

Give The Gift That Makes The Difference



As we approach the end of 2001, the Masonic Homes are making plans for providing charity to our fellow brethren and those in our communities in need. Please consider taking the time to review the opportunities available to us to help others through the Masonic Homes while considering the best way of making a gift to fund a specific need. In particular, gifts to programs that impact the community exemplify a principal characteristic of the Fraternity. These programs include the

Masonic Children's Home, which provides care for children from families in which the parents/guardian can no longer cope with the complexities of child-rearing. The Masonic Homes' Residential/Respite Program provides services for adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. The Adult Daily Living Center provides adult day care services to individuals 18 and older with functional impairments. The Outreach Program provides information, direction, and education to individuals and families throughout the United States in many areas of need. Gift opportunities are also available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley and the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown where we are in the process of expanding and upgrading our facilities to provide an array of services to our residents.

Listed below are several specific items that are in need of funding for 2002. Your kind consideration of making a gift to underwrite one of these items will help to assure that these services can be provided in 2002 and beyond. Among them are the following:

Masonic Children's Home:

New living room furniture for a cottage, replacement van.

Adult Daily Living Center:

Wheelchair accessible minibus, dishwasher, fax machine.

Outreach Program:

New computer.

Expansion at the Masonic Village at Sewickley:

Nurse call system, medication carts, aviary.

Renovations/Upgrades to Masonic Homes - Elizabethtown:

Upgrade Village Green resident rooms, medication carts, rehabilitation exercise equipment, new piano.

Attention Postmaster: Dated Material Enclosed

Ways You Can Give

There are several ways of giving your gift to the Masonic Homes.

Cash Contributions – always the easiest way to give a gift. If you are in need of a charitable deduction at year-end or would like to make a difference, consider a cash gift to one of the aforementioned items at the Masonic Homes.

Gift of Appreciated Stock – even in a down stock market, many people continue to have appreciated stock in their portfolio that they have held for many years which could be contributed toward a specific need. For stock held more than one year, you will receive a deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock and avoid tax on any of the growth of the stock over what you paid for it. Giving the growth in your stock is a good idea especially where you want to make a larger gift for a specific need.

Stock that has Depreciated – for those stocks where the prospect of growth is limited, a donor may want to consider selling the stock, taking a loss and contributing the cash from the sale toward a specific need at the Masonic Homes. This way the donor receives a deduction for both the loss and the charitable contribution of cash.

No matter how you want to give, making a difference in the lives of others through the Masonic Homes is a meaningful way to make a gift. For additional information, please contact either Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq. or Bro. John R. McFadden at 1-(800)-599-6454 or (717)-367-1121, ext. 33312. We look forward to helping you help others.



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Our Prayer of Vigil

Great God, we call upon You in remembrance of all that is happening in our Great Nation. We gather to offer prayer for those whose lives have been ripped apart by the terrible events that have happened in our land. We remember the many victims, their families and their friends who still mourn their loss. We give you thanks for the dedication and honor of fire fighters, policemen, and rescue workers who have reminded us through their courage – and many even by their supreme sacrifice – that this is the home of the brave and the land of the free. We give you thanks for the outpouring of love and support by the people of our nation and our community. As we gather, may we be leaders in our community so that all may see the true meaning of Masonic Brotherhood. May we respond in pride and with charity for this glorious land we call our home. Bless our nation and our lodges that they may forever stand for all that is good about Your creation. May this light shine brightly as a symbol of our unity, our hope and our brotherhood of love.

Grant us your peace, O Holy God. Amen.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

BRETHREN,

Due to the events that recently have befallen our country, it has become necessary to provide you with a second message (on the adjoining page) for this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. The message here is more typical of the type given near the end of a Grand Master's administration and was written conceptually prior to Sept. 11.

We will not dwell on what we may have done or not done these two years, but rather use this forum to say "THANK YOU" to all who have made it possible. First, to our Grand Lodge officers and past grand masters - we appreciate all your counsel, advice, critical commentary, and assistance. The input of several can offer the insight of different viewpoints and levels of experience that lead to successful results. Representing all, not just a select few has been the hallmark of our Fraternity. Your officers represent the critical mass that has and will lead our Fraternity into even greater heights in the future. This also applies to our district deputy grand masters who, as a united force, carry the message of our Fraternity to our lodges and their members. To them, we say, "THANK YOU."

To the executive directors of our foundations and the committees that support them, a big "THANK YOU" is in order. They have taken our related groups into new realms with a vision that makes them not only exist, but have relevancy not just in our organization, but in society as a whole. For instance, we sponsor educational programs for all children in our great Commonwealth, from kindergarten through college. These programs positively impact upon their lives and teach lessons not always learned in a textbook. Lessons on how to survive in today's society, how not to give into peer pressure by becoming another statistic of substance abuse, how to work together as a team to solve problems common to all, and how to protect oneself in dangerous situations.

To all our committee members and employees - we may have given you a few challenges that initially may not have been anticipated. You accepted those challenges and have proven how great you really are in your service of our Fraternity.

To my "kitchen cabinet," those who started meeting almost ten years ago and have stayed with the process to see the fruition of their efforts. I cannot say "THANK YOU" enough. They have given large amounts of their personal time in the preparation and carrying forth of concepts that may have seemed a bit lofty years ago, but are realities today.

To my family: They have suffered privations of time and invasions upon their "space" over the years. I have not been the parent I

would like to have been in attending more of their events as our children were growing up. There always seemed to be a "Masonic" event scheduled at those times. I would hope that our emphasis on FAMILY is truly adopted by you in your lives and that we never forget that family comes first. To my parents who throughout my life stressed principles of integrity, of living by your word - you were right! To my wife, I cannot say "THANK YOU" enough! She has endured many missed meals, lack of privacy, constant tying up of the telephone, and other similar matters that a person of lesser character would not tolerate. She also has served as the most severe critic in all my actions, and has been a humbling and leveling force for me.

Lastly, to you our members; you deserve more credit than can be given. You have shown by your attendance, by your participation, by your suggestions, and by your donations why we are the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Recognizing that there always are a few - a very few - who are never satisfied and do not contribute, the vast majority of you are shining examples of the principles of Freemasonry in action and an inspiration beyond your local community. Pennsylvania Freemasons are looked upon literally in many different ways, not only as leaders in their lodges or their communities, but as leaders in the larger world of Freemasonry. As your Grand Master, I SALUTE YOU.

As the gavel passes, my brethren, we trust that you will support the new administration in the manner in which you have supported this administration. When you do, you will continue to exemplify those important principles we profess of being a band of brothers among whom no contention should exist, except as to who can best work and best agree.

THANK YOU my brethren for this unbelievable opportunity to serve.

SO NOTE IT BE!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



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A Special Message from the Grand Master



Keeping the Promise of America

Brethren:

As I write this message, our country has just suffered the most outrageous invasion to its sovereignty and security by faceless and nameless cowards who are willing to pervert ancient religious principles to justify their ultimate goal of anarchy and chaos. We, as the greatest proponents of freedom, equality, and toleration worldwide, cannot allow this type of activity to pervade our lives and overtake our being.

We have received communications in many different forms from brethren worldwide expressing outrage and decrying those reprehensible acts. It is amazing how Freemasons "where so ever disbursed" are truly the band of brothers we often say we are. I am honored to say that I have come to know many of those individuals and their greatness is not just saying the words, but practicing the principles of our Fraternity in their lives.

The effects of those tragic acts no doubt will cause us to be more concerned in our lives and if you need help in getting through these difficult times, please contact our Outreach office at the Masonic Homes: 1 (800) 462-7664. That staff can assist you in obtaining the necessary services to give you help, plus their counseling services are available should you need someone to talk to.

They also are performing an invaluable service in marshalling our resources by gathering the names of our members and/or their family members who are engaged in the providing of emergency services, be it police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services. Although we may not be called on for the current events, we would like to establish a database that can be utilized if ever necessary. The emergency services community is yet a

different type of fraternity and, for those of us who participate in it, it also is a different "way of life." This was typified best by those who gave their lives in the service of saving others.

We encourage your use of the Safety Program pamphlets previously given to all lodges. The information in that series of excellent programs is especially topical now. They are suitable for presentation at lodge meetings, to family gatherings after the meetings, and to the public generally. They give you the information necessary to be more aware of your surroundings, your personal safety and the safety of others around you. If you need additional copies, please contact the Masonic Education Office in Philadelphia.

By this time, you have received a communication indicating that we are reactivating a program created by R.W.P.G.M. W. Scott Stoner, "Pennsylvania Freemasons, Keeping the Promise of America." In light of all that has occurred, this program has taken on a new and expanded meaning. We hope that it will instill pride in you as a Pennsylvania Freemason and American. Perhaps our greatest strength, which others cannot seem to understand, is that, despite our diverse backgrounds, we are all AMERICANS AND PROUD OF IT. Like the Three Musketeers, "One for all and All for One." My brethren, we look forward to serving you for the remainder of this administration and, if there is anything that we can do to assist you in any way, please let us know.

God Bless America!

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

Outreach Ready to Assist Those Who Need Help

On Sept. 11 our world changed. The safety and peace we have known are in peril.

In the face of it, there is an outpouring of patriotism, unity, courage and faith. Because of the tragedies, there are brethren and their families and friends and neighbors in the community who have suffered losses and may need help.

The Masonic Homes Outreach Program is there to help. John F. Suchanec, the Outreach Director, re-emphasizes that the Program assists American families in finding the providers of the services that they need to help put their lives back together. Outreach may provide financial assistance to Pennsylvania Masonic families who have been hurt by the blasts and rippling effects of the awful day in September.

Bro. Suchanec said that you might not have been touched personally by the events of Sept. 11, but you might know someone who was hurt or a family who has lost a father, mother, son, or daughter in the tragedy.

If you are in need or know anyone who needs help, call 1 (800) 462-7664.

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A Pledge of Brotherhood

We stand together united as Masonic brothers all across the world, our nation, our Commonwealth, and our lodge. We pledge that we will do all in our power to uphold the honors and virtues of Freemasonry. We will support our country and its leaders; we will care for our family and offer prayers to God for our nation and its people. We will respond in charity and through our time and resources to do all we can to help the victims, their families and those who have been touched by the cowardice of terrorism. We will reach out in strength to lead our communities and to bond together that all may see the ideals of our Fraternity. We remember our pledge and obligation that we swore for each other when we began our journey in Masonry and we renew our commitment together now. May God strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

God Bless America!



Thousands Pause to Remember at Autumn Day

Answering The Call

Pennsylvania Masons are answering the call for disaster relief on several fronts: financial, humanitarian, and with solace, motivation, and patriotism. In leading the way for the multi-pronged program, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr. appropriately proclaimed the efforts to be "Pennsylvania Freemasons - Keeping the Promise of America," reviving R.W.P.G.M. W. Scott Stoner's program theme of a decade ago.

Immediately after the tragedies in New York City, Washington and the Somerset area of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania first assured the security of all Masonic facilities. The Grand Master issued an immediate dispensation to allow worshipful masters to cancel lodge meetings and Masonic functions for 48 hours.

Financial - The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania immediately began formulating a comprehensive direct emergency relief plan. At the same time, without delay, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania responded with an initial contribution to the united disaster relief efforts of the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

"We have established the Masonic Charities Disaster Relief Fund (in Pennsylvania) to help the victims and their families," said Grand Master Dlugie, "especially those who have ties to Pennsylvania Masons." As soon as logistics for establishing the fund were in place, a letter with a contribution form and return envelope

was sent to every Pennsylvania Mason. Recognizing the magnitude and potential long-term need, Grand Master Dlugie said, "There is obvious need for funds to meet our responsibilities to our brethren, our friends and our neighbors. I am asking for your immediate help . . ."

(The Masonic Charities Disaster Relief Fund contribution form is reproduced below in case you did not receive the Grand Master's letter, or misplaced the form. Your contribution is tax-deductible.)

Humanitarian - The Masonic Homes Outreach Program is the focal point for helping, both in finding assistance for those in need and in steering volunteers to where their specific help is needed. The Outreach Program can provide information and referral services to all Americans who are in need and also may provide financial assistance to Pennsylvania Masons and their families. For information and assistance call Outreach at 1 (800) 462-7664.

Solace, motivation, and patriotism - At the request of Grand Master Dlugie, the Rev. Bro. A. Preston Van Deusen, Director of Pastoral Care at the Masonic Homes, offered and communicated a prayer of solace and vigil to comfort and spiritually energize a nation and brotherhood in the throes of tragedy and grief. A vigil ceremony was created and distributed to all of the lodges to conduct during their October stated meetings.

Within Hours, "Over the Hill Gang" Stages Emergency Blood Drive; Collects 162 Pints

About four hours after the terrorist attack in New York City on Tuesday, Sept. 11, the local American Red Cross Chapter asked Masons in Greensburg if they could arrange very quickly to conduct an emergency blood drive the next day. The "Over the Hill Gang," a club of Masons at the Greensburg Masonic Center that historically conducts two blood drives a year, responded at once. Indeed, an amazingly successful emergency blood drive was held the next day and when it ended at 6 p.m., 162 pints of blood had been collected.

By 5 p.m., Sept. 11, less than four hours after the call, all arrangements were made - use of the Masonic Center, helpers to assist, food to feed both the donors and the helpers, and various items and furnishings necessary to hold a successful blood drive. On Sept. 12, the doors opened at 9 a.m. By 10 o'clock, the Masonic Center was overflowing with potential donors - the social room, lodge room, and lobby were full, and more were waiting outside.

More than 500 persons had responded, some waiting three hours to donate blood. Those who could not be accommodated that day were advised where blood drives would be held the next day. During the day, super markets, restaurants, and pizza shops sent food. At first, the Over the Hill Gang thought they would have too much food, but as the drive continued, it was consumed.

Newly Created Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award To Be Awarded To Masons Serving Scouting



Bro. Daniel Carter Beard Brought Boy Scouts to America.

Many Freemasons nationwide have been of great service to the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the development of Scouting units, serving as volunteers, and assisting their Masonic lodges in forming and sponsoring Scout units. The relationship between individual Masons and Scouting, which has existed since the founding of Scouting in America, has resulted in immeasurable benefits for both Freemasonry and Scouting.

At the June 2001 Quarterly Communication, Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Grand Master announced the approval and creation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. The Grand Master enthusiastically stated that "because of the tireless efforts of Bro. Dale DeLozier, (D.D.G.M., 20th Masonic District) and the many other Masons who assisted him, an award now exists that will recognize Freemasons for their outstanding service to youth in the Boy Scouts of America. This award will become a national Masonic service award available to all regular Freemasons when adopted and promoted by our sister Masonic Jurisdictions and will be administered through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

The award will be presented to a Master Mason who is currently a registered Scouter and active in a Scout unit, district, council, or national affiliate, and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program through: developing of Scouting units; assisting lodges in forming units; exemplifying the Scout Law and Masonic virtues; recruiting Scouting volunteers; and strengthening the relationship between Freemasonry and Scouting. Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, will be the criteria for this award.

Freemasonry's relationship with the Boy Scouts started with a Freemason named Daniel Carter Beard. Bro. Beard, who was a Mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York, founded a male youth program in the late 1800's called the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone." By 1905, the program had become "The Boy Pioneers." The man who would create the first "Boy Scouts," and be known as its founder, was Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain. Lord Baden-Powell, who was not a Mason, read of Beard's program and, based on his own military experience, developed what is known as the "Boy Scouts." In 1910, the Boy Scout program came to America when Bro. Beard merged his organization into the "Boy Scouts of America" and became its first National Commissioner.

Bro. Beard, known affectionately as "Uncle Dan" by millions of Boy Scouts, worked tirelessly to create the Scouting Program that we know today in America by developing the elements of the Scout badge and the Scout uniform and wrote and illustrated various early publications of the Boy Scouts of America. Bro. Beard exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program. Any Mason who is a Scouter knows that the Scout Oath and Scout Law have incorporated such Masonic ideals and requirements as a belief in a Supreme Being, to be of good character, and to do good unto others, to name a few.

Bro. DeLozier has been a faithful Scouter for more than 20 years at local and district levels, having received both the Eagle Scout award and the Order of the Arrow. While serving as Worshipful Master of Juniors Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg, in 1995, Bro. DeLozier first pursued the idea of seeing a Masonic award created to honor the many Freemasons who have been of outstanding service to youth through the Boy Scouts of America. That idea never materialized nor had a chance to become a reality until 1998 when the then-R.W.D.G.M. Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., learned of Bro. DeLozier's concept for a Masonic Scouting award. Bro. DeLozier was asked "to take whatever steps necessary in working with the Boy Scouts of America to make this a reality."

majority of those Masons who were Scouts in their youth returned to their Scouting units as volunteer leaders. With that information along with efforts being conducted by other organizations, such as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the creation of a "service to Scouting award," the Boy Scouts of America finally approved what is known as the "Community Organization Award Program." As part of that program, each organization is permitted to create its own neck medallion and a purple square knot badge with a gold border.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award consists of a certificate endorsed by the Grand Master and a Boy Scouts of America-approved Masonic neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform. The neck medallion is a gold metallic medal of the square and compasses resting upon a sunburst and supported by a blue and silver ribbon. The knot patch is a gold colored square knot supported by a purple background with a gold border.

All Master Masons in good standing are invited to recommend a contemporary for the award. Petitions for the award will be available through lodge secretaries and the Grand Lodge web site. The recommender must submit with the petition an attached page(s) explaining the candidate's qualification for the award. The petition will then be reviewed by the Worshipful Master of the candidate's lodge and, if found to be qualified, the petition will be authorized and forwarded to the lodge's district deputy. The district deputy will then submit the petition to the local Boy Scout Council for approval and verification that the candidate is registered in Scouting. Once approved and verified by the local Boy Scout Council, the district deputy will forward the petition to the Grand Lodge for action.

The cost of the award kit is \$20, which is borne by the candidate's lodge. Checks are to be made payable to the "Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania" and submitted with the petition by the district deputy to the Grand Lodge for the recognition kit. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will then forward the information on awardees to the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, Irving TX.

The Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award will be presented at the discretion of the Grand Master. It may be presented at a Grand

Communication or similar meeting where a representative of the Grand Lodge makes the presentation. Arrangements also can be made to make the presentation at a Scouting-related function. In all cases, a Grand Lodge representative will present the award.

An award that was years in the making has finally become a reality. It is an honor due to the countless Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry and act as role models to the young men who are part of one of our nation's most outstanding youth organizations. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award does not only proclaim the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the Freemason who is honored by receiving the award.



Dale A. DeLozier, District Deputy Grand Master 20th Masonic District instigated the Beard Award.



Masonic Charities Fund for Disaster Relief

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Please make your check payable to **Masonic Charities Fund for Disaster Relief** or use the credit card information (below).

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Three Lodges in 29th Present 11 A.E.D.s

Three lodges in the 29th Masonic District presented a total of eleven automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.s) to Emergency Medical Councils (E.M.C.s). Seven of the units presented by Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, represented by Emil J. Brenkus, W.M. (left), went to E.M.C.s in Canonsburg, Cecil Township, Chartiers Township, Houston, McDonald, North Strabane Township, and Peters Township. Two units presented by Sunset Lodge No. 623, Washington, represented by Stephen R. Vanneck, W.M. (second from left), went to the E.M.C. Two units presented by Washington Lodge No. 164, represented by S. Timothy Warco, W.M. (third from left), went to the Washington County E.M.C. and to the Washington County Home. At right is Mrs. Kay Jo Fisher, President of the Washington E.M.C., who accepted the contributions.



AED Donated In Memory Of Lodge Brother



The members of Red Lion Lodge No. 649, Red Lion, knew that they wanted to participate in the Grand Master's AED program and did so, but in memory of lodge Bro. Harold Capatch who died during a cardiac-related surgery late last year. "By placing this

lifesaving technology in our community and training people to use it, we hope to increase the likelihood that people will save sudden cardiac arrest. We are proud to donate this AED in memory of Harold," said Raymond Moose, W.M. The AED was placed with the York Regional Area Police. Bro. Harold Capatch's son and widow, Bro. Brad Capatch and Jean Capatch (left) were present for the AED presentation to (l-r) Police Officer Allison Kinkel and Police Chief Tom Gross by Raymond Moose, W.M., Steven Brenneman, S.W., and Christopher Hake, J.W.

Clay Shoot Providing A.E.D.s

One hundred and twenty Masons and friends participated in the second annual 30th Masonic District Sporting Clay Shoot at Hillside Shooting Preserve near Berlin on Saturday, July 29. Proceeds from the event went toward placing two additional automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.s) at the Westmoreland Mall. The first A.E.D. was placed at the mall as the result of the shoot last year.

Using the Lewis Class System to determine winners, ten guns were given away—or one for every 12 shooters—ranging from the high of 83 through 22 out of a possible 100 targets. Lunch was provided. Plans are underway for the third annual shoot open to Masons and their friends.

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

On graveyard tombstones and mausoleum vaults you may have seen the markings of the square and compasses indicating that the deceased was a member of the Craft. If the deceased never obtained the Third Degree, should the square and compasses be positioned differently?

In regard to Masonic Funerals, the *Ahiman Rezon* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania states: "No Brother can be interred with the ceremonies of the Fraternity, unless he has advanced to the degree of a Master Mason, and at the time of his decease was a member of a Lodge, and in good Masonic standing, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master." Therefore, we can only assume that should a brother desire to have the square and compasses on his tombstone, he would first need to be in accordance with the *Ahiman Rezon* upon his death, thus the square and compasses would be positioned according to the Third Degree.

Historically, however, the square and compasses has been used on tombstones, mausoleum vaults, signage, etc., positioned in the form of any one of the Three Degrees. According to Mark A. Tabbert, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, MA, the square and compasses emblem has been used on signage in the position of any one of the Three Degrees, not necessarily used to depict a certain degree, but used at the discretion of the sign-maker by whichever was more simple to work with. An example of a square and compasses emblem being used and not denoting the deceased brother's standing in Freemasonry can be seen on the tombstone of Bro. Nathaniel Bedford, a Pennsylvania Mason in 1820(?) who was the first doctor in Pittsburgh and is interred at the Episcopal Diocese Cathedral graveyard in Pittsburgh. Bro. Bedford's tombstone has the square and compasses in the position of an Entered Apprentice Mason, but Bro. Bedford died a Master Mason. It has not been until more recent years that Grand Lodges have begun to set regulations on the proper uses of the square and compasses. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has no regulations pertaining to the use of the square and compasses for the deceased. (Source: *Ahiman Rezon*, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of PA, and *The Scottish Rite Museum of Our National Heritage*, MA.)

Where did the term "lodge" come from?

As with many things we can only speculate as to where the word "lodge" derived. Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived. Lodges of masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352; at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429; at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1483; and at St. Giles, Edinburgh in 1491. "Lodge" first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598. (Source: *The Short Talk Bulletin - Masonic Trivia*, The Masonic Service Association of North America, Silver Spring, MD, Sept. 1993)

Inspired by Bro. Washington's Display of Masonic "Working Tools"

In his "Friend-to-Friend/Brother-to-Brother: The Values of Brotherhood" testimonial, Bro. Samuel Lange, P.M. and W.M., said that Freemasonry has been good for him because "I see others working to be better and helping others by using (personifying) the tools of Freemasonry." He feels that way because the working tools of Freemasonry have served not only as a guide to his actions, but also as a hallmark in his 2001 programming as the Worshipful Master of Robert A. Lambertson Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia. Bro. Lange also was W.M. in 1960.

He long has been inspired by the biography of George Washington and the history of his achievements, including those as a Freemason. Considering the two motivating interests, Bro. Lange wondered if Brother, President, and General Washington was a "real Mason." Did he live his every day life with the principles and values of Freemasonry close to him as reflected by the working tools of the Fraternity? Bro. Lange went on a search to satisfy his curiosity and found the answer almost by chance.

When he and his wife visited Washington, DC last year, Bro. Lange looked everywhere and came away empty-handed. But, he said that when they stopped at the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) headquarters, "I walked into their museum and there to the right was an exhibit on George Washington, including his Masonic apron and his personal wine decanter. The tools of Freemasonry were engraved on the decanter." He felt that he had his answer right there. "I could envision him (Bro. Washington) looking at the tools and thinking what he had done that day and what he could do the next day. I could feel it - George Washington was a real

Mason. I read later that Bro. Washington had the decanter made (for his home and personal use)."

Now, his brethren in the lodge share the information about and the enthusiasm for Bro. Washington and for the teachings of the working tools of Freemasonry. As W.M. this year, he gives a personal Masonic token, a tie clip with the working tools of Freemasonry on it, to each brother and tells the story of George Washington. The programs this year in Robert A. Lambertson Lodge have been about the working tools of Freemasonry, about working to make good men better, and about brothers serving to help others. For the November meeting, there will be a discussion on "The Tools of Freemasonry." Also, for a Masonic Birthday, he presents the brother with a money clip that has the working tools emblazoned on it.



In front of the portrait of Bro. George Washington, Samuel Lange, W.M. (left), Robert A. Lambertson Lodge No. 487, presents tools of Freemasonry gifts to Carl D. Homan, P.M., and John Holz, P.M.

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D.A.R.E. Trainees at 750 - and Growing

In September, another class of 35 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers participated in training at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown. When graduated, they brought the total number of police officers trained courtesy of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children to more than 750. One more of those classes in 2001 was scheduled for training in October. Additionally, a middle school mentor training will be held, expanding the program into the upper grades. The support of Pennsylvania Masons makes it possible for more communities across the Commonwealth to have this vital program.

The entire D.A.R.E. Program is being revamped with the benefit of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. All of the updated training will be at the Patton Campus with the Foundation for Children as the host. The Samuel C. Williamson Multimedia Center in Memorial Hall, along with the upgrading of all of the facilities at the Patton Campus, has given law enforcement in Pennsylvania a most modern training center for D.A.R.E.

Funds Raised to Help Accident Victim

Four lodges of the 50th Masonic District responded to a call to help brother Jay A. Benfield, P.M., Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy, who lost one leg and suffered a weakened knee in the other when a wall collapsed on him and he was trapped overnight. The lodges - Whitfield Lodge and Portland Lodge No. 311; Manquey Lodge No. 413, Bath; and Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco - raised a combined total of more than \$22,000 in contributions from their members. On behalf of the four participating lodges, Dennis B. Schall, Sr., W.M., Manquey Lodge, presented a check to Bro. Benfield.

The wall fell on Bro. Benfield while he was alone in his church the day after Christmas doing volunteer work installing computer and telecommunications wiring. Trapped under construction materials which had become dislodged, he was unable to free himself or to communicate with anyone. He spent the night trapped until workmen arrived the next morning to free him and have him rushed to the hospital. The trauma necessitated amputation of the left leg above the knee and the right knee will require surgical attention once he becomes more mobile with his prosthesis.

Three Degrees Conferred on Serviceman

By virtue of a dispensation granted by Robert L. Duge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, all three degrees were conferred in one evening on John David Walker (center) in Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753, Indiana. Bro. Walker was on furlough from active duty in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, NC. Pictured with him are his brother Wayne Walker, S.D., and Daniel L. Myers, W.M. (right).



"Meeting in the Hills" Now a Tradition

The "meeting in the hills" has become a tradition among three lodges in the 30th Masonic District. The fourth annual meeting in the hills was held June 29 attended by 368 members from 54 lodges representing eight states.

On an unbearably hot night in July 1998, the idea for a "meeting in the hills" was born. It is not clear whether Paul E. (Sam) Truxel III, P.M., or Jeffrey M. Wonderling, then Worshipful Master of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connellsville, and now D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District, initiated the discussion about possibly moving the September stated meeting out of the bake-oven atmosphere of the third floor of the Masonic Temple in Connellsville.

It's amazing how fast and effective networking is in this Fraternity. Within a few days, someone mentioned the discussion to Alex Christner, P.M., of James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson, who owned a parcel of land that would be a suitable location. Bro. Christner allowed Richard Stemmler, then D.D.G.M., and Bro. Wonderling to tour and inspect the property, which was found to be a perfect grove setting in "no-man's land." The only question was, because of its seclusion, would the brethren be able to find it, but recent attendance answered that.

With the proper dispensation, plans for a meeting in the hills were laid and a tradition was born. Three lodges - King Solomon's Lodge, James Cochran Lodge, and Marion Lodge No. 562, Scottsdale - work together and rotate the responsibilities for arranging and conducting the yearly meeting in the hills. D.D.G.M. Wonderling noted that the three lodges act in unanimity and currently are working together to build a Masonic Center.

Before this year's meeting, arranged by King Solomon's Lodge, Bro. Truxel and his father, Paul E. Sr., P.M., and their crew of 12, working without electricity or running water, served 12-oz. strip steaks with all of the accompaniments. The officers were chauffeured to the lodge meeting site in a mule-drawn wagon driven by Robert Kauffman of Marion Lodge. Again, by special dispensation, the brethren were dressed in appropriate casual attire. After the meeting, the "Knife and Fork" degree was conferred and hot apple dumplings with ice cream were served.

The site for the "meeting in the hills" is now properly identified as "Christner's Grove" by a stone engraved with a 10-inch square and compasses emblem. The marker was presented to Alex Christner (second from left), owner of the property. Making the presentation were Jeffrey M. Wonderling (second from right), D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District; Kenneth F. Steward, Jr., (left) W.M., Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy; and Theodore L. Hay, S.W., King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connellsville.



Masons of Note



Stanley E. Pope, P.M.

(Center), a warrant member of Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco, was presented a 50-Year Emblem of Gold by **Bruce E. Fox, D.D.G.M.**, 50th Masonic District (left), during his official visitation to the lodge in June.

Homer Jones, P.D.D.G.M.

(right), and a member of Pocono Lodge, assisted Bro. Fox in the presentation. It also was Past Masters' Night, well attended by 27 past masters, 17 of whom were from Pocono lodge. Earlier in the year, 50-Year Emblems of Gold were presented to two Pocono Lodge members: **George Ginther, P.M.**, also a warrant member, by Bros. Fox and Jones; and to **Carl T. Ludden**, in MacCalla Lodge No. 596, Souderton, by **Jesus A. Rodriguez, D.D.G.M.**, 8th Masonic District.



A distinguished reception was held June 26 to celebrate the **Theodore K. Warner, Jr. Professorship in Business Law** made possible by a gift from the Independence Foundation, a Philadelphia-based foundation specializing in funding for nurse-managed primary health care, culture and the arts, and public interest legal services. The Warner Professorship was endowed in 1998 to honor "Ted" K. Warner, Jr. and recognize his service to the Foundation as a member of its Board of Trustees since 1991, including serving as its President and Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Warner spent 30 years with the Pennsylvania Railroad, later Penn Central, rising to Vice President of Accounting and Taxes. He is a member of Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751, (Tacony) Philadelphia, a P.D.D.G.M., Masonic District D, a member of the Trustees of Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of Grand Lodge, a former member of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and through the years has performed numerous other services for the Grand Lodge.



The borough of Oakdale threw a birthday party on July 16 for its mayor, **June Earl Austin**, a member of Oakdale Lodge No. 669. At age 100, Bro. Austin is heralded by his community as "the most distinguished and oldest mayor in America." He was appointed Oakdale's mayor in 1994 at the "tender age of 94." He then ran successfully for four-year terms in 1995 and 1999. In his earlier career, Bro. Austin was a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, during which time he met many celebrities including President and Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt and actress Jean Harlowe. He married his only girlfriend, Emma, on New Year's Eve, 1924. She died in 1980. He is the father of three daughters and has ten grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Kennett Square Awards Two Scholarships

For the fifth consecutive year, Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square, has awarded scholarships to local students. This year, \$1,000 scholarships were given to Erica Larson of Chadds Ford, a graduate of Unionville High School who will major in business at Boston College, and to Veronica Salpan of Kennett Square, a graduate of Kennett Square High School who will major in molecular biology at West Chester University. In the past year, the lodge has given a total of \$10,000 to the following community organizations: Kennett Volunteer Fire Co., PO-MAR-LIN Volunteer Fire Co., the Paoli Memorial Hospital wheelchair fund, the YMCA summer camp program, and the Bayard Taylor Memorial Hospital.

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A Glorious Day for Pennsylvania Freemasonry at The Little League World Series in Williamsport

It was a perfectly glorious day for Pennsylvania Freemasonry and the Little League at the Little League World Series game Aug. 18 in Williamsport — the weather, the Masonic ceremonies, the nostalgia, the young ballplayers, the excitement, the camaraderie, and the spirited community concert.

In a traditional ceremony two hours before the start of the Little League game, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, and the R.W. Grand Lodge officers symbolically placed the date stone for the Little League's new Volunteer Stadium. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.D.G.M., testified that the new stadium was plumb, level, and square, then he and William Slater II, R.W.S.G.W., and Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W., spread the corn, wine, and oil and declared the date stone duly placed.

Immediately after the ceremony, Grand Master Dluge unveiled the new big league-style scoreboard that was donated by the Masons of Pennsylvania. The head of the scoreboard was covered with a banner proclaiming "The 2001 Little League World Series" which fell at the unveiling to reveal the wording "In Memory of Carl E. Stotz by Pennsylvania Freemasons." Below that, square and compass emblems flank "Welcome to the Little League World Series."

Concluding the ceremonies in the stadium, the Grand Master introduced the members of the Stotz family who were in the stands and invited everybody to join him outside the stadium for the unveiling of a statue in memory of the late Bro. Stotz. He was a member of the John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport, who conceived the idea of organized baseball for young boys that resulted in the founding of the first program in 1939. The statue depicts Bro. Stotz as the coach with a young ball player, Gary Richey, a member of the 1954 all-star team who was present for the unveiling.

When it came time to play ball, Grand Master Dluge took the mound for the ceremonial first pitch. His battery mate was Deputy Grand Master Cunningham. (It can be considered a perfect pitch because the new scoreboard didn't register it as either a strike or a ball.)

The Grand Lodge officers, who symbolically placed the date stone for the Little League's new Volunteer Stadium and unveiled the scoreboard provided by the Masons of Pennsylvania, are pictured with the Lettermen (three at right), who sang "The Star Spangled Banner" to start the game.



Ready to throw out the ceremonial first pitch are the battery mates, Grand Master Dluge and Deputy Grand Master Cunningham.

R.W. Grand Master Dluge (left) and R.W.J.G.W. Aungst (right) express their appreciation to Bro. Douglas Hayhurst for his efforts in conceiving and designing the Bro. Carl E. Stotz memorial statue for sculpting and coordinating the placement of it.



He Transformed Vision into Monumental Reality

Twenty months ago, a memorial statue of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz was a vision. Today it is a monumental reality, due in a large part to the volunteer efforts and professional labors of Bro. Douglas Hayhurst, of Muncy Lodge No. 299.

He is credited by Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W.J.G.W. and coordinator of the memorial project, with being the person who took the vision of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., interpreted it into a concept and design for sculpting, and then coordinated the placement of the statue at the entrance to the stadium complex of the Little League World Series in South Williamsport.

Bro. Hayhurst and his wife, Ruth, operate Hayhurst Rock of Ages, a monument business that has been family-owned in Muncy since 1928. Bro. Hayhurst was the direct contact with the crafter of the statue, Rock of Ages in Vermont, and its sculptor, John Hainin.

When asked about his involvement and dedication to this project, Bro. Hayhurst explained:

"When we learned of the wonderful project (that) the Grand Master of Pennsylvania was proposing, we immediately became inspired to become involved. Masonic Lodge and Little League! There could not be a better coming together of two fabulous organizations, both honoring the wonderful memory of Brother Carl E. Stotz. This splendid statue and the opportunity to be involved will long be recalled by me as another of the highlights of my life. I am deeply gratified and honored to have had the opportunity to serve."

"Little League always has been a heart-warming organization to me. What I truly admire most in Little League is the fantastic network of volunteerism. No other organization (that) I know, by far, operates with the unbelievable high percentage of volunteers to make it work."

This is the third monument about Little League with which the Hayhursts have been involved. They first offered their services in 1989 when they crafted and completed the "I Got It" memorial honoring Carl Stotz which was erected at the site of the first sanctioned Little League Series games in Williamsport's Bowman Field. Soon thereafter, they were called upon to design and craft the personal memorial for Carl E. Stotz in the park of Garden View, close to the late Bro. Stotz's home.



The Grand Lodge elected officers and members of the ceremonial team flank the members of the Stotz family after the unveiling of the statue.



Thousands Enjoy Community Concert Offered by Pennsylvania Freemasons

In tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Carl E. Stotz, the founder of Little League Baseball, Pennsylvania Freemasons presented an evening open-air concert for the community in the "Quad" at Lycoming College starring Don McLean and the Lettermen. They invited the public and they came by the thousands.

The Lettermen performed first in a non-stop hour-long performance, sang their memorable popular lyrics typified by their first hit, "The Way You Look Tonight." After a half-hour intermission, singer and song-writer Don McLean topped off the highly spirited evening with an hour-long performance climaxed with his well-known "American Pie" to which the enthusiastic audience joined in each chorus singing the words "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie..."

There was no official count available for the free concert, but security personnel estimated the crowd at approximately 8,000 persons.

Pennsylvania Masons' first lady, Debbie Dluge, is serenaded by the Lettermen during the performance. Many fans from the audience were welcomed by the Lettermen to have similar pictures taken with the Lettermen as they performed.



Joe Paterno Receives The John Wanamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal

Legendary Penn State University head football Coach Joseph V. Paterno was honored by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania with the presentation of the John Wanamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal.

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. presented the award to Joe Paterno following a Committee on Masonic Homes meeting at the Carnegie House, State College, during a private luncheon held in the Coach's honor.

Joe Paterno is recognized by many as one of the greatest college football coaches of all time, having coached for more than 50 years. His volunteer services and philanthropic endeavors make him unique among colleges and universities nationwide. "Mr. Paterno does not only emulate good sportsmanship, he practices it in his daily life," said Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W.G.M., while presenting the award. "He is the most outstanding example, in my opinion, of what a true sportsman should be."

Paterno said during his address after receiving the Wanamaker medal, "I get a lot of different awards, but this represents a very special group of people and I'm very honored for you to honor me, to reach out and say 'here is somebody we admire and appreciate what he has done' — and, I hope is going to do a few more things before it is all said and done. I appreciate it and I'm very humbled."

The John Wanamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal was created by resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1993 and is awarded to a non-Mason, male or female, who supports the ideals and phi-



Penn State's legendary football coach, Joe Paterno, accepts The John Wanamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal from Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master.



losophy of the Masonic Fraternity.

Famous Philadelphia merchant and Mason, John Wanamaker (1838-1922), for whom the medal is named, was an outstanding public-spirited citizen who devoted his life to

doing good for the betterment of humanity. His Masonic character was intimately tied to his business practice and summed up in a memorial tablet surmounting the Wanamaker department store (now Lord and Taylor), Philadelphia, on the celebration of its Completion Day in 1910. It reads: "Let those who follow me continue to build with the Plumb of Honor, the Level of Truth, and the Square of Integrity, Education, Courtesy and Mutuality. — John Wanamaker"

The John Wanamaker Masonic Humanitarian Medal has been presented sparingly, to maintain the great prestige associated with an award created by resolution of the Grand Lodge. Since 1993, only five persons have been honored with the Wanamaker medal.

Big Family Picnic for 37th District

Clowns from Syria Shrine, Pittsburgh, cavorted and Burke's Bavarian Band from Beaver Falls played foot-tapping music while a crowd of 440 Masons, their families, and their friends feasted and frolicked at the 37th Masonic District's family picnic at Brady's Run Park.



Autumn Day 2001

Crowds estimated at more than 7,000 enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship of Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Sept. 15.



Masonic Children's Home Experiences Football Mania!

Football mania was the hot thing at the Masonic Children's Home in July. Within a week's time, the Children's Home was visited by some of the football players from Pennsylvania's elite scholastic team, the Big 33, and by the four-time San Francisco 49ers' Super Bowl quarterback Joe Montana.

Big 33 Players Visit

Five Big 33 football players, three cheerleaders, and a coach visited the Masonic Children's Home on July 16. It was the seventh year in a row that Big 33 participants have visited the Masonic Children's Home.

"The Big 33 football players and cheerleaders are positive role models for our children," said Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services at the Masonic Homes and a member of the Operations Committee for Big 33.

Each year, the top 33 high school seniors from throughout Pennsylvania are selected by the Pennsylvania Scholastic High School Football Association to travel to Hershey for a week to play 33 all-stars from Ohio. This year the game was held on July 21 and the Pennsylvania team won!

According to Bro. Cash, the game is deemed by many as the "Super Bowl of high school football," since there has never been a Super Bowl played that did not include an alumnus of the Big 33 game.

Funds from the Big 33 game go toward non-athletic scholarships for high school students.



Masonic Children's Home residents get to know Big 33 player Kevin Jones during the players' visit to Elizabethtown.

Joe Montana Visits



Joe Montana poses for a picture with residents of the Masonic Children's Home.

Hershey Stadium on July 23. As a member of the Operations Committee for the Big 33, Bro. Cash was responsible for chaperoning him to appointments leading up to the game.

At the Masonic Children's Home, the football legend greeted the children, posed for pictures, and signed autographs. This was a very exciting day for the kids and staff!

Consider Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes

On June 12, nearly 500 prospective residents attended a retirement living open house at Elizabethtown. The event provided an array of opportunities: informative speakers, a question-and-answer session, a luncheon, and tours.

The activities of the day began in the Freemasons Cultural Center. In the newly renovated Deike Auditorium, an overview of retirement and residential living was presented. Following the session, a luncheon was served in the Brossman Ballroom, with residents of retirement living serving as table hosts and hostesses. The luncheon provided guests with the opportunity to interact and socialize with residents who currently reside in the community. In the afternoon, tours were offered of residents' apartments and cottages.

The next retirement living open house is scheduled for Dec. 14 in the Keystone Room of the Retirement Living Clubhouse. If you are interested in attending, please call 1-(800)-676-6452 to make your reservation.

Currently, there is a waiting list for all areas of retirement living at Elizabethtown. Prospective residents were encouraged to plan for their future by placing their names on the priority list.

If you, too, are considering a retirement community for your future, why not consider retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown? You will be able to choose from various living accommodations with peace of mind in knowing that quality health care services are available should you ever need them.

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Residents Host Employee Appreciation Evening

Residents at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown wanted to do more than say a simple "thank you" to the employees of their community. So they planned a "Thanks for the Services - Employee Appreciation Evening" on Aug. 12, when they demonstrated not only their appreciation but also their talents for the employees' enjoyment.

More than 400 employees and approximately 200 of their guests attended the event, which was planned and funded by residents across the campus and held in the Brossman Ballroom.

Ginny Schrecker, First Vice President of the Retirement Living Residents' Association, chaired a committee of residents that organized the evening's events: a buffet dinner; door prizes including gift certificates to area restaurants; a video produced by Bro. Warren Nace of residents' testimonials commending the Masonic Homes' staff; a poem, choral renditions; party favors designed by resident Elaine Bleiler; and photos by Bro. William Boone. Bro. Henry Clay, the Retirement Living Residents' Association President, was the emcee; Bro. Nace, the D.J.; and Bro. Charles Cornelius entertained as a comedian.



Bro. Robert and Carol Heinrichs greet employees at the Employee Appreciation Evening.



Bro. Charles Cornelius entertains employees with jokes.



Bro. Warren Nace "spins tunes" during the event.

Eastern Masonic Picnic a Huge Success

With an attendance of almost 1,400, the annual Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic on June 7 at Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom near Allentown again was a huge success. In addition, more than 100 youth from the Masonic Children's Home and various Masonically related youth organizations attended through the generous support of lodges throughout Region 1. Left



to right in the picture, three D.D.G.M.s - Dale H. Ferra, Masonic District E; W. Richard Dillon, 40th Masonic District; and Charles T. Graham, Masonic District D - joined Charlie Brown and Snoopy to entertain a group of the young picnickers.

Development Department Changes Name

The Development Department at the Masonic Homes has changed its name to the Office of Gift Planning. The name was changed for better representative of the varied services offered through the Office of Gift Planning such as contributions, gifts-in-kind, and gift planning through annuities, trusts, pooled income fund, and bequests.

The purpose of the office has always been to provide support and advice to members on ways to contribute to the missions of the Masonic Charities. The new name more clearly conveys this purpose.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about any of these services, please call 1-(800)-599-6454 and ask for Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region.

Model Railroad Club Announces Open Houses

The Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad (MH&EMR) Club invites all model railroad enthusiasts to visit during their upcoming open houses, which will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month from October 2001 through June 2002, at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Come see the club's trolleys, O-gauge, HO-gauge, N-gauge, Z-gauge, and "standard gauge" trains running!

There is no cost for admittance. The building is wheelchair accessible. Community groups for adults and/or children may schedule additional tour dates and times. For more information, call Bro. Walt Weidner at (717)-367-5328.



Finding the Good Life at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

One day Bro. Edward Beaman, Coraopolis Lodge No. 674, looked slowly around his backyard shed at all the maintenance equipment and machines he had accumulated. He suddenly realized that far too much of his time was being spent changing oil and filters and generally keeping up with the homestead. "There is so much enjoyment in life besides cutting grass, painting, and worrying about someone breaking into your home," said the future resident of the Masonic Village at Sewickley. This realization began an exciting journey in retirement living for him and his wife, Catherine.

Bro. Beaman, a member of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674, Coraopolis, feels that once you reach 60, it's time to start thinking about downsizing and beginning to appreciate life. While he enjoyed his many years working for a major steel producer, now is the time that he and Catherine look forward to enjoying the best years of their lives. Mrs. Beaman, a member of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of The Eastern Star, also enjoyed a successful career as a secretary while together they raised three children.

The Beamans were among the earliest to reserve retirement living apartments at the new lifecare community. They had been to Elizabethtown on a Masonic outing and fell in love with the vast campus. However, it was just too far from their friends and church. When they received a survey inquiring about interest in a community in Sewickley, they responded with excitement. It seems the Beamans were not alone.

As ground is being leveled for the first retirement living apartment complex, its units are already more than 40 percent reserved as future residents can choose between eight different floor plans, including one- and two-bedroom apartments. In November the now fully occupied Star Points Building for assisted living was completed.

The Beamans selected a two-bedroom apartment with a balcony. "We like the big kitchen and big closets and we want to have our morning coffee out on the balcony," Mrs. Beaman explained. "The apartments are very spacious but not overbearing."

Recently, as the Beamans visited Catherine's mother twice a day in the Valley Care Masonic Center, the Masonic Village at Sewickley's health care center, they experi-

enced a new appreciation for the entire community. Bro. Beaman shared, "Having 'Grandma' in the nursing center gives us good insight into what the Masonic Village (at Sewickley) is capable of." With a daughter involved in social services, the Beamans appreciate that not all nursing care achieves the level of quality found at the Valley Care Masonic Center.

They also know that not everyone is fortunate enough to enjoy the lifestyle that the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers. After retiring, Bro. Beaman decided that they had been so blessed in life that it was time to give something back. They are now involved



As they sit in the living room of the community's model apartment, Bro. Edward and Catherine Beaman share the experiences that led them to selecting a home at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

in delivering Meals on Wheels and he serves as a "road-runner," transporting children who are in need of specialized surgery. Delivering meals to the elderly who are often trapped in their homes has provided a unique perspective on where life can take you, the Beamans said.

The Beamans are now looking forward to walking the trails around the campus and taking

advantage of the fitness center. Bro. Beaman is also looking forward to being able to just lock the door and travel without worrying. "My wife deserves this nice place," Mr. Beaman adds with a smile.

You, too, deserve a fulfilling lifestyle! For more information about retirement living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, please call toll free 1-(866)-972-0664 or complete and return the coupon below.

Send me more information about Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Send me a Masonic Village at Sewickley Brochure.
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Please complete coupon and return to:
Marketing Office
Masonic Village at Sewickley
1190 Merriman Road
Sewickley, PA 15143
1 (866) 972-0664

Giving Residential Living A New Look



See the beautiful new look for the residential living area at the Masonic Homes for yourself! Pictured above is a resident lounge located in the Grand Lodge Hall.

You are invited to visit the residential living area at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown to view the recent renovations that have given the Grand Lodge Hall and other residential living accommodations a new look.

Residential living has accommodations in nine beautiful buildings within a peaceful setting. Private rooms with bath are available, as well as two-room suites designed for couples. The Masonic Homes provides full furnishings for the rooms; however, many individuals furnish their rooms with items from home. It is the Masonic Homes' goal to have all residents comfortable in their new homes.

Residents are served three meals a day in the Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room. Also in the same convenient location, residents may shop at the new Village Shoppe or Hope Chest for necessities or for gifts. There are specially designed areas for small or large gatherings, resident meetings, and quiet reading areas, including a library and a beautiful solarium. New recreational facilities are available for craft projects, ceramics, shuffleboard, and card parties, to name a few.

Staff members would be glad to show you residential living's new look. For more information or a tour of the residential living area, please call the Admissions and Resident Services Office at 1-(800)-422-1207 to request a brochure or to speak with a staff person. Or, fill out and return the coupon below.

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 the Marketing Counselor call me at the phone number above.

I am interested in:
☐ Residential Living ☐ Assisted Living ☐ Health Care Services

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

Shield & Square Club Honors Officer of The Year



The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children presented the annual Officer of the Year award to Officer Timothy Roche (center), of the Township of Derry Police Department, at the Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club banquet June 18 at the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. The award is presented to the officer chosen by his peers as an outstanding example of courage and unselfishness in the performance of his duties. Presenting the award were Joseph W. Dows (right), D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District and Regional Coordinator for the Shield and Square Club, and William T. Bergman (left), President of the Foundation for Children. Also present for the award ceremony were Bro. and Col. Paul J. Evanko, Vice President of the Shield and Square Club and Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police; Bro. and Lt. Col. Thomas K. Coury, Trustee of the club and a Deputy Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police; and Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation for Children.

A Cart Full of Appreciation

Bro. Richard L. Knoebel was surprised on July 4th (hence the Uncle Sam top hat), with a very special gift from R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr. and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children in recognition of the 75th anniversary of Knoebel's Grove Amusement Park. Grand Master Dlugie said that it was a great pleasure to present him with a glistening white golf cart sporting the logos of the Foundation for Children and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania which will catch the eyes of the million-plus visitors to the amusement park each year. Bro. Knoebel, a member of Elysburg Lodge No. 414, has been a strong supporter of Masonry in many ways for many years. Accompanying the Grand Master for the presentation were Earl D. Mordun, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon, and Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation for Children.



P.Y.F. Awards 2001-2002 Scholarships to 20 Students

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation conducts a highly competitive scholarship program each year, and this year more than 225 applications were considered by the P.Y.F. Educational Endowment Fund Committee. The committee uses a formula that takes into account the applicants' academics, financial need, Masonic relationship and youth group participation, and civic activity. This year, the committee selected 20 students to receive \$39,000 in awards for the 2001-2002 academic year. There were many more deserving students than available awards to give away. Contributions to the P.Y.F. Educational Endowment Fund are encouraged, as they will allow the endowment fund to make available more awards to deserving applicants.

Congratulations to these award winners:

\$3,000 Grand Master's Scholarship

Sean W. Tracey, grandson of Bro. Ralph W. Tracey, Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle.

\$2,000 Grand Master's Scholarship

Louis W. Gettel, Jr., Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the son of Bro. Louis W. Gettel, Sr., Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 747, Pittsburgh.

Amy L. Guyer, Latrobe Bethel No. 5, Order of Job's Daughters, and granddaughter of Bro. Elden C. Harris, Acacia Lodge No. 355, Blairsville.

David Haffley, Erie Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and son of Bro. Aaron Haffley, Tyrian Lodge No. 362, Erie.

Melissa Logan, Reading Assembly No. 33, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and daughter of Bro. Stephen R. Logan, Sr., Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown.

Timothy B. Mueller, grandson of Bro. Ray W. Bortmess, Perry-Lonic Lodge No. 796, Wexford.

\$1,000 Grand Master's Scholarship

Gregory M. Schaeffer, Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and the son of Bro. Charles W. Schaeffer, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf.

\$2,000 Herman Witte Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Gettig, daughter of Bro. Paul Gettig, Hazle Lodge No. 327, Hazleton.

Emily B. Hemphill, granddaughter of Bro. Frederick T. Hemphill, Williamson Lodge No. 431, Saltsburg.

Justin V. Wick, grandson of Bro. Alex Popp, Henry H. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela.

\$2,000 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

Quarterly Communication on Dec. 8 in Elizabethtown

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will convene at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 in Salons I and II of the Brossman Ballroom in the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes. Among the business to be transacted will be election of Grand officers and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes for the ensuing Masonic year.

Annual Grand Communication on Dec. 27

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will convene at 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 27, in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, at which time the Grand officers will be installed.

Educational Endowment Fund Scholarship

Amanda J. Bressler, daughter of Bro. Robert W. Bressler, Milton Lodge No. 256.

Jill M. Floyd, granddaughter of Bro. Harry Floyd, McKeesport Lodge No. 641.

\$1,500 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

Educational Endowment Fund Scholarship

David L. Gilbert, son of Bro. Donald L. Gilbert, Ligonier Lodge No. 331.

\$2,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth H. Beltz, daughter of Bro. Richard T. Beltz, Mahanoy City Lodge No. 357.

Kimberly J. Bush, daughter of Bro. Ronald E. Bush, Jr., Reading Lodge No. 549, West Reading.

Allison A. Petonic, granddaughter of Bro. John G. Nelson, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg.

Sarah M. Shirer, daughter of the late Bro. Robert J. Shirer, New Temple Lodge No. 720, Allentown.

Kimberly L. Swank, daughter of Bro. William A. Swank, Kittanning East Brady Lodge No. 244, Kittanning.

Lauren L. Wagner, Greensburg Bethel No. 3, Order of Job's Daughters, and daughter of Bro. Charles D. Wagner, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg.

\$1,500 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship

Brian J. Bush, son of the late Bro. Alton J. Bush, Leechburg Lodge No. 577.

A.S.E.R.B. Awards Record 12 Scholarships



A record 12 scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded at the 37th annual Scholarship Banquet of the American Serbian Eastern Rite Brothers (A.S.E.R.B.) June 16 at the Serbian American Cultural Center in Weirton, WV. To date, A.S.E.R.B. has awarded 191 scholarships totaling \$134,350.

Recipients of the awards, their hometowns, and the respective universities or colleges that they planned to attend are: Ian Anastas, West Mifflin, Edinboro University; Autumn Drakovic, Trafford, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Marija Jankovic, Hermitage, Slippery Rock University; Bogdan Maksimovic, Weirton, WV, Dominican College; Lauren Mrkal, Moon Twp., University of Pittsburgh; Maja Nisic, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University; Brian Radakovich, Steubenville, OH, Youngstown State University; Matthew Ridjanec, Center Twp., College of William and Mary; Zachary Sietz, Johnstown, Lock Haven University; Kristina Springhorn, Monroeville, Washington and Jefferson College; Ashley Taylor, Aliquippa, College of Wooster; and Gabriel Tbovich, Pittsburgh, West Virginia University.

Lodge No. 143 Helps Salvation Army Unit

A \$24,000 contribution from George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, is a major reason the Salvation Army of Chambersburg placed into service its new mobile emergency disaster services unit. The vehicle will be available to assist all Franklin County fire departments as well as the fire departments of surrounding counties when requested. Bro. Larry Shoemaker, Chairman of the Salvation Army Disaster Unit and member of George Washington Lodge noted that the contribution represented nearly half of the vehicle's cost and said, "I am very proud that the Lodge was a major sponsor for this very important community asset which will serve the area for more than 20 years." The Masonic insignia is displayed on the driver's side and on the left rear door of the vehicle in recognition of the Lodge's support. The vehicle was dispatched Sept. 11 to New York City for assistance in the World Trade Center disaster rescue efforts.



Celebrate the Season

The Masonic snowflake, a seasonal ornament recently designed and commissioned by The Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, is now available for purchase. This handsomely designed piece will enable you to display the spirit of the fraternity during the holiday season. The design consists of a beautiful 3 1/2-inch snowflake surrounding a square and compasses and provides a unique three-dimensional appearance. You and your family have the opportunity to treasure this unique seasonal ornament for years to come. Available in gold or silver, it is priced at \$15 and is available through the Grand Lodge web site (www.pagrandlodge.org) or by calling 1 (800) 336-7317.

Brethren Fund Help After Tragedy



On behalf of the members of LaFayette Lodge No. 652, Carnegie, a check for \$2,600 was presented to the Lauren Phillips Trust Fund by Dugan W. Muzzey, W.M., (Second from right) and Robert A. Lange, P.M. (Left). The check was received by M. Jeanna Bundy, representing PNC Bank and the Lauren Phillips Trust Fund and witnessed by Bro. Lawrence Phillips, (right).

Lauren Marie, the daughter of Lawrence, was brutally murdered in front of her nine-month old twins in the Fall of 2000. Their grandfather cared for the children until his son and daughter-in-law, who live in another state, could adopt them. When lodge members learned of the trust fund, they resolved to help and collected the money necessary for the grant to help the two small children.

Gift Shop: One-Stop Shopping On-Line

The on-line Gift Shop of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is your one-stop source for supplies, jewelry, aprons, books, and gifts related to the Masonic fraternity. The on-line Gift Shop has undergone significant improvements to make your shopping experience quicker and easier. The complete product selection is there and you can add or delete items from your "shopping cart" as you browse through all of the items. All major credit cards are accepted and your transaction is guaranteed to be secure and safe. Come on line and shop for the holidays at www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop.

A Pin for the Ladies

A newly designed pin for the ladies of Masons that was commissioned by R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Duge, Jr. has been produced and is now available at \$4 in the Gift Shop at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The pin also can be purchased from the Gift Shop through the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagrandlodge.org, or by mail.



Motorcycling Masons

The elected officers of Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley, gather at lodge for the purpose of the good fellowship within our Craft, but they also share a common bond in their love of riding motorcycles. Before a recent meeting of their lodge, (l-r) Joseph Barth, W.M.; Robert Merriman, S.W., and William Repack, J.W., gathered outside of the lodge to show off their motorcycles to the brothers. This photograph of camaraderie appeared in several newspapers in the area of the lodge.



Western PA Tall Cedars Honor D.D.G.M.s



District Deputy Grand Masters from six Western Pennsylvania districts were honored by Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and greeted by Herbert C. Wolstoncroft, Jr., Grand Tall Cedar (front, center), on June 9 as part of the Forest's 50th anniversary year activities. During the evening, three of the district deputies became members of the Forest: Thomas M. Gasmire, 29th Masonic District; William H. Weichsel, 37th Masonic District; and Kurt R. Tesche, 54th Masonic District. The other district deputies attending, who are members of the Forest, were Craig W. Suppo, 31st Masonic District; D. William Roberts, 47th Masonic District; and John W. Hsiro, 49th Masonic District. Also initiated were two past district deputy grand masters, William M. Baily, 29th Masonic District, and David S. Kielman, 55th Masonic District. They joined other past district deputies who are members, including R.W.P.G.M. John L. McCain; R.W.P.G.M. Edward H. Fowler, Jr.; Thomas K. Sturgeon; Charles W. Doege, Sr.; George H. Hott, Jr.; Walter L. Sykes; Thomas E. Westfall, Sr.; all members of the Forest. (Not present for the picture were: Bros. McCain, Fowler, Suppo, Sturgeon, and Hott.)

JOHN R. MILLER, D.D.G.M., AGE 59

John R. Miller, age 59, D.D.G.M., Masonic District B, died suddenly July 22 while on vacation in Virginia.

He was a Past Master of University Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, and served as a D.D.G.M. since 1998. He was a member of Abington Holy Royal Arch Chapter of York Rite.

A U.S. Army infantryman from 1961-1965 of the Vietnam War, Bro. Miller also was a member of the Honor Guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Caisson Platoon, the Pipe and Drum Corps, and member of the Old Guard. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow and had been very active in Scouting for more than 30 years before and after his military service.

Fraternal Team Builds Habitats for Humanity

A team of ten Masons and a member of the Knights of Columbus watched with great satisfaction late last summer during an open house celebration for the fifth Habitat for Humanity house constructed in South Waverly. As volunteers, they got the job done.

Donald E. Adams, P.M., Rural Amity Lodge No. 70, Athens, who led the team, said that five of the volunteer workers were past masters. The brethren of Rural Amity Lodge assisting him in the construction project were: Craig W. Griffiths, P.M.; Raymond J. Tippet, Jr., P.M.; Donald H. Rogers, P.M.; Owen H. Fassett, Jr., P.M.; Gerald H. Laninger; Dale E. Adams; and Gayle Adams. Also assisting were David E. Vaughn, of Temple Lodge No. 248, Trunkhamock, and Thomas Coolidge, Waverly-Chemung Valley Lodge No. 350, Chemung, NY. Ed Covert was the Knights of Columbus volunteer.

In a featured article on the "Spotlight" page of the local newspaper, *The Evening News*, on Saturday, July 28, a Habitat official applauded the team's efforts and was quoted, "We have two experienced builders, Craig Griffiths and Don Adams, who are both semi-retired. They are our building supervisors. They give a great deal of donated labor and they are volunteers. But, they work days and days - day in, day out. We couldn't have built those houses without them."

Arthur Thomas Moore, 88, Former Assistant to the Grand Master

Bro. Arthur Thomas Moore, 88, for many years the Assistant to the Grand Master and recipient of the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, died Aug. 28 in St. Petersburg, FL.

A native of McKeesport, Bro. Moore was educated there and at Wabash College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. During World War II, he was an officer in the Sea Coast Artillery and Military Government. In civilian life, he was a reporter-editor for *The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*. He served as the publicity chairman for Syria Temple and was the first editor of *The Voice of Syria* which he forged into a top Shrine newspaper and was largely responsible for the success of the circus and football game.

Bro. Moore was married to Marguerite (Peggy) M. Moore, a past grand officer of the Order of The Eastern Star and former

Robert J. Taylor Appointed D.D.G.M., Masonic District B

Robert J. Taylor, P.M., Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District B. He succeeds the late John R. Miller, who died suddenly while on vacation in July.

He is an active Scottish Rite Mason, currently serving as the S.W. of the Rose Croix Chapter, in York Rite, he is a member of Temple-Melita Chapter No. 183, Joppa Council No. 46, and St. John's Commandery No. 4. He is a Shriner in Lulu Temple. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research. He is an admissions counselor for the Masonic Homes.

Bro. Taylor, 59, is a retired contracts administrator, planner, and estimator at the U.S. Naval Base, Philadelphia. He and his wife, Dolores, have a daughter, Kathryn.



Laurence G. Hettich, 50, D.D.G.M.

Laurence G. Hettich, 50, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA.

Bro. Hettich, who had been serving as a D.D.G.M. since 1998, was W.M. of State College Lodge No. 700 in 1992 and 1993, and was a Senior Instructor in both Bellefonte and Clearfield Schools of Instruction. He was serving as 1st Lt. Commander of Williamsport Consistory, A.A.S.R. He was active in the York Rite bodies and had served as the presiding officer of Nittany Council, Royal and Select Master Masons, and successively as Recorder, Commander, and Treasurer of Constans Commandery No. 33, Knights Templar. He was a member of Williamsport Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of the degree team of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Centre Forest No. 129.

Bro. Hettich is survived by his wife, Nancy M. (Cline); a daughter, Jennifer Schutt; a sister, Carolyn Hettich; and a granddaughter. He was a self-employed cabinet maker.

"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 Dec. 27, in the main ballroom of the Philadelphia Convention Center.

The festivities will begin with a reception and conclude with a spectacular show. The Spirit of the Dance is a dramatic Irish dance production that weaves together dramatic Irish dance, primal forces of classical ballet, flamenco, red hot and jazz. It is a thrilling, foot-stomping production that leaves the audience gasping for breath.

The Spirit of the Dance is the International L. Company, one of the world's leading dance troupes. Irish dance, with its power, the blend of traditional and contemporary, weaves together dramatic Irish dance, primal forces of classical ballet, flamenco, red hot and jazz. It is a thrilling, foot-stomping production that leaves the audience gasping for breath.

Because of the exceptionally large early response for reservations, the Grand Master's banquet on Dec. 27 will be held in the Philadelphia Convention Center where an adjoining area has been acquired, allowing an increase in the number of accommodations from 1,900 to 2,400. All of those dinner and show tickets have been sold.

Those persons who will be dining in the adjoining area will be part of the brief banquet program by way of closed circuit video.

All attending the banquet will be together for the "Spirit of the Dance" performance in the large and ample space of the Convention Center Ballroom.

The tremendous support of the Brethren is greatly appreciated; however, we regret that we cannot accommodate all who wanted to attend and we apologize for the inconvenience caused by the unavailability of even larger facilities.



R.W. Grand Secretary

Donald L. Albert

Masons and the Battle of Gettysburg

I am sharing with you some of my studies of Freemasons who served at Gettysburg during the Civil War. Can you recall your first introduction to Freemasonry . . . or your first studies of the Civil War? My interest of the Civil War dates to my ninth grade high school days. My first recollection of Freemasonry was viewing Bro. Harry S. Truman's Masonic funeral service on television.

In 1863, there were approximately 2,400 residents in the town called Gettysburg. One day in July, more than 160,000 Union and Confederate soldiers, along with all their horses, arrived in Gettysburg. A battle broke out. As history tells us, the activities surrounding the battle at Gettysburg were devastating.

Many Masons played a large part in this battle such as: Henry Heth of Virginia, who led the Confederate charge on the first day; then Col. Joshua Chamberlain of Maine who made the magnificent stand on the second day; and, Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock of Pennsylvania, along with many Pennsylvania troops, who forced back Gen. George Pickett of Virginia on the third day; and Gen. James Kemper, P.M., (who later became Governor of Virginia) and Gen. Lewis Armistead, who was a member of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, the same lodge that Bro. George Washington served as the first Worshipful Master.

And, there was Gen. John Geary, who was in command of the Union troops on Culp's Hill. He previously was Mayor of San Francisco and Governor of Kansas and later would become Governor of Pennsylvania. During the "March to the Sea" from Atlanta, he saved the Masonic Temple of Solomon Lodge No. 1 from destruction in Savannah. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had constituted this lodge originally as Lodge No. 42.

Gen. Daniel Butterfield of New York, a staff officer, was at Gettysburg; however, he is best known for his writing of "Taps" and implementing corps badges. Also, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton of Pennsylvania was in charge of the cavalry that withstood the battlefield charge.

There was Gen. John Gordon of Georgia, who formally surrendered the Confederate Army at Appomattox to Gen. Chamberlain.

The real devastation was to the community and to those who fought in the battle — they are the ones who made the greatest contribution and their lives would never be the same.

On July of 1869, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania laid the cornerstone of the National Soldiers Monument in full Masonic ceremonies so that all might remember that battle as it is believed to have been the "high water mark of the Confederacy." In August of 1993, the Friend-to-Friend Masonic Memorial Monument was dedicated with full Masonic ceremonies commemorating the incident that occurred on the battlefield where Capt. Bingham, Gen. Armistead, and Gen. Hancock put their fraternal loyalty above political ideas and personal gains to help a brother in need.

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research To Meet Dec. 1 in Greensburg

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will meet 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Greensburg Masonic Center, Donohoe and George's Station Rds., Greensburg. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S. and Worshipful Master of the Lodge, said that two Masonic research papers will be presented. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research was warranted last Dec. 27 and held its initial meeting on June 9 at Elizabethtown. Membership is open to all Master Masons of recognized lodges. Membership in the Lodge of Research does not constitute dual membership. Information and petitions may be obtained from Charles S. Canning, Secretary, 2938 Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104. The membership fee is \$50 and the annual dues are \$25. All who join prior to this Dec. 27 will be considered charter members and will receive a lodge membership jewel. This is considered a "traveling lodge" that will meet semi-annually at selected sites throughout the jurisdiction.

Lodge No. 135 Presents Awards

Awards from the James S. Massey Scholarship Program of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135, Roxborough, were presented to (l-r): Amanda Feigel, Gretta Feigel, and Sean Kirkwood. An award to Charlotte Montgomery was accepted by her grandfather, John M. Montgomery (right rear). Present to receive contributions resulting from fund-raising were (right front) Irene Madrak and Ellen Salom, Executive Director and President, respectively, of the North Light Community Center. Pictured with the recipients are (left rear), Jeffrey S. Greene, D.D.G.M., Masonic District C, and Marc A. Umile, W.M.



Identity Incomplete on Testimonial

Apologies are in order for Bro. Joe W. Stornier. He was identified by only his first name and middle initial when excerpts of his testimonial were published in the "Friend-to-Friend/Brother-to-Brother: The Values of Brotherhood" booklet that was distributed with the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Here are the excerpts from his testimonial again:

Freemasonry has taught me to be humble, unpretentious, and to respect everyone. When you clasp a brother's hand . . . it gives you that brotherly love and affection feeling that makes you feel good all over. You don't have to tell people (that) you are a Mason; just live your life according to the charges of the three degrees and they will know there is something special about you.

—Joe W. Stornier,
George E. Wagner Lodge No. 639, St. Mary's

Degree was "Conferred" at Lafayette Hill

The August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* reported that a Fellow Craft Mason's Degree was "exemplified" during a historic meeting of Hiram Lodge No. 81, Chestnut Hill, the first time to anyone's recollection that a lodge meeting was held in the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill. The degree actually was "conferred;" the brother who was passed and since has been raised is Earl Stalker, IV, the son of the Worshipful Master, Earl Stalker, III.

