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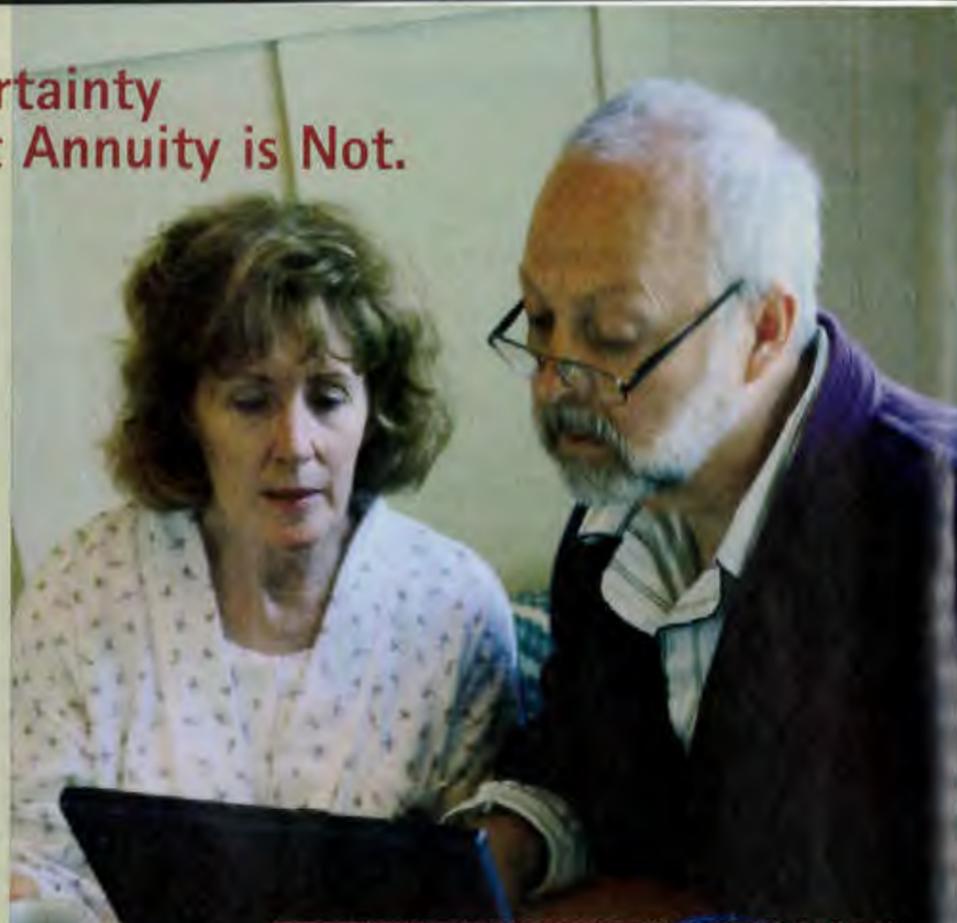
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The Benjamin Franklin Statue on the campus of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

BRETHREN,

The year 2002 is here and it is my hope that we can propel Pennsylvania Freemasonry to an even higher level of quality so that we can maintain our place of excellence that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has held for so many decades.

How can we accomplish that? It is my vision that by working together, no matter what our respective

positions are, or what our interests are pertaining to the Craft, we can and must excel. That is the basis of the theme I have adopted for 2002: "H.O.P.E. - Helping Others Pursue Excellence." Whether we are busy in our Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, the Shrine, and the other Masonic bodies, there is work in the Craft to satisfy everyone. In order to achieve higher standards in Freemasonry, we must commit ourselves to the task before us.

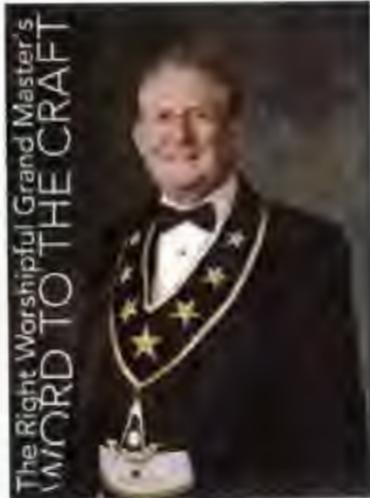
I believe that all of our Masonic Brothers are good men and are striving to better themselves as family members, in their belief in God, in their work place and in their community. So, we must not forget those of our members who are not able to be at lodge meetings. I have heard it questioned from time to time, "If I can't be active, why belong or continue to be a member?" My Brethren, it takes every one of us to continue Freemasonry and to maintain the high standards that we need and, yes, deserve! Therefore, I am asking each of you - no, I'm challenging you - to renew your commitment so that we can see a better tomorrow in Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

In this issue, you will find listed all of the committees for 2002, the chaplains and the ritualists who are vital for supporting the elected officers, district deputy grand masters, appointed officers, appointed leadership personnel of both the Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes, and key staff members who were presented in the special inaugural issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

There are two areas where I feel this administration must pay close attention:

In our Blue Lodges: As of the end of 2001, a number of our lodges have had to merge. It was not because they didn't have the assets or membership, but simply because there weren't enough members who were willing to serve in the stations and places to become Worshipful Masters. Brethren, we must turn that around and change the direction we are going. I know there are men who would make excellent Worshipful Masters. I know we can do it!

Maintaining our membership: A completely new committee has been selected and appointed. More about the committee responsibilities and duties will be announced very soon, if it has not been done by the time you receive this issue. Also, we will pursue the strongest effort possible to contact our members who have not paid their 2002 dues. Sending certified letters is not enough. We must aim at our goal in 2002 of having zero suspensions. I know we can do it provided we are all together, striving hand-in-hand with unanimity.



The Annual Communication was just wonderful. The banquet was successful with more than 2,200 attending. Its arrangement and staging was a great example of everyone working together. The attendance and fraternal fellowship among the brethren, guests, and their ladies was an outstanding example of everyone coming together as a fraternity.

The month of September will be "Youth Month" in our Blue Lodges. Very soon, the District Deputy Grand Master in your district will inform you about all of the details. Also, plans are being formulated to hold a "Masonic Veterans Night" in our Blue Lodges. The month it will be held and details of arrangements will be forthcoming soon.

Masonic Education will be pursued vigorously. We plan to maintain the Wardens Seminars. The only difference will be that we plan to send the Education Committee "on the road." By that, I mean the seminars will be held conveniently in the Regions across the state.

Plans are being made to have charity golf tournaments in the eastern and western parts of the jurisdiction and, if enough interest exists, one also can be planned for the central area. Again, the tournaments will be for the benefit of the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown.

With everyone's support in 2002 and beyond, we will achieve and maintain the high level of excellence this jurisdiction so justly deserves. May you have smooth sailing in everything you do. And, God Bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

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The Franklin Legacy Society is Created

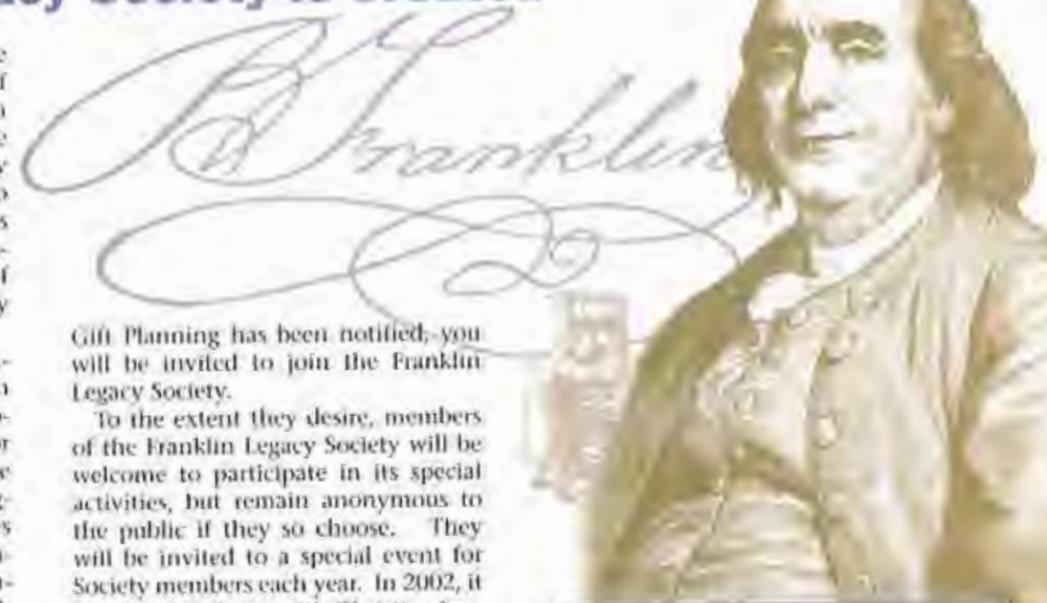
Among his earliest actions as the 114th R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., announced the creation of the Franklin Legacy Society to honor those whose contributions to the missions of our Masonic Charities enable the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to carry on its rich tradition of helping those in need in the Fraternity and in our communities.

"This Society will serve to demonstrate our appreciation for the brethren and friends who have included a provision in their estate plans for one or more of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge," Grand Master Cunningham explained. Those charities include the Masonic Homes, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, and the Masonic Charities Fund.

"It is because of the foresight, caring, generosity, and stewardship of those who came before us that the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Charities are able to serve the Fraternity and mankind as we do," the Grand Master said. Those are the traits of Benjamin Franklin, who probably was the most practical, prudent, and dynamic man of his times. He left the nation with legacies that continue to benefit mankind and are destined to serve for posterity. "That's why 'the Franklin Legacy Society' is the right name today for those whose caring will craft legacies for generations to come," explained the Grand Master.

The first step for qualifying for membership in the Franklin Legacy Society is to take the necessary steps to provide for the Masonic charity or charities, of your choice. That may be done as a bequest to the charity, or charities, or in your will. A person could elect to include such a provision in a living trust. Or, you could decide to fund a life income gift arrangement, such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust with the charity benefiting for the ultimate proceeds. Other options might include designating a Masonic charity to be a beneficiary of a retirement plan, or of a life insurance policy.

After making the desired determination, the next step is to contact the Office of Gift Planning, either by telephone at 1 (800) 599-6454, or by returning the tear-off portion attached to page 17 of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. When the Office of



Gift Planning has been notified, you will be invited to join the Franklin Legacy Society.

To the extent they desire, members of the Franklin Legacy Society will be welcome to participate in its special activities, but remain anonymous to the public if they so choose. They will be invited to a special event for Society members each year. In 2002, it will be a luncheon with Christies Auction House to be held in the Freemasons Cultural Center on April 25. There will be other events on a regular basis, such as education forums and programs by the various Masonic charities.

There will be a special "Donors' Wall" in the Atrium of the Center to recognize members. Members who give their permission will be recognized in *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and in the annual report for the Masonic Charities.

All of the Family of Freemasonry gives thanks that we are able to serve our fellow man and mankind... that we can help others pursue their levels of excellence in health, education, freedom, and happiness. We are able to do all that we do because of the legacies that are ours from the days of Colonial America into this 21st century. It personifies our theme: **H.O.P.E. - Helping Others Pursue Excellence.**



Legacies Live Through the Years

A random sampling of gifts and bequests demonstrates how thoughtful planning and caring generosity has done so much for so many through the years:

- ◆ The will of Thomas Ranken Patton established the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys in 1925 and the Thomas Ranken Patton Memorial Charity Fund provided for the needs of worthy widows.
- ◆ A century later, the income from a generous gift in the will of Maxwell Sommerville, a University of Pennsylvania professor who admired items of beauty, oil paintings and fine sculptures, still is being used to purchase, conserve and preserve many of the works of art in the Masonic Temple.
- ◆ In his last will and testament in 1912, John Henry Daman bequeathed the residue of his estate to the Grand Lodge for building and maintaining a cottage or cottages at the Masonic Homes in his name.
- ◆ The income from a 1989 bequest of the late Harry E. Graul perpetually provides for the educational, recreational, and entertainment well being of the residents of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- ◆ Income from the Harry T. Porter Memorial Fund is used for boys and girls residing at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, and for youth programs conducted at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Paul D. Fisher Installed W.M. of Lodge of Research

Paul D. Fisher, P.M., Reading Lodge No. 549, was elected and installed Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research on Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Greensburg Masonic Center. The Lodge of Research was honored with the attendance of Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., then-R.W.J.G.W., and a charter member of the Lodge, who also served as the Installing Marshal. The Installing Officer was John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M. and charter member of the Lodge of Research.

Elected and installed were: Paul D. Fisher, W.M.; James L. Sieber, S.W.; Robert L. Engel, J.W.; Danny R. McKnight, Treas.; Charles S. Canning, Sec.; and John L. Winkelman, W. Jack Yates, and William E. Yeager, Jr., all Trustees. The

newly installed master appointed the floor officers and several committees for the year.

Two papers were presented during the meeting: "The Robber Baron of Freemasonry" by Bro. Fisher, and "Masonry and the Ten Commandments" by Bro. W. Edward Sell, retired Dean Emeritus of the Law School, University of Pittsburgh.

The next meetings of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will be Saturday, June 8, in Altoona and Saturday, Dec. 7, in Reading.

Pictured after the installation are (l-r): Front - Charles S. Canning, Sec.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., then-R.W.J.G.W.; Paul D. Fisher, W.M.; John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M.; James L. Sieber, S.W.; and Rev. William D. Hartman, Tyler.



Rear - Danny R. McKnight, Treas.; Thomas W. Schick, Jr., J.D.; W. Jack Yates, Trustee; John L. Winkelman, Trustee; Robert L. Engel, J.W.; Kenneth J. Faub, Chaplain; John W. Postlewait, S.D.; and William L. Kingsbury, Pursuivant. Not present for the picture were William E. Yeager, Jr., Trustee; Terry D. Bentzel, S.D.; and Joseph F. Acton, J.M.C.

A Treat Raising His Grandson

There were three generations participating on Oct. 5 in Liberty Lodge No. 505, Port Allegany, when Leonard F. Treat, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. (left), raised his grandson, Nicholas Treat (center). At right is Nicholas' father, Leonard F. Treat, Jr., P.M.



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Philadelphia Area Lodges Unite To Benefit Scout Council Program

In late November, Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District A in Philadelphia, presented a check for \$30,000 to the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America to cover the cost of constructing the new C.O.P.E. course activity center at the Musser Scout Reservation near Quakertown. The contribution was accepted by Jerry Reed, the High Adventure Director, and Ray Braun, the Camping and Properties Director. The support of this "Freemasons and Scouting" program that was developed three years ago by Robert A. Ciampitti, W.M., of Equity Lodge No. 591 in 2001, and involves many of the Philadelphia lodges, is approaching \$50,000 to benefit more than 100,000 Scouts in the Council's summer camp program as well as thousands of visiting Scouts. A ceremonial laying of a bronze plaque with the square and compasses will be conducted during the first Freemason and Scouting Day at the Council's Treasure Island campsite next July.

After the presentation of the check, a tour of the Council's three main camp reservations was conducted to inspect other activity centers conducted with funds donated by the participating lodges. It was determined that a pavilion to support archery and craft instruction is needed. Bro. Miller invited other lodges to join in helping to meet the needs of the large Boy Scout Council.

Popped Corn From the Masons

The Halloween parade is one of the biggest events of the year in the small community of New Oxford and for the Masons of Hebron Lodge No. 465 who helped make it a really festive occasion. They popped a lot of corn - in fact, more than 500 bags full - and gave it away about as fast as they could make it. The lodge stewards who popped the corn and served it were (l-r): William Shafer, P.M.; Jack Lorah, P.M.; and James Blankenship; and not pictured, Mark Shafer, P.M.; and John Griffies.



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DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

What is the meaning associated with the "Point within a Circle?"

The point within the circle was the operative Mason's great secret of how to try his square. He would take his compasses and draw a circle and then draw a straight line through its center and beyond the circumference. He would then place a dot somewhere on the circumference and draw straight lines from the dot to where the line through the center intersected the circumference. In that way he produced a triangle with a perfect right angle of 90 degrees.

In a symbolic sense, you, the Mason, are the point within the circle. You should be ever mindful of keeping your daily conduct and desires within due bounds. Your earthly life as a Mason should move and have its being within a circle of divine life, law and love that sustains it. (Source: *The Exemplar, A Guide to a Mason's Actions, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of PA, 1985*)

What is the proper Masonic dress for lodge officers?

The Masonic dress for lodge officers, with the exception of the Worshipful Master (or Acting Worshipful Master), can be tuxedo, black vest, black tie, black shoes, and white gloves. Shirts that are worn with Masonic dress must be white in color and may have a pleated bosom, but it is not to be ruffled either at the bosom or cuffs. The Worshipful Master (or Acting Worshipful Master) will wear the same as the lodge officers, but with the exception of wearing tails and a high black hat. (Source: *Digest of Decisions, Art. 60, Grand Lodge of PA*)

Whose head is depicted in the center of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania seal?

The head depicted in the Grand Lodge seal is that of Apollo in Greek mythology. He was not only a sun god, but also a god of pure streaming light, particularly of the light of heaven. This phase of his character was made more conspicuous by the fact of his mother's name being Leto, "darkness," strictly "goddess of the dark night." Therefore, Apollo symbolizes light from darkness. The Grand Lodge seal is the head of the sun god Apollo at the center from which emanates rays of light or glory encircled by the words "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," and "Virtute, Silentio, Amore," Latin for "virtue, silence, love." (Source: *The Exemplar, A Guide to a Mason's Actions, Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of PA, 1985*)

Academy of Masonic Knowledge To Meet March 9 in Elizabethtown

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held Saturday, March 9, in the Deike Auditorium of the Freemasons Cultural Center in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Academy sessions will be open only to Master Masons who are to pre-register using the coupon attached.

One of the featured speakers scheduled is Nat Grandstein, for many years the Assistant Grand Master of the Grande Lodge Nationale Francaise (French National Grand Lodge). He will speak on his long involvement with Freemasonry in Western Europe and the complexities of the fraternity there. A second prominent speaker, not confirmed in time for listing in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, will address a topic relative to the Craft, its history, and development.

It also was announced that the Academy will meet again Oct. 19 at the same location.

Registration for the Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge Activities

Advance registration is necessary to facilitate planning and arrangements for the March 9 Academy of Masonic Knowledge of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry at Elizabethtown. Please complete the coupon and send it to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598 by Feb. 28.

I plan to attend the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on March 9 at Elizabethtown.

I am a Master Mason. My Lodge is: _____ No. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

John H. Brown Lodge Adopts Namesake School

Since Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751 adopted its namesake school, it has been "hands up" in favor of combating violence and drug and alcohol abuse for a group of fourth graders at the Joseph H. Brown Elementary School in the Tacony area of Philadelphia.

Last September, the Lodge asked the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children for help in establishing a program for the adopted school. As the result of contacts between Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the "Junior F.B.I." program was initiated at the school. F.B.I. Agent Tanya Jetter is teaching the students who were selected based on compositions they wrote.

The students have been meeting once every two weeks, learning not only about the F.B.I., but also how to handle themselves in everyday contacts with drugs, alcohol, and violence. Included in the program are trips to the Philadelphia field office, and the F.B.I. headquarters in Washington, and Christmas and graduation parties. Bro. Brown said that any Mason interested in learning about or viewing the program should contact him at the Foundation's office, T (800) 462-0430, ext. 1978.



Two Lodges Serve 300 Plus at Community Breakfast

More than 300 persons were served during the Community Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the Greensburg Masonic Center on Saturday, Dec. 1. The annual breakfast, held jointly since 1991 by Philanthropy Lodge No. 225 and Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, benefits the Greensburg Masonic Center Building Fund.

The busy kitchen crew that hustled up the buttermilk and buckwheat pancakes, sausage links and patties, and sliced ham, comprised (front to rear at left): Jack Engelbrecht, Lodge No. 225; Jane Burrell; Ruby Smith; Project Manager Richard Enterline, Lodge No. 225; Dennis Comp, Lodge No. 518; Chief Cook Carl Schweinsburg, Lodge No. 518; and Tim Weir, Lodge No. 225. At right is Charles Miller, P.M., Lodge No. 518.

Leading a hungry line for breakfast are (left) Linda and Jack Maguire, P.M., of Williamson Lodge No. 431, Saltsburg. Serving are (right, front to rear) David Long, Frank Aretz, and Charles Johnston, P.M., all of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518.

Among the early morning diners was a group of Masons who were in Greensburg for the meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of later that day in the Masonic Center.



34 More D.A.R.E. Officers Graduated; Total Surpasses 800 Serving Statewide

Thirty-four more D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers were graduated from the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus on Oct. 26, raising the total number of police officers trained through the support of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children to more than 800.

Numerous classes are planned at the Patton Campus for 2002 including middle school mentor training, D.A.R.E. training, and national D.A.R.E. training. The support of Pennsylvania Masons makes it possible for more communities, especially smaller ones, across the Commonwealth to have this vital program taught in their schools. The conference center gives Pennsylvania law enforcement the most modern training facilities for D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) on the East Coast.

Grand Master Greeted "Family of Freemasons"

When Milton Lodge No. 256 celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Sept. 29, then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., greeted a dedicated "Family of Freemasonry," meeting with three generations of Pennsylvania Masons, two of whom were then serving as Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges. Bro. Lee D. Reiner (left), a member of Herndon Lodge No. 702, has three sons and numerous grandsons who are Pennsylvania Masons. His son, James D. Reiner (right) was the Worshipful Master of Herndon Lodge in 2001, the same time that Bro. Jim's son, Dr. David L. Reiner (second from left) was serving as Worshipful Master of Milton Lodge. Bro. Lee Reiner's other two sons are also Past Masters: Charles Reiner of Charity Lodge No. 144, Lewisburg, and Elwood L. Reiner of Milton Lodge.



TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE

By Laura Libert, Curator,
The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

While recently cleaning and reorganizing the display cases at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, a unique and incomparable piece was "rediscovered." Purported to be of French origin, the piece is a Model Temple, 9" in height, formed mainly of silk and metallic threads, situated on a 14 1/2" x 17 1/4" wooden base and protected by a glass encasement. The Masonic symbolism is immediately apparent in the exterior of this finely-wrought piece: The two columns at the front of the Temple, possibly representing Jachin and Boaz; the black and white mosaic "tiles" of the floor; the square and compasses over the doorway; and the word "Jehovah," in Hebrew, in the pediment. Upon further examination, it was discovered that the roof of the Temple could be removed completely, allowing a thorough inspection of the interior.

The true skill of the craftsman is now apparent, as no detail has been overlooked. The underside of the roof is domed and decorated with blue embroidery and many golden stars. Black and white mosaic tiles also adorn the interior floor of the Temple. Three steps lead to a Masonic altar, decorated with the square and compasses. In this tiny space, the craftsman found a way to leave his mark on the piece. On the back wall there is a small oil painting; it depicts the eruption of Mount Vesuvius over the ruins of Pompeii. The painting is only 2 1/4" x 3", yet it manages to convey the majestic power of the erupting volcano in vibrant colors. The signature of F. de Pauw and a date of 1887 is visible in the lower left hand corner of the painting.

Up until this point, there was no certainty regarding the maker and age of this piece. There is a small brass plaque on the wooden base that reads "F. de Pauw 32," but there was no way of determining what relationship, if any, that F. de Pauw had to the piece. Now, after finding the same name signed on the painting inside the Temple, it can be said with some certainty that F. de Pauw was the craftsman of the piece. To celebrate its rediscovery and 125th birthday, the piece will be displayed more prominently in the museum, so all may be able to examine for themselves the wonderful details of the Model Temple.



[Laura Libert, Curator of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, is a 2001 graduate of Ursinus College, with a bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies and Art History. She worked as a student assistant at the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Collegeville, for two years. For her Summer Fellowship (2000), Laura was the curator for the exhibit "Pure Like Water: Japanese and Chinese Scrolls from the Berman Collection."]

R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

February	March	April	May
2-5 Grand Lodge of Louisiana.	1 Winter Reunion in Sarasota, FL.	4 175th Anniversary, Weikner-Apollo-Kensington Lodge No. 211, Souverain.	3 Reunion, Valley of Bloomsburg, A.A.S.R.
6 Presentation of Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District, Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brookville.	2 Winter Reunion in West Palm Beach, FL.	6 175th Anniversary, St. John's Lodge No. 266, Carlisle.	4 180th Anniversary, Orrstown Lodge No. 262.
8 Presentation of Richard A. Colwell, D.D.G.M., 59th Masonic District, in St. John's Lodge No. 233, Jenkins Twp. (Pittston).	5 Consolidated Pension Fund Mtg., 9 a.m.; Finance Committee Mtg., 1 p.m.	13 New D.D.G.M. Meeting, Elizabethtown Testimonial for Mrs. Byrl Hogue.	9 Breakfast, PA High Twelve Annual Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
9 Secretaries Meeting, Elizabethtown.	6 D.D.G.M. Meeting; Officers Rehearsal; QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Phila., 7 p.m.	13 82nd Annual Grand Session, Anxarath, Holiday Inn, Harrisburg-East, 7 p.m.	11 Reunion, Valley of Allentown, A.A.S.R. Till Cedars of Lebanon, 7 p.m.
12 Presentation of John M. Morgan, Jr., D.D.G.M., 58th Masonic District, in Frackville Lodge No. 737.	14 Compliance Sub-Comm. Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	15 Visitation, Abraham C. Treibler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown.	13 Stated Meeting, Sheikmah Lodge No. 246, Chestnut Hill.
14 Presentation of Robert J. Taylor, D.D.G.M., Masonic District B, in Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia.	15 Bldg. & Grounds, 9 a.m.; Financial Comm., 10 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes 4 p.m.	16 Lancaster Lodge of Perfection.	16-17 Reunion, Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R.
16-19 Grand Masters Conference, Milwaukee.	18 Shield & Square Club.	18 Guest Speaker, Delaware County Shrine Club, Lu Lu Temple.	18 100th Anniversary, Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville.
21 Presentation of Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, in Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.	19 238th Anniv. & 50-Yr. Awards Dinner, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.	22-25 150th Anniversary, Grand Council, Grantville.	22 Chestnut Hill High Twelve Club No. 50.
25 Presentation of Jack E. Flaugh, D.D.G.M., 35th Masonic District, in Crawford Lodge No. 234, Meadville.	22 Brotherhood Night, Delaware, 6 p.m.	25 Franklin Legacy Society, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.	24 Bldg. & Grounds, 9 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes, 10 a.m.; Youth Appreciation Day, Soon.
27-28 Winter Reunion in Tampa, FL.		26 125 Anniversary, Verona Lodge No. 348.	27 150th Anniversary, Union Lodge No. 259, New Brighton.
		28 175th Anniversary Banquet, Weikner-Apollo-Kensington Lodge No. 211, Souverain Springs.	

Original Letterman becomes Mason

Nine gold albums and scores of top singles, some may say can't top the honor of being made a Mason-at-Sight. Anthony (Tony) Butala of the famed group, The Lettermen, was honored by then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. by being made a Mason-at-Sight during an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge on Oct. 20 at Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

In addition to the making of a Mason-at-Sight, 25 brethren from 19 lodges participated in a one-day class to receive or finish receiving all three degrees in Freemasonry at the same meeting. Each candidate for Freemasonry or brother who had received only the first and/or second degree were assigned a mentor from his lodge who assisted him in receiving his degrees and educating him on his experience. Prior to the first degree and then after each of the three degrees, the candidates received 30 minutes of instruction by the Mentor Program Committee who explained the basic purposes and history of Freemasonry, and the meanings, duties and privileges associated with each degree.

After the Bible presentation, Bro. Butala addressed the lodge with much emotion expressing his gratitude of the honor he was granted by then-Grand Master Dluge and the privilege of being made a Mason. "I grew up in a large family not too far away from here, but now after my many distant travels with The Lettermen, I have moved back home...many of my siblings are now deceased...I can't express to you how much it means to me to call you my brothers," said Bro. Butala with tears in his eyes.

The conferring Masters of the degrees were: Entered Apprentice Degree, Robert P. Avvisato, Jr., St. John's Lodge No. 233, Jenkins Twp.; Fellowcraft Degree, David J. Hohenshilt, Slatington Lodge No. 440; and Master Mason Degree, Gregory L. Gleanleaf, Sr., Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy.



At 21, Past Master Councilor Becomes Fifth Generation Mason in His Lodge

As soon as he became 21 years of age, William Andrew Wichterman was made a Mason in Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, extending the lineage of his family in Freemasonry that dates back to 1901. Dale H. Fera, then-D.D.G.M., Masonic District E, and a degree team that included the new Mason's father, Fred D. Wichterman, P.M., in the station of the S.W., conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree on Oct. 18 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the original meeting place of Concordia Lodge.

The minutes of Concordia Lodge verify that it was 100 years and one day before this event that his great-great-grandfather, the late William W. Stehr, received his Entered Apprentice Mason's degree. Since 1901, his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father have all been made members of Concordia Lodge.

The newly made Mason is a Past Master Councilor of Friendship-Bray Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Past State Junior Councilor of Pennsylvania DeMolay. He is a recipient of the Chevalier, the highest honor an active DeMolay can have bestowed upon him, and has earned the Representative DeMolay honor from Pennsylvania DeMolay.

Pictured is the degree team with the new Mason (l-r): Front — The father, Fred Wichterman, P.M.; the new Mason, William; D.D.G.M. Fera; and Rick S. Freedman, P.M.; Rear — Mark S. Shuttlesworth, P.M.; Wesley Wainwright, P.M.; Thomas Anello; Bruce R. Smith, P.M.; LeRoy McClellan, P.M.; and Alan Spina, P.M. Team members not pictured were William J. Greet, P.M., Phillip S. Leopold, and Robert A. Schaffrick.



Lodges Help Shrine Promote Burns Awareness

The Blue Lodges in the Harrisburg area and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children helped Zembo Shrine promote Burns Awareness Day last June to acquaint everyone with the wonderful work of the Shriners Hospitals. Hugh E. Williams, Jr., D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District (left), and William H. Brandt, Sr., J.W. (right), King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston, along with Raymond G. Brown, Director of the Foundation, helped to staff the booth in Columbia Mall, Buckhorn, visited by several thousand people.



Good Men Are Wanted to Serve On Masonic Education Committees

Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, named seven Regional Coordinators and said that they are looking for men to serve on Masonic Education Committees in the lodges and the districts across the state. Brethren who would like to take on this interesting Masonic endeavor should contact one of the Regional Coordinators or his D.D.G.M., or call the Masonic Education office locally at (215) 988-1919 or out of the Philadelphia area to 1 (800) 462-0430, Ext. 1919.

The Regional Coordinators are: Region 1, Guy T. Matthews, P.D.D.G.M.; Region 2, Jay Warren Smith, P.D.D.G.M.; Region 3, Grant E. Stofft, P.M.; Region 4, Joseph F. Acton, P.D.D.G.M.; Region 5, Keith A. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M.; Region 6, Carl F. Johnson, D.D.G.M., 33rd Masonic District; and Region 7, William A. Wetterau, P.M. Dr. Elvin G. Warfel is a consultant to the Committee.

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Mason-at-Sight Raised by Newly Created Degree Team

In the presence of then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., (center), David L. Smith (right) was made a Mason-at-Sight and Thomas A. MacDonald (left) of Muncy Lodge No. 299 received courtesy degrees during the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's December Quarterly Communication at Elizabethtown. The newly formed Pennsylvania Masonic Emergency Services Degree Team created by the authority of then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., conferred all three degrees on the two brethren.

Bros. David Smith and Thomas MacDonald, who both are employed in the field of emergency services, are the first brethren to have had their degrees conferred by the Pennsylvania Masonic Emergency Services Degree Team. Bro. Smith is the Director for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Harrisburg and Bro. MacDonald is an Emergency Medical Technician, Watsonstown. The PA Masonic Emergency Services Degree Team is made up of brothers who are involved in providing emergency services such as police, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The conferring Masters of the degree team were: Entered Apprentice Degree, Bro. Robert Avvisato, Jr., St. John's Lodge No. 233, Jenkins Twp.; Fellowcraft Degree, Bro. William Wetzel, Elysburg Lodge No. 414; and Master Mason Degree, Bro. Ralph Slider, Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown. Guiding for all three degrees and Bible presentation was Bro. John Richards of St. John's Lodge who was also the degree team coordinator.



Giving Blood the Pheresis Way

It's reasonable to consider Edward Budman, P.M., and Chairman of the Masonic Blood Donor Club Committee of Pennsylvania Meridian Sun Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, to be an expert on giving blood. He has contributed more than 250 times, donating more than 32 gallons of the life-saving fluid.

Through a technique known as "Pheresis," Bro. Budman has been donating blood — specifically platelets — much more frequently than is allowed by contributing by the well-known "whole blood" collection. In addition, one contribution by the Pheresis technique will yield as many platelets as would five whole blood donations.

Pheresis (pronounced fur-ee-sis) comes from a Greek word meaning to take away or to separate. In the case of blood, it is separating red cells, platelets, and plasma. Bro. Budman explains that in the Pheresis process, blood is drawn from one arm, routed through a sophisticated, computerized machine that separates plasma, platelets, and white cells. The red cells, which are not collected, are returned to the donor's other arm.

Since the Pheresis process does not interfere with one's ability to contribute whole blood regularly, Bro. Budman also continues his schedule of donating blood that way. With whole blood collection, a person may donate every 56 days, or about six times a year. With Pheresis, a donor, if recruited, may contribute as frequently as every three days, up to a maximum of 24 times a year. After donating whole blood, only a one week wait is required before donating by Pheresis.

Donating blood by the Pheresis process takes one-and-a-half to two-and-three-quarters hours, during which time the donor can relax, watch a movie or listen to music. Start by calling 1 (800) 448-3543 or your local blood center for information and directions.

Speaking on behalf of the Grand Lodge Masonic Blood Donor Club and the Committee of his lodge, Bro. Budman said, "It is our job to educate the brethren about this life-saving procedure and urge them to donate as much as they can." You can find information about Pheresis under the Blood-Organ Donors link on the Grand Lodge web site, <pagrandlodge.org>.

Bro. Ed Budman, contributor of more than 32 gallons of blood, much of it through the Pheresis technique, is pictured at the blood donor session on Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown with Robert L. Dluge, Jr. (left), then-R.W. Grand Master, and Norman A. Fox, Co-Chairman of the Masonic Blood Bank-Organ Donor Committee.



Apologies to M.E. Ronald L. Pennell

The editor's apologies go to Most Excellent Grand High Priest Ronald L. Pennell for having wrongly identified him as "Robert" in the special inaugural edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Lodge Buys, Packages Toys for Tots, Packs Salvation Army Food Boxes

Again, St. John's Lodge No. 435, Reading, teamed with the Salvation Army and Marine Corps Reserve to make Christmas a lot happier for needy families in the Berks County area. Each year the Toys for Tots project seems to get larger and the Lodge takes over more of the responsibility. This year, St. John's Toys for Tots Committee started \$5,000.00 for shopping and with the generosity of many area merchants it turned into more than \$10,000.00 worth of merchandise.

St. John's was assigned the task of shopping for children from 10 to 12 years old. They purchased 200 sleeping bags, 150 basketballs, 50 footballs, 190 bottles of bath and body supplies, 35 curling irons, 25 hair dryers, 100 watches, 15 baseball gloves and balls, plus assorted toys. Lodge members helped the Marines sort toys and set up the toy room for the big "shopping day." On Saturday, Dec. 15, more than 50 volunteers, all members of St. John's and their families, worked with Marines and area children to pack orders for needy families. About 1,500 families requested assistance this year. Each family receives toys for their children, a full meal including turkey or ham, plus some families receive clothing items through the Angel Tree program.

In addition, many St. John's brethren, wives, and family members helped the Salvation Army by working more than half a day packing 800 food boxes.



More than 50 brethren of St. John's Lodge and their family members worked with Marine Reservists packing toys for the Toys for Tots Program. Pictured in the foreground of the vast area of packaged toys are (l-r) Jon J. DeHart, P.M.; Tony Manzillo, P.M.; and Ed Doerrman. (The man facing away was not identified.)

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Robert M. Spicer, Jr., Lodge No. 464
Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S., Lodge No. 464, Secretary

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Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T., Lodge No. 307
Drew W. Washburn, Lodge No. 225

Army Reservists Filled The Elected Chairs

During 2001, it was the Masonic attire and the stations they occupied that let the elected officers of John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport, in the 18th Masonic District, know that they were conducting a lodge meeting and not an Army Reserve drill.

Four of the five had served together for 10 years in the 327th Supply and Services Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserves. In the lodge, the First Sergeant, Steven J. Barner (front, center), was the Worshipful Master; the Master Sergeant, Edward F. Dammer (front, left), was the Senior Warden; the Company Commander, Major Thomas W. Boyle (front, right), was the Junior Warden; the Command Sergeant Major, William E. Fritz, Sr. (rear, left), was the Secretary; and sometimes the Battalion Commander, Col. George J. Casella (rear, right), was the acting Treasurer. The five, whose combined active and reserve service totals 125 years, found it rewarding to serve together again and are trying to organize a military degree team.



Tourney Nets \$14K for Children's Home

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master (right), presented a check in the amount of \$14,000 to Bro. Gilson (Buz) Cash, Director of the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown (second from right). The contribution was the proceeds from the Charity Golf Tournament conducted at Lu Lu Country Club on Oct. 3 by Philadelphia area lodges. Bro. Cunningham, who was the R.W.D.G.M. at the time of the tournament, was the Honorary Chairman. Among the lodges, the major sponsors were Pennsylvania Meridian Sun Lodge No. 2, University Lodge No. 51, and Concordia Lodge No. 67. Dale H. Fera, then D.D.G.M., Masonic District E. (second from left), was the Tournament Chairman; Guy T. Matthews, P.D.D.G.M. (left), was the Co-Chairman; and William Grest, P.M. (not pictured), the Tournament Coordinator.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Corry Lodge Presents Three A.E.D.s



Corry Lodge No. 365 in the 56th Masonic District presented three automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.)—one each to the Corry Area Middle High School, the Corry Higher Education Center, and the Elgin-Beaverdam Fire Department. Representatives of the three recipients and the American Heart Association met at the lodge in November when Ronald E. Rairie, Sr., then-Worshipful Master, made the presentations. Pictured are (l-r): Front—Ronald L. Reiff, Sec.; Harold C. Iberhart, Pursuivant; W.M. Rairie; Dr. Edward Chiu, A.E.D. Program Director; Jane Edkin, Regional Director, American Heart Association; and Peggy Kolstee, R.N., A.E.D. Program Coordinator. Rear—Donald L. Allen, Tyler; Steve Bishop, Executive Director, Corry Higher Education Center; Yulonda Theuret, Administrative Assistant, Corry Middle High School; Denise Otteni, Principal, Corry Higher Education Center; Kelly Cragg, Dean of Students, Corry Middle High School; and Lynn Wittmer, Fire Chief, and Richard Warner, Assistant Fire Chief, Elgin-Beaverdam Fire Department.

Lodge No. 689 Presents A.E.D.



Accompanied by some brethren of Edwin G. Martin Lodge No. 689, Allentown, David B. Alleman, Jr., P.M., W.M., and Gaetan T. Giannini, Jr., J.W. (both at right), presented an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) to the Allen Township Fire Co. on Nov. 17. Officers of the Fire Co. accepting the A.E.D. are (l-r): Gary Krill, Asst. Chief; Richard Gable, Pres.; Dale Hassler, Chief; and Jeff Mouer, 2nd Asst. Chief.

King David Lodge Presents A.E.D.



At a special meeting with the Wyoming Valley School District, brethren of King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston, presented an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) to the Superintendent of the District. Pictured are (l-r): Front—Al Norcross, P.M.; John Maticic, P.M., Secretary; Hugh Williams, Jr., D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District; Augustine Piazza, Superintendent, Dr. Catherine Kosenak, Elementary Principal; and Michelle Merkle, American Heart Association Representative. Rear—Mr. Charles Supon, Middle School Principal and William Brandt, J.W.

Masons of Note

On Oct. 13 in Caracas, Venezuela, Victor Higuera Castellanos, M.W. Grand Master of the Gran Logia de la Republica de Venezuela, presented **Eugene C. Walworth, P.M., Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia** with the highest award he can bestow upon a Freemason, the "Orden Diego Bautista Urbaneja, Primera Clase." Bro. Walworth also received a "Diploma de Honor" in recognition of his visit to the lodge and for his Masonic work in Philadelphia.

Because of his outstanding fundraising efforts and his inspiration for cancer patients, **David Grimes, a member of Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill**, was nominated and selected to participate in the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay that was held on Dec. 20. The honor of participating in the relay was all the more special in that Bro. Grimes has multiple myeloma, or cancer of the blood cells. He has been active in the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as a rider and mentor in the Society's Team in Training bicycling program and has helped to raise more than \$20,000 through his participation in 100-mile rides.

Charity Lodge No. 144 Helps Hospice

Masons of Charity Lodge No. 144, Lewisburg, served a pancake breakfast during the Memorial Motorcycle Tour conducted by the Evangelical Community Hospital of Lewisburg and donated the proceeds of \$2,300 to the Hospice Program. Arthur L. Shaffer, W.M. (front, right) and Jack L. Dersham (front, center) presented the contribution to Rebecca Brooks, Hospice Coordinator. Brethren accompanying the Worshipful Master for the presentation are (l-r): Fred Whitman, P.M.; William Moyer; Robert Yost, P.M.; Donald Glass; Frank Siler, P.M.; and Richard Donaldson.



Ten Mergers, One Name Change Approved During Dec. Quarterly

During the Dec. 8 Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge approved ten mergers of lodges and the change of the name of Lodge of the Craft No. 433, New Castle, to Lodge of the Craft/Westminster Lodge No. 433.

The mergers, all effective Dec. 27, are:

Humboldt Lodge No. 359 with Hermann Lodge No. 125, to become Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125 in Masonic District A.

Euclid Lodge No. 698 into Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 to be Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in the 2nd Masonic District.

Fritz Lodge No. 420 with Fort Washington Lodge No. 308 to become Fritz Lodge No. 308 in the 6th Masonic District.

Puritan Lodge No. 740 into Reading Lodge No. 549 to be Reading Lodge No. 549 in the 7th Masonic District.

Levittown-Brittingham Lodge No. 788 with Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776 to become Fairless Hills-Levittown Lodge No. 776 in the 8th Masonic District.

Barger Lodge No. 333 into Greenleaf Lodge No. 561 to be Greenleaf Lodge No. 561 in the 10th Masonic District.

Page Lodge No. 270 into Schuylkill Lodge No. 138 to be Schuylkill Lodge No. 138 in the 11th Masonic District.

Waterford Lodge No. 425 into Eureka Lodge No. 366 to be Eureka Lodge No. 366 in the 24th Masonic District.

Sharon Lodge No. 250 into Kedron Lodge No. 389 to be Kedron Lodge No. 389 in the 53rd Masonic District.

Shenango Lodge No. 668 with Hermitage Lodge No. 810 to become Shenango Valley Lodge No. 810 in the 53rd Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.s and P.D.D.G.M.s Are Team for Third Degree

A team comprising District Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters participated in the conferral of the Master Mason's Degree on Gregory K. McKnight, the son of Keith A. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., 53rd Masonic District, on Nov. 10 in Sharpville Lodge No. 517. The degree was conferred by Joseph P. Brashen, P.M., Sharon Lodge No. 250, with the new Master Mason's father and his brother, Jared J., serving together as Guides. Pictured are (l-r): Front—Jared McKnight; Gregory McKnight; Keith McKnight, P.D.D.G.M.; and Richard E. Lawhead, D.D.G.M., 25th Masonic District. Middle—W. Thomas Marlowe, P.D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District; J. Robert Taylor, P.D.D.G.M., 24th Masonic District; Harvey E. Fishel, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District; John H. Crilley, P.D.D.G.M., 53rd Masonic District; Mark E. Viertel, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District; and Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District. Rear—Bro. Brashen, P.M.; Jeffrey M. Wonderling, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District; William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M., 37th Masonic District; Kurt R. Tesche, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; Timothy P. Templeton, D.D.G.M., 53rd Masonic District; John W. Hisiro, D.D.G.M., 49th Masonic District; and S. Robert Marziano, Jr., D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District.



It's Great to be Home Again

Bro. and Mrs. John Kraybill are happy to be back in Elizabethtown. Although they grew up in Elizabethtown and had deep roots at the Masonic Homes and in the local community, they had planned to spend their retirement years in Florida.

John spent much of his time as a youth at the Masonic Homes. In fact, he and his three sisters, who were all musically talented, often played at Sell Chapel during their youth. His sisters played the piano, flute, and violin, and John was a trumpeter.

During the 1960s, John served the Elizabethtown Borough as a Councilman for four years. He willingly and proudly displays newspaper articles written about him during his time of dedicated service.

In 1975, John joined the Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, that meets in the Masonic Temple on the Masonic Homes' campus. Jean is a member of the Order of The Eastern Star Chapter No. 84 in Leesburg, FL, but is



Pictured in front of the Freemasons Cultural Center, Bro. John and Jean Kraybill are "back home" in retirement living.

planning to transfer her membership to a Pennsylvania Eastern Star chapter.

A graduate of Elizabethtown College, Jean was employed as Secretary to the Dean of the school. She always enjoyed visiting the Masonic Homes' campus while growing up in the community.

Bro. and Mrs. Kraybill had not entertained the thought of moving back to Elizabethtown. However, while attending one of the reunions conducted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Florida, they looked at one another and said, "We want to go home!"

Following up on their decision, they completed a priority list application and, working with the Retirement Living Marketing Office, were able to move into the unit of their preference — a one-bedroom apartment. Their move to retirement living resulted in the Kraybills agreeing that it was the best decision they ever made. They simply love retirement living at the Elizabethtown campus. As is the case for many other residents, they have only one regret: "We should have done it sooner!"

If you are considering a retirement community, plan now for your future. Consider retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, where you'll enjoy peace of mind and security in knowing that quality services, including health care on a fee-for-service basis, are available should you need them.

For more information on current waiting lists or to arrange a personal appointment with a marketing counselor, call 1 (800) 676-6452. You may also request a brochure and/or retirement living video by returning the coupon on the left.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes Video

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

It's Family Life at Masonic Eastern Star Home - East

Remember the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East for Nursing and Assisted Living Services! The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster offers Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing accommodations and assisted living services. Part of the Mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East is to serve individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients.

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



Guest Lodging at Elizabethtown

Two guest lodging rooms are available to family members or friends of a resident when visiting at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Reservations may be made by calling (717) 367-1121, ext. 33314, 24 hours a day. Leave your name, telephone number, and date(s) requested to reserve the guest rooms. A resident volunteer will call to confirm availability Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you have an immediate need during the evenings, weekends, or holidays, an operator is available to assist you at the above number.

The rooms are located on the first floor of the Allegheny Building in the Village Green Area. Each offers two single beds, television, bathroom with shower, linens and towels, and a telephone for on-campus and local calls.

The cost per night is \$33.92. The check-in location is the Grand Lodge Hall receptionist desk. Meals may be purchased at the Masonic Health Care Center cafeteria or The Three Loaves Café in the Freemasons Cultural Center.

Masonic Village at Sewickley Continues to Grow

The Masonic Village at Sewickley is well on its way to becoming one of the most beautiful retirement communities in Western Pennsylvania. The warm Fall weather allowed construction to proceed at a rapid pace as the Star Points Building was completed, and the retirement living clubhouse and first apartments began to take shape.

The Star Points Building assisted living residence was completed and fully occupied as of the end of December. The Star Points Building offers 60 apartments, a dining room, great room, assembly room, terraces, medical clinics, and a day care center for 40 children. On Oct. 26, the Committee on Masonic Homes held a date stone ceremony for the Star Points Building, as well as a groundbreaking ceremony for the community's first phase of retirement living construction.

During the date stone ceremony, Robert L. Dlugie Jr., then-R.W. Grand Master, made a special presentation of his Grand Master's Medallion to B.J. Franks, Executive Director of the Masonic Village at Sewickley. He also presented the final payment on a \$25,000 contribution to William Davis Jr., Chief of the Aleppo Township Fire Department, to support the department's tremendous service of protection for the residents of Aleppo Township.

As a life-care community, the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers residents an agreement under which they will continue to pay the same monthly fee for assisted living and nursing services, should they need them, as they do for retirement living services. It's like getting long-term care insurance in addition to the community's unique lifestyle.

Along with its view toward the Ohio River Valley, the Masonic Village at Sewickley will feature a spacious clubhouse with two restaurant-style dining facilities, a bank, library, auditorium, computer classroom, and many more amenities, including walking trails offering scenic paths throughout the picturesque campus.

Based on vast interest, along with a generous donation from the estate of Bro. William S. Barley, who was a member of Doric Lodge No. 630 in Sewickley, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the start of construction for a wellness center on

the campus. The wellness center will include an indoor pool and fitness center, with an opening anticipated in Spring 2003. As construction plans are finalized, additional donations will be sought to fully fund this wonderful facility.

At the end of November 2001, the first of three phases for retirement living was half reserved, as were the phase two villa homes. Reservations continue to increase as more choose to be among the first to live in the dynamic new community. In total, there will be 228 retirement living apartments and 35 villa homes for prospective residents. The first of these will be available in Spring 2003. For more information or to visit the two-bedroom model apartment, call 1 (866) 872-0664. If you would like additional information, return the coupon (right).



Members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Masonic Homes staff participate in the ground-breaking ceremony for the first phase of retirement living construction at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Then-R.W. Deputy Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. finds the date stone of the Star Points Building to be square.

Then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr. spreads the cement on the date stone for the Star Points Building.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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Masonic Village at Sewickley
1190 Merriman Road
Sewickley, PA 15143



Museum Volunteers Needed at the Masonic Homes

After 15 exciting years, Bro. Harold L. Barnhart and Bro. Gerald W. West, members of the Masonic Homes' Museum Committee, are looking to "pass the torch" to a new generation of museum lovers.

Bros. Barnhart and West are looking for a person to take on the responsibility of supervising the museum, with the help of a few individuals who would be on call when needed.

"We're looking for someone with some [spare] time, some artistic taste, and occasional use of a strong back," Bro. West said.

The new Masonic Homes' museum volunteer would be responsible for assessing the items donated to the museum. This task involves cataloguing each item with information, such as who donated the item, when it was donated and how old the piece is. That person also would be in charge of keeping items in storage until they are displayed and then, eventually creating a display for the new items, as space permits.

According to Bro. West, the ideal candidate will have an interest in; and knowledge of, antiques and the ability to write in calligraphy, a style of writing that is used on many of the signs in the display cases in the museum.

Heading the Masonic Homes' Museum Committee is an ideal volunteer position for someone who has four to five days a month to dedicate to the museum, Bro. West said.

The museum contains various pieces on display, including Grand Lodge artifacts, former Masonic Homes' farming equipment, photographs, treasured possessions donated by residents, items donated by Pennsylvania Freemasons, and other items of Masonic interest.

The Masonic Homes' Museum opened in 1986 in its former location on the lower level of Grand Lodge Hall. Originally, the museum was going to consist of a few display cases and photographs surrounded by several lounge chairs. However, the original four men of the Museum Committee (Bros. Barnhart and West, Bro. Harold R. Kerns and Bro. Kenneth W. Nebinger) had a different vision - they wanted it to be a true museum. Indeed, the Committee achieved that, making the museum what it is today.

"We enjoy (being on the Museum Committee)," Bro. Barnhart said. "That's why we're doing it. We take pride in our museum."

Bro. West added, "The 'pay' is good - with the satisfaction and enjoyment of working with old things."

Would you like to find enjoyment volunteering on the Masonic Homes' Museum Committee? If so, call the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, at (717) 367-1121, extension 33262.

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."

Benjamin Franklin



Benjamin Franklin 1706 — 1790

Benjamin Franklin, age 84, the city of Philadelphia's greatest citizen of all time; printer, writer, artist, publisher, philosopher, scientist, inventor, soldier, diplomat, abolitionist, founder of a half-dozen Philadelphia institutions, influencer of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and more.

Benjamin Franklin was one of the most practical, prudent, dynamic, and influential men of his times. He left more than a legacy. He left a legacy of legacies that more than two centuries later continue to benefit mankind and are destined to serve for posterity. Accordingly, "Franklin Legacy Society" is the appropriate name today for those persons whose caring will craft legacies for generations to come.

At 17, Ben left a printing apprenticeship in Boston and started his printing business in Philadelphia, published *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, and gained recognition with his *Poor Richard's Almanack*.

Through early years of his career he organized a literary club that evolved into the American Philosophical Society; laid foundations for what became the Philadelphia Library; initiated the first formal fire company, was instrumental in improving the lighting of city streets; invented the Franklin stove; and flew his famous kite. In 1748, he sold his business and turned to public life.

In public affairs at home and abroad, he forged lasting relationships, influenced decisions, and acted to shape the future. He was Pennsylvania's delegate to the Albany Congress

The Franklin Legacy Society recognizes and honors persons of vision and foresight who have taken the initiative to strengthen and enhance the good works of one or more of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania through their estate plans, including the Masonic Homes, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, and The Masonic Charities Fund.

The Masonic Charities are the means whereby the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania carries on its rich tradition of caring for those in need within the Fraternity and throughout the world. Through their thoughtfulness, members of the Society are helping to assure that the vital missions of the Masonic Charities will be available for the benefit of future generations.

in 1754 and then was in England for five years, relative to the enforcement of taxes in Pennsylvania. In 1766, the House of Commons summoned him to England to explain colonial opposition to the Stamp Tax. When war was inevitable in 1775, he was in Philadelphia where, in due course, he was a member of the second Continental Congress, was on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence and was one of its signers. He helped to negotiate a treaty with France and was sent to negotiate peace with Great Britain.

About a month after his 25th birthday, Franklin became a Mason, joining St. John's Lodge meeting at Tom Tavern in Philadelphia. By the next year, he had drafted the lodge's bylaws and was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then served his first term as the Grand Master in 1734, the same year that he published Anderson's *The Constitution of the Free-Masons*, the first Masonic book printed in America.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1749; then in organizational changes a year later, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master. He was on a committee to build the first Masonic building constructed in America, the "Free-Mason's Lodge" in Philadelphia, and took a prominent part in its dedication in 1755. In 1760 he was named Provincial Grand Master of Philadelphia.

As he traveled frequently on diplomatic missions, Brother Franklin visited lodges in England, Scotland and France. He became active with lodges in France, serving two years as Master of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters; as honorary Master of the Respectable Lodge de Saint Jean de Jerusalem; and an honorary member of the Loges des Bon Arts of Rouen.

Benjamin Franklin died quietly at 11 p.m.

Who is eligible for membership?

Membership in the Franklin Legacy Society is open to anyone who has included a provision in any amount for one or more of the Masonic Charities in their will, revocable trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. Also eligible are persons who have entered into a planned gift arrangement with a Masonic Charity such as a life estate, charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable remainder trust or charitable lead trust.

We Would Like to Say "Thank You"

Members of the Franklin Legacy Society are recognized in the following ways:

- Invitation to a special event each year.
- Recognition on a special donor wall.
- Recognition in *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and Annual Report for the Masonic Charities.
- Recognized with the Society's distinctive lapel pin, which depicts Bro. Benjamin Franklin at work at his printing press.

Note: Persons who wish, may remain anonymous while participating in the activities of the Franklin Legacy Society.

How May I Become a Member?

If you have already provided for one or more of the Masonic Charities in your financial plans, as outlined, you qualify for membership in the Franklin Legacy Society. Complete and return the attached coupon to the Office of Gift Planning or telephone us at 1-800-599-6454. We will then forward you a short membership form for completion. Upon receipt of the completed membership form we will forward your Franklin Legacy Society membership packet.

If you are considering providing for one or more of the Masonic Charities in your estate plans or through an appropriate planned gift arrangement and if you are interested in considering membership in the Society, the staff of the Office of Gift Planning stands ready to assist you and your advisors in complete confidence and of course, at no obligation to you.

The Masonic Charities of the
R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Office of Gift Planning

Masonic Homes

One Masonic Drive

Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199

1-800-599-6454

Email: giving@pagrandlodge.org

Web: www.pagrandlodge.org/giving

The Franklin Legacy Society

One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199



You are invited to share in the vision for the futures of Masonic Charities by becoming a member of the Franklin Legacy Society.

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- I/We are considering a provision for a Masonic Charity and membership in the Franklin Legacy Society. Please contact me/us to discuss it.

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Admissions Policy for the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Admissions to the Masonic Homes are governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Homes approves or disapproves applications for admission primarily on the basis of need. Decisions concerning admission, the provision of services and referrals of residents are not based upon the applicant's race, color, religion, disability, ancestry, national origin, familial status, age, sex or any other protected status.

The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved the following service levels for admission to the Masonic Homes. Please contact the Admissions or Marketing Office for information on which service levels are eligible for admission to the living area desired:

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Admissions for Residential, Assisted Living, and Health Care/Nursing Services: (800) 422-1207

Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (800) 676-6452

Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster

Admissions for Assisted Living and Health Care/Nursing Services: (215) 672-2500

Masonic Village at Sewickley

Admissions for Health Care/Nursing Services: (412) 741-1400, extension 3020

Admissions for Assisted Living Services: (717) 741-1400, extension 3000

Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (412) 741-1400, extension 3530, or toll-free (866) 872-0664

Service Level 1:

PA Master Mason

A member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years in the R. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of PA or the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of PA.

PA Eastern Star

A PA Eastern Star member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years. Non-PA Masons who became Eastern Star members after January 1, 1998, will be required to gain membership in a PA lodge to be eligible for admission, unless the primary state does not permit dual membership.

Wife of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star

Spouses who are Masons from any jurisdiction are eligible.

Widow of PA Master Mason

Widows continue to be eligible through their Masonic husband even if they remarry.

Mother of PA Master Mason

Daughter of PA Master Mason

Sister of PA Master Mason

Service Level 2:

Grandmother of PA Master Mason

Grandfather of PA Master Mason

Father of PA Master Mason

Mother-in-law of PA Master Mason

Father-in-law of PA Master Mason

Son of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star who is not a Mason

Service Level 1 & 2 with less than 5 years' membership

Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives

Consideration also is given to other relatives of PA Masons. We also consider PA Senior DeMolay, majority members of PA Job's Daughters and PA Rainbow Girls, senior members of PA Knights of Pythagoras, and members of female-related PA Masonic organizations in good standing.

Employees of Grand Lodge or the Masonic Homes with a minimum of 20 years of service.

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

A member in good standing for a minimum of five (5) cumulative years in another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of PA and his spouse or widow.

Service Level 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry

Individuals from Service Levels 2, 3, and 4 are considered for admission depending on waiting lists and availability in the area.

Be on Your Way to Creative Retirement!

"Creative retirement" is a term used to describe the way that many retirees currently are filling their days. Volunteering, exploring hobbies, preparing family histories, learning about computers, joining fitness programs, and just enjoying life is now their focus instead of meal planning, housekeeping, and finding transportation to go places and getting to the doctor.

Creative retirement does not require time for safety and security concerns, such as home accidents, scams, or crime. Those living this lifestyle do not need to spend time worrying about medical problems, such as locating a proper doctor, scheduling an appointment, and finding transportation. Nor do they have to concern themselves about not having enough funds to cover expenses or the possibility of depleting assets and not having a place to live. Their lives are virtually stress-free!

Residential living in the Village Green Area at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown may be the perfect place to enjoy creative retirement. Offering a private room with a bath in one of nine majestic buildings, this lifestyle is for people who enjoy a homelike setting but don't want worries to reside with them. A married couple usually is offered a two-room suite with a bath. No kitchen is needed, since three meals are served daily in the Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room. Residents may keep small refrigerators in their rooms, which are perfect for late-night snacks, and they may use the kitchenettes located in each building. Housekeeping and laundry services also are provided; however, laundry rooms are located conveniently throughout the buildings for those who choose to do some or all of their personal laundry. Regularly scheduled transportation is available for travel to appointments and activities on campus, as well as for off-campus recreational trips. Access to the Masonic Health Care Center alleviates health care concerns. A variety of activities and social functions fills the hours that would otherwise be spent arranging, getting to, and taking care of all the things that are so conveniently offered on the campus!

In residential living, no entrance fee or upfront money is required; a daily rate is charged to cover living costs and services. The only requirement to enter this living area is that all applicants maintain eligibility for Medical Assistance, Medicare, and other third-party payers by not transferring or giving away assets. If you have income and assets and are able to pay for residency here, you or your designated person would maintain those funds. Assets are NOT taken upon entrance. If you do not have assets and/or the income to afford the cost, residency is still an option due to fraternal care. Security is assured in that should your funds become depleted while residing at the Masonic Homes, you will not be asked to leave.

If creative retirement sounds good to you or perfect for someone you know, please contact the Admissions & Resident Services staff at 1 (800) 422-1207. For eligibility requirements or a brochure with in-depth information, call the toll-free number listed above or email to admissions@masonichomespa.org. This could be the beginning of your creative retirement years. There is limited availability in residential living, so call to see if there is a room that is just right for you!



Enjoying today's world of computers is just one of the multitude of activities in creative retirement at the Masonic Homes.