Roseanne Circle, Irwin, PA 15242; Richard Stemmler, 1315 Trent Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650; or William Hartland, 2030 North View Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

Registration Form Western Pennsylvania Masonic Charity Golf Tournament

Enter the golfers listed below at \$100 per person (\$30 per person for dinner only). Enclosed is a check made payable to "West PA Masonic Charity Golf Tournament" in the amount of \$_____.

Check One: ☐ Golf and Dinner ☐ Dinner Only

Payment Must Accompany Reservation
(Individual golf entrants will be assigned to a foursome)

Name: _____

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New Location for Retirement Living Marketing Office



The new retirement living marketing office at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

The Marketing Office for retirement living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is now located on Eden View Road, offering ease of accessibility for visitors desiring information and tours of the retirement living areas.

Formerly, the retirement living Marketing Office was located in a two-bedroom apartment. Because of the continued demand for accommodations in retirement living at Elizabethtown, the site on

Eden View Road provided an ideal location.

Retirement living in Elizabethtown continues to be an excellent choice for those seeking to gain access to the security and quality of the Masonic Homes within a dynamic environment. Located on 1,400 acres of picturesque Lancaster County farmland, there are 450 apartments and cottages featuring a variety of living accommodations.

The marketing staff continues to accept applications for the priority list for all retirement living units. If you are considering a move to a quality community, it is important to place your name on the waiting list so that your future needs can be met.

For more information, including a brochure and/or video, complete and return the adjoining coupon. To obtain an appointment for a tour with a Marketing Counselor, call toll-free 1 (800) 676-6452. The Marketing Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday by appointment to discuss your specific situation and needs.

Send me more information about Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

(____) _____

Phone _____

Send me a: ☐ Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Brochure

☐ Retirement Living at Masonic Homes Video

Please complete coupon and return to:
Marketing Office
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

MASONIC HOMES

HOW DO I?

Those three words start so many conversations as people request information about the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Many have heard of the campus, and some have even visited. When the time comes that services may be needed, the first thought is: "How do I...?"

How do I find out about eligibility and the costs?

Lodge and Eastern Star chapter secretaries have been provided with up-to-date information regarding cost and eligibility and can be contacted by the Masonic member, family members, or friends of the applicant. You can call the Admissions & Resident Services Department at the Masonic Homes 1 (800) 422-1207 to request that a brochure be mailed to you or to speak to the marketing counselor.

How do I find out how long the waiting list is?

For accurate information, the Admissions & Resident Services Department should be contacted. The staff can assess needs and recommend the living area that best meets those needs.

Through a phone call, e-mail, or regular mail, staff members can inform you about what accommodations are available and provide a time frame regarding an approximate admission date.

How do I get an application for the Masonic Homes?

For Residential Living, Assisted Living, and Masonic Health Care Center applications, you are asked to contact the lodge secretary of either the person coming into

the Masonic Homes or the person sponsoring the applicant. The lodge secretary will fill out a "Request for Application" form, and will verify the Masonic affiliation. Eastern Star members can contact their chapter secretaries and ask that a letter be sent to the Masonic Homes stating the Eastern Star affiliation. That request form or letter is then forwarded to the Admissions & Resident Services Department, and a call is made to the contact person to find out how the application is to be handled.

How do I get assistance with the application?

When the Request for Application is received by the Admissions & Resident Services Department, an admissions counselor is assigned to the applicant. The counselor will visit the applicant(s) at their home and assist with completing the application.

How do I know if my application is approved?

When applying for admission to the residential living, assisted living, or health care areas, the admission counselor will compile all the needed information.

Upon receiving the application and all required forms (which the counselor will provide) the application will be submitted to the Committee on Masonic Homes for review. They will determine if the application will be approved.

When the application is approved, the applicant will receive an approval letter with required paperwork and suggested list for needs. The Admissions & Resident Services Department will contact the applicant to schedule an appointment to sign papers.

How do I know what to bring on admission day?

The paperwork provided to applicants prior to admission day is especially helpful for family members who may be handling their loved one's affairs. It allows some time to compile needed medical cards and papers, as well as clothing and personal items. The Masonic Homes staff will review special requests, such as furniture or personal items that are being brought along.

Many more questions may come to mind. The informational brochure is an excellent source to find many answers to these questions. You can request that a brochure be sent by calling Admissions at 1 (800) 422-1207; by sending an e-mail to admissions@masonichomespa.org; or, sending the adjoining coupon to Admissions & Resident Services Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Charity in Elizabethtown

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President Bush's plan to provide religious groups with greater access to federal funds to help the needy has concentrated public attention on how Americans care for the less fortunate.

Many liberals believe the government should take care of the poor. Bush's conservative plan would let religious groups do more to help government by channeling more public funds their way.

Meanwhile, many programs are already operating, without any government affiliation, to improve life for those without sufficient resources of their own.

Take the Masonic Children's Home program in Elizabethtown for example. As a *New Era* story pointed out last Wednesday, that program operates without government funds and without cost to the families involved.

The home currently serves 40 children whose families cannot care for them. That service includes everything: from providing shelter to driving them to school and extracurricular activities. Staff members counsel them when necessary and encourage them to go on to college.

Established early in this last century, the home is financed entirely by Masonic lodges throughout Pennsylvania. The Masons have never turned down an appropriate case and take pride in providing needy children with a real future.

"Coming here was the gateway for being able to put my life together in a totally different direction," says the Rev. A. Preston Van Deursen. The homes' director of pastoral care, Deursen entered the program at age 8 and returned to work as an adult.

This is the type of program on which other plans to help the needy should be patterned. The government could learn something about children's services by examining the Elizabethtown program. Faith-based initiatives also could take a lesson.

And congratulations to Pennsylvania's Masonic lodges for operating a first-class child-helping institution for nearly a century.



Masonic Lodge for kids, too

E-town campus home to needy children for nearly 90 years

By Sandra Gottlieb,
New Era Staff Writer

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Little, blonde-haired Melissa Balmer has a big smile... and a warm hug.

She has the constant-motion energy so typical of a second-grader, but she lives in a setting quite atypical for a child.

When people see the Masonic Homes' sprawling Elizabethtown campus, most think of retirement living. And most countians don't realize the site is shared by 40 children like Melissa who call the campus their home through the Masonic Children's Home program.

Melissa and her three sisters used to live in Middletown with their father and his girlfriend, she says. But three years ago, the girls moved to the Children's Home, and they live among the cozy hilltop cottages on the sprawling, tree-lined campus.

Although Melissa admits she was a little scared when she came to the residential program at age 5, she says she now has some special friends. Helped by weekly visits with her father, Melissa and her sisters seem at home.

"We have scooters," the 8-year-old exclaims suddenly. "I ride down that hill," she says, pointing to a bicycle path. "I don't really put the brake on."

The children's program, which began about 88 years ago, was established to help the children and grandchildren of Freemasons, a charitable, international fraternity.

The original residents probably were orphans, says Gilson Cash, the program's director. Initially, all were related to Masons. But by-law changes eventually opened the program to any child living in the state.

Cash says the children at the home come from families unable to cope with the complexities of child-rearing. The children are chosen based on need and personal interviews, he says. The need can be financial, emotional or environmental.

Children in such situations may come with a lot of emotional baggage, Cash conceded. Some adjust to the program and others do not. Those who cannot are referred to programs more appropriate for them, he explains.

The Elizabethtown program is the only one like it in the state. Similar Masonic programs exist in California, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina and Nebraska. All of the Pennsylvania children are sponsored by Masonic lodges across the Commonwealth.

"I have never known a (Masonic) lodge to turn down an opportunity to sponsor a child," Cash says.

He adds that while the program is monitored "soup to nuts" by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, no public monies are used to operate it. He says families incur no cost when their children are admitted.

On Friday, the Masonic Homes will honor its children with its annual Youth Appreciation Day. All of the children will be guests at a luncheon that will be attended by the board of directors, the Children's Home staff and parents.

Awards will be given to the children for their achievements and activities. One student, Justin Raihl, will be graduating from high school and saying goodbye. At the end of the day, the children will gather in an area behind the cottages to plant a dogwood tree. It is an exciting event for them all, co-assistant director Ginny Migrala says.

One person who arrived at the home carrying a heavy load of emotional baggage years ago was the Rev. A. Preston Van Deursen, now director of pastoral care for Masonic Homes.

"I came here at age 8 in 1963 from northeast Philadelphia," he says in a calm, straight-forward manner. "I was heading for big trouble. I stole from stores, and I was smoking cigarettes at 8 years old."

Van Deursen's mother, who had an unstable marriage and problems with alcohol, he says, was unable to cope with raising her five children. His grandfather, a Mason, placed him and his four sisters in the Elizabethtown Masonic Homes program after his mother disappeared for a while.

Van Deursen doesn't remember being afraid of moving to the home. He only recalls being "in awe of how large the place was. It was almost in one sense like a paradise. ...You had your own swimming pool. It was how the rich people lived."

He also remembers the program being much more regimented in those days.

"It was like being in military school," he says. "You did everything by a buzzer. We did chores. We had to clean. It was very organized but perfunctory."

"After a while, this became home," he says. "I was never angry about being here. I always felt I was in a better place. I was always thankful for being able to come here. ...Coming here was the gateway for being able to put my life together in a totally different direction."

After he went to divinity school and became a pastor at a Lutheran church in Ohio, he returned to the Masonic Homes "to pay back the people who took care of me," he says.

"I'm sure God wants me to be here," he says. "When I was here, I don't remember being able to go to someone to cry. I was pretty much on my own since the fourth grade."

For that reason, he takes care to be especially available to the children in times of crisis, such as last year when a beloved house parent died unexpectedly.

"It had big impact on the children," he says. Much about the children's program has changed in the years since Van Deursen lived there, he

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Send me more information about Living at the Masonic Homes!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

(_____) _____

Phone _____

- ☐ Send me a Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Brochure.
- ☐ Have a Marketing Counselor call me at the phone number above.

I am interested in:

- ☐ Residential Living ☐ Assisted Living
- ☐ Health Care Services

Autumn Day

AUTUMN DAY AT THE MASONIC HOMES: SEPT. 15

Make plans today to experience Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown on Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This annual open house is a special day filled with friendly, fun-loving clowns, delicious "Homes-made" food, musical entertainment, amazing jugglers, the popular resident talent show, children's activities, and exciting magician acts. Autumn Day is a perfect time to visit family members, reunite with friends and tour all of the service areas at the Masonic Homes.

Highlights of the day will include tours of the new Freemasons Cultural Center, which encompasses the new Visitors Center, Three Loaves Café, Atrium, and Brossman Ballroom, as well as the newly renovated George A. Deike Auditorium and Howard W. White Ballroom. Delicious food will be provided free throughout the grounds: sausage, baked beans, sauerkraut, hot dogs, ice cream,

and beverages. Various organizations will set up information booths and displays. Visitors will have the opportunity to receive information about the services provided at our four Homes' locations: Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster. Orchard stands will have fresh fruits, vegetables, and other items for sale at great prices. Many residents throughout the campus will open their homes for visitors to view first-hand the services, accommodations, and excellent arrangements available at the Masonic Homes.

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

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

Blood Bank Will be at Autumn Day; Make an Appointment to Donate

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will be at Autumn Day in Elizabethtown, Sept. 15, to conduct a blood drive for the benefit of the residents at the Masonic Homes. Contributions of blood will be taken at the blood bank from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and from 1 to 3:15 p.m.

Anyone 17 years of age and older who is in good health and weighs 110 pounds or more is eligible to donate blood. The Blood Bank asks that donors be sure to eat within four hours prior to donating blood. Also, it is requested that persons desiring to donate blood make an appointment by calling 1 (800) 771-0059 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and ask for Kathleen.

Saying that the greatest gift a person can give is the "Gift of Life," the Blood Bank reminds everyone that every three seconds someone is in need of blood. It could be a member of your family, a friend, or a co-worker. While you're at Autumn Day, why not join the ranks of the "Quiet Heroes?"

CALL THE BLOOD BANK IN ADVANCE AT 1 (800) 771-0059. (Please do not call the Masonic Homes for these appointments).

Elizabethtown and Warminster Homes Seek Accreditation Through the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission

The Masonic Homes search constantly for opportunities that enhance their vision to be centers of excellence in care and service. In November 1998 the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) granted the Masonic Homes accreditation status. In reviewing the benefits of JCAHO accreditation to the residents, staff, and organization, it has been decided to pursue a more comprehensive accreditation through the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission (CCAC) program sponsored by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), and not pursue JCAHO re-accreditation.

The Masonic Homes will continue to maintain the high standards and quality improvement initiatives for which everyone worked so diligently in seeking the JCAHO Accreditation within the Masonic Homes' Quality Improvement program, which monitors care services in the Masonic Health Care Center. The Quality Improvement program is evaluated on a yearly basis and will continue to be based on the standards espoused by the Masonic Homes and JCAHO. The reason for the transition from JCAHO to CCAC is that CCAC accreditation covers a broader scope of self-assessment within the continuum of care that is provided beyond a purely health care focus.

CCAC accreditation will be sought for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Masonic Eastern Star Home - East at Warminster. Accreditation also will be sought for the Masonic Village at Sewickley following the opening of the Star Points Building and the development of retirement living services.

Renowned Attorney, Professor, Lecturer, Author to Lecture at the Masonic Conference Center

The informative and entertaining Conrad Teitell, Esq., will be the featured lecturer on Friday, Oct. 12, at a continuing education units (C.E.U.) seminar hosted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners. The seminar will be held at the Masonic Conference Center, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown. Applications for C.E.U.s for the legal, accounting, and financial planning fields have been made for this lecture.

Entitled "Charitable Contribution Tax Strategies," the lecture topics will include tax-wise philanthropy, outright gifts, and life income gifts. A 300-page outline will be provided. Following the lecture, a "Charities in Action" presentation by Vicki L. Gillmore, Administrator of Health Care Services for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, will include a tour of the Masonic Health Care Center.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Reservations for the morning session are required by Friday, Sept. 28. For more information, contact the Office of Gift Planning toll-free at 1 (800) 599-6454. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees will receive a confirmation and directions prior to the seminar.

Register Today for Masonic Homes' Financial Planning Seminars - 2001

The Masonic Homes will conduct the fourth round of its popular Financial Planning Seminar in six convenient locations across Pennsylvania this Fall. A number of timely topics will be discussed including estate planning, wills, trusts, and the role of philanthropy in achieving important personal and charitable objectives. As in previous years, each seminar will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. and run until 12:00 noon. Light refreshments will be available prior to the seminar beginning at 9:30 a.m. A complimentary luncheon will be provided immediately following the seminar.

Seminar dates and locations include the following:

Oct. 17	Bel-air	Erie
Oct. 18	Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center	Pittsburgh
Oct. 23	Holiday Inn	Allentown
Oct. 24	Holiday Inn	King of Prussia
Nov. 8	Masonic Conference Center	Elizabethtown
Nov. 9	Caldwell Consistory	Bloomsburg

Seminar discussions in Allentown, King of Prussia, Elizabethtown, and Bloomsburg will be led by Bros. Thomas Toscani, Esq., and William Kingsbury, Esq. They are partners in the law firm of Peck, Young & VanSant which provides legal counsel to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its charities. Raymond C. Vogliano, Esq. of the law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC will assist in leading the seminar in Pittsburgh and Scott L. Wallen, Esq. of the law firm of Quinn, Buseck, Leemhuis, Toohey & Kroto, Inc. will assist in leading the seminar in Erie. Also participating at all locations will be Bros. Alvin Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning, and John McFadden, Director of Gift Planning - East Region.

Attendance at each seminar is limited to 50 persons. There is no charge to attend. You are encouraged to make your reservation today by returning the registration form below or by telephoning the Office of Gift Planning toll-free at 1 (800) 599-6454. Directions and a schedule will be forwarded to all participants.

2001 Masonic Homes' Financial Planning Seminar

Registration Form

Please register me/us for the following seminar

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 17 - Erie | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 24 - King of Prussia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 18 - Pittsburgh | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 8 - Elizabethtown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 23 - Allentown | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov. 9 - Bloomsburg |

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

e-mail: _____

Return Complete Registration Form To:

**Office of Gift Planning
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

AUTUMN DAY!

September 15 at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

Name: _____

Lodge/Chapter No.: _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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

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

Complete coupon and return to:

**Autumn Day
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**



Scenes from last year's open house - A preview of what's to come!



The Three Loaves Café Has A Story To Tell

The Masonic Homes' Three Loaves Café opened on April 9 in the Freemasons Cultural Center to serve residents, staff, and visitors. The name for the café was chosen to acknowledge an event in Bro. Benjamin Franklin's life that epitomizes the Masonic Homes' Mission of Love and the ideals of Freemasonry. (Bro. Franklin was twice Grand Master.)



In 1723, at the age of 17, Bro. Franklin decided to end his apprenticeship at his brother's Boston printing house, hoping to continue his apprenticeship in New York City. Unable to find a suitable mentor in New York, he booked passage on a small sailing vessel headed to Philadelphia. In 1723, the 100 miles from New York to Philadelphia was a challenging journey. En route, young Bro. Franklin saved a drunkard from drowning and ended up rowing almost the entire 100 miles. Upon arrival in Philadelphia, Bro. Franklin paid a copper shilling "to the people of the boat, who first refus'd it on account of my rowing; but I insisted on their taking it, a man being sometimes more generous when he has but a little money than when he has plenty."

Bro. Franklin landed on the Market Street Wharf on a Sunday morning. "I was fatigued with traveling, rowing and want of rest. I was very hungry. I met a boy with bread. I had made many a meal with bread and inquiring where he got it, I went immediately to the baker's he directed me to in Second Street. I bade him give me three penny's worth of any sort. He gave me accordingly three great puffy rolls. I was surprised at the quantity but took it and having no room in my pockets walk'd off with a roll under each

arm and eating the other. Thus I went up Market Street as far as Fourth Street. Being filled with one of my loaves I gave the other two to a woman and her child that came in the boat with us and were waiting to go further."

Most Americans appreciate Bro. Franklin for the vital role he played in founding, organizing, and fighting for our young nation through sweeping acts of intellect, creativity, and resourcefulness. At the young age of 17, his seemingly small acts of philanthropy revealed his lifelong character and prophesied a life of service. The first two actions that Bro. Franklin took in his new community enriched people's lives through acts of benevolence. In honor of Bro. Benjamin Franklin's memory, and his simple acts of charity, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hopes the café will serve as a gathering place where people can enjoy good food and companionship.

The café is open seven days a week, and offers omelets, breakfast sandwiches, waffles, and pastries for breakfast; soup, sandwiches from the grill, wraps, salads, and fruit cups during lunch and dinner; as well as ice cream and beverages. (Excerpts from Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography And Other Writings.)

Author, Educator, and Grief Counselor to Present Seminars

Nationally recognized author, educator, and grief counselor, Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., will present two seminars on Nov. 15 at the Masonic Homes' Freemasons Cultural Center. "Exploring the Spiritual Dimensions of Death, Grief & Mourning" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. "The Heart of Grief... Lessons in Healing & Hope" will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The objective of the seminar is to increase the participants' awareness of the importance of the spiritual dimension in death and grief, to introduce them to the companionship philosophy of bereavement care, and to provide models for understanding grief.

The program is hosted by the Masonic Homes, Hospice of Lancaster County, and Miller Funeral Home. Applications have been submitted for CEU credits for social workers and nursing professionals. To register, call Hospice of Lancaster County (717) 295-3900. There will be a cost for this seminar.

Opening of the Freemasons Cultural Center

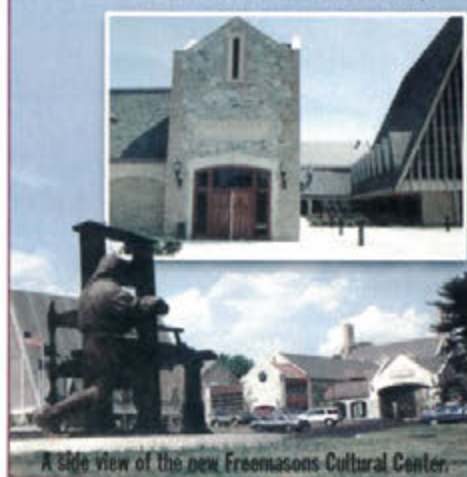
The new Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown opened in March. The new center was named because of the significance of the educational, recreational, cultural, and fraternal activities scheduled in this area.

The Freemasons Cultural Center comprises the new Visitors Center, Three Loaves Café, Masonic Homes Museum, Atrium, staff offices, the Brossman Ballroom, named in honor of donor Bro. Jay G. Brossman, as well as the newly renovated George A. Deike Auditorium and Howard W. White Ballroom.

Interesting Facts about the Freemasons Cultural Center:

- In the center of the Atrium is an Acacia tree, which grows approximately one-to-two feet per year. Acacia trees have been recognized as a symbol of immortality.
- At the base and top of the grand staircase are gargoyles, which were saved from the Grand Lodge Hall stairways.
- The entrance to the Masonic Homes' Museum was originally the exit door where the Freemasons Cultural Center now attaches to Grand Lodge Hall.
- Outside the elevator doors on the second floor of the Freemasons Cultural Center are gargoyles that were originally used in the former bowling alley in the ground floor of Grand Lodge Hall.
- The conference room on the upper level of the center mimics the wood trusses in Grand Lodge Hall and features the stained glass window with the square and compasses that will be lit at night to serve as a focal point from the parking lots.

An exterior view of the Brossman Wing.



Reading DeMolay Receives First New Sponsor In 60 Years



On May 7, 2001, Lodge No. 62, West Reading, made history in the 7th Masonic District by becoming the first subordinate lodge to sponsor the local Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay. This is the first new sponsor of the Reading DeMolay Chapter in 60 years! The chapter's primary sponsor is DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, West Reading.

Bro. Ronald I. Simon, W.M. (center-left), presented David Butkus, Master Councilor (center-right), with a contribution of \$1,000 and the lodge resolution of support for the Reading Chapter. Others on hand for the presentation were (at left) Alex Fizz, Senior Councilor; Bro. Scott A. Horner, S.W.; Bro. Jeffrey C. Rhein P.M., Secretary and (at right) Keith Bortz, Jr. S.S.C., P.M.C.; Bro. Kerry Koch, J.W.; David Slugocki, Junior Councilor.

Masonic Lodge for kids, too

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acknowledges. Regular psychological assistance is available for the young residents.

Additionally, the program has been moved out of the massive, stone dormitory buildings where he lived into today's modern cottages. The program also urges the children to continue their education in college or trade school.

"When I left here, it was like 'see you later,'" Van Deursen recalls. "That was the toughest thing. I didn't have anybody. I just had a few hundred dollars from what I earned working at (the YMCA's) Camp Shand.

"Now, they work with you to support you in every way they can (with continuing education)."

Today, the children attend classes in the Elizabethtown Area School District or in the county's vocational-technical system. Since 40 children get involved in a lot of activities, a fleet of drivers waits every day

Youth Appreciation Day 2001



Ronald A. Augst, Sr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden, presented awards to youth at the Masonic Children's Home.



Grand Master Diuge and Bro. Gilson Cash, Director of Children's Services for the Masonic Homes, assist Justin Raihl, the home's graduating senior, to plant the ceremonial tree signifying his lasting ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

The Masonic Children's Home residents and staff celebrated their 78th annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet in the Brossman Ballroom of the Freemasons Cultural Center on June 1. All 38 children were recognized for their varied activities throughout the year, and several were given special recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocation, athletics, and citizenship.

Special focus was on graduate Justin Raihl, who is seeking employment in the construction field in Lancaster County. Along with his graduation certificate, Justin was presented with a Bible from Rev. and Bro. A. Preston Van Deursen.

In attendance were Masonic Children's Home staff and youth; parents, relatives, and friends of the children; members of the Committee on Masonic Homes; and Dr. Allan Thrush, Mr. Gerald Lorson, and Ms. Carol Myers from the Elizabethtown Area School District.

Robert L. Diuge Jr., R.W.G.M. shared some personal thoughts with the children. He encouraged the children to take with them a positive attitude and always tell themselves, "We can do it; we will do it; and, most importantly, we will succeed." For the senior to commemorate the day, a tree was planted on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home, which concluded the ceremonies.

to transport them to team sports, music lessons, friend's homes, volunteer work and part-time employment. Many of the volunteers are from Elizabethtown College.

"We have great kids here," Migrala says with affection and pride. Despite the unusual circumstances, she says, life at the Children's Home is pretty much like life anywhere.

Todd Cook, who lives in the older boys' cottage, is a very outgoing teen. He exemplifies what Migrala describes. He arrived from Pittsburgh at age 10. Now 16, he is active on the Masonic campus and in school and is enthusiastic about exploring a career in "business or maybe politics."

Perhaps, he adds quickly, he will become a pharmaceutical salesman. Life obviously holds a lot of choices for him. But things were not always this peachy.

"When I first came to visit, I was crying," he admits. "It freaked me out. But I moved around a lot when I was younger, and there are a lot better educational opportunities here."

Todd sees his mother about twice a month and speaks to her and his older sister throughout the week. He finds life at the Children's Home to be quite decent.

"The guys around here get along pretty well," he says. "We don't hold grudges. We just go out and play basketball."

Todd says he feels he has "really benefited" by living at the home.

Many children, Migrala says, retain their ties with the home long after they leave. Some, like Van Deursen, even return there to work.

As with any large family, Migrala notes, some offspring stay close by, while others strike out for more distant territory. But, also as in most families, a link remains.

"Our children tend to stay in touch," she says. "The kids come back. They bring their own children. They like to say, 'This is where I grew up.'"

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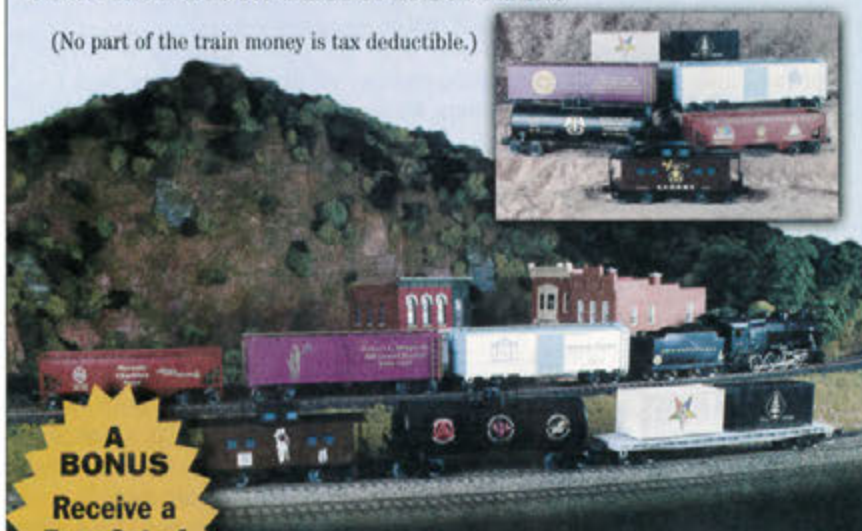
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"Spirit of the Dance" to Follow Grand Master's Banquet Dec. 27

The Grand Master's banquet followed by the spectacular Spirit of the Dance show will climax a gala evening commemorating the installation of the new Grand Master on Thursday, Dec. 27, in the main ballroom of the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel.

The festivities will begin with a social reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m., and concluding with the Spirit of the Dance performance, one of the most successful shows ever to come out of Ireland. The cost for the dinner and the show is \$25. Tickets are available by completing the coupon and sending it with your check to the Office of the Grand Master.

Spirit of the Dance stars the Irish International Dance Company, one of the most dynamic dance troupes in the world. Irish in origin, electrifying in effect, and bursting with power, the breathtaking production features a spectacular blend of traditional culture that masterfully weaves together dramatic Irish energy with primeval forces of classical ballet, flamenco, red hot salsa, and jazz. It is a thrilling, foot-stomping production that leaves the audience gasping for breath.

Reservation and Ticket Order Form Grand Master's Banquet and Spirit of the Dance Show.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for reservation(s) at \$25 per person for the banquet and show at the Philadelphia Marriott on Dec. 27. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show. A social hour will precede the banquet. (Reservations will be accepted on a "first-come" basis. Deadline for reservations by mail: Dec. 15)

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