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The Office of Gift Planning of the Masonic Homes is located in the Freemason Cultural Center at the Elizabethtown Campus. The primary

mission of the Office of Gift Planning is to provide information to our members and donors about opportunities that are available to assist in the "Mission of Love" of the Masonic Homes.

Opportunities to give are provided in two major ways.

First, it is the responsibility of the Office of Gift Planning to communicate to the members and interested individuals about the many activities, programs, and needs of the Masonic Homes that are available for funding. By communicating such "Opportunities to Give" to our members and individual donors, gifts can be made to preserve, extend, and support the Masonic Homes' many charitable activities in its mission to provide the highest quality continuum care to its residents and valuable services to our friends in the community through our Outreach, Adult Day Care, Children's and Respite services.

Secondly, the Office of Gift Planning provides customized support for individuals interested in contributing to this mission. This support can be in the form of assisting an individual in making a current gift to support the Masonic Homes through a gift of cash, securities, or through a memorial or honorary contribution. Individual plans are also developed for making gifts that provide income to contributors for life or a period of time with the remaining funds at death or expiration of the time period being contributed towards the Masonic Homes mission. Such plans can include a gift annuity, pooled income fund, or charitable remainder trust.

For the year 2002, the Office of Gift Planning will emphasize two new programs with the support of the new Right Worshipful Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. These programs include the formation of a new recognition society for those individuals who have provided the ultimate gift of

remembering the Masonic Homes in their estate plans. This society, known as the "Franklin Society," provides an ongoing way for the Masonic Homes to say "thank you" to such individuals and provide them with the opportunity to be part of a group that has similar interests. Members of this society will receive valuable information about the Masonic Homes and will be invited to special events held throughout the year.

The second major initiative for 2002 involves communicating specific opportunities to give to the Masonic Homes and its many charitable services. Interested individuals will receive a regular communication of those items and/or programs that need assistance or funding. The Office of Gift Planning will work in a confidential, personal, and individual manner with interested individuals to prepare a customized plan for funding such opportunities to give and receiving proper recognition, if desired.



The Office of Gift Planning also plans to hold gatherings throughout the Commonwealth to discuss these opportunities to give with individual and lodge leadership.

For more information on Office of Gift Planning programs and the opportunities to give to the Masonic Homes "Mission of Love," please contact either Bros. Alvin H. Blitz or John R. McFadden at 1-800-599-6454 or complete and return the coupon below.



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Send me information about:

- ☐ Specific Opportunities to Give.
- ☐ Types of Gifts that Give Back such as Charitable Gift Annuities or Charitable Remainder Trusts.
- ☐ Participation in the new Franklin Society.
- ☐ Please contact me for a visit to discuss a customized plan for me on giving to the Masonic Homes.

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# The PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASON



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**Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.**  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

Attention Postmaster: Dated Material Enclosed



## BRETHREN,

What a day this has been! To be installed as the 114th R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania is a very humbling experience. I am honored and take so much pride in serving in this position. I know that the next two years will be rewarding for me, because I would rather serve than be served, and that is what I will seek to do well as your Grand Master.

Brethren, my theme for the first year is "Helping Others Pursue Excellence." In the past, we have said, "Excellence in Leadership." That remains necessary; but I believe by extending that principle we can all help each other reach a new level of achievement. Excellence often begins as a dream, a vision that lacks specific form. We can challenge that dream and individually, with your knowledge and experience, it can take on an identifiable definition of its own. Excellence requires dreams of a better tomorrow. We have a great Masonic past, a great heritage, and we always are seeking more knowledge based on our ancient past.

For us to obtain excellence, we must have growth in our lodges. To do that, we have to believe in ourselves. Toward that end, every member has a purpose — and the opportunity is there for you to help. I propose ten action "by" words that all of us can adopt and pursue very easily:

- by the sweat of your brow;
- by furthering, applying, and sharing your academic knowledge;
- by sharing your skills;
- by sharing your resources;
- by sharing your time;
- by setting goals for yourself;
- by eliminating incompetence;
- by making, or helping to make, lodge meetings rewarding and beneficial;
- by just being a friend — extend your fellowship;
- by accepting a position in the lodge that matches your interest and skills.

Not everyone can be — or wants to be — the worshipful master; but for every member there is a job to be done. Unfortunately, there is always a downside in life, and that's negativity. It gets in the way of progress. How many times have you heard sayings like:

We've never done it that way! How much does it cost? Let's think about it next year. I really don't have time. I'm too old to change. That's my bowling night. It will never fly. And, the beat goes on!

We have to forget those downside clichés and move toward our positive, obtainable goals. Let's go hand-in-hand "on the same page" and "march to the same drumbeat" as a band of brothers.



The Right Worshipful Grand Master's  
WORD TO THE CRAFT

My vision and main goals for 2002 and 2003 and the areas where I believe we must concentrate are:

**Our Blue Lodges:** We need to get rid of the idea that we don't have time to help. We need commitments from our lodge members to take on responsibility and to help when called on by the worshipful master.

**Membership Growth and Retention:** A program formed to get quality new members in the fraternity and to retain our present members is a must — a goal of having "plus-one" in members for 2002. We will use all of the resources available for Grand Lodge and you to accomplish its mission.

In closing, I am asking all members — each member, no matter what position he holds — to band together as the brothers that we profess to be, to propel this jurisdiction to new heights in Freemasonry.

We must all be together and go forward together in the Family of Freemasonry — all of us, in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Tall Cedars, High Twelve, youth groups, ladies organizations, just to name some. Our hope is one of confidence that together we will go forward and make Freemasonry work to its fullest in Pennsylvania.

I thank you for your support and encouragement and, until we meet again, may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and keep you safe.

So Mote it be!

*Marvin A. Cunningham*

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.,  
R.W. Grand Master

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## Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. 114th R.W. Grand Master

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., a Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District, was installed Dec. 27 as the 114th R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Cunningham, 68, the son of Robert and Nellie (Eller) Cunningham, was born in Batavia, IA and grew up in Carbon Cliff, IL. He is a graduate of United Township High School in East Moline, IL, attended various service schools in the Navy, and studied several college night courses and correspondence courses.

He and Rosalie Mae (Brackett) Cunningham were married Nov. 10, 1962, in the Wells Congregational Church in Wells, ME. They now are members of the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church in Lansdale. The couple has two sons, Marvin, Jr., and Robert, and one daughter, Lori (Cunningham) Shumpert. They also have two grandsons and one granddaughter.

The new Grand Master is a very active and busy man, though he has retired twice in his professional careers: first, from the United States Navy and then from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He enlisted in the Navy in May, 1953, served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and retired as a Chief Dental Technician in September, 1977. In the Department of Corrections, he was the Manager of Correctional Industries at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford, PA which included operations of a 1,500-acre farm and dairy with a staff of 27 and approximately 450 incarcerated personnel.

Bro. Cunningham was made a Mason in Silvis Lodge No. 898, A.F. & A.M., Illinois, in 1961. He resigned from that lodge in 1980 and the same year was elected to membership in Warren Lodge No. 310, F. & A.M., Collegeville, PA. He served as Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge in 1985.

He served the 6th Masonic District School of Instruction as the Senior Instructor in 1986-87 and as its President in 1987. At the same time, he was the District Director of Project Solomon II.

Bro. Cunningham has been very active in Grand Lodge since 1988 when he began his term as D.D.G.M. of the 6th Masonic District and served until 1995. In 1996, he was elected R.W. Junior Grand Warden; two years later, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; then R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the station he filled until his installation as R.W. Grand Master.

He is a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on the Masonic Homes, serving as the Chairman in 1998-99 of both the

Subcommittee for Admissions, Home Assistance and Residential Services and the Subcommittee for Human Resources and as a member of the Subcommittee for Development. He also is a member of the Grand Lodge Committees on Finance, Landmarks, Temple, and Membership and Retention. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. He is a charter member of the Research Lodge of Pennsylvania.

He is a member of York Rite Bodies. In Capitular Masonry, he is a member of Norristown Royal Arch Chapter No. 190 and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216; in Cryptic Masonry, Cryptic Council No. 51, Royal and Select Master; and Chivalric, Hutchinson Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar. He also is a member of Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Allentown; York Rite College No. 11,

Shamokin; Penn Council No., 13, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.

He is a 33° Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, having been coroneted an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, N.M.J. in September 2000 in Pittsburgh. He is a member of Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Allentown: Muhlenberg Lodge of Perfection, Lafayette Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Bethlehem Chapter of Rose Croix; and Lehigh Consistory.

He is a Shriner in Lulu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Plymouth Meeting.

His other Masonic affiliations are: Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown Forest No. 31; Royal Order of Scotland; Perkiomen Valley High Twelve Club, where he was the Charter President; Hat and Gavel Club of the 6th Masonic District, where he was President in 1985; Benjamin Franklin Chapter No. 16, National Sojourners and Heroes of '76, Poor Richard Camp, Chapter No. 16.

Bro. Cunningham has been recognized with the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay; as an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Nevada; in the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Skunk Patrol; and as an Honorary Oklahoma Mason of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

In addition to his Masonic affiliations, he is a member of the Fleet Reserve Association; National Chief Petty Officers' Association; and American Legion Post No. 203, Schwenksville.



Rosalie & Marvin 2001



with Nelson Baird, P.D.R.G.M.,  
District 6 - 1988



Visiting on the Thames, England,  
June 2001







## Grand Master Formally Presented In His Lodge, Warren Lodge No. 310

Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., P.M., a member of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville, was presented formally before his brethren as the 114th Grand Master of Freemasons in Pennsylvania during a special meeting of his lodge held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, during the afternoon of Dec. 27. He is the first member of Warren lodge to serve as Grand Master.

The newly installed Grand Master has been a member of Warren Lodge No. 310 since 1980 and served as the Worshipful Master in 1985, a prosperous year during the Solomon II program when 18 brethren were initiated. Bro. Cunningham had been made a Mason almost 20 years earlier in Silvas Lodge No. 898 in his former hometown in Illinois.

Warren Lodge, which will celebrate its 145th anniversary in 2002, has an interesting history. It was named in honor of two of its founders: Dr. James Warren Sunderland and Joseph Warren Royer, according to a history written by the latter and presented at the lodge's 50th anniversary in 1907.

Dr. Royer was the moving force behind the establishment



**R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., is pictured in his home lodge, Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville, with Charles T. Kinsky, W.M. (second from left); Levi E. Hosband, Sec. (left); and John Hunsberger, Treas.**

of Warren Lodge No. 310. He and his brother, Horace, were made Masons in Phoenix Lodge No. 75, Phoenixville, and for some time endured the walk of about six miles from their home in Trappe, which abuts Collegeville. After one particularly nasty winter night's trek home, the brothers talked about having a lodge closer to home and consulted Dr. Sunderland. Dr. Sunderland, L.L.D., the President of the Pennsylvania Female College in Collegeville, was a native of Rhode Island, a member of King Solomon's Lodge in Massachusetts, and well versed in Masonic jurisprudence. Important among the information and advice that he provided was the stipulation that a new lodge must be five miles from any other lodge and have a meeting place before a charter would be granted. Dr. Sunderland provided that first meeting place: His own house!

A warrant was issued (with no date written), signed by R.W. Grand Master Peter Williamson and the other Grand Lodge officers. The Warren Lodge officers named were: Bros. Joseph Warren Royer, W.M.; Horace Royer, S.W.; and Samuel Yarger, J.W. The new lodge was constituted Sept. 5, 1857 in the Masonic Temple, 715-719 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

After the early years in Dr. Sunderland's home, the lodge moved into its own hall in Trappe. Warren Lodge history reports that the membership grew, in part, because there was now enough room for lodge labors. In 1913, the lodge moved again to its present stone building on Main St., Collegeville.

## They Served as Shipmates, Now as Brothers

Two shipmates in the U.S. Navy more than four decades ago will be serving their Masonic Brethren in 2002. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. will serve as R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and Robert Yeager, who now is President of the Pennsylvania Shrine Association, will serve as Potentate of Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Reading. The two served together from 1958 to 1960 aboard the USS Boston (CAGI), the Navy's first guided missile cruiser. At the time, Bro. Cunningham was a dental technician 2C and Bro. Yeager was a machinist mate 2C.

With Rosalie Cunningham looking on, the two had a grand time paging through the history book of the USS Boston and reminiscing about their tours of duty in the Mediterranean - Greece, Italy, Spain, Majorca, and Tunis, where they were on the first U.S. ship in there since World War II - and the Caribbean - Guantanamo Bay, San Juan, Martinique, St. Thomas, Trinidad, and Jamaica.



## They Golf to Benefit Learning Center

A hardy group of Illustrious Brethren joined in after-golf fellowship at the annual tournament of the Scottish Rite Valley of Allentown last Summer: (l-r) Blaine F. Fabian, Editor *The Pennsylvania Freeman*; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T. both of the Valley of Reading; and Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., then-R.W.D.G.M.; C. DeForrest Trexler, P.D.D.G.M. and Deputy for Pennsylvania, A.A.S.R.; William J. Ray, Sr.; Larry G. Newhard, Past C-in-C; and George Nakonetchny, 1st Lt. Cdr., all from the Valley of Allentown. This was the third year that the annual tournament was played for the benefit of the Valley's 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center.



## Greeted by the Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33<sup>rd</sup>, (right) Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., greets Ill. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., during the annual meeting of the Supreme Council held in Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 23-25. Ill. Bro. Cunningham is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Allentown.



## Both From the Valley of Allentown

Ill. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33<sup>rd</sup>, (left) Deputy for Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., and Ill. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., 33<sup>rd</sup>, both members of the Valley of Allentown, are pictured at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Indianapolis, IN.



## R.W. PAST GRAND MASTERS



John L. McCain  
R.W. Grand Master  
1976-1977



Joseph E. Trate  
R.W. Grand Master  
1980-1981



Samuel C. Wilkerson  
R.W. Grand Master  
1982-1983



Arthur J. Kirtz  
R.W. Grand Master  
1988-1989



W. Scott Stoner  
R.W. Grand Master  
1990-1991



Edward H. Fowler, Jr.  
R.W. Grand Master  
1992-1993



George H. Hohenschildt  
R.W. Grand Master  
1994-1995



Edward O. Weisser  
R.W. Grand Master  
1996-1997



James L. Ermette  
R.W. Grand Master  
1998-1999



Robert L. Dlage, Jr.  
R.W. Grand Master  
2000-2001

# R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

## January

- 1 Presentation of Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W. in Porter Lodge No. 284, N. Catasauqua.
- 5 Cornerstone ceremony, Elizabethtown Library.
- 7 58th Masonic District Retiring W.M.'s Dinner.
- 8 Presentation of Robert S. Conway, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District in Ephrata Lodge No. 665.
- 10 Presentation of Raymond T. George, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E in Mitchell Lodge No. 296, Jenkintown.
- 14 Presentation of Alvin W. Hollister, D.D.G.M., 14th Masonic District, in Salem Lodge No. 350, Hamlin.
- 15 Presentation of Thomas Gamm, IV, D.D.G.M., 10th Masonic District in Perkiomen Lodge No. 595, Red Hill.
- 17 Presentation of James A. O'Connor, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District in State College Lodge No. 700.
- 19 49th Masonic District Retiring Masters Banquet.
- 23 Presentation of Luther J. Black, D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District, in Washington Lodge No. 265, Bloomsburg.
- 24 Elected Officers Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 Bldg. & Grounds, 9 a.m.; Strategic Planning, 10 a.m.; Committee on Masonic Homes, 4 p.m.
- 26 In Lu Temple Breakfast, 10 a.m.
- 29 Presentation of Raymond A. Rohey, D.D.G.M., 9th Masonic District, in Bethlehem Lodge No. 283.
- 31 Presentation of C. Donald Nelson, D.D.G.M., 56th Masonic District in North Star Lodge No. 241, Warren.

## February

- 2-5 Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
- 6 Presentation of Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District, in Hobart Lodge No. 276, Brookville.
- 8 Presentation of Richard A. Colwell, D.D.G.M., 59th Masonic District, in St. John's Lodge No. 233, Jenkins Twp. (Pittston).
- 9 Secretaries Meeting, Elizabethtown.
- 12 Presentation of John M. Morgan, Jr., D.D.G.M., 58th Masonic District, in Frackville Lodge No. 737.
- 14 Presentation of Robert J. Taylor, D.D.G.M., Masonic District B, in Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia.
- 16-19 Grand Masters Conference, Milwaukee.
- 21 Presentation of Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, in Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.
- 23 Presentation of Jack E. Haugh, D.D.G.M., 25th Masonic District, in Crawford Lodge No. 234, Meadville.
- 27-28 Winter Reunion in Tampa, FL.

## March

- 1 Winter Reunion in Sarasota, FL.
- 2 Winter Reunion in West Palm Beach, FL.
- 5 Consolidated Pension Fund Mtg., 9 a.m.; Finance Committee Mtg., 4 p.m.
- 6 D.D.G.M. Meeting; Officers Rehearsal; QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Phila., 7 p.m.
- 14 Compliance Sub-Comm. Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Bldg. & Grounds, 9 a.m.; Financial Comm., 10 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes, 4 p.m.
- 18 Shield & Square Club.
- 19 238th Anniv. & 50-Yr. Awards Dinner, Solomon's Lodge No. 5, Philadelphia.
- 22 Brotherhood Night, Delaware, 6 p.m.



## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



William Slater II,  
R.W. Deputy Grand Master

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master is William Slater II, the owner and President of Wm. Slater & Sons, Inc., which operates a series of mortuaries in the Pittsburgh area. He was graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1976, Thiel College in 1980, and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1980.

He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh in 1987. He is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh and presently is serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory. In York Rite, he is a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 268; Liberty Valley Council No. 50; Royal and Select Master Masons; and Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; the Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2; Islam Grotto; and the Cynosam Club, where he served as President.



Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.,  
R.W. Senior Grand Warden

The R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., has been an innovator and motivator in public education, a pillar in his church, a champion high school wrestler and coach, and a dynamic civic leader. He is an elementary school principal in the Jersey Shore School District where he has originated and introduced innovative and progressive programs. Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught in the secondary level as a technical education instructor for 27 years. In the community, he has been a Township Supervisor and the Zoning Officer, Chairman of the Board for six years, Road Master for eight years, and Township Secretary for 14 years.

Bro. Aungst served as Worshipful Master of La Belle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore, in 1986 and as the 18th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master from 1997 until he became R.W. Junior Grand Warden. In York Rite, he is a member of Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, Baldwin Commandery No. 22, and Adoniram Council No. 26. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Williamsport.



Donald L. Albert,  
R.W. Grand Secretary

The R.W. Grand Secretary is Donald L. Albert. Prior to becoming the Grand Secretary in 1998, Bro. Albert was an engineer and product manager at AMP, Inc., Harrisburg, retiring after 33 years of service. Prior to being elected Grand Secretary, he had been the Grand Marshal, so he was well known to Masons across the Commonwealth.

Bro. Albert is a member of Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg, and served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Harrisburg and served as Most Wise Master of Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, in 1982-83. He was coroneted a 33° Mason at the Supreme Council session in Boston in 1987. In York Rite bodies in Harrisburg, he is a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21; Harrisburg Council No. 7; Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania; Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons; and Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Shriner in Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, and a member of the Temple's Color Guard and the Upper Dauphin Shrine Club.



Marvin G. Speicher,  
R.W. Grand Treasurer

The R.W. Grand Treasurer is Marvin G. Speicher, of Robeson, a senior partner in the certified public accounting firm of Schulze, Speicher and Co., with offices in Pottsville and Reading. He also is a member of the Regional Board of First Union Bank. He is a graduate of the Reading Business Institute, the Cades C.P.A. School, and Gross C.P.A. School.

Bro. Speicher served Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf, as Worshipful Master in 1976 and served ten years as the D.D.G.M. of the 60th Masonic District. He was elected R.W. Grand Treasurer in 1989. Prior to that, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Sub-Committee on Audits and today he chairs the Masonic Homes Financial Sub-Committee. He is a member of all of the York Rite Bodies in Reading, where he is a Past Sovereign of Constantine Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and is presently the Intendant General for Pennsylvania East of Red Cross of Constantine. He also serves on the Committee on Finance of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. He is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. Bro. Speicher is a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the four Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Reading, where he served as the Thrice Potent Master of Reading Lodge of Perfection in 1991-92.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

### Stephen Gardner Installed as R.W. Junior Grand Warden



Stephen Gardner, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M., was installed R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the annual meeting, Dec. 27.

The 50-year-old Philadelphia native and current resident of Catasauqua is a Vietnam era veteran, having enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation from high school in the Darby-Colwyn School District. After active service from 1969-1973 in the U.S. Naval Security Group, he attended East Stroudsburg State College (now East Stroudsburg University) where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science in 1977.

Since then, he has been employed by Mack Trucks Inc./A. B. Volvo Information Technologies and presently is the Research and Development Analyst, Project Manager/Project Leader, supporting the manufacturing areas of Mack Trucks Inc.

He is a member of Porter Lodge No. 284, North Catasauqua, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1987 and a Representative in Grand Lodge in 2000-2001. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District from 1992 through 1998 and since 1999 has been the District's Blood Donor Co-chairman. He also served the Grand Lodge as a technical advisor in 1996 and 1997 and has been on the Committee of Masonic Education and Training, the Committee on Appeals, and the District Deputy Grand Masters Resource Committee.

In York Rite, he is a member of Catasauqua Royal Arch Chapter No. 278, having served as High Priest in 1988 and presently is a trustee. He is a member of Allen Council, Royal and Select Master Masons No. 23 and of Allen Commandery No. 20, Knights Templar. He is a Knight Companion in Mary Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is also a member of the Lehigh Valley Joshua Society.

In Scottish Rite, he is a member in the Valley of Allentown and is active as a cast member in the degree work.

He is a member of the Catasauqua Presbyterian Church, where he is serving on the Board of Deacons as the Moderator and on the Nominating Committee. He has served on the Business Affairs Committee of the Church. He also is a member of Presbyterian Men of Catasauqua.

Bro. Gardner and his wife, the former Patricia Lullias, have been married for 27 years. She is a teacher at Saint Michael the Archangel School in Colesville and a Sunday School teacher at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Bethlehem. They are the parents of two sons: John Stephen Gardner, 22, a May 2001 graduate of Elizabethtown College; and Peter Stephen Gardner, 19, now at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. John is a Senior DeMolay from Allentown Chapter and a member of Porter Lodge No. 284. Peter is a member of Allentown Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

## NEWLY APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS



Robert J. Taylor, D.D.G.M.,  
Masonic District 8  
Fernwood Lodge No. 543,  
Philadelphia



Raymond T. George, D.D.G.M.,  
Masonic District 1  
Mitchell Lodge No. 290,  
Jenkintown



Robert S. Conway, D.D.G.M.,  
1st Masonic District  
Ephrata Lodge No. 665,  
Ephrata



Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., D.D.G.M.,  
2nd Masonic District  
Robert Burns Lodge No. 464,  
Harrisburg



Raymond A. Robey, D.D.G.M.,  
9th Masonic District  
Bethlehem Lodge No. 283,  
Bethlehem



Alvin W. Hollister, D.D.G.M.,  
14th Masonic District  
Salem Lodge No. 330,  
Harrisburg



James A. O'Connor, D.D.G.M.,  
21st Masonic District  
State College Lodge No. 700,  
State College



Jack E. Flough, D.D.G.M.,  
25th Masonic District  
Crawford Lodge No. 234,  
Meadville



Luther J. Black, D.D.G.M.,  
35th Masonic District  
Washington Lodge No. 265,  
Bloomsburg



Thomas Gannon, IV, D.D.G.M.,  
40th Masonic District  
Perkerson Lodge No. 595,  
Red Hill



Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M.,  
52nd Masonic District  
Hobbs Lodge No. 276,  
Brookville



C. Donald Nelson, D.D.G.M.,  
56th Masonic District  
North Star Lodge No. 241,  
Warren



John M. Morgan, Jr., D.D.G.M.,  
58th Masonic District  
Frackville Lodge No. 737,  
Frackville



Richard A. Colwell, D.D.G.M.,  
59th Masonic District  
St. John's Lodge No. 233,  
Jenkins Top

## The 6th Masonic District Deputy Grand Masters

Getting together in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, are the present and past District Deputy Grand Masters of the 6th Masonic District (below: l-r): Hal E. Zweiback, the current D.D.G.M., who has been serving since 1996; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., P.D.D.G.M., who served from 1988 to 1996; and Nelson M. Baird, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., who preceded Bro. Cunningham.





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# The Promise of HOPE for Freemasonry and the Family of Freemasonry

For more on The Family of Freemasonry see pages 15-23



...each of us finds and fills our  
niche by pursuing excellence  
and helps his brethren, family  
and friends to do the same.

[Editor's Note: As the prospective R.W.  
Grand Master, Bro. Marvin A.  
Cunningham, Sr., R.W.D.G.M., dis-  
cussed his philosophy for the promise  
and progress of Freemasonry and the  
Family of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.]

"Quality — 'Making good men better men' — is the HOPE of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania," attests Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., the prospective 114th R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania. "In turn, good men continue to learn and serve and strive, in the lodge and out of the lodge, to help others pursue an excellence that will improve not only the Fraternity, but also the lives and lifestyles of others, according to their circumstances. I see that as the positive H.O.P.E. for Freemasonry and the Family of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."



Editor: What is "H.O.P.E.?"

M.A.C.: It is an acronym for "Helping Others Pursue Excellence!"

It's a theme. It's a challenge for individual pursuit of excellence and a reminder for us to help others, **Brother-to-Brother** and **Friend-to-Friend**, to do the same. That's how good men become better men and better men serve mankind.

What does H.O.P.E. represent?

"Hope" is a positive promise. Webster's II dictionary defines it: "To look forward with confidence and expectation . . . to wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment." [Emphasis added.]

I see the theme of H.O.P.E. as a beacon to light the road of advancement and achievement for our membership, our Fraternity, and the Family of Freemasonry. When we pursue excellence and help others pursue excellence, we achieve quality. With quality, we expand our pride, integrity, and patriotism, all those distinguishing values in Freemasonry and among the Family of Freemasonry.

Why is the Pursuit of Excellence important to everyone of us in Freemasonry?

The pursuit of excellence is an individual drive. Each of us is different. Every person faces his own special circumstances, capabilities and even limitations. Nevertheless, if a person has a desire to better himself, he can succeed; if a lodge has a desire to better itself, it can succeed.

How do you define success in the pursuit of excellence?

Pursuing excellence is a matter of recognizing who you are, what you have, where you are in life, and striving to improve upon it. There is no end zone in seeking excellence; there is always more to achieve. There is knowledge to gain, another discipline to study, a degree to learn, a handicap to overcome, an impediment to circumvent, a neighbor to help, a building to build, a community to serve. To grow . . . to excel . . . we have to have vision. In the context of a lodge, an organization, or a community, the power of H.O.P.E. lies in helping others achieve their vision. We should never falter or stop pursuing excellence.

Are you saying that H.O.P.E. is an "on the level" challenge for every Mason in every station of life?

At one point during my military experiences, it was my job in Washington, DC, to assign personnel. The key was to assign the right person for the specific job — not necessarily the individual with the highest I.Q., the best grades, or personal recommendations, but the person with a vision to achieve at what he could do best and had the greatest desire to do that job.

I recall a story about a noted leader of a great symphony orchestra who

was asked what position he considered most important in his orchestra. Without hesitation, he replied, "Second fiddle." He said that he could find any number of good musicians capable and willing to fill the first chair, but to find the right musician to play second fiddle well is the key. Without a good second fiddle there is no harmony; and without harmony there is no success.

Each of us finds and fills our niche by pursuing excellence and helps his brethren, family and friends to do the same.

How does a Mason pursue excellence?

The first thing a Mason ought to do is recall the words of his Masonic obligations, take them to heart, and keep them sincerely as a part of his lifestyle. Then, he should pay close attention to the Opening and Closing Charges of his lodge. I know of no better road map for the pursuit of excellence than the directions in those charges. I have heard them so many times — indeed, I have delivered them often — yet each time I am further impressed with a message applicable to my own pursuit of excellence. They have been — and still are — guidelines for this Mason to be a better man.

What do you say to a person who is curious about Masonry when he asks, "What's in it for me?"

Very simply, I tell that person, it will make him a better man. I tell him he will associate with the best of men from all walks of life. He will be in the midst of men who pursue excellence themselves and help others pursue excellence. There he, too, will focus on excellence and become an even better man himself — a better man in his family, his lodge, and in his community.

Were you always so actively involved in the Fraternity?

For many years, I was away from home almost all of the time, often at sea, as a career Navy man, so I wasn't able to be active in a lodge. But, I always cherished Masonry because it was good for me and good to me. Everywhere I went, I found brothers and brotherhood. I had made up my mind that when I retired from the Navy I would give something back to the Fraternity. Accordingly, when I settled in Pennsylvania, I sought a lodge and, in short order, became an active Mason. When I was Master of Warren Lodge, the Solomon II program was in effect and I was thrilled that our lodge initiated 18 worthy men that year. Subsequently, I was equally thrilled that so many of them pursued excellence as sincere Masons and a number of them are now past masters.

Specifically for a lodge, where does excellence fit into the picture?

That's a question with obvious answers: Excellence in ritual; excellence in Masonic education; excellence in leadership; excellence in programming; excellence in brotherhood and fellowship; excellence in . . . and so on!

Lodges have to offer something for every member. Some brethren come to lodge for enlightenment, some for participation, some for fellowship, and some for good food. We know it's easy to stay at home and watch television or play with the computer, so it has to be our challenge for our lodges to offer an enticing environment, interesting programming, and compelling congeniality. By the way, that's true not just for lodges, but for all of the appendant bodies and allied organizations in the Family of Freemasonry.





## The Masonic Homes: A Vision of Excellence



Visit any of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and you will experience the vision embraced by each community:



Turning this vision into reality is a journey, which may best be measured through the embodiment of Masonic Homes' Mission of Love Values:

### Quality of Life

- Adult residents of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown's Residential/Respite Cottage, who have varying degrees of mental retardation, focus on their abilities rather than their limitations by holding jobs, volunteering, establishing meaningful relationships, and living their lives to the fullest.
- While nursing and assisted living residents in long-term care communities across the nation reportedly suffer from loneliness, helplessness, and boredom, the Eden Alternative philosophy, embraced by residents and staff at every Masonic Homes location, replaces these feelings with variety, spontaneity, and companionship.
- The Adult Daily Living Center at Elizabethtown offers its program participants a stimulating environment where they may receive social and medical support while participating in rewarding and enjoyable activities and programs.
- The Mourning Star program at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, comprised of resident and community volunteers, ensures that bereavement services are offered to residents in their final hours, as well as to those experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one.

### Respect for the Individual

- Senior residents at all Masonic Homes locations are encouraged to participate in resident councils and are provided other means of making important decisions regarding their care and the services they receive. In turn, many resident groups have identified ways that they can serve and care for others. For example, some residents serve as tutors, mentors, or as adoptive grandparents for young children; others have raised funds for charitable causes; and many more volunteer in various capacities to serve others in their communities.
- The youth growing up at the Masonic Children's Home in Elizabethtown are encouraged to realize their potential through academics, athletics, volunteerism, leadership opportunities, and other interests. Scholarships and continuous support provided through the benevolence of the Fraternity offer these young people opportunities to pursue higher education or trade specialties so that they can become productive citizens.

### Quality Service

- The Masonic Outreach Program offers information, education, referrals and home assistance to friends within the Family of Freemasonry as well as to individuals and families throughout the United States.
- Part of the mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East is to serve individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients. The home consistently provides quality nursing and assisted living services for seniors with skill and compassion.
- In November, residents and staff of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West transferred to the Masonic Village at Sewickley's Star Points Building. The two homes have formed one family dedicated to providing for the retirement, assisted living, health care, and rehabilitation needs of Freemasons and others in the Sewickley Valley.

These are just a few examples of how the vision of the Masonic Homes is visible in those whom we serve—for as people reach their personal goals, they are able to help others realize their potential for excellence. This is a chain reaction, which perpetuates our Mission of Love.

Visit any of our Masonic Homes—at Elizabethtown, Sewickley, or Warminster—and you will see for yourself the real life achievements attained as we continue to pursue our vision. Excellence is defined not by finances or facades, but by the attitudes, smiles, care, and love that we share with one another.

For more information about any of the programs or services listed above, or to learn more about how you can help us achieve our vision, please contact:

### Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

- Admissions and Resident Services (Residential Living, Assisted Living, Health Care Services) (800) 422-1207
- Retirement Living Marketing Office (800) 676-6452
- Masonic Children's Home (717) 367-1121, extension 33301
- Residential/Respite Cottage (717) 367-1121, extension 33751
- Adult Daily Living Center (717) 361-5353
- Outreach Program (800) 4-MASONIC

### Masonic Eastern Star Home-East

- Admissions (Assisted Living and Health Care Services) (215) 672-2500

### Masonic Village at Sewickley

- Admissions (Assisted Living, Health Care and Rehabilitative Services) (412) 741-1400
- Retirement Living (866) 872-0664

Or, visit our website at [www.pagrandlodge/etown.html](http://www.pagrandlodge/etown.html)



## The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation



Through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation (P.Y.F.), Masons are helping teenagers across the Commonwealth to pursue excellence, sharing Masonic principles with them and preparing them for their roles as future citizens of our nation.

Concepts central to Freemasonry, and necessary for the survival of society as we know it today, are shared with young people who participate in programs sponsored by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Masonic principles such as toleration, charity, and the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, are taught through the many activities sponsored by the Foundation.

The P.Y.F. conducts programs at the Masonic Conference Center adjacent to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for members of the Masonically sponsored youth organizations—the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay for young men. The programs offer excellent activities that meet the purpose of the Foundation and provide opportunities for self-improvement in young adults' mental, spiritual, religious and physical development through programs in athletics, sportsmanship, charity, citizenship, morality, public speaking and the arts.

The Masonically related youth organizations, national in scope, were founded in the early part of the last century by Masons and are still sponsored by the Fraternity. Each of those groups has its programs that include leadership training, social skill development, public speaking, and competitive achievement. Generally, membership is open to teenagers who are of good moral character, believe in God, and are sponsored by Masons.

At the Masonic Conference Center, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation sponsors the cost of food and lodging for all youth programs at this top-quality facility.

Youth programs at the Masonic Conference Center—one of the premier Masonic facilities of its kind dedicated to educational activities for young people and Masons—must include educational, recreational, healthful and spiritual activities. Such programs have included demonstrations of self-defense techniques, public speaking, self-improvement skills, career counseling, organizational development, budgeting and personal finance, problem solving and physical health training.

The Life Skills Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is an active, creative and adventure-based learning experience open to all Pennsylvania youth between the ages of 12 and 16 years. It concentrates on teaching respect, responsibility and relationship building in unforgettable experiential learning.

P.Y.F. also administers a competitive Educational Endowment Fund Scholarship program to provide assistance to children and grandchildren of Master Masons, and members of the Masonically related youth groups. More than \$47,000 in scholarship aid were granted in 2001, and more than \$350,000 have been granted since 1989.

In addition to awarding the scholarships, the Foundation produces a *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide*, which details all of the scholarship, grant and loan programs available to young men and women. The guidebooks are mailed to all high school guidance departments in Pennsylvania and the entire text is available at [www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf).

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania as a non-profit, tax exempt, charitable institution with executive offices located at the Masonic Conference Center, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 17022-9423. Telephone: (800) 266-8424.





## The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children has an inspiring record of helping others along the road to personal achievement.

Seventeen years ago the idea of the late Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., became a reality in the founding of the philanthropy that was first known as The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. Addressing additional community concerns and peer pressures for youth at-risk, the name appropriately was broadened to reflect fully its scope of services.

Among the first of the major projects started by the Foundation was the Student Assistance Program (S.A.P.), a joint effort with the Pennsylvania Board of Education, which helps educators in secondary school systems across the Commonwealth to identify and aid children with drug and alcohol related problems. Providing facilities, subsistence, and materials for training, the Masonic Foundation has made it possible for every secondary school in the state to have Student Assistance Teams. A state official has said, "Without the Masons, Pennsylvania would not have a Student Assistance Program."

An adjunct to that program is the annual awarding of Stenberg Scholarships to students who have completed student assistance programs successfully. Seven were awarded during the past year.

Teaming with the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Agency, the Foundation assists in training D.A.R.E. law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth to teach fifth and sixth grade students to handle peer pressures and say "No" to drugs and alcohol. More than 700 law enforcement officers have been trained thus far and several classes are held each year.

The scope of the Foundation's caring has extended through the years, to include numerous programs in conjunction with government and private agencies. For example, included are: "Every Thirty Minutes," the statewide anti-drunk driving program for teens; the "Charlie Check First" children's safety program in the Pittsburgh area; the Adopt-a-School program with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; a teen coffee house with computers and camera equipment in the Scranton area; and many more.

Addressing the serious national problem of violence among youth, the

Foundation developed Project Care, a series of anti-violence lectures and seminars. As a pilot for a new program in Philadelphia, Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751 and the F.B.I. are adopting an elementary school. The F.B.I. speakers will run a junior F.B.I. program for children in the fourth grade and lodge members will serve as mentors.



## The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania



present; books, objects, paintings, regalia, and much more from which to learn. Where else can one see Washington's Masonic apron (below) and read a letter written by him? Where can one also borrow a book, video tape, or recording and search the internet for more information - all in one place?

Masons, and the public from far and wide, have been very surprised to find that The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is an outstanding resource. For instance, they previously had no idea that works of art by C. W. Peale and William Rush are there.

They learn that they can find information on building materials, such as iron or granite, research an extensive collection and examples of many styles of architecture. There are biographies of well-known Masons, including Wolfgang Mozart, John Philip Sousa, Douglas MacArthur, John Marshall, Red Skelton, and many, many others. The opportunity to begin or extend a research project or just enjoy learning takes place in the Library and Museum supported by its extensive archives.

Answering questions posed by Masons and the public is a very important aspect of The Library and Museum. Hundreds of questions are answered by telephone, e-mail, letter and in person each year. Each time a patron has learned something with the help of the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, another person's life has been enhanced - taken another step in the pursuit of excellence.



I see H.O.P.E. all around us . . . in so many groups in the Family of Freemasonry that it seems like a full alphabet of organizations dedicated to helping others in their respective pursuits of excellence.

Here are some examples:

## THE FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY

### Order of the Amaranth

In the teachings of the Order of the Amaranth, members are reminded of their duties to God, to their country, and to their fellow beings; to portray their belief in the Golden Rule and in truth, faith, wisdom, and charity, which are the virtues of the Order. The Order of the Amaranth means a challenge to build higher and stronger upon the foundations of fraternal love and service. It means the hand of fraternal friendship to those in distress . . . thinking about and remembering its members in their hours of sorrow and sickness. It means the challenge to stamp out diabetes.

The Order of the Amaranth, an organization for Master Masons and their female relatives who are 18 years of age and older, has been a part of the Masonic family for well over 100 years. Members of Amaranth, known as "Honored Ladies" and "Sir Knights," meet monthly in "courts" throughout most of the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, England, and Scotland. Pennsylvania's membership totals more than 4,000 honored ladies and sir knights in 35 courts.

Members of the Order of the Amaranth have made a great impact on the communities where they meet and serve, as well as in the field of diabetes research. In 1979, the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation was formed as a means to focus the Order's charitable efforts to raising funds for diabetes research. Thus, through a commitment of more than 20 years, the Order of the Amaranth has become the largest donor to the American Diabetes Association Research Foundation. Indeed, the Order's philanthropic project provides its motto: "Amaranth Fights Diabetes."

Pennsylvania members raised \$80,000 in 2001 for diabetes research, with cumulative giving amounting to nearly three quarters of a million dollars. Internationally, cumulative contributions totaling more than \$5 million have been given to the American Diabetes Association. All funds are given to doctors selected by the American Diabetes Association strictly for research. Members raise the moneys in numerous ways, including, but not limited to, golf tournaments, apple dumpling sales, flower bulb sales, and the cow patty drop. No administrative fees, salaries, or advertising moneys are taken from the Amaranth contributions.

In each court, members focus on the teachings of "Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity." The Holy Bible is the focal point of the court room and the ritualistic ceremonies are derived from the Royal Court, governed by Queen Christina of Sweden hundreds of years ago. The presiding officer, known as "the Royal Matron," wears a crown and all honored ladies wear long gowns and gloves. Sir Knights may wear either a tuxedo or a dark suit and may serve in a majority of the offices.

For information on the Order of the Amaranth, or to learn the location of Amaranth courts, contact Loretta McLaughlin, Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 383, McKeesport, PA 15134-0383; or e-mail pagrandsec@uno.com; or visit the web site at [www.paamaranth.org](http://www.paamaranth.org).



Emily S. Moyer,  
Grand Royal Matron



## Order of DeMolay



Teenage young men learn to practice the principles of Masonry and Masonic charity in the Order of DeMolay. An organization for young men aged 12 to 21, DeMolay provides opportunities for community service, charity, public speaking and leadership development. Its members strive to grow by taking on the responsibilities of adulthood under the guidance of trained and motivated adult leaders.

All DeMolay chapters observe an annual "Day of Comfort" between Thanksgiving and Christmas to emphasize the needs of others. Each chapter has its own program of service. Typical projects include volunteering at a nursing home, raising money for local and national charities, community clean-ups and renewal work parties. To raise funds for charity, members participate in various sales, fairs and community festivals. They conduct walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, all-night dances, and other programs to encourage donors to pledge charitable gifts. Some chapters work at telethons; others ring bells for the Salvation Army. Many chapters participate in food banks and clothing drives, while others volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

The amount of money contributed or the number of hours worked is of little consequence. What matters most is that DeMolay members learn to make the act of service and caring for others a part of their daily routines.

The Order of DeMolay is a charitable extension of Masonic concern for the community. Freemasonry serves future generations of leaders by providing a safe, wholesome, fun-filled, and educational environment in which young people can grow. Traditionally, Masons have provided the adult leaders who are needed to conduct a quality program, although DeMolay now welcomes all parents and other community leaders trained to work with youth. Masons still provide quality meeting facilities and financial support of DeMolay Chapters across the Commonwealth. Most importantly, Freemasonry provides the model of a successful fraternity from which DeMolays learn the values of brotherly love, relief and truth.

The basic Chapter program allows young men to select their own leaders, plan their own programs, and carry out their own activities. The members learn and grow by planning, budgeting, and administering their own programs, while the advisors merely guide and suggest. Other programs are essential to the complete DeMolay chapter, and include visitation to nearby chapters, civic and Masonic service projects, and a full athletic program.

The success of DeMolay is demonstrated by its members, both young and old. The roster of Senior Members includes newscasters Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather, the late actor John Wayne, weatherman Willard Scott, athletes Bob Mathias and Fran Tarkenton, the late businessman Walt Disney, radio personality Paul Harvey, and former Senator William Bradley. Among the current Past Grand Masters of Masons in Pennsylvania, John L. McCain, Samuel C. Williamson, Edward H. Fowler, Jr., and George H. Hohenschildt were members of DeMolay.

A complete summary of the DeMolay program is available on the Internet at [www.pademolay.org](http://www.pademolay.org).



Keith A. Bortz, Jr.,  
State Master Councilor for  
Pennsylvania DeMolay



## The Order of The Eastern Star

The Order of The Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting associations of love and service and through precept and example build an order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. The noble principles, which should adorn the personal lives of all Eastern Star members, portray the purposes laid forth by Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Masonry, when he used beautiful and inspiring biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values to found the Order.

The Order of The Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Only men who are Master Masons in good standing are eligible and only women with specific Masonic affiliations may be members, i.e.: wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, step-daughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great granddaughters, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, grand-nieces, and Job's Daughters of affiliated Master Masons in good standing (or, if deceased, were in good standing at the time of their death) each of whom shall have attained at least the age of 18. Rainbow Girls may join; however, they must show majority cards or proof of membership in an assembly.

The heart of The Eastern Star is in the subordinate, or local, chapter, of which there are more than 13,000 subordinate chapters with a membership in excess of two million in 15 countries. For proper administration, chapters join to form a larger state organization, or province, which is the Grand Chapter. To facilitate uniformity and coordination of effort, those jurisdictions work together under a general Grand Chapter. (In cases where there are too few chapters to form a Grand Chapter, the General Grand Chapter has jurisdiction.)

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of The Eastern Star, supports the research of multiple sclerosis. A donation of more than \$110,000 was given last June to the MS Society of Central Pennsylvania. The Order also gives educational scholarship awards, as well as ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) awards. Help is given to members in their own homes through the Fraternal Fund. Cancer victims are given help through the Fraternal Cancer Fund. The Grand Chapter helps to support the Masonic-Eastern Star Homes in Elizabethtown, Warminster and Pittsburgh. The members of the Order sell clown pins for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and the Order of DeMolay. In many personal ways, the membership is reaching out in the

communities by helping those who need assistance, whether it is to take someone to the store, to the doctor, for treatment, or just by being a friend.

The Order of The Eastern Star is proud of its heritage, demonstrating today that, "through fraternal service to humanity, together we build a better world and a better life for all."



## The Order of the Golden Chain

The Order of the Golden Chain has left tangible evidence of love for mankind in every state where its members serve, in every home wherever they gather. The members of the Order of the Golden Chain and the Charity Foundation believe that all children are exceptional and that the quality of their lives can be enhanced by providing opportunities for each to achieve his or her potential.

The Order of the Golden Chain originated in June, 1929 in Asbury Park, NJ when a group of Master Masons and their female relatives met to fulfill a need for a non-sectarian fraternal organization that would be related to Masonry. Two months later, the Grand Link Order of the Golden Chain was given official status in New Jersey. Constituent Links began to form up and down the eastern coastline and continue to function in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

It wasn't long after the Order of the Golden Chain was created that the country was in the thrust of the Great Depression. There was a strong need to belong to a fraternal organization such as the Golden Chain with members dedicated to helping others less fortunate than themselves. During that period, hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent by Constituent Links, from supplying food, coal and medical supplies to endowing much needed equipment for hospitals and convalescent homes for the sick, aged and orphaned.

During World War II, the Order of the Golden Chain sold more than four million dollars of War Bonds, donated ambulances, mobile kitchens, and an airplane named "The Spirit of the Golden Chain." The United States government accorded the Order of the Golden Chain the honor of christening a liberty ship, the Louis L. Bamberger, in recognition of their good deeds.

The Order incorporated its Charity Foundation and in 1945 in Blairtown, NJ, that Foundation established Camp Golden Chain for underprivileged children of all races, creeds and colors. Members of the Golden Chain believe that the encampments have left a marked influence on the children and in some way enriched their lives and enabled them to go on to a brighter future, learning the true meaning of brotherhood and sisterhood.

In the 1970's, the Charity Foundation created a scholarship for the hearing impaired. Each year, a student who meets the qualifications and standards of Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, or Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, is selected for the four-year scholarship.

In 1978, the Charity Foundation adopted two major charitable projects: Cancer and leukemia research in children, and children with learning disabilities and minimal brain damage. Also, through the generosity of the members, along with their families and friends, four forests of more than forty trees have been planted in Israel. For its many benevolent acts, the Order was accorded the honor of having the Sunday of Brotherhood Week in February designated as "Golden Chain Day" by the non-sectarian Chapel of the Four Chaplains at Temple University, Philadelphia.

The Order proudly portrays its ideals and principles in a solemn ceremony. Six officers, known as Jewels, exalt the ideals of womanhood in tribute to their accomplishments in the home, in history, and their countless contributions to posterity. Were it not for the fraternal confidentiality, the ritual of the Order of the Golden Chain could be used at an interdenominational services as a shining symbol.



## The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania, now in its 154th year, is justifiably proud of its history and heritage through which the members are entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the prestige and upholding the principles and standards of the Masonic Fraternity. It continues to work tirelessly to promote and maintain those principles and standards of Cryptic Rite Freemasonry and all of the York Rite bodies of Freemasonry.

The Grand Council always has been supportive of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its charities, especially the youth groups and their programs. In 1997, the Grand Council Charity Fund was initiated to offer members and councils the opportunity to contribute to various charities of the Grand Council with Special Olympics being the primary recipient.

"Cryptic Masons are indebted to all of the officers and members who, through more than a century and a half, have given of their dedication, perseverance and leadership to preserve the Cryptic Rite and faithfully exemplified its principles and fundamental truths of 'Reverence to God and Goodwill to Man,' the basic reason for the existence of the Cryptic Rite," says Lee N. Whitaker, Right Puissant Grand Recorder.

Although the Cryptic degrees came to America about 1767, the history of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania does not begin until a preparatory meeting in Pittsburgh on Oct. 26, 1847. A committee was appointed to "Report on the expediency of establishing a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State of Pennsylvania and Jurisdiction There Unto Belonging." Following a favorable report, Grand Council was established and the officers were elected with Alexander MacMammon becoming the first Grand Puissant. Three subordinate councils were named: Washington Council No. 1, Washington, PA; Mt. Moriah Council No. 2, Pittsburgh; and Lonestar Council No. 3, Washington, TX.

In December 1894, a group of past and presiding officers of the subordinate councils, not approving the actions of the Grand Council officers, met and approved a resolution to reorganize under new Grand officers and a constitution and bylaws were adopted. At that time, Alfred Creigh, of Washington Council No. 1, was elected Grand Puissant for the Grand Council and was to become the prime reason for the early growth. He served for 15 years and his impact was felt for many more. By 1858, when 11 new charters were issued, Cryptic Masonry had spread across the state. Membership rocketed and by 1929 it had reached 15,100. Today, the Grand Council consists of 49 councils in nine districts and has a membership of slightly over 6,000.

The three degrees of Cryptic Masonry - The Royal Master, Select Master, and The Super Excellent Master Mason - are so important to its well-being that Grand Council is working with the subordinate councils to have the degrees of Royal and Select Master Mason conferred during each cryptic year.

visit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the internet



## The Grotto: Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm

Masons come together in local organizations known as Grottoes to enjoy wholesome sociability at the same time that they help handicapped children.

Referring to themselves as "The Family Playground of Master Masons," Grottoes extol the slogan of "good fellowship" to exemplify their social, fraternal, and humanitarian activities. Being a Master Mason in good standing is a prerequisite to membership in the Grotto. The Grotto quality of membership is that of a progressive, well-functioning organization that stresses its primary goals of fraternity, good fellowship and sympathy in the support of United Cerebral Palsy and dentistry for the handicapped.

It was in 1949 that the Supreme Council adopted its International Humanitarian Objective to aid the cerebral palsy child, establishing a charitable trust which has been providing thousands of dollars each year for the work of the United Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation. The fund also makes possible the dentistry program for handicapped children to provide the best dental care at the specialized facilities for handicapped children, including transportation to receive the needed surgery or treatment.

The Grotto is more than a century old. In June 1890, it was founded and the Supreme Council of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (M.O.V.P.E.R.) was established. In Pennsylvania, there are ten Grottoes located in areas of Allentown, Bradford, Delaware County, Erie, Meadville, Oil City, Pittsburgh, Sharon, Warren, and Wilkes-Barre.



One of the ten Grottoes in Pennsylvania is Delco Grotto, Delaware County, chartered in 1942. Pictured at a recent banquet are (l-r): Robert Keys, Past President of the Pennsylvania Grotto Association; Lewis F. Riess, Secretary of Delco; William J. Connor, Past Monarch; Edward Sealand, Past Monarch; Justin Cheshbrough, Past Grand Monarch; and William Dougherty, Chief Justice.

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Blaine E. Fabian, Editor



## High Twelve International

High Twelve International, whose clubs are active in Pennsylvania, combines fellowship with helping others in their quality of life pursuits, particularly young adults and youth. The clubs' two philanthropic objectives are youth and education, strongly supporting the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters and the Wolcott Foundation that it established to provide scholarships for students at George Washington University who seek public service careers in government.

High Twelve, which is a social extension of the Masonic experience, is so named because long ago, noon was known as "high twelve" and the time to call off from labor for refreshment. Accordingly, many High Twelve clubs — but not all — meet at noon. There's no ritual, but it strongly encourages its members to be active in their lodges.

The birth of High Twelve was in 1920, when a former minister, E.C. (Wallie) Wolcott, who was the YMCA's General Secretary, and eight business associates who were Master Masons met in Sioux City, IA, for fellowship and camaraderie. The first club in Pennsylvania, which is still active, is High Twelve No. 50 in Philadelphia. Today, there are about two dozen clubs in the state that operate in the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs under High Twelve International.

Although only Master Masons can join High Twelve, anyone is welcome at the meetings. A typical High Twelve meeting is brief in its business, full of fellowship, and includes a program, usually a speaker, on a limitless range of subjects. Some clubs have ladies at all of the meetings, while others have ladies on special occasions.

Passing the "Little Red Schoolhouse" is an important part of most every High Twelve Club meeting. As the name implies, it is a miniature red school house with a chimney that blows no smoke, but accepts folded contributions for the benefit of the Wolcott Foundation that awards fellowships to U.S. citizens who are attending George Washington University. In considering the grants, the Wolcott Foundation requires the candidates to undergo High Twelve scrutiny of social and moral values akin to those required to become a Mason. After graduation from George Washington, he or she must serve in a government or international affairs position for four years for the scholarship to be considered a grant; otherwise, only the portion served is considered a grant and the remainder is a loan which must be repaid.

To learn more about High Twelve, whether it is the location of clubs, joining, forming a new club, the Wolcott Foundation, or service to youth, contact Homer Swanner, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs, 152 Pigeon Creek Rd., Pottstown, PA 19456.



trustee of High Twelve International and President of the New Jersey Association; Warren Bolton, the International Wolcott Representative; David Jacobs, Past International President and New Jersey State Secretary-Treasurer; and Grant Roth, Past President and Secretary Emeritus, Pennsylvania State Association. Middle row — Richard Showalter, PA State Treasurer; William Stackhouse, PA 2nd V.P.; Fred Engel, PA President; Homer Swanner, PA Secretary; and William Heckman, PA 1st V.P. Back row — John Miller, Jr., Fellowship 1st V.P.; John Tumolo, Fellowship Secretary; Joseph Sullivan, Fellowship 2nd V.P.; and Dennis Rahn, Fellowship President.



## The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania

Robert L. Pennell, Most Excellent High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, explains, "History records that Royal Arch Masonry was first mentioned by a secretary of the Ancients, Laurence Dermott, in 1756, noting at the time, 'Royal Arch, I firmly believe to be the root, heart and marrow of Masonry.' Further, the minutes of Royal Arch Chapter No. 3 dating from Dec. 3, 1767, are still in existence and are carefully preserved in the Archives of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia."

The first historical note referencing the organizing of a Royal Arch Chapter is that of Harmony Royal Arch Chapter on Apr. 28, 1794. The next year, Nov. 23, 1795, a committee presented a report to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania attempting to institute a new Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It took from then until 1824 to formulate a constitution that established The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Finally, The Grand Chapter gained its independence and a constitution was amended and adopted. Just as Freemasons in Pennsylvania declared themselves independent of the Grand Lodge of England in 1786 by forming the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by virtue of a resolution in 1824, The Grand Holy Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania became separate and distinct.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was opened in "ancient and solemn form" on May 17, 1824 and forthwith closed in harmony, sine die. Immediately, seven companions met to organize into a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter. They appointed temporary Grand officers, the first three being "First, Second, and Third Grand Chiefs," who were to hold office until an election be held for Grand officers by virtue of the constitution. A week later they elected a Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer.

Rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter were adopted that July 16 and then on Oct. 8 various forms of warrants for Chapters, Mark Lodges, and Most Excellent Lodges were decided upon. The first warrant was granted to George Washington Chapter No. 135, Chambersburg.



Robert L. Pennell, Most Excellent High Priest

At its first annual communication on Dec. 27, 1824, it was resolved "that it is of utmost importance that a distinct understanding should exist between the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania" and from that date to the present, peace and harmony has prevailed.

## The International Order of Job's Daughters

The International Order of Job's Daughters is an organization for girls who share the common bond of a Masonic heritage. Established on the Masonic fraternal model, Job's Daughters learn leadership skills, organizational methods, and the importance of fulfilling individual responsibilities within a group. By planning their own activities, the members have fun doing what they want to do and at the same time create lasting friendships.

The purpose of the Order is to give its members the foundation on which to build qualities needed to become leading, organizing, and contributing partners of society. It broadens the horizons of young women by bringing them into contact with people from other cultures within the United States, Brazil, the Philippines, Canada and Australia.

Job's Daughters offers something for everyone — ranging from athletics and dances to service projects and fun activities, giving each member a chance for participation and enjoyment. Each local group, called a Bethel, works to raise its own money through fund-raisers varying from sandwich sales to designing and selling T-shirts. The members of Job's Daughters are able to voice their opinions as to how the money should be spent, as well as other business matters that come before the Bethel.

There are also statewide activities, which include a week-long camp at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus in Elizabethtown; a Grand session, which is the annual business convention of all Job's Daughters and adults; and semi-annual Grand Bethel weekends also held at the Patton Campus. All of those events are scheduled with a variety of fun activities such as volleyball games, dances with the DeMolays, crafts, and swimming.

Job's Daughters comprises young women, each of whom has a relative who is a Master Mason. A Job's Daughter must be between the ages of 11 and 20 and may be the daughter, step-daughter, adopted daughter, granddaughter, step-granddaughter, sister, half-sister, step-sister, sister-in-law, niece, grand-niece, cousin, second cousin or any unmarried female relation of a Master Mason.

Initiation into Job's Daughters is a meaningful ceremony in which Bethel officers recite a five-part story from the Book of Job in the Old Testament of The Bible. However, the Order does not stress any religious tradition other than a belief and trust in God. After joining, all members are asked to attend meetings, fun events and service projects; however, no member is asked to do things that interfere with her family, school, or religious commitments.

Job's Daughters sponsors a national charity called the H.I.K.E. Fund, or Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. The program provides hearing-devices to children who are not financially able to acquire them on their own. The Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania, who annually sponsor a five-mile hike at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to raise funds through sponsors recruited by the girls, raised more than \$20,000 in 2001 for the H.I.K.E. Fund, leading the national organization in charitable fund-raising.

Additional information is available on the Internet at [www.paoid.org](http://www.paoid.org).



Jennifer Snyder, Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania

## Knight's Templar

Knight's Templar of York Rite Masonry, recognized by their plumed chapeaux and military-style dress, has a fascinating history and an outstanding record of philanthropy in Pennsylvania and worldwide. Serving others is important to Knights Templar, which is well demonstrated by three strong programs: The Eye Foundation, the Educational Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

It appears that the Knights Templar degree evolved in the European Masonic structure and was brought to North America by the British military lodges during the Revolutionary Period. It is known from records dating to the late 1770's that Pennsylvania Masonic lodges were conferring a Knight Templar degree upon a limited number of members and by the mid-1780's the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made reference to the Knight Templar degree.

During that period, groups of men who had received the degree began to organize encampments of Knights Templar in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Carlisle. In 1795, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania expressed the need for a governing organization which brought about formation in 1797 of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the first in the United States.

Because of turbulent and disorganized operations, neither that grand body nor another formed in 1814 survived. Knights Templar continued without a grand body until the late 1850's when the present-day Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania was organized. Today, the Grand Commandery has 72 commanderies with some 9,000 members.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a great humanitarian charity whose purpose is to provide research, surgical treatment, and hospitalization to those suffering from diseases or injuries to their eyes. It is funded by member assessments, donations, and fund-raising activities, wills and bequests. Since its inception, the Knights Templar have spent more than \$35 million to help provide medical treatment for those unable to afford it. Today, more than 44,000 persons, regardless of race, color, creed, age, or national origin, have directly benefitted from that financial assistance.

Research grants have totaled more than \$2.5 million. Pennsylvania organizations that have shared in the grants are the Geisinger Medical Center, the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Wills Eye Hospital and Research Institute, the University of Pittsburgh Eye and Ear Hospital, and the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

The Knights Templar Education Foundation, the first of its kind, was organized in 1922 and has loaned, or given, scholarships of more than \$32-million to students to complete their last two years of college, or to complete graduate studies. The financial assistance is granted without regard to race, color, creed, age, gender, or Masonic affiliation.

The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania sponsors a Christian minister, as part of a larger group from throughout the United States, for a spiritually enriching tour of the Holy Lands. Masonic membership is not required and the minister can be male or female.

The Knights Templar of today are not connected directly to the crusading order that was founded in the twelfth century; however, they do carry the banner of Christianity, as was the duty of the ancient Templars.

To become a Knight Templar, one must be a member in good standing in a Masonic lodge and a Royal Arch chapter and he must profess a belief in a Christian religion. In keeping with their religious emphasis, Knights Templar sponsor memorial and divine services, most notably, the annual memorial service at Gettysburg National Military Cemetery the last week of September. Most commanders hold Christmas and Ascension observance and other appropriate services.



## The Masonic Service Association

The old saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention," was never truer than it was in the case of the founding of the Masonic Service Association. World War I saw a huge outpouring of patriotism and, of course, Freemasons were at the forefront. Grand Lodges wanted to do something to help our military personnel, both at home and overseas. There was a great feeling of frustration because the federal government would not deal with individual Grand Lodges. Their response was, "If you can have one organization to represent Freemasonry, we will be more than glad to work with you."

So to meet that need, in 1919, the Masonic Service Association of the United States was formed. In 1996, delegates at the annual meeting of MSA voted to change its constitution to read "Masonic Service Association of North America," thus including Canadian Grand Lodges as full voting members.

In the very early years, MSA was to represent the Masonic Fraternity to those in the military service. In World War II, MSA had Masonic Service Centers all around the United States and overseas. At the end of World War II, the Service Centers program was changed to become how it is known today, the "Hospital Visitation Program." There are Masonic volunteers in 157 hospitals, numerous state veterans homes, and many military hospitals. In the year 2000, the MSA Hospital Visitation Program contributed more than 250,000 volunteer hours serving veterans' needs.

"In 1923, MSA expanded its scope of helping others, especially in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge, by including Masonic Education and The Short Talk Bulletin, a monthly publication devoted each issue to a subject of Masonic interest," explained Richard E. Fletcher, P.G.M., Vermont, Executive Secretary of MSA. Of course, other materials and publications have been printed as well. Over the years, MSA has become well known as an excellent source of Masonic information.

Also in 1923, the Disaster Relief Program was begun. The first appeal by MSA responded to the urgent needs of people in Japan after they had suffered a devastating earthquake and continues even today with an appeal through the Grand Lodges of New York and Virginia as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Appeals from that earliest Disaster Relief Program until early in 2001 have generated more than \$4 million to help Masons and their families and the general public recover from disasters.

The Masonic Information Center was formed in 1993, supported by the noted Masonic author, the late Bro. John Robinson. The Center provides information to the general public, directly and through national and local media; responds to criticism of the Masonic Fraternity; and assists Grand Lodges and their members in disseminating accurate and authoritative information about Freemasonry within and without the Craft.

"There is no stronger supporter of Grand Master Cunningham's theme, 'H.O.P.E. - Helping Others Pursue Excellence,' than the Masonic Service Association of North America. The words 'hope' and 'helping others pursue excellence' are the very reason MSA exists," concludes Bro. Fletcher.



## National League of Masonic Clubs

Almost everything has changed in nearly 100 years since the National League of Masonic Clubs, Inc. was formed, but their purpose and objectives are still the same. Representing Masonic clubs of all types throughout the United States, the League is a charitable organization of Freemasons that encourages the study of the fundamental principles and ideals of Americanism as laid down by the founding fathers of the republic, many of whom were Master Masons. It fosters a strict adherence to the duties of Masonry, obedience to Masonic principles of conduct, and the propagation of universal brotherhood, promoting closer fraternal and social ties among affiliated Masonic clubs and individual Masons.

The need for the Masonic club was first suggested in December 1901. By Apr. 3, 1902, the Masonic Temple Club of Syracuse was formed. Three years later, other Masonic clubs from New York met and formed the National League of Masonic Clubs and the first national convention was held in Syracuse in 1906. Since then, conventions have been held in most all of the large cities of the United States. The next national convention will be in Lancaster, PA, hosted by the current National President, Jack Schofield of York.

At its 23rd convention, "The Cherry Blossom Plan" was approved, setting forth three objectives: To express esteem for George Washington, the man and Mason; to give employment to many crippled soldiers of World War I; and to raise funds for scholarships. Today, it supports and assists worthy youth organizations in sponsoring a character-building program that succeeding generations may become inspired with the American way of life and protect and defend it honorably. It offers scholarships to worthy children and grandchildren of Masons. At its 20th national convention in 1926, the League agreed to establish a fund of \$250,000 to endow scholarships.

For information on membership or activities, contact Jack Schofield, President, at 310 Starview Dr., York, PA 17402, or click on [www.hometown.aol.com/JSchofi863](http://www.hometown.aol.com/JSchofi863).

## The National Sojourners

Staunchly dedicated to Americanism, patriotism, and the Masonic fraternity, National Sojourners promote good fellowship among its members, assist those who may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, further the military need of national defense, and oppose any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security. They work to achieve their purposes by recognizing students with military interests and by proclaiming, demonstrating and teaching Americanism and patriotism.

Its members are Master Masons who are U.S. citizens and commissioned or warrant officers, and senior non-commissioned officers, past and present, of the uniformed services of the United States, having served honorably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

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



Grand Master Cunningham, a member of Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the National Sojourners, is greeted by the President, John Roberts (center), and the Secretary, Hugh McGinnis (right), before a meeting at the Orion Club, Willow Grove.

## The Order of the Rainbow For Girls in Pennsylvania

Becoming a Rainbow Girl changes a girl's life for the better! Girls become members of an organization with other girls who share their hopes and dreams. They associate with other young women who "look to the end of the Rainbow" for a positive and rewarding future.



Rainbow teaches the importance of belief in a Supreme Being, the value of the great truths taught in the Holy Bible, dignity of character, and to strive for the higher things in life. Rainbow also teaches leadership skills, patriotism, and service to others, all emphasized in a ritual of ceremonies presented from memory by the members. Members of Rainbow automatically become a part of the rich heritage of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, which was founded in 1922.

To be a Rainbow girl, she must be between the ages of 11 and 21 years, of good moral character, and profess an abiding faith in God. She may be a daughter of a Master Mason, or the daughter of a member of the Order of The Eastern Star or Amaranth, a majority member, or the friend of a Rainbow Girl. All applicants must be sponsored by a Master Mason or by a member of the Eastern Star or Amaranth.

Rainbow Girls are active in many fund-raisers for charity including bowl-a-thons, dance-a-thons, rock-a-thons, walk-a-thons, and selling all varieties of foods and gifts. Rainbow Girls find fun and satisfaction entertaining children in hospitals, playing bingo with the elderly in nursing homes, and serving as candy-stripers at the Masonic Homes. Dances, social events, sports, choirs, talent shows, skating parties, picnics, and visitations to other Rainbow assemblies are all a part of their program. The Rainbow program includes an active competition schedule in bowling and softball. Many assemblies participate in ritual competitions. At the Annual Grand Assembly, or statewide convention, the assemblies enter their choirs, drill teams, scrapbooks, banners and growth charts into competition.

Any member willing to accept responsibility can serve as an officer. The leader of the assembly is the Worthy Advisor who is elected to a four-month term and presides in all ceremonies, plans the activities, and organizes the service projects. Rainbow Girls have many other opportunities to excel, earning merit bars for service, attendance, ritual, religion, fund-raising, recruitment, visitation, athletics, scholastics, choir and many other categories. Scholarships for Rainbow Girls seeking higher education are available from a variety of sources and are awarded for academic ability, financial need and Rainbow service.

Quality adult volunteers are members of Eastern Star, Amaranth, Masons, or former Rainbow Girls who work with the members of Rainbow to teach them how to be effective leaders. They set a proper example for the girls, and provide guidance and stability to the assembly. In addition, parents of active Rainbow Girls are invited to attend all meetings and programs.

Additional information is available on the Internet at [www.pagrandsdodge.org/pyl/rgr](http://www.pagrandsdodge.org/pyl/rgr)



Norene Gipe, Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow

## 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masonry

"MASONRY REALLY CARE!" is only one of numerous testimonials from grateful parents of children enrolled in 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children. Thirty-four Learning Centers currently are in operation providing one-on-one tutorial instruction, free of charge, to approximately 900 school children with dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning disorder that impairs reading ability. It affects an estimated 15 percent of American school children.

Five Learning Centers with an enrollment of more than 100 children presently are operated by 32nd Degree Masons in Pennsylvania. A total of 56 Learning Centers is projected, 13 of which are to be located in Pennsylvania.

Results of Children's Learning Centers have been uniformly favorable, with most students demonstrating a reading ability at or above grade level after one or two years of tutorial instruction. Among the many success stories is that of Daniel, a fifth grade student enrolled in a Pennsylvania Learning Center. Daniel received an award from the President of the United States for outstanding academic achievement. "Daniel was blessed with the gift of literacy, thanks to the Masonic organization," writes his mother.

Charity is not new to 32nd Degree Masons, nor is it limited to helping children overcome dyslexia. The Scottish Rite has an extensive history of helping others strive for excellence in their lives.

For nearly 70 years, 32nd Degree Masons have funded research to discover the cause of schizophrenia, the most widespread and serious form of mental illness.

Upon application to the Abbott Scholarship program, financial grants for higher education are available to qualified children and grandchildren of 32nd Degree Masons. In Pennsylvania, alone, more than \$1 million in Abbott Scholarship grants have been awarded.

In observance of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, 32nd Degree Masons established the National Heritage Museum at Lexington, MA. The museum, which is open to the general public, free of charge, features a broad range of exhibits illustrating American History and popular culture.

The Scottish Rite charitable programs have an annual budget of nearly \$9 million. In addition, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, 32nd Degree Masonry throughout the United States has pledged \$2.3 million in disaster relief funds.

Scottish Rite Masonry originated in France, based upon ritual practiced in the Lodge Ecossoise, and appeared in North America as early as 1767. The Supreme Council is the governing body of a 32nd Degree Masonic jurisdiction. Pennsylvania and 14 other states are included in the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, organized in 1813.

The core of 32nd Degree Freemasonry is a system of 29 degrees, numbered consecutively from the 4th to the 32nd, which expand upon the first three symbolic degrees and are intended to inspire moral character and responsibility to God and society. The degrees are conferred progressively in dramatic form by four coordinate subordinate bodies: the Lodge of Perfection, 14th; the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16th; the Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th; and the Consistory, 32nd. The 33rd is conferred only by invitation once a year by the Supreme Council.

Membership in 32nd Degree Freemasonry is open, upon application, to all Master Masons in good standing in a regular symbolic lodge under the jurisdiction of a recognized Grand Lodge.



A tutor helps Daniel pursue his goals in the 32nd Degree Learning Center in Allentown.



## The Shrine of North America



The Pennsylvania Shrine  
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## THE FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon



**The Supreme Tall Cedar:**  
Raymond J. Vogel with  
the 2002 Tall Cedar  
Goodwill Ambassador,  
Robert Allen Brooks.

### Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem

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