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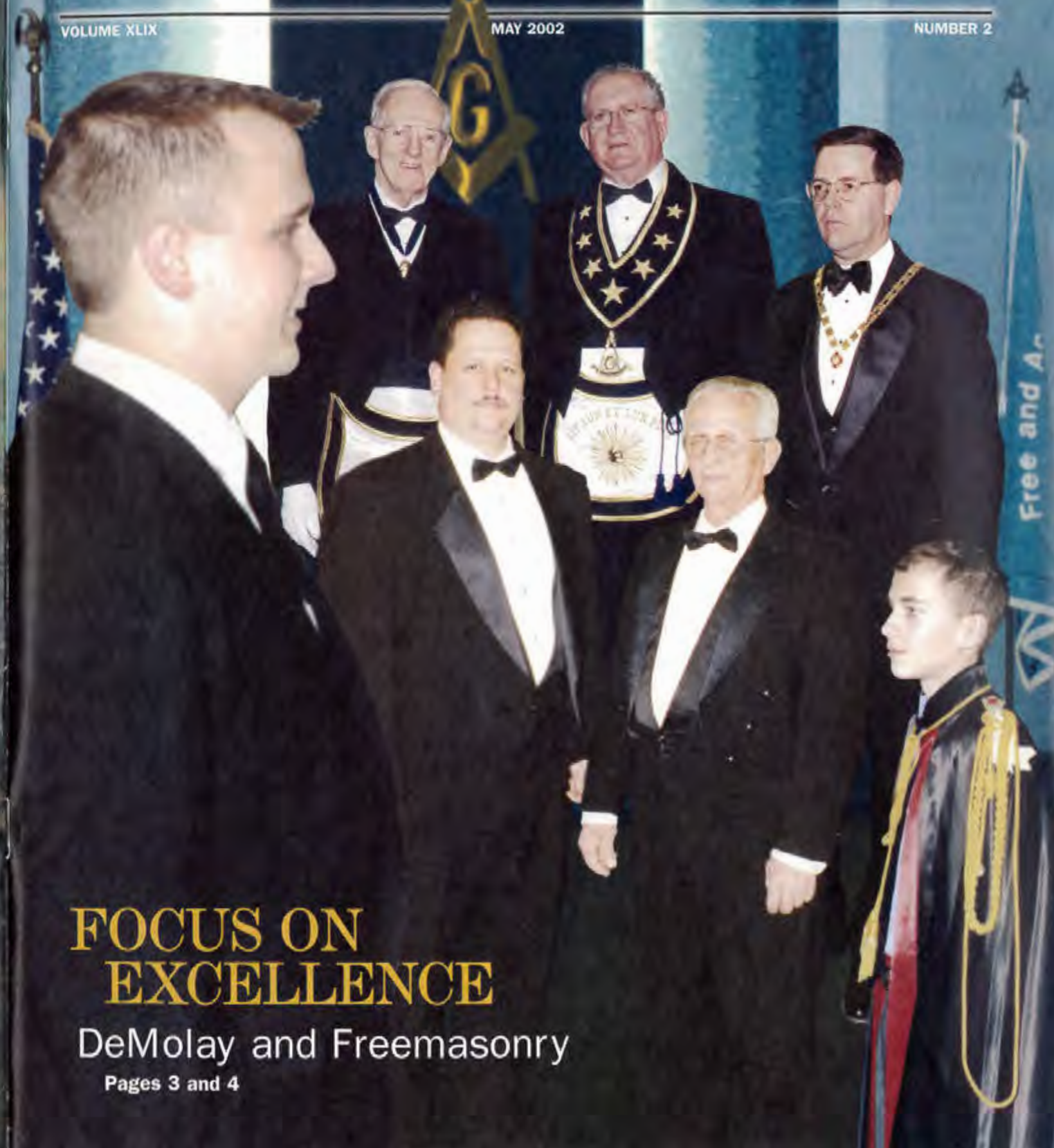
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## BRETHREN,

During the first four months of this year, I have been where Masonry is really alive – in Blue Lodges across our state. In every lodge we visited, rural or urban, small or large, brotherhood reigned, fellowship prevailed, and the pride of being a Mason was predominant. It has been a fraternal inspiration and a very satisfying experience for me and for the Grand Lodge team to be among the Brethren in their lodges.

Seventeen of those visitations were to present new District Deputy Grand Masters in their home lodges. Together as Brethren, we watched and heard each new Deputy accept the solemn charge of his office and we recognized the magnitude of his commitment to serve and his dedication to the Fraternity – and we appreciate it. At the same time, we said “thank you” to those who “retired” after years of service and became Past District Deputy Grand Masters. Theirs was a job well done.

During the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on March 6, I announced a decision that petitions now may be accepted from applicants 18 years of age or older. That decision is of great interest to many worthy young men, particularly the young adult leaders of DeMolay, students matriculating into colleges or starting out in the business world, and men going into their country's military services.

The next Quarterly Communication will be on Wednesday, June 5, in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It would be my pleasure to greet you there.

Membership growth is our biggest challenge, both in welcoming worthy new members and keeping the Brethren that we have. As I say every chance I get, “We’re capable of meeting the challenge and we will succeed.” Our new Membership Committee hit the ground running with a two-pronged program, called “Operation Rescue/Recovery” that calls upon personal contact to get the job done. Committee members in the Lodge will “rescue” Brethren in jeopardy of suspension, recently suspended, or considering resignation. To spur “recovery” of our membership status, lodges will host **Friend-to-Friend** get-togethers to tell friends, neighbors, and relatives “who we are, what we are, and what we are all about.” Every Mason can help – and I ask you to do so – by speaking Brother-to-Brother when you know someone is delinquent in dues, and **Friend-to-Friend** whenever someone asks about the Fraternity.

Two Grand Master's Charity Golf Outings that are in the works for the Fall will provide excellent Brother-to-Brother and **Friend-to-Friend** opportunities. In Western Pennsylvania, the Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing to Benefit the Masonic Village at Sewickley will be at Diamond Run Golf Club on Sept. 16. In Eastern Pennsylvania, the Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing to Benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown will be at Lulu Country Club on Sept. 23.

Thank you Brethren for your support.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



The Right Worshipful Grand Master's  
WORD TO THE CRAFT

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## State Master Councilor is Center of Focus When DeMolay Leadership Confers Degree

The focus was on the 21-year-old State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, Brother Keith A. Bortz, Jr., when the Master Mason's Degree was conferred during an extra meeting of Union Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro, on Saturday, Mar. 23.

R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., was present. So was R.W. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, the former Executive Officer of Pennsylvania DeMolay, who came across the state to make a presentation. Thomas R. Labagh, P.M., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, the Executive Officer of Pennsylvania DeMolay, and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, conferred the degree supported by a team made up of members of the State DeMolay Leadership, including Keith's father and grandfather. The Lodge room was nearly filled by the State Master Councilor's well-wishers, many of them DeMolay Advisors and friends from the 7th Masonic District, to welcome Keith on his final step into the Craft.

Following the conferral, Keith said, "The most appealing part of Freemasonry is the brotherhood. Meeting people who become friends for life—that is a great feeling! Being a DeMolay has truly made me a better person. I hope that Freemasonry will continue to mold this person that I have become, and make me a better citizen of my community."

Grand Master Cunningham said that Keith demonstrates perfectly why the recent decision was issued to allow lodges to receive petitions from 18-year-olds. "Here is a young man who was ready to

be made a Mason at an earlier age. Without his DeMolay State Officer activity, he might have been distracted from continuing his fraternal journey. But not every DeMolay can be a State Master Councilor. Indeed, not every young man can be a DeMolay. The decision makes it possible for young adults to seek membership in our Craft when they are ready for it.

"The monuments we build as speculative Masons are not of stone or steel, but rather, the edifices of character in ourselves and in those we care for. There can be no more profound Masonic calling than training our youth as apprentices in Masonic virtue."

Bro. Labagh has made it a priority to participate in conferring degrees on Senior DeMolays whenever possible and to confer degrees on former DeMolay State Officers when permitted by the lodges they petition. He said, "I have never forgotten the thrill of being greeted by a degree team of DeMolay leaders when I received my Masonic degrees many years ago. While this is a great day for the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania to show off its best and brightest to the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and to the brethren of the Fraternity, the focus of the day is on one person only. We are here to pay tribute to a young man whom we all greatly admire. We all feel privileged to be permitted to confer the degree on Bro. Keith A. Bortz, Jr."

The degree team included Allen D. Moyer, P.M., Vaux Lodge 406, and Legal Counsel, Pennsylvania DeMolay, as Senior Warden; Rick S. Freedman, P.M., Corinthian-Williamson Lodge 368, Deputy Executive Officer, as Junior Warden; Philip H.



## On The Cover

FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE – Raising Keith A. Bortz, Jr., State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, highlighted the value of Masonry's support of youth programs through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and underscored the importance of the dedicated services of the youth advisors in the local lodges. Masons' concern for youth exemplifies the Grand Master's theme of "H.O.P.E.: Helping Others Pursue Excellence."

The Masons, family members, and youth pictured on the cover personify the cycle of leadership, growth, maturity, and excellence that is found in the DeMolay/Masonic relationship. In the back row are (l-r): Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M.; and Thomas R. Labagh, P.M., Executive Officer of Pennsylvania DeMolay. In the foreground are (l-r): Bro. Bortz, Jr.; his father, Keith A. Bortz, Sr., a Chapter Advisor; his grandfather, Kenneth L. Bortz, lodge Treasurer; and Chris Laureano, a young DeMolay of Reading Chapter.

Batula, Senior Warden of Lodge No. 9, and Director of Competitions, as Senior Deacon; Randy C. Knapp, Director of Convention, as Junior Deacon; Brent D. Richards, P.S.M.C., and P.Y.F. Administrative Assistant, as Senior Master of Ceremonies; Lee L. Cram, Jr., P.M.C., W.M. of Lodge No. 9, and Deputy Executive Officer, as Junior Master of Ceremonies; Raymond W. Gottschall, III, P.M., Reading Lodge No. 549, Director of Advisor Training and Deputy Executive Officer; Louis E. Grow, P.S.M.C., Director of State Officer Program, as Chaplain; John L. Winkelman, P.M., Chandler Lodge No. 227, and Active Member for DeMolay International, as Secretary; Kenneth L. Bortz, grandfather of Keith, in his usual role as Treasurer; Keith A. Bortz, Sr., father, Chapter Advisor for Reading DeMolay, as Guide; James A. Ray, P.M., Hiram Lodge No. 81, Director of Ritual, gave the Charge; and Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M., and Past Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay, presented the DeMolay/Masonic lapel pin.

Before the evening extra meeting of Union Lodge, more than 75 Masons enjoyed fraternal fellowship and a dinner served by eight members of the Reading DeMolay Chapter.

Accompanied by R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. (2nd from right), Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. (3rd from right) presents Bro. Keith A. Bortz, Jr. (3rd from left) with a DeMolay/Masonic lapel pin similar to the one pictured above. Also pictured are: At left, Kenneth L. Bortz, Keith's grandfather, and Keith A. Bortz, Sr., his father. At right is Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer of Pennsylvania DeMolay.



## DeMolay Makes Good Men - Most Make Good Masons

The Order of DeMolay and Freemasonry are so intertwined that they complement and support each other. DeMolay is not a training ground for Masons and is careful not to recruit members for the Craft, but there can be no doubt that it is easy for young members and their families to gain favorable impressions through their interactions.

His mother, Joy Bortz, explained: "DeMolay has made a great difference. When he joined... he was shy and unsure of himself. Look at him today!"



This is well exemplified by Keith A. Bortz, Jr., State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, and now a Mason in Union Lodge No. 479, Birdsboro, PA.

The day that Bro. Bortz became a Mason is recorded as Jan. 24, 2002, when fellow DeMolay Past State Master Councilor Brent D. Richards conferred his Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree. However, identifying when Keith first sought in his heart to become a

Mason isn't as easy. It occurred sometime after Oct. 25, 1995, when he joined Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay. That was a turning point in his life and it had a profound effect on his whole family.

Keith has said: "I joined DeMolay because one of my friends told me about this 'really cool' group... (and) invited me to a Chapter open house. I was sold on the program... I would have the chance to meet people from many other school districts."

Ray Gottschall, P.M., Reading Lodge No. 549, Chairman of Reading Chapter's Advisory Council, remembers Keith as "a quiet, sensitive young man who didn't say much but had a reputation for reliability and showed lots of promise." It didn't take long for the DeMolay experience of public speaking, ritual performance, leadership training, and social development to work its magic on Keith.

His mother, Joy Bortz, explained: "DeMolay has made a great difference. When he joined... he was shy and unsure of himself. When the advisor asked him about running for Junior Councilor, he thought he couldn't handle the public speaking and almost turned it down. Look at him today! I have seen him make impromptu speeches that just amaze me. DeMolay gave Keith a belief in himself..."

At age 16, Keith came late to DeMolay. Most

members were younger, so his opportunity to advance came soon after his initiation — but it still took four years to get him to serve as Master Councilor in June of 1999. A year later, he was called on again to serve as Master Councilor. Another year later, based on his reputation for reliability, he was elected State Master Councilor for all of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Gottschall observed, "(This youth) who spoke so softly and was unsure of his talents has grown into the self-assured young man whose leadership skills are undeniable... a testament to what DeMolay can do!" — an example that personifies Freemasonry's mission of H.O.P.E. to youth in "Helping Others Pursue Excellence."

Keith said, "I can't pinpoint one event that made me decide to become a Mason, but the more time I spent at the Center (Reading Masonic Center where his DeMolay Chapter meets) and the more Masons I talked to, the more I realized that I wanted to be a part of this group. Then my father and grandfather became Masons and that just sealed the deal."

It is not uncommon for fathers of DeMolays to make the decision to join the Fraternity. As they become involved with the Chapter's activities, they have the same experience of learning about the Craft along with their sons. It was a double bonus for Union Lodge to get both Keith Bortz, Sr., and his father, Kenneth Bortz, at the same time. Ken has since been elected as the Lodge Treasurer.

Keith, Sr. observed, "Being involved with DeMolay put me in close contact with the Fraternity... (and) I realized just what the subtle hints and conversations I had with my grandfather (Charles Focht) years ago actually meant."

His father recalled numerous conversations in which Keith expressed a desire to join the fraternity. That was enough to prompt Keith's parents to present him with what he really wanted for his 21st birthday — a petition, and money for the initiation fee.

Keith chose to petition Union Lodge "in large part because of the family history that was there..." It is his intention to "go through the chairs" eventually with his father, who had been in the officer corps previously, but dropped out when DeMolay needed him in the key leadership position and as the Chapter Advisor. The father has decided that when Keith is ready, he would start again and go through the line with him.

Ray Gottschall, who conferred Keith's Fellowship Degree, remembers the impact that his DeMolay Advisors had on him, and knows how well Freemasonry in Reading benefits from supporting the DeMolay Chapter. He sums it up nicely: "I looked at Keith years ago and said, 'What a Mason he will make!' DeMolay helps to build good men. It gives them the experience and the knowledge and the ability that lodges need today — it gives them leadership. Not every man should be a Mason, but most DeMolays would make good Masons."

## Brethren, Take Notice:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will open at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2002 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia PA

## J. R. Eisenhart II is D.D.G.M. For The 42nd Masonic District

James Raymond Eisenhart II, P.M., Hebron Lodge No. 465, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 42nd Masonic District. He succeeds John J. Shannon, Jr.

Bro. Eisenhart is a systems engineer and consultant with Highmark, Inc. in Camp Hill. He was made a Mason in 1981 and has served Hebron Lodge as Worshipful Master twice, ten years apart in 1988 and 1998. He was serving as Secretary of the lodge until his appointment as a D.D.G.M.

Bro. Eisenhart and his wife, Jane, reside in New Oxford. They have four children: James III, Erik, Nathan, and Amy.



James R. Eisenhart II, D.D.G.M., 42nd Masonic District

## Needed: Masons Who Like Having Fun!

The soundest investment we can make is an investment in the youth of our land, for they are the leaders of the future. From their ranks will come the statesmen, educators, politicians, ministers, scientists, and future presidents of this great country, and Freemasonry must make quite sure that it provides a generous portion of that leadership.

Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. & Founder of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

Ask any member or advisor of a Masonic youth group what they thought was needed most for their organization to grow and succeed and the universal answer would be: **Adult Leaders!** Right now, the Masonic youth groups in Pennsylvania — the Order of DeMolay for young men ages 12 to 21, the Order of Job's Daughters for young women ages 11 to 20 with a Masonic relative, and the Order of Rainbow for Girls for young women 11 to 20 — have the same important need: adults to volunteer their time to work with an outstanding group of young people.

Whatever your interests, hobbies, or favorite activities may be, the young men and women of the Masonic groups need your talents and time!

What do you like to do in your free time? Play or coach softball? Teach ritualistic excellence? Don camouflage and take in a round of paintball? Work with community service projects? Cook for a crowd? Pitch a tent for a weekend of camping? Mentor young people in developing leadership skills? Take in a round of golf? Attend a dance? Bowl a strike or two? Eat pizza, tacos and wings?

Do you have what it takes? Our young people hope so! What it really takes is:

**Time** — the most important four-letter word, a precious commodity in our frantic and frenetic daily lives! But, do you know what? Our youth groups aren't looking for a superman who will give a dozen days a month — our youth groups are looking for a dozen men who will give one or two nights a month helping with an activity or meeting.

**Interest** — a genuine and sincere desire to help young men and women live lives based upon timeless Masonic ideals that will mold them into better leaders, better citizens and better sons and daughters. If you start off by giving one or two nights a month, you may find rewards so great and enriching to your life that you will want to give more.

**Fever for Fun** — attitude is everything in working with our young people and if you like to have fun in everything you do, you definitely will want to spend time with youth. The secret that we don't tell them is that while they're having fun, they are learning the lessons and virtues that make them better men and women.

Are you interested? We hope so! If you are, just pick up the phone and call toll-free, 1-(800)-266-8424 and a member of the P.Y.F. staff will arrange to discuss how to become involved with one of our youth groups.

## Masonic Education Active In Pursuing Excellence

Building upon the vision of Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., of "H.O.P.E. — Helping Others Pursue Excellence," the Committee on Masonic Education expedited its efforts to provide training for the future leaders of your lodges.

During the first three months of 2002, the Committee, chaired by Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., has conducted one-day Lodge Officers Training Workshops for Senior and Junior Wardens in all of the seven Masonic Regions of Pennsylvania and held an information-packed Seminar for District Masonic Education Chairmen at Elizabethtown. The workshops and seminar provided the lodges' leaders with tools that will enable them to build a strong structure of Masonic Education and help their lodges grow and prosper.

**Workshop for Wardens**  
Topics during the Workshops for Wardens included the definition of Freemasonry, how Masonic ritual provides a strong foundation upon which our Fraternity is built, why there are lodges, the role of various lodge officers, some of the Grand Master's programs, how to judge the quality and effectiveness of a lodge, and the important process for a senior warden to plan for his year in the East. Evaluations by the participants of the workshops indicate good progress in helping the brethren pursue excellence in the leadership of their lodges. Any warden who was unable to attend one of those workshops, or a brother who is in a position to move through the elected chairs, can contact his



A room filled with lodge officers actively participates in the discussion on leadership in the lodges with Past Grand Master Weisser leading one of the seminar's several management topics.

lodge Masonic Education Chairman to learn about next year's sessions.

**District Education Chairmen's Seminar**  
All Masonic districts in Pennsylvania and the vast majority of the lodges have Masonic Education chairmen to help carry forth the programs to pursue excellence in Freemasonry. The Grand Master attended the district chairmen's meeting in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown in February where an introduction to the philosophy and the mechanics of Masonic Education was presented. Since that seminar, the district chairmen will have had opportunities to meet with their respective lodge chairmen and to start implementing the programs.

The Grand Master told the district chairmen that he believes the important jobs for each lodge is to get new members, to retain the members they have, and to educate the members about our Fraternity. To help accomplish those jobs, lodge Masonic Education chairmen have been asked to present a program that will help every member to understand more about the benefits of being a Mason in Pennsylvania. Among the goals is to have the members gain a full understanding of the Masonic Charities and a better understanding of what our Masonic Homes has to offer our Masonic family.

## A Quiz on Pursuing Excellence

In the pursuit of excellence, every Mason should become increasingly knowledgeable about his Fraternity and to feel comfortable discussing Freemasonry with his friends and relatives.

Following are three questions taken from basic Masonic Education Information:

1. What is Freemasonry?
2. Why do we have lodges?
3. What is your role as a Lodge member to the brethren and to society?

(Compare your answers on Page 18.)



# TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE

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

man of his skill, Herzog proposed a second plan for the Hall.

Starting with a richly painted and coffered ceiling, Herzog then focused on the figures reclining over the arches. Representing certain eras in history, the figures are in period clothing and are holding items that were used during the times represented. When examined further, it is possible to identify the same figures in the rendering with those that were actually



as space for the portraits of Past Grand Masters. The final rendering for the "Screen across East End of Main Hall, First Floor." This design is instantly recognizable by anyone who has paid a visit to the Masonic Temple. Upon first glance it appears that little of Herzog's original design was altered. But upon further investigation, the differences become more apparent: Herzog's design was very colorful and he perhaps may have wanted the murals over the archways to be done in fresco secco (painted on a dry plaster surface) in the same manner as much of his other decorative work, not as gilded high-relief as they exist today. The fountain has retained its central position and mosaic tiling, but now consists of a child holding a shell from which the water spouts, and not two intertwined fish as Herzog envisioned.

The differences and similarities can be discussed infinitely, and are left to the visitor to contemplate. The next time you visit the Masonic Temple, take a closer look at the beauty that surrounds you, especially that of the often overlooked Main Hall, and wonder what else George Herzog may have had in mind.



painted in the Hall; they are from the Gothic, Renaissance, and Romanesque panels. The areas beneath the archways were left empty and blank, perhaps already set aside



ENHANCED IMAGE

## Masons of Note

**Jay C. Brossman**, a member of Ephrata Lodge No. 665 for 45 years and now a resident of Frisco, CO, is serving as Worshipful Master of Breckenridge Lodge in Colorado, where he holds dual membership. *The Summit Daily News* of Frisco reported his installation as Master of the Lodge in a feature article that was headlined, "Summit County's senior skiing sensation racks up the days." As of Jan. 24, Bro. Brossman, who is "70-something" and had a five-way bypass a dozen years ago, had skied 100 days this season and has set his sights on 250 days by the end of the season.

When **Dustin James Davis** was raised recently, he became the third generation of his family to be Freemasons in Ligonier Lodge No. 331. **James Patterson Davis, Sr.**, has been the treasurer of Ligonier Lodge for six years, and **James Patterson Davis, Jr.** is a past master and active in the youth group.

## Contribution to CARE For Children



On Jan. 17, Union Lodge No. 334, Bradford, contributed \$1,000 to the McKean County CARE for Children. The check was presented by Michael Matto, W.M. (left), accompanied by Bro. Dennis Wineberg, Treas. Receiving the contribution are (at right) Ann Ambuske, Executive Director of McKean County CARE for Children, and Kimberly Engstrom, Preschool Director.

## Membership Crew Launches "Operation Rescue/Recovery"

**O**peration Rescue/Recovery is underway and already making a positive impact in two vital areas of membership concern: By retaining Brethren who are in jeopardy of being suspended for non-payment of dues or by bringing former members back into the family, and by inviting relatives and friends to learn about Freemasonry and experience the fellowship of the Fraternity.

This two-pronged attack is the program of the new Membership Committee of the Grand Lodge. It is designed to stem the tide of declining membership by spreading the light of Freemasonry locally through the lodges. Personal interaction is a key in both targeted areas - Brother-to-Brother in rescuing faltering or former members and Friend-to-Friend in recovering our membership status. Accordingly, there is the opportunity for every Brother to help. It involves talking Brother-to-Brother, inviting a worthy friend, and being part of a comfortable Friend-to-Friend get-together.

The Membership Committee wasted no time in diving into this Operation. During the first quarter of this year, the effort was introduced to hundreds of lodge officers at various Masonic schools, workshops, and meetings.

**Recovery:** In lodges across the state, Masons already have hosted or scheduled to host worthy men in informal get-togethers designed to acquaint them with "Who we are, what we are, and what we are all about." The Friend-to-Friend meetings are designed and presented by the local lodge. Generally they are evening meetings, perhaps preceded by a dinner or with refreshments following; however, some have opted for luncheon or breakfast get-togethers.

**Rescue:** A practical, new initiative was introduced for this phase; whereby the Committee on Grievance of each lodge is the hub of the activity. The Secretary of the lodge provides the Committee on Grievance with a list of existing suspensions and then notifies the Committee whenever he receives a request for a resignation. A member of the Committee makes a personal contact in an effort to ascertain the reason for his loss of interest. The Membership Committee feels optimistic about this phase of the program because, though it is very early in the effort, there have been members rescued. There is an additional benefit for the Fraternity because it follows that the data acquired by the personal contacts is to be turned over to the Lodge for future planning.

John E. Adams, Jr., is Chairman and Terry D. Bentzel, P.D.D.G.M., is Assistant Chairman of the Membership Committee that includes ten P.D.D.G.M.s.

## Friend-To-Friend In Scouting, The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award



Since the inception of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in June 2001 and the first recipients having been recognized at the December Quarterly Communication, the award has been gaining much attention and interest throughout Pennsylvania and the United States.

Created in honor of the Mason and Scouter, Daniel Beard, who was largely responsible for bringing the Scout movement to America, the award recognizes those who in the same spirit work tirelessly in supporting youth through Scouting. More than 100 award petitions have been received since the beginning of the program and nationally several Grand Lodge Jurisdictions also have adopted the award.

All Master Masons are invited to recommend a contemporary for the award. Petitions and criteria for the award can be obtained through lodge secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site. The award consists of a certificate endorsed by the Grand Master and a Boy Scouts of America approved neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform. The award is presented at the discretion of the Grand Master.

On record as of mid-March, recipients of the Daniel Carter Beard Award are:

- Joseph Bondi, Jr.**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- Leonard Brownstein**, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Chestnut Hill
- Edwin H. Brubaker**, Garfield Lodge No. 559, DuBois
- Harriss A. Butler, III**, Keystone Lodge No. 569, Parkersburg
- Donald L. Cobick, Jr.**, Ivy Lodge No. 397, Williamsport
- John R. Corey**, Germania Lodge No. 509, Pleasant Hills
- Theodore S. J. Davi**, Philanthropy Lodge No. 225, Greensburg
- Dale A. DeLozier, D.D.G.M.**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W.P.G.M.**, Elysburg Lodge No. 414
- John J. Donati, Jr.**, Hazle Lodge No. 327, Hazleton
- Walter W. Eck**, Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown
- John B. Ewell**, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg
- George C. Gerstlauer**, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown
- Dean B. Girton**, Oriental Lodge No. 460, Orangeville
- John R. Green**, Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring
- Dale W. Grove**, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York
- Alexander B. Hallstrom**, Garfield Lodge No. 559, DuBois
- Wayne B. Hammond**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- Spencer W. Hauenstein**, Logan Lodge No. 490, Altoona
- John T. Hoffman**, Garfield Lodge No. 559, DuBois
- Terry D. Jackson**, Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie
- Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.M.**, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg
- Stewart R. Kashner**, Washington Lodge No. 265, Bloomsburg
- Donald Kerklo**, Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth
- David E. Kleinfelter**, Lewistown Lodge No. 203
- Francis D. Layaan**, King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston
- W. James Lee, III**, Mountain Lodge No. 281, Altoona
- Glen E. Lewis**, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg
- George D. McAfoose**, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren
- Paul M. McBride**, John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport
- Frederick B. McKinley**, Lewistown Lodge No. 203
- Phillip J. Mentzer**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- Ira T. Reynolds**, Canawacta Lodge No. 360, Susquehanna
- Martin J. Riggins**, James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson
- Harry C. Rotenbury**, W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410, Hathboro
- Mark L. Shawley**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg
- Norman A. Snyder**, Marion Lodge No. 562, Scottsdale
- Jack H. Speece**, Hiram Lodge No. 616, Altoona
- Gerald A. Sutherland**, Westmoreland Lodge No. 518, Greensburg
- George B. Thompson**, Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown
- Jack K. Washabaugh**, James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson
- Dwayne E. Welling**, King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connelville
- Kenneth W. Wetzel**, Newport Lodge No. 381
- Thomas C. White**, Lewistown Lodge No. 203
- Dennis A. Young**, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Altoona



## Father Confers Degrees on Son As Family Members Fill the Chairs

It was just about "All in the Family" in November, December, and January when Richard A. Balas, P.M., conferred all three degrees on his son, Timothy M., in Oil City Lodge No. 710. For the degrees, the stations and places, except one, were filled by members of the family. Past Master Balas said, "Masonry has been a major part of my life for more than 30 years and . . . being able to confer all three degrees on my son far surpasses anything else."

The degree team pictured and their relationships to Bro. Timothy are (l-r): Front - Wayne Balas, uncle; Edward Brown, P.M., cousin; Timothy; Past Master Balas, father; Charles W. Turk, P.M., uncle; and James Brown, P.M., cousin. Rear - Thomas Lyle, uncle; Charles Morrison, P.M., close friend of the family; Thomas Brown, cousin; and James Turk, W.M., Fraternal Lodge No. 483, Rouseville, cousin.



## Earl T. Myers, Jr., Installed Supreme Tall Cedar

Earl T. Myers, Jr., P.M., Red Lion Lodge No. 649, was elected and installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America at the midwinter conference in Lancaster in January. Bro. Myers was installed by Bro. Harold A. Gross, York Lodge No. 266, Past Supreme Tall Cedar. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was the keynote speaker for the three-day conference.

Bro. Myers served as Worshipful Master of Red Lion Lodge in 1986. He served as the Grand Tall Cedar of York Forest No. 30 in 1991, is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation, and was named Tall Cedar Trustee of the Year in 1995.

The Supreme Tall Cedar of North America is pictured with Rachel Lynn Markley of Springfield, OH, the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2002. The outstanding fifth grade student with a 4.0 grade point average was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy at the age of one. Financial support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is the Tall Cedars' major charitable effort, having contributed more than \$14 million since 1951 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon.



## Double Pride: W.M. Passes, Raises Two Sons

It was double the pride and twice the joy for William T. Reed, W.M. of Susquehanna Lodge No. 364, Millersburg (center), when, with proper dispensation, he conferred the degrees to pass and raise two of his sons on Nov. 21. Timothy W. (left) and Thomas W. (right) petitioned Susquehanna Lodge in September and were entered in November. The father, wanting his sons to be made Master Masons while he was still Worshipful Master in 2001, asked John D. Witmer, Jr., then-D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, for a dispensation to confer two degrees on the two sons early and in the same meeting.



## Three Sons and a Son-in-Law Raised in St. James Lodge No. 457

Robert C. Boyde, Sr., is a proud Masonic father. Four of his family - three sons and a son-in-law - were raised Dec. 1 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in St. James Lodge No. 457, Bridgewater. Not only was he present for the conferrals, but he also participated in the degree work.

The three sons are Robert C., Jr., Thomas E., and D. Jason. The son-in-law is John R. Pollick. The degrees were conferred by Jerrold G. Roberts, P.M.; Terry L. Snarey, P.M.; and William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M., 37th Masonic District.

The conferring officers used a gavel of great significance to the Boyde family. The heirloom was used more than a hundred years ago by Robert Boyde, Sr.'s great-grandfather, Harry C. Boyde, when he was Worshipful Master of Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Shippingport, during the years 1880-1882.

Pictured are the family and the conferring officers (l-r): John R. Pollick; Jerrold G. Roberts, P.M.; Robert C. Boyde, Jr.; William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M.; Robert C. Boyde, Sr., holding the treasured gavel; Terry L. Snarey, P.M.; Thomas E. Boyde; and D. Jason Boyde.



## Blood and Organ Donor Poster Contest Announced

The Masonic Blood Bank and Organ Donor Committee announced the annual Poster Contest to promote blood and organ donor awareness and distributed the rules and requirements among the four youth groups affiliated with Masonry.

The contest is open to members of the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and Knights of Pythagoras. Each poster entered is to be 18" x 24" and produced as an individual's project. First prize in the contest is \$300, second is \$200, and third is \$100. The first prize winner's poster will be reproduced and sent to all Masonic lodges and youth groups in Pennsylvania.

The poster is to promote blood and organ donor awareness and incorporate the Masonic symbol, the square and compasses, in the design. It may be produced in any media appropriate for a poster. Posters will be judged on artistic merit, creativity, originality, competence with the medium chosen, clarity of the message, and quality of lettering. Deadline for entry is Oct. 1.

Entries should be submitted to E. Rick Knepper, P.D.D.G.M., Co-Chairman, Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Committee, 1461 Hospitality Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

## Grand Lodge Librarian Elected Secretary Of International Masonic Organization

Dr. Glenys A. Waldman, the Librarian of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, has been elected Secretary of the Masonic Library and Museum Association, an international organization whose mission is "to assist and support, through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort, and other means, those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage."

Dr. Waldman joined the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Library and Museum staff at the Masonic Temple in 1987 after working for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for ten years. She holds her doctorate degree in German from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Library Science degree from Drexel University.

The Association has nearly 100 members representing nations worldwide. The annual meeting, hosted by a member or institution, usually a Grand Lodge or a Scottish Rite Valley, is held in a different city each October. Institutions as well as individuals may join the organization: the only requirement is an interest in the work of Masonic libraries and museums. The Association web site can be viewed at <http://www.bessel.org/mlma.htm>.



## Notes from the Editor:

*For the Record* - In announcing ten mergers that were approved at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, it was reported (Page 13, February issue) that all of the mergers were effective Dec. 27, 2001. For the record, one of the mergers was effective Dec. 12, 2001: Humboldt Lodge No. 329 with Hermann Lodge No. 125 became Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125 in Masonic District A.

*How could we miss the Air Force?* - Bro. David P. Witmer, Jr., Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.), appreciated the "Family of Freemasonry" articles in the special inaugural issue, especially the one on the National Sojourners (Page 20). Bro. Witmer is a member of Chapter No. 76, Harrisburg. He noted that missing from the listing of those who are eligible for membership are members and retirees from the United States Air Force. He sure is correct. Our apologies to those of the Air Force blue.

*It's Joseph, not John!* - The article was about Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751 adopting its namesake elementary school, but the headline named it "John" (Page 5, February issue). Brethren of Joseph H. Brown Lodge, please forgive us.

## Decision Allows Lodges to Consider Petitions from Candidates Age 18

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on March 6, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master announced an amendment to the Digest of Decisions effective immediately to allow lodges in Pennsylvania to accept petitions for initiation and membership from men who have attained the age of 18.

The amended Article 85.14 of the Digest of Decisions now is:

The general rule is that a Lodge may only consider a petition for initiation and membership or membership if the petitioner has attained the age of twenty-one years at the time his petition is presented to the Lodge or by Dispensation from the Grand Master. By virtue of this Decision and in accordance with Article 19, Section 19.05 of the *Alhiman Rezon*, any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may consider the petitions for initiation and membership or membership of qualified men who have attained the age of eighteen years at the time his petition is presented to the Lodge. In addition, a Lodge may consider a petition of a petitioner who will not have attained the age of eighteen years at the time his petition is presented to the Lodge if it receives a specific Dispensation from the Grand Master.

If the petitions received pursuant to this Decision are acted upon favorably by the Lodge, this decision authorizes Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to make Freemasons of these duly approved candidates without requesting a specific Dispensation from the Grand Master.

Deyoe, 1966; Cunningham, 2002

Prior to this amendment, Article 85.14 of the Digest of Decisions stated that a petitioner must be 21 years of age.

## R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

### May

5	Reunion, Valley of Bloomsburg, A.A.S.R.
8	150th Anniversary, Orestown Lodge No. 262.
6-7	Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of New York.
9	Breakfast, PA High Twelve Annual Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
11	Reunion, Valley of Allentown, A.A.S.R.; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, 6 p.m.
16-17	Reunion, Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R.
18	100th Anniversary, Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville.
20-21	149th Anniversary Conclave, Grand Commandery, K.T., Willow Valley, Lancaster.
23	Elected Officers Meeting, Elizabethtown.
24	Masonic Homes: Bldg. & Grounds Comm., 9 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes, 10 a.m.; Youth Appreciation Day - Noon.

### June

1	150th Anniversary, Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.
4	Philadelphia: Consolidated Fund Pension Plan, 9 a.m.; Finance Committee, 1 p.m.; D.D.G.M. Meeting, 5 p.m.
5	Philadelphia: Quarterly Communication, 7 p.m.
8	150th Anniversary, Western Crawford Lodge No. 258, Conneautville.
14	Masonic Charities Donor Dinner, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
15	150th Anniversary, Washington Lodge No. 265, Bloomsburg.
17	108th Session, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.
18	Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia.
21-27	Imperial Shrine, Vancouver, B.C.
29	Lodge Room Dedication, Duquesne Lodge No. 731, McKeesport.

### July

10	Grand Assembly, Rainbow for Girls.
11-12	PA Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Hershey.
14-15	Northeast Conference, Rhode Island.
17	Grand Lodge of Ontario.
20	Annual PA DeMolay Convention Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Reading.
25	Masonic Homes: Comm. on Masonic Homes, 1 p.m.; Elected Officers Meeting, 7 p.m.
26	Masonic Homes: Bldg. & Grounds Comm., 9 a.m.; Human Resources, 10 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes-Warminster, 1 p.m.

### August

31	Depart for Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Boston.
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## AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

### Gift Fit For A President

Valley Forge National Historic Park had much to celebrate when Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia presented their second automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) to Brother and President George Washington on his birthday. The now two A.E.D. units in the care of the Park Rangers are the only units at the Valley Forge park. Pictured in front of the historic General Washington headquarters building are (right) Kevin C. McCann, then-W.M., with George Washington-impersonator Carl Closs, and (l-r) Kathryn DiPuppo, American Heart Association; Arthur L. Stewart, Park Superintendent; and Croce Volpe, Park Ranger.



### Joint Effort Donates Eight A.E.D.s

Seven community service organizations in the Brookville area have received donations of life-saving automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.) through the combined efforts of Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brookville, and the Clarion Branch of the Lutheran Brotherhood. Two A.E.D. units were presented to the Brookville Police Department, and one unit each to the fire departments of Corsica, Knox Twp., Pinecreek, Sigel, Warsaw, and to the Brookville Y.M.C.A. At the presentations, Charles D. Haugh, then-W.M., Hobah Lodge, presented certificates of appreciation to (pictured l-r): Bros. Barry Gould and Donald Miller, Hobah Co-chairmen, and Ray Doolittle, Lutheran Brotherhood, who spearheaded the effort.



### Lodge No. 9 Places Seven A.E.D.s

Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, in conjunction with the American Heart Association, placed seven automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.) with various organizations throughout the area. Three were distributed to fire companies at Red Hill, East Greenville, and Pennsburg; two to the Community and the Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance services; and one each to Evangelical Manor and the Baptist Home in Northeast Philadelphia. Three Past Masters (at right), Robert Austin, William M. Norris and George B. Scheerbaum, accompanied Lee L. Cram, W.M., and John A. Richards, Sec., to present the A.E.D. to the Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance service. The others on the picture are (l-r): from the American Heart Association, Leda Peterson and from the ambulance service, Linda Kehs, Matt Wells, and Chief John Geib.



### Second A.E.D. for Clearfield Police

The Clearfield Police Department is now equipped better for emergency service since Clearfield Lodge No. 314 donated an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.). The borough had purchased a unit and trained personnel to use it. Because that A.E.D. was tied up so frequently at accident scenes, a second unit was desired to provide better emergency availability in the community and surrounding area. Presenting the A.E.D. to Police Chief Jud Zimmer (left) are Rick A. Coudriet, then-W.M., and Daniel Spingola, then-S.W.



### Auction in Summer Spurred Project That Placed a Dozen A.E.D.s by Christmas

A dozen automated external defibrillators (A.E.D.) are in service to save lives in three school districts and one fire company as the result of an effort that started with an auction early last summer by Masons of Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, and culminated in donations a week before Christmas. Cooperating in the American Heart Association's "Operation Heartbeat," the Lodge purchased and donated six units.

Defibrillators were presented to Eastern Lancaster County School District, Pequea Valley School District, Twin Valley School District, and the Blue Ball Fire Co. Pictured is the presentation to the Twin Valley School District by Phillip B. DeMarra, then-W.M. and Coordinator of the Project (center, right); J. Richard Eby, Sec. (right); Bro. Kenneth Player (left); and Bro. Gary Dukeman (third from right). Receiving the A.E.D. for Twin Valley School District are Dr. Al Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent (second from left); Melissa Herb, Assistant High School Principal (center, left); and Kristen Herbein, School Nurse (second from right).

The Lodge raised money at an auction that was held on June 16 and through membership appeals, community donations, participation by Masonic youth groups and schools, and with the help of Sky Flight Care and the American Heart Association.



## Foundation Hosts 120 U.S. Students For Prevention Training Retreat

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children hosted a group of 120 high-school students from the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking (P.A.U.D.) at the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown on Jan. 4 through 6. P.A.U.D. endeavors to train high-school students throughout the Commonwealth by having college-aged students present information about the dangers of underage drug and alcohol use. Students attending the retreat participated in a variety of workshops that furthered their knowledge about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the consequences of underage use, and advanced their public speaking and presentation skills.

Felicity DeBacco-Rini, the Executive Director of P.A.U.D., said that the weekend conference was a huge success for the participants, providing them with a weekend of both education and fun. Bro. Raymond G. Brown, the Director of the Children's Foundation is a regional chairman of P.A.U.D. and is on



its Steering Committee that helps to determine which projects to sponsor, and how best to participate in those projects. The Children's Foundation has been involved with P.A.U.D. since its inception.

At the end of the conference, the students made a large "thank-you note" (pictured above) and sent it to the Grand Master, to illustrate how much appreciated and how important to the success of P.A.U.D. is the partnership between Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking and the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children.

## Lodge No. 45 Barking Up the Right Tree With "The World's Largest Dog Parade"

For the past three years, a masterful effort for Lodge No. 45 in Pittsburgh has "gone to the dogs" and raised more than \$8,000 for a unique charitable project. "The World's Greatest Dog Parade" is held annually in Green Tree during the borough's annual Octoberfest. Proceeds from the doggie march go toward training support dogs for the disabled. The dogs are trained from puppies to help do tasks for those who are disabled and add so much to the lives of disabled persons. It costs in excess of \$12,000 to train one dog that meets the strict requirements for the task and only one out of ten dogs makes the grade to become a companion dog.

Each year, Lodge No. 45 sets up and promotes the parade with the support of the Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus. Then dog owners do the rest.

They bring their dogs in costume and are asked for a \$5 donation - though many donate more. This year there were more than 100 dogs in the parade. Fun prizes were donated by merchants for the smallest dog, largest dog, one with the shortest legs and longest tail, plus just about any other pedigree distinction conceivable.

Bro. Eddie Grimes, who is credited with being the brainchild of the project in Green Tree, calls it "a barking success," and says that a dog-parade is the answer "If a lodge is looking for an outstanding (and easy-to-stage) project that will get wonderful publicity as well as good results." Bro. Grimes would be happy to provide information to any lodge interested in sponsoring its own dog parade. Contact him at (412)-921-1325.

The group that put the dogs on parade for Lodge No. 45 are (l-r): Bro. Eddie Grimes, Mrs. Barbara Mecurio, who first presented a program on service dogs to the Lodge; David Montz, President of the Green Tree Rotary Club; Bros. Glen Smith and Scott Lengel, representatives of Independence Dogs of Chadds Ford, PA; P.M. Kenneth Kwasniewski, W.M. of Lodge No. 45; and Bro. Norman Arthurs, P.M., Sec. of Lodge No. 45. Bro. Grimes says the four-legged one in front is "Brother" Baggins.



## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC, SATURDAY, JUNE 8

The 11th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic will be at Dorney Park-Wild Water Kingdom, Allentown, on Saturday, June 8. Last year, almost 1,400 Masons and their families enjoyed a wonderful time, plenty of good food, and a great day for the Fraternity.

The lodges of Masonic Region 1 provide complimentary tickets to members of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and youth from the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown.

Come to Dorney Park-Wild Water Kingdom and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. Return the attached form with your check by May 20.

### Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic At Dorney Park

(10 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

### And Wild Water Kingdom

(10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

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Saturday, June 8, 2002

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**Question: What is an Admissions Counselor?**

**Answer:** A person who is instrumental in helping people to apply to one of our Masonic Homes.

Admissions Counselors are Freemasons or members of the Order of the Eastern Star located throughout Pennsylvania and Florida who are specially trained to visit prospective applicants considering a move to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Village at Sewickley or the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster. Assistance is available to those applicants interested in moving into the health care, assisted living or residential living areas.

Applying to the Masonic Homes is relatively easy, especially with the assistance of the counselors. Masons should contact their Lodge Secretary, while Eastern Star members should contact their Chapter Secretary, and ask that a letter be sent to the Admissions Office at the appropriate location. The letter should state the applicant's name, address and phone number, confirm the date he or she entered the Lodge or Chapter and verify that the applicant is in good standing. Additional information, such as a contact person and the living area in which the person is interested, would also be helpful. When that letter or a Masonic Request Form is received by the Admissions and Resident Services Department, a call will be made to the applicant to verify interest.

At the time the letter or request is confirmed, the need for an admission counselor is discussed. If assessed that a counselor is needed or desired, one will be assigned from the area of the applicant's residence. The assigned Admissions Counselor and the applicant or designated contact person work together to compile the needed information for completing of the application. The counselor then sends the completed application and required information to the Admissions Department to be submitted for approval. Upon approval, the staff will work with the applicant to find "just the right fit" for the that person.

Going through the application process and meeting with a counselor usually indicates a person has made a decision to move to the Masonic Homes. However, there are many members who are not sure about what is offered or the criteria to become a resident. Contact the Admissions and Resident Services Department at 1 (800)-422-1207 or via e-mail at <admissions@masonichomespa.org> for staff assistance in answering questions or to request an informational brochure.



The Admissions Counselors gather during a training session at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

**Funds For Computers Donated to Masonic Children's Home**

Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, donated \$10,000 to the Masonic Children's Home for the purchase of five new computers. This generous donation has enabled the Masonic Children's Home Resource Center to have Internet access with individual e-mail and compatibility with the local school's computer system. The Lodge's goal was to greatly enhance the children's ability to complete assignments, reports, and research projects, which should lead to improved academic performance.

Below: Masonic Children's Home residents Jake Pilkerton and Dana Balmer enjoy the new computers that were donated by Perseverance Lodge No. 21, represented by Bros. Tom Fleischer, W.M.; Lodge Secretary Allan Longnaker, Sec.; and G. David Kendig, Chaplain.



**New Gift Planning Staff Member Announced**

Jane W. Binley has been appointed Director of Gift Planning-West Region for the Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In this position, Binley will be responsible for assisting in planning, implementing and coordinating programs directed toward the solicitation of deferred gifts and other contributions on behalf of the Masonic Village at Sewickley and other Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the Masonic Homes, Binley served as the director of development for the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and the College of General Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. There she coordinated all development functions and major gift solicitations within the two departments. Before that, she was vice president of development and public relations for Gateway Rehabilitation Center, Aliquippa, PA, and director of gift planning for the American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania Division.

A member of the National Association of Fundraisers and the Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council, Binley holds a bachelor of science degree in communications from Clarion University, Clarion, PA.



Jane W. Binley  
Director of Gift Planning  
West Region.

**Residents Celebrate Mardi Gras**

Retirement living residents at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown didn't have to travel to Louisiana to experience the excitement of Mardi Gras. Instead, they enjoyed a Mardi Gras party on Feb. 12 in the Brossman Ballroom at the Masonic Homes, complete with masks, beads, and favors.

The masquerade party featured a New Orleans-style buffet with shrimp and Cajun remoulade sauce, sweet potato sticks, tenderloin with bourbon sautéed button mushrooms and crabmeat, and flan.

They danced to the sounds of the X-Factor Band after dinner.

In the photo below residents Bro. Russell Loeb, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226, and his wife, Grace, and Bro. Robert Steck, Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, and his wife, Dorothy, enjoy the Mardi Gras Celebration at the Masonic Homes.



**Committee on Masonic Homes Approves Additional Construction in Sewickley!**

The Committee on Masonic Homes approved the construction of phases two and three of retirement living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Construction of phase one began last Fall and will be completed in the Spring of 2003.

Phase one will offer 76 apartments and a clubhouse, featuring a branch bank, computer resource center, convenience store, hair care center, craft room, library, dining room, café, and administrative offices.

Phase two is scheduled to open for residents in the Summer of 2003, adding 76 apartments and 35 villas.

Phase three will complete the current retirement living area project in the Summer of 2004. This section will add 76 apartments, for a total of 228 apartments and 35 villas.



Construction continues on phase one of retirement living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

**Masonic Homes Hosts 4th Annual Garden Show**

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown hosted the 4th Annual Garden Show on March 5 and 6 in the Masonic Health Care Center Roosevelt Assembly Room. The show was enjoyed by residents, including Bro. Bill Kelley and Kitty Althouse (in photo below), staff members, and the community.

The theme for this year's show was "Around the World in Flowers," featuring horticultural arrangements and displays by the Masonic Homes' Landscape and Greenhouse Departments. The scenes depicted France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, and the United States.



**Caregiver Support Group Meetings**

If you or someone you know is a caregiver to a loved one, you are invited to attend the Caregiver Support Group meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Refreshments are served, and there is no cost to attend. If that location is not convenient to you, contact Outreach, to help to find a similar group in your community.

Please R.S.V.P. to Bro. John Suchanec, Masonic Homes' Outreach Director, at (717) 361-5080.

**Masonic Village at Sewickley Address Changes**

The Masonic Village at Sewickley has changed its address effective immediately. It is now 1000 Masonic Drive, replacing the 1190 Merriman Road address.

Mail to the residents of the Star Points Building will have a separate address for post office delivery to their post office boxes. The residents of Valley Care Masonic Center will use the 1000 Masonic Drive address.

If you have questions, please call Karla Besong, Executive Secretary, at (412) 741-1400, ext. 3040.



## Lifecare vs. Other Retirement Living Alternatives

When the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania decided to build a retirement community in Western Pennsylvania, the first step was to talk with people to determine the type of retirement living option that retirees in that area desired. That input, as well as a thorough evaluation of the marketplace, determined that the Masonic Village at Sewickley would be a Type "A" continuing care retirement community.

**Type "A"** retirement communities are usually referred to as "lifecare communities." They are regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance, and a portion of the entrance fee and the monthly maintenance fee is used for residents who eventually require higher cost assisted living and nursing care services. Residents moving into retirement living can count on fees remaining the same, aside from the cost of living adjustments, throughout the remainder of their lives, including assisted living and long-term nursing care. Since a por-

tion of the fees is attributed to potential long-term assisted living and nursing care, there also is a tax deduction for those who qualify. Pre-existing medical conditions might require a different agreement.

**Type "B"** continuing care retirement communities are the least common and offer residents a limited number of days for assisted living or nursing care. After the contracted number is used, residents pay the full daily costs for such services. While the cost of moving into a Type "B" community may be less than a Type "A," contracts must be read very carefully. Be sure to evaluate the financial impact of possible long-term care.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown represents a **Type "C"** continuing care retirement community. Like the others, residents receive housing, services, amenities, emergency response, and guaranteed access to assisted living and nursing care services. However, fees will change if additional care services are needed. Type "C" communities can offer a secure, dynamic lifestyle. For obvious reasons, this type of retirement community will have lower fees in retirement living than the other two.

So why is the Masonic Homes building a Type "A" community in Western Pennsylvania? The answer is quite simple: We listened to those with whom we talked and found other Type "A" lifecare communities in the Pittsburgh area are popular. Active adults today are planners as they look forward to longer and healthier lives. Living longer can also mean dealing with increasing possible health issues in the future. A lifecare community allows for increased control of your financial plan pertaining to certain health issues.

As the population ages, more assisted living and nursing services will be needed in Pennsylvania. Choosing a Masonic-sponsored continuing care community will make sure one is available for you should you need it. For more information on an exciting life at the new Masonic Village at Sewickley, call Mary Jane Hyre at 1(866) 872-0664, or return the attached coupon.

### Send me more information about the Masonic Village at Sewickley!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Send me a:

☐ Masonic Village at Sewickley Brochure.

☐ Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley Video.

Please complete coupon and return to:  
Marketing Office  
Masonic Village at Sewickley  
1000 Masonic Drive  
Sewickley, PA 15143



The Masonic Village at Sewickley represents a growing demand for the security of lifecare communities. Pictured is the rendering of the retirement living area.

## Construction Completed at Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley

The first floor renovations in the Valley Care Masonic Center at the Masonic Village at Sewickley were completed in February. The renovations included larger locker rooms, bigger break room, lockers for all employees, larger central supply, new laundry, nursing storage area, new conference rooms, lobby, and new offices for Human Resources, Business/Finance, Environmental Services, Assistant Director of Nursing, and Gift Planning.

The entrance to the Valley Care Masonic Center from the first floor of the Star Points Building is now open, and visitors can use the elevators in the home to access the nursing units.

## Retirement Living Open Houses at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

The Retirement Living Marketing staff at the Masonic Village at Sewickley will host Marketing Open Houses on the following dates: May 16, June 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, and Nov. 19. The open houses will take place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the retirement living apartment at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

To reserve your space at any of the upcoming open houses, contact Mary Jane Hyre at (412) 741-1400, ext. 3530, or toll-free at 1 (866) 872-0664.

## Masonic Reunions in Arizona Scheduled for November

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., announced that plans have been made to hold a Masonic Reunion at the Phoenix Airport Marriott, Phoenix, AZ, on Saturday, Nov. 16, for Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies who now reside permanently in Arizona, or who are there during that time. The purpose of the reunion is to present 50-year Emblems of Gold and to increase awareness about the services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Details will be in the Aug. issue of *The Pennsylvania Freeman*. Mark your calendars now!

## Florida Masonic Reunions

More than 1,000 Pennsylvania Masons, their spouses, widows, and family members attended the 2002 Florida Masonic Reunions. The reunions were hosted by Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., and his wife, Rosalie, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and their wives, as well as Masonic Homes' staff members. The Masonic Homes' staff shared information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The highlight of the reunions included the Grand Master's presentation of 50-Year Emblems of Gold to 35 Masons.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentations during the Feb. 28 Reunion at the Tampa Airport Marriott, Tampa, FL.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentations during the Mar. 1 Reunion at the Sahib Shrine Center, Sarasota, FL.



Fifty-Year Emblem of Gold presentations during the Mar. 2 Reunion at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

## Pre-Age Qualified Retirement Living List Now Available at Elizabethtown and Sewickley!

Recently, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the development of a new, pre-age qualified list for individuals to place their names on a priority list for retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Masonic Village at Sewickley. If you are at least 55 years of age, the new list gives you the opportunity to plan, well in advance, your move to the accommodation of your choice in retirement living.

This change is in response to requests from individuals who, planning for their future retirement, were previously unable to place their names on the retirement living priority list at Elizabethtown.

An applicant for the pre-age qualified list is required to complete a priority application and include a check for \$1,000 if their preference is a unit under the entrance fee plan, and \$200 if their preference is a unit under the rental plan (rental plan available at Elizabethtown only). In accordance with the

current procedure, those deposits will be refundable until an applicant applies and signs a resident agreement. The minimum age requirement for admission to retirement living at Elizabethtown and Sewickley will continue to be 65 (in the case of married couples, at least one must be age 65).

As more persons reach their retirement years in the United States, the Fraternity is certainly not an exception to the "aging or graying of America" phenomenon. Careful planning for the future is extremely important and the addition of the pre-age qualified list will enable those eligible individuals between ages 55 and 65 to plan now for their retirement.

Pre-Age Qualified and Priority applications are available from the Retirement Living Marketing Office at Elizabethtown. You may call 1 (800) 676-6452 for additional information.

You can obtain Pre-Age Qualified applications from the Retirement Living Marketing Office at the Masonic Village at Sewickley by calling 1 (866) 872-0664.

Your retirement years should be the BEST years, you are encouraged to plan now for the lifestyle you deserve. Get on the Priority List today!

## Retirement Living Information Luncheon at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

On Friday, June 14, the Retirement Living Marketing staff at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will host a presentation and luncheon in the Freemasons Cultural Center for persons interested in retirement living options. The presentation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1 (800) 676-6452 by Wednesday, June 5.



# End Of A "Power-Full" Era

By Carl R. Flohr  
Member, Subcommittee of Buildings  
& Grounds and Former Member,  
Committee on Masonic Homes

The power plant at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was built in 1911. Extensive remodeling in 1948 included a new stack, boilers, and revamping of the steam system. The last boiler was installed in 1960. A hot water heating loop to the five Masonic Children's Home buildings was abandoned in the mid 1990's. At that time, the older Masonic Children's Home buildings were remodeled into retirement living apartments and new and remodeled buildings were provided for the Masonic Children's Home. In the early days, steam pumps were used to circulate hot water for heating in this loop. With the completion of this heating season, the coal heating plant will be decommissioned.

In days gone by, steam was produced for two steam turbines that generated the electricity for the entire campus. One of these is now in a museum in Lancaster. Two steam pumps that supply make-up water to the boilers are still operating today. They operate automatically at various speeds to pump the correct amount of water to the boiler as more or less steam is needed to heat the campus. Currently, they pump 12 million gallons of feed water annually.

Very few of these steam-operated pumps are in use today. It is a miniature steam engine. The power side of the pump has an 8" piston and the pump side is a 5.25" piston. The power to the pump is generated in the forward stroke as well as the reverse stroke. It is hoped that this pump will end up in a museum so people can see how well it has stood the test of time. It was manufactured by Warren Pump Co. in Warren, MA. The Masonic Homes' staff has been nursing it along, rebuilding it with parts from Texas and a local machine shop. It burned approximately 5,000 tons of coal per year. Coal is now placed in the stoker hopper by a skid loader. Earlier it was shoveled by hand into a buggy that traveled on an overhead track to be dumped into the stoker hopper. Before that, it was shoveled into a wheelbarrow and then shoveled by hand into the furnace.

After 90 years, the power plant at the Masonic Homes is closing down. Natural gas will replace coal with new boilers being installed at the north of Grand Lodge Hall.

The Masonic Homes always has been proud of its staff including the men who operate this power plant. Plant Superintendent Vince Doyle came to work in 1980 and is a loyal and dedicated leader. His father, Edward Doyle, who was the assistant to the power plant Superintendent, started his career with the Masonic Homes in 1967. With the closing, some of the steam plant staff will work at other Masonic Homes locations. Some already have gone to other coal-burning plants, but still come back and help with the shutdown process. There is an excellent rapport between the staff of these dedicated men!

The original steam generator being unloaded at the train yard.



## Lodge Builds Early Childhood Classrooms

Eureka Lodge No. 290, Greenville, constructed two rooms on the second floor of the lodge hall for use as an early childhood center for the Mercer County Literacy Council. The early childhood program, operated by the Mercer Even Start Program, had been in the planning stages for 15 months with the first phase beginning last Fall.

The lodge officers and members collaborated with the Literacy Council to design a safe, attractive environment for preschoolers. All of the labor was supplied by the Masons, while the Council provided some of the materials for the two classrooms. The main offices of the Literacy Council are on the first floor of the lodge hall.

## Project CARE is Training Teachers To Curb Teen Violence and Abuse

In 2002, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children started Project CARE to fulfill a real need for a training program for secondary school teachers in Pennsylvania. Project CARE consists of five sessions dealing with pertinent topics related to school violence, including teen violence, bullying, drugs, and alcohol. The program, tested in a pilot program in 2001 in Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and Pittsburgh, is designed to provide teachers with the tools and training necessary to keep Pennsylvania students safe and free from violence.

Last year's pilot seminars were so successful that James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M., the Foundation's Board President, announced the expansion of the program. In 2002, training sessions are being held in Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Scranton, the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Project CARE is providing training to school and agency personnel, focusing on the F.B.I.'s "Threat Assessment Model." The model is a systematic procedure for threat assessment and intervention that provides a framework for evaluating a student to determine if he or she has the motivation, means, and intent to carry out a proclaimed threat. Hundreds of school personnel have participated in Project CARE training statewide and have gone back to their respective schools and implemented what they have learned by developing violence prevention programs at their schools.

Any one interested in learning more about the "Threat Assessment" model may contact Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation, at (215) 988-1978.

## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Why are the square and compasses sometimes seen without the letter "G"?

The letter "G" is a well-known symbol of Freemasonry, though not a very old one. The time of its adoption is unknown, but it was probably not much before the middle of the 18th century. The use of the letter "G" is not derived from the ancient constitutions and charges of the Medieval Freemasons. It is not mentioned in any of the early exposes of ritual prior to Samuel Prichard's *Masonry Dissected* of 1730, and even there its significance is not fully developed.

It will surprise some to know that it was not until about 1850 that the letter "G" was placed in the center of the interlaced square and compasses for pins and badges as commonly represented today, and that is supposed to have originated as a jeweler's design and not by action of any Masonic authority.

(Source: *Coll's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995) [Editor's note: It will be interesting to many Pennsylvania Freemasons that the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, completed in 1873, has a square and compasses in the stonework over the rear entrance without a letter "G".]

Why are there different chronological systems used in Freemasonry?

Today, Masonic chronology is rarely used unaccompanied by the date calculated according to the current system in common use (the Gregorian calendar). Masonic datings are symbolic only and their origins and meanings are probably unfamiliar to many Freemasons.

In the Craft Rite, the calendar runs from the year 4000 B.C., the year in which it was once believed the world was created. This was called the Year of Light (Anno Lucis) so that the year 2002 A.D. becomes 6002 A.L.

Royal Arch Masons date from the commencement of the Second Temple 530 B.C., so that 2002 A.D. becomes 2532 A. Inv. (Anno Inventionis or the Year of the Discovery).

Royal and Select Masters date from the Year of Deposit (Anno Depositionis), that is the completion of Solomon's Temple, 1000 B.C. Therefore, 2002 A.D. becomes 3002 A. Dep.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Medieval Order of the Temple in 1118 A.D. Therefore, they deduct 1118 from the present era and 2002 A.D. becomes 884 A.O. (Anno Ordinis).

In the Scottish Rite, the calendar runs from the creation of the world (Anno Mundi) and is the same as the Jewish chronology (Anno Hebraico) with the year beginning in mid-September. Accordingly, 2002 A.D. up to mid-September is 3759 B.C. plus 2002 or 5761 A.M. and from mid-September on is 3760 B.C. plus 2002 or 5762 A.M.

According to modern science, the creation of the Earth may have been anywhere from 50 to 500 million years ago.

(Source: *Coll's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995)



Donald L. Albert,  
R.W. Grand Secretary

## Easy Steps to Restoration

Brother Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, is emphasizing "membership" during his term in office. He has established a Membership Committee that is responsible for working with the lodges to regain those who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and to promote new membership. As you can read on page 7 this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, that committee already has launched a targeted program called "Operation Rescue/Recovery" and there are valid indications that it is showing results.

The Grand Secretary's Office has been receiving numerous inquiries as to how one can return to membership in our Fraternity. We are very pleased that there has been an increased interest among those who desire to reinstate themselves as members. There are two categories related to restoring one's membership.

The first category is when a Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues may be "restored to membership" by the lodge where he was previously a member. That can happen easily when he is within one year of the date of his suspension and pays the dues owed at the time of his suspension. Then, a resolution is to be offered in his lodge, the members are to be given due and timely notice of the petition, and action is then to be taken on the petition at a subsequent stated meeting of the lodge by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting.

The other category consists of two steps for being "restored to good masonic standing and membership." When a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than one year from the date of his suspension he may be "restored to good Masonic standing" (which does not include restoration to membership) by paying the dues owed at the time of his suspension, and by receiving a majority vote at a stated meeting of his lodge.

After being "restored to good Masonic standing," then a petition for membership may be presented to the lodge along with any fees associated with that petition. When the lodge receives the petition, the procedure for "petition for membership" will be followed.

Anyone who wants to help a former member who was suspended for non-payment of dues to return to Freemasonry should contact his lodge secretary who will be pleased to assist in the effort.

## Check Passed in Relay for Life

Members of Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square, contributed \$6,300 to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be used for cancer research, as well as prescriptions and transportation for patients in the Kennett Square-Oxford area. The December presentation was made to Ms. Betsy Saitto, the Relay for Life Chairperson, by Earle C. Kircoff, then-W.M. (left), accompanied by (rear l-r): George B. Zeiner, then-J.W.; Jason A. Constant, then-S.W.; and Steven Tanzola, the Lodge's Team Captain for the Relay for Life.





## G.M.'s Western PA Charity Golf Outing at Sewickley on Sept. 16

The Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing in Western Pennsylvania, to be held Monday, Sept. 16, at Diamond Run Golf Club, Sewickley, will benefit the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

The shotgun start will be at 12:30 p.m. on the course that is reserved exclusively for this tournament. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be ready at 11 a.m. There will be a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by an awards dinner. The fee for the outing is \$125 per golfer, which includes bag drop, personalized bag tag, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, dinner, skill prizes and door prizes.

Send reservations with a check to either Richard Stemmer, 1315 Trent Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650 [Phone (724) 537-7940 or (724) 539-9431] or to William Hartland, 2030 North View Dr., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642 [Phone (724) 863-6469]. Deadline for reservations is one week before the tournament, unless the maximum number of golfers is reached before then.

### GOLF RESERVATION FORM

Enter the golfers listed below at \$150 per person in the Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing to Benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown. (Payment must accompany reservation.) Enclosed is my check made payable to "Masonic Charity Golf Tournament" in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## Donation and Partnership Recalls Lodge-School Deal 80 Years Ago

When Brethren of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, went to the Watson T. Comly Elementary School in the Somerton section of Philadelphia to donate books for the library and to be reading partners for the students, they renewed a historical relationship between the school and the lodge that goes back more than eight decades. The librarian, Linda Graham, wife of Charles T. Graham, D.D.G.M., Masonic District D, discovered that the lodge and the school gave each other a unique helping hand in the 1920's.

The original vintage Comly School, built in 1892 and located about a mile from the present building, could no longer accommodate the growing community. At that time, the Masons owned a substantial piece of land, but couldn't afford to build a Masonic Temple; so a deal was arranged between the School Board and Houseman Lodge to exchange properties. The old Comly School was converted into a Masonic Temple and a new Comly School was built on the Lodge's former land. Harry A. Houseman Lodge still meets in the old, converted school building.

Last Fall, Linda told Bro. Thomas Vasek, P.M., Chairman of the Lodge's Community Relations Committee, about the lack of new and exciting books in the elementary school's library. The Lodge readily agreed not only to make a large monetary contribution to buy books, but also volunteered to become reading partners with the 300-plus students and to participate in the school's Career Day in the Spring.

The Community Relations Committee of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717 are pictured with some of their reading partners who are holding some of the books the lodge bought for the Watson T. Comly Elementary School library. Second from left of the adult line is the school librarian, Linda Graham, wife of Charles T. Graham, D.D.G.M. (third from left).



## Answers for Pursuing Excellence

Here is how the Masonic Education Committee answers the three questions in the Quiz on Pursuing Excellence on Page 5.

### 1. What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is . . .

. . . A belief in God; Brotherhood of Man; Love of Country - Good Citizenship; Charity - Help for the Widow's Son; Honor - True to your word; Duty - Civic and Moral; Responsibility.

### 2. Why do we have Lodges?

To: Support the Values of Freemasonry; Promote the Landmarks; Promote Charity; Confer Symbolic Degrees; Educate the Members; Maintain Brotherhood among Men and Members.

### 3. What is your role as a Lodge member to your Brethren and to society?

To: Support the Lodge and its officers; Support your Brethren; Be Charitable to Your Brother, His Family, and Society; Give Due Notice of Wrong Doing to Your Brethren; Keep Your Brother's Confidentiality in Confidence; Not Wrong a fellow Mason or Members of Our Society; Not Wrong our Fraternity; Not Violate Our Moral Law.

Those are just some Masonic beliefs among the many that brethren cherish about Freemasonry. A well-educated man is a positive force for this troubled world. Be proud to say that you are a Mason. Be proud and able to talk intelligibly about your Fraternity to your family and your friends. Be proud when you are able to recommend a good and worthy man and sign his petition.

## Lodge of Research Meets June 8 in Altoona

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will hold its next meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, in the Altoona Masonic Temple, 600 Jackson Ave., Altoona. Lunch will be available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Two research papers concerning facets of Masonic history will be presented. All Master Masons are welcome.

The Research Lodge Editorial Committee, comprising Chairman Blaine F. Fabian, Thomas W. Jackson, Jay A. Izenour, Gerald W. West, and Willard Wetzel, has been organized. Paul D. Fisher, W.M. of the Lodge of Research, and James L. Sieber, S.W., are ex-officio members of the Editorial Committee. Plans are underway to print the first volume of "Transactions" early next year.

Membership in the Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons belonging to lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. All members receive a membership jewel as well as all Research Lodge publications. For information or petitions, contact Charles S. Canning, Sec., 2938 W. Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Autumn Day 2002**

**Saturday, Sept. 21  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**A Day Filled With Fellowship,  
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## DANCE PROCEEDS HELP CHILDREN

Masons and their ladies of the ten lodges of the 7th Masonic District again donated the proceeds of its annual Valentine's dinner-dance to the Pennsylvania Masonic Children's Foundation. Mark A. Haines, D.D.G.M., praised and thanked the large committee who worked hard on the project chaired by Carey Kaucher, P.M., Reading Lodge No. 549.

## Scout Troop Grateful for Contribution

In December, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippenburg, presented a check for \$5,000 to Scout Troop No. 121, sponsored by Messiah United Methodist Church, for the purchase of new camping equipment. At a troop gathering, David G. Argil, then-W.M., and Barry A. Martz, then-J.W., (second row right) presented the check to Scout Ed Hickman and Scoutmaster Mark Reed.



## 21st Century "Colonists" Honor Bro. Washington

Recognizing that it was 250 years ago that Bro. and President George Washington was made a Mason, the officers of Plum Creek-Monroeville Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh, came to their February stated meeting uniquely dressed for the occasion. With the proper dispensation and the presence of Kurt R. Tesche, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District, they conducted the meeting in garb reminiscent of Colonial days. The program for the evening was "George Washington: Patriot, President, and Brother" presented by Paul J. Roup, W.M.



The 21st century "colonists" are pictured (l-r): Harry L. Bauer, P.M.; James Jablonski; Ronald D. Johnston; James R. Rainey, P.M.; Joseph F. Connors, P.M.; James E. Smith, P.M.; Bro. Roup, W.M.; Robert B. Kording, P.M.; Karl D. Gustafson; and Anton Anker, Jr., P.M.

## G.M.'s Charity Golf Outing in East At Lulu Country Club on Sept. 23

The Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing for the Benefit of the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown will be held Monday, Sept. 23 at Lulu Country Club, North Hills, near Plymouth Meeting in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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

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

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