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Join me in my optimism as I bring you up to date on our membership program, *Operation Rescue/Recovery*. Grand Lodge has been reporting on an increasing number of petitions received by lodges across the state. As the lodges returned from the summer darkness to meetings in September, there were approximately 300 prospective new members who have petitioned Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and had not received any degrees yet. It shows that there are many good men who want to belong to this quality fraternal organization. I've gotten some exciting comments from the deputies and lodge officers about the membership activities and the **Friend-to-Friend** meetings.

That's the positive news, but there still is one problem on the negative side. We have too many brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Our Membership Committee is working diligently to have those suspended members contacted personally. Brethren, there's where we ALL can help. If you know of a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, talk to him. Maybe he has just forgotten to pay his dues. Maybe there is a circumstance of need that the lodge should know about. In any case, you'll be extending a helping hand to one you've called "brother."

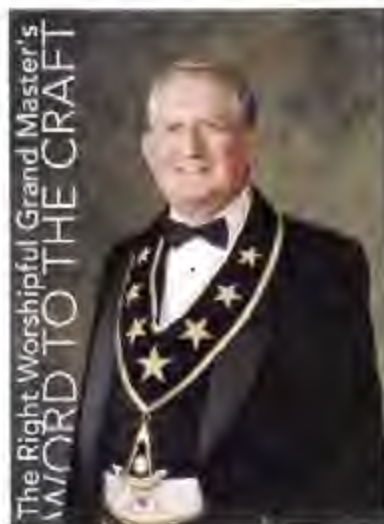
Here's another positive topic. The youth programs that were presented in our Blue Lodges during the month of September were very well received. There were so many good comments by members about the video that was shown.

Continuing on the topic of youth: As I have traveled throughout the jurisdiction, I have heard nothing but positive comments about 18, 19, and 20 year-olds being eligible to petition Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania. I call your attention to the opinion of the Rajah Shrine Chaplain, Bro. and Rev. Bill Harner, that is reprinted on the adjoining page. Again, I feel it is so positive that a young man can become a member of this fraternity before he goes off to college, becomes a member of our armed forces, and, importantly, to afford DeMolay youth the opportunity to mature uninterrupted from DeMolay to Masonic membership.

It will be an exciting future for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania between now and January 2004. That's when the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Home - East at Warminster, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley and the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill will become one "Masonic Homes Family." Between now and that time, extensive review and work will be done to bring about the union effectively.

Two years ago, I was honored to be a guest speaker at one of our Shrine clubs in the Philadelphia area. Two brothers approached me and asked, "Is my dues card different from yours?" "No," I said, "it looks the same." Then, the brother said, "Well, why aren't we the same here at Lafayette Hill as are those at the other Masonic Homes?" Well, brethren, with everything going as planned, by January 2004, no brother will have to ask, "Why aren't we the

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Rajah Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Reading, PA THE CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

By Noble and Rev. William E. Harner, Jr., Chaplain

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"When Does a Boy Become A Man?"

"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

1 Corinthians 13:11

The apostle Paul speaks of his maturing, his becoming a man in his brief but beautiful chapter on love which Paul says is "the more excellent way." The great apostle, spokesman for his Christian faith, says that when he became a man he no longer spoke, thought, or reasoned as a child. Some never mature. Some never give up childish ways. For example, some must always have their way or they will quit, take their ball and go home. It is funny to see a little boy throwing a fit of anger act like that, but it is sad to see an adult behave in that manner.

When does a boy become a man? Historically, parents have been responsible for their children as minors, or until they reached the age of 21. My parents had to give consent for me to marry since I was not 21. In our western culture we have said that a boy becomes a man when he turns 21. That is his legal age. However, we have lowered the age of manhood in time of war. We have expected our teenagers to be men in wartime. We made men out of them in a hurry. We have taken the best — that is the healthiest and strongest — and put them in harm's way. We have killed off the cream of the crop. I will never forget being called into the service of our country as a physically immature 18 year-old. I will never forget the shock that accompanied the words of that hardened supply sergeant who threw an M1 rifle at me and said, "Here soldier, take care of that rifle. We can get another like you easier than that rifle." If my mother had heard those words, she would have said, "Billy, you come home!"

Teenagers today are physically more mature than they were in my time as a teenager. When I graduated from high school, I was five-foot four or five. I weighed 130 pounds. I did not have to shave until a platoon sergeant told me, "Harner, you will shave!" I had nothing to shave. Today they graduate teenagers with full beards, six-foot plus, and 200 pounds and more. We have lowered the age for voting. Teenagers have been given the privilege and the responsibility of sharing in the election of those who shall govern us. I am in complete agreement with that.

Which leads me to my reason for this column. I am wholeheartedly in favor of our Grand Lodge's decision making 18 year-old young men eligible to become Masons. I know we have "never done it that way before." Where did you hear that before? I am in favor for all of the above reasons. And, I feel that it is wise to allow DeMolay youth to move directly from DeMolay to Masonic membership. If we do not do so, we lose some of them to other lesser things. We should look for the same things, I feel, in the eligible teenagers that we have always looked for in the men who have indicated the desire to become members of our ancient and honorable fraternity. I am in support of Grand Lodge's decision, not as a way to help solve our declining membership, but for all the good and right reasons I have listed above; and I am sure some of you can add reasons that I have not included.

When does a boy become a man? What do you think? If you agree with me, then why not give a "Friend to Friend" brochure to the potential Masons among the good, mature young men you know?

So mote it be!

Bro. Harner is the Chaplain of Boyertown Lodge No. 741

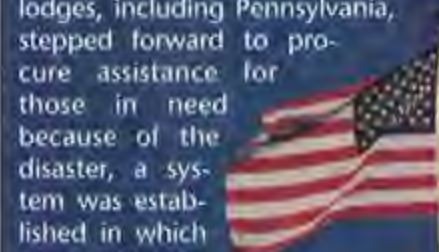
Pennsylvania Masons' Contributions to 9-11 Disaster Fund Return to Aid Fire Co. and Families of Victims with PA Ties

During the several months after the terrorists' attacks on September 11, 2001, Pennsylvania Masons contributed nearly \$318,000 via the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Masonic Charities Disaster Relief Fund to aid victims and their families. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, reported that as of mid-July of this year, an amount equal to nearly two-thirds of those contributions has gone to assist the first fire company on the scene of the Flight 93 crash near Somerset and to help families of victims with ties to Pennsylvania Masons.

Quickly after 9-11, when grand lodges, including Pennsylvania, stepped forward to procure assistance for those in need because of the disaster, a system was established in which the Masonic Service Association served as a collection point for moneys from grand lodges, recorded the contributions, and forwarded them to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to administer and disburse assistance through the WTC Relief Fund that it had established.

In forwarding the contributions from Pennsylvania Masons, Donald L. Albert, R.W. Grand Secretary, suggested known cases where

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Pennsylvania Freemasonry Active In Serving Hospitalized Veterans

Masons Care and Will Always Be There! Veterans in hospitals countrywide know those words are meant for them and they appreciate that it's far more than a slogan. They are watchwords for the Hospital Visitation Program for the Masonic Service Association (M.S.A.).

Freemasonry in Pennsylvania has been an active supporter of M.S.A. since its founding and a participant in M.S.A.'s Hospital Visitation Program from its inception. Pennsylvania Masons have contributed most generously, not only with financial support but, just as important, also with vital volunteer humanitarian support amounting to thousands of hours. The Executive Director of M.S.A., Richard E. Fletcher, M.W.P.G.M., emphasizes the value of that time, noting "... however many (hours) you accumulate, they still come one at a time." The volunteers are totally dedicated. As one aptly stated, "When called upon, our veterans responded to help our nation; now it's our turn!"

The Masonic Service Association came into being in 1919. During World War I, it had been the wish of many Grand Lodges to have a "home away from home" atmosphere for military personnel, but the federal government would not work with 49 (at the time) Grand Lodges. As a result of that decision by the government, M.S.A. was formed by the grand lodges of the United States. In World War II, a series of Masonic Service Centers (including five in Pennsylvania — in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Williamsport, and Towanda) were begun around the country and two overseas. Masonic Service Centers operated in a manner similar to U.S.O.s and were indeed a "home away from home" for military personnel.

After World War II, the focus changed from Masonic Service Centers to volunteering in Veterans Administration Hospitals. At the latest count, M.S.A. has Masonic Hospital Visitors in 157 V.A. centers around the country, approximately 25 state Veterans Homes, and numerous military hospitals.

The intent of the Masonic Hospital Visitor is to provide comfort to veterans who are patients. There is no distinction made as to race, creed, color, or ethnic origin. As long as they are veterans, a member of an M.S.A. team visits them. There are comfort items provided to patients and many things of a non-medical nature are done to help. M.S.A. does not provide any medical treatment, but rather offers comfort and care where needed.



Bro. Laird, A Busy Volunteer

Robert L. Laird, of Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie, is a Korean War veteran who has been volunteering for more than a decade. His volunteer work is actually with the nurses as well as the patients. He explains:

"I have worked in the operating room at the hospital for more than 11 years now. My duties consist of bringing patients on gurneys to the operating rooms

and returning them when they are ready to go back to their rooms. I take specimens to the lab, take carts to the contamination room for sterilization, pick up x-ray photos, check dated instruments that are one-year old and return them for re-sterilization, and all other types of work that may be needed."

Bro. Laird, 73, who has been a Mason for 45 years, is pictured escorting a "patient." With Bro. Laird in the simulated scene are nurses Bonnie Henry in the wheel chair and Wanda Spangler, Supervisor.

Bro. Ems, a Driver for Disabled Vets

Bro. Richard Ems, of Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park, who became a 50-year Mason this year, volunteers in both the M.S.A. Hospital Visitation Program and as a Disabled Veteran (D.A.V.) driver.



He drives veterans to and from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Coatesville. Bro. Ems, at right, is with Fred Wales, the D.A.V. Transportation Coordinator.

Bro. Williams Helps in Rehab Therapy

Bro. Larry Williams, of Sharon Lodge No. 182, Reisterstown, MD, is a former Air Force pilot and a dedicated volunteer in Pennsylvania at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. His current volunteer work is in assisting veterans in their rehabilitation therapy recovery. His assignment included spending many long hours exchanging flight stories and helping the nursing staff with the care of a 95-year-old Air Force veteran who also had a love for flying planes. Bro. Williams is pictured in a typical assignment assisting a veteran patient.



We Honor Those Who Served



As part of giving special recognition to Veterans this November, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., is announcing the creation of a distinctive "Pennsylvania Freemasonry-Honor Veterans" lapel pin. It will be the token that he presents during his travels, meetings, visitations and events during 2003.

It's Easy to be a Hospital Visitor

It's very easy to be a Masonic Hospital Visitor. All you need is compassion, care, and a desire to help others. The needs in the VA Hospitals are endless and the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service is the first to acknowledge that without volunteers, the VA would never be able to provide the level of service it does. The M.S.A., for example, provides approximately 250,000 volunteer hours per year and several thousand of those hours occur in Pennsylvania.

The motto for MSA Volunteers is "Find the need and help." M.S.A. provides basic guidelines, but there is no standard formula that can be used in every hospital. Volunteers do many things; some work with skilled medical caregivers, some do office work, some visit in the wards, some help patients go from outpatient clinics admission to where their place of treatment is, some volunteer in the pharmacy, some in the post office, some enjoy working on the grounds. If you look, you will find a need in a VA Hospital.

If you want to volunteer, write to Masonic Service Association, Hospital Visitation Program, 8120 Fenton St., Suite 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or call (301) 588-4010; or fax (301) 608-3457; or e-mail msana@ix.netcom.com.

To check the M.S.A. web site, visit www.msana.com.

Veteran Brethren at Masonic Homes Interviewed for WWII Documentary

Fourteen residents of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown were interviewed recently for a World War II documentary being produced by the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) for telecasting over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The production staff has been traveling across Pennsylvania since January to interview veterans of World War II individually. Each interview is approximately 45 minutes in length, with each veteran sharing his memories and experiences from the war, including photos and other memorabilia. PCN producer Jolene Risser noted, "It is important that this film be done now. This part of our history should never be forgotten, and who better to tell it than those who were there."

Brethren participating include:

Army — Nathan B. Butz, Cressona Lodge No. 222; Ferree C. Grossman, Keystone Lodge No. 569, Parkesburg; Richard N. Manley, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg; Paul R. Miller, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg; John Sultzbaugh, Ashlar Lodge No. 570, Lykens; and Walter A. Young, Saucon Lodge No. 469, Coopersburg.

Army Air Force — Franklin Betz, Reading Lodge No. 549 (formerly Puritan Lodge No. 740 now merged with Reading); Jerry F. Edgerton II (Ret. Col., USAF), Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg; and William L. Frankhouser, Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook.

Marine Corps — John W. Berglund, Covenant-Excelsior Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia; Alvin L. Leisey, Jr., Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook; and Raymond R. Miller, George Bartram Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, Media.

Navy — William M. Bright, Harrisburg Lodge No. 629, and Todd Ebner, Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park.

There are many other veterans at the Masonic Homes who volunteered to be interviewed for the documentary; however, they were not available on the dates when the PCN crew visited the campus.

An Open Letter from The Grand Master:

Brethren:

I have been asked — as have my fellow Grand Lodge officers — how the troubled economy in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, has affected the financial position and operations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Let me explain.

Anybody in the investment market knows his financial standing has been seriously compromised. The Grand Lodge is in no different position. We, too, have seen the value of our investments decline dramatically. Is it a concern? Yes. Can it be overcome? Yes, again.

"Stewardship" has been a watchword in our Fraternity in Pennsylvania since the constitution of this Grand Lodge. Through nearly three centuries, the generous bequests, strong membership support, sound investments, and careful management have afforded us all that we have today. There have been tough times before, always addressed with responsible stewardship. That's how we're addressing the challenges of today — with responsible stewardship.

For operating expenses, Grand Lodge depends largely on the income from its investments, as well as some from members' dues and donations. The same is true for our Masonic Charities. The key words are "income from the investments." It has always been the goal to maintain the principal of our investments and operate on the income from it. In difficult times, that has not always been possible and it is a fact we face today. It is our obligation to

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Preserving Your Lodge's Heritage

The records, documents, and historical papers of Freemasonry are valuable and should be preserved with care. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania preserves and treasures these artifacts in its archives. Lodges can do the same: often lodge secretaries or specially designated members are responsible for taking care of documents relating to the lodge.

According to historical researcher, Bro. Josh Silver, Saint John's Lodge No. 115, there are a number of standard stops on the route to preservation and conservation of the history of your lodge. Among them are knowing the best type of environment in which to store your documents (ideally a temperature between 32° and 80° F, with no more than 50 percent humidity) and where to purchase appropriate equipment such as acid-free folders and boxes (www.universityproducts.com).

Here are a few tips on how to preserve the heritage of your lodge. When in doubt, let common sense be your guide.

- Never eat, drink, or smoke in the vicinity of your historical collection.
- Always wash your hands before handling any artifact.
- Those white gloves that are an important part of Masonic ceremonies have an archival function as well. Wear them to protect documents and other items from the natural oils of your skin.
- When moving documents, do so carefully and move no more than one at a time. Slide an acid-free piece of card stock or mat board under the item and use it as a support mechanism.
- Lift paper items from the middle of a sheet and not its edges.
- Metal clips and adhesives will harm old papers — and "young" ones, as well! (A temporary solution is to use sheets of acid-free paper as bookmarks or page separators.)
- Pencils should be used in order to avoid the risk of permanent ink marks on important documents.

If you have a question, problem, or a specific concern regarding the care and handling of historic items, please contact The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520. A staff member will be happy to assist you.



Bro. Josh Silver,
Saint John's Lodge No. 115

Pennsylvania Masons' Contributions to 9-11 Disaster Fund...

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financial assistance was needed and asked that they receive help if they met established criteria. They did meet the criteria and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York forwarded the assistance:

\$100,000 was given to the Stoystown Fire Co, the first fire company to arrive at the scene of United Flight 93 near Somerset, PA. The firemen forsook their personal lives to assist in the long process of searching for the remains of those who were on that ill-fated flight. They closed their businesses, took leaves of absence without care or concern for themselves and their families. Those hardworking volunteers rely on outside contributions to continue to provide vital services needed in their communities and wherever needed in times of tragedy.

Another \$100,000 was divided among three worthy cases:

To a widow and one daughter of a victim who worked on the 82nd floor of the World Trade Center Tower No. 2. The victim was the nephew of a past master of a lodge in western Pennsylvania.

To the widower of a flight attendant on one of the airplanes that crashed. The victim was the daughter of a now-deceased Mason of an eastern Pennsylvania lodge. The Mason's wife had died while a resident at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1998.

To a 24-year-old survivor who worked in the World Trade Center Tower No. 2. As he was trying to leave the building, he witnessed the horrors of masses of victims trying to escape. He wanted to help in the evacuation, but couldn't because of the crush of people who were trying to get out. His father, a Mason of a Harrisburg area lodge, explained that his son cannot discuss that day and that fear keeps him from going to the city to work. It is projected that his counseling and therapy will continue for at least two years.

Also, immediately after the Sept. 11 disaster and before establishing the special Masonic Charities Disaster Relief Fund, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sent \$10,000 to assist the brethren of the Grand Lodges of New York and Virginia in their recovery programs.

250th Anniversary of George Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry In Fredericksburg, Virginia on Nov. 4, 1752



Portrait of Bro. George Washington attributed to artist Rembrandt Peale, circa 1795.

A young man, a farmer and surveyor, not yet 21, who had been directed by his mother "in the mental, moral, and religious character of his youth as to give an exalted tone to every action of his after-life, and early in his history to fit him to pass through the Mystic Rites of Masonry," did so, having paid an entrance fee of two pounds and three shillings, "in the presence of a chosen band of Brethren in Fredericksburg Lodge." Thus, R.W. Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis (1902-1903) spoke of Bro. and President General George Washington in his "Address of Welcome," to Grand Lodge and to honored guests, Bro. and President

Theodore Roosevelt and Bro. and Pennsylvania Governor William A. Stone, among many others. They were gathered for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Bro. Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry, held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Nov. 5, 1902.

In 1952, the 200th anniversary of the Initiation was noted with much less fanfare. R.W. Grand Master Albert T. Eyler (1952-1953) noted in his address at the Annual Grand Communication on Dec. 27, 1952: "...Masonic recognition of this supremely important event has been given. Over and over again his pre-eminent place in the Craft has been acknowledged and emphasized. This is as it should be. In loving remembrance of all he accomplished in our national life and in our Fraternity, every true Mason's heart thrills with pride that he, too, was one of us. And all through his written records we find him expressing his unbounded confidence in the brethren during the trying times of the Revolutionary War and the early years of our beloved Republic..."

Already by 1780, even before the end of the Revolution, the idea of one grand master for all of the colonies, was gaining popularity. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held a session in January of that year, and considered "the Propriety as well as the necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States...." The members elected Bro. Washington to the position. The minutes were sent to other grand lodges, but especially after Massachusetts made no determination, apparently nothing came of the proposal.

Bro. Washington, for his part, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on Mar. 3, 1753 in Fredericksburg Lodge and raised to the degree of a Master Mason on Aug. 4 of the same year. Later he became a mem-



Replica of Bro. George Washington's Past Master's Jewel that was made by the Wanamaker Department Store circa 1900.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is world-renowned as both a showcase of Masonic artifacts and a home of Masonic research and history.

ber of Alexandria Lodge, presumably because it was close to Mount Vernon. In May 1788, Alexandria Lodge No. 39 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, transferred its allegiance to the new Grand Lodge of Virginia, becoming Lodge No. 22. Bro. Washington had the unique distinction of being the last Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 39 and the first of Lodge No. 22. In 1805, the Lodge was given permission to change its name to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in honor of its most illustrious member.

Retiring Secretary Honored

When **Vaughn C. King, P.M.** (right), retired after 46 years as Secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 260, Carlisle, he was presented with a plaque of appreciation by **Emmett L. Shollenberger, P.M.**



Passed and Raised Before Military Service

Before leaving for military service and by virtue of a dispensation, Jon Charles Russell Glassner (center) was passed and raised on June 15 in Somerset Lodge No. 358 with members of his family participating. From left to right are: Timothy Fyock, Jon's uncle who conferred the Fellow Craft Mason's degree; Josh Glessner, his brother; Bro. Jon; Charles L. Glessner, his grandfather; and Charles R. Glessner, P.M., his father.



Unique Gift Items Available

Introducing another exclusive creation available from The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania's Gift Shop — 100% pure silk woven ties embroidered with the square and compasses come in three classic colors, gray, maroon, and navy. Priced at only \$20 each, these ties can be an excellent addition to any Mason's wardrobe.



Back for another holiday

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



These and all Gift Shop items are available through the Grand Lodge web site www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop or by calling 1 (800) 336-7317.

Father is Brother After Son Confers Degrees

It was a special night for the Burt family in Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, when the father became a brother. Robert E. Burt, Jr., P.M. (second from left), conferred the Master Mason's degree on his father, Robert E. Burt, Sr. (second from right). The son also had conferred his father's Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. "They were the toughest degrees I've ever conferred," he said, "but I'm very proud to be able to call my father 'brother.'" With the Burts are William M. Baxter, W.M. (left), and S. Robert Marziano, Jr., D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District.



For 35th Year, Mason-Knights Support Easter Seals

Four Pennsylvania Lodges in the 8th Masonic District, three Knights of Columbus Councils of Lower Bucks County, and Trenton Forest No. 4, Tall Cedars of Lebanon in New Jersey celebrated their 35th year of benefiting Easter Seals at their annual Mason-Knight Charity Ball in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Levittown. The black tie event was an evening of dinner, dancing, and a Chinese auction that culminated a year's worth of cooperative fund-raising efforts that raised \$12,000 this year.

The Masons and Knights of Columbus have established a tradition of class and elegance in their support of Easter Seals by helping the local children and adults throughout the Delaware Valley.

With the Easter Seals poster girl, Alexa Johnston (front center) and her mother, Cathy Johnston (left), and sister, Katrina, present at the Fairless Hills-Levittown Lodge No. 776, a check for \$12,000 was presented to the Easter Seals by the Mason-Knight Committee, pictured (l-r): Front row — Jesus Rodriguez, D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District; George Monaghan, W.M., Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside; Ron Robbins, W.M., Bristol Lodge No. 25; Kenneth Harkanson, Grand Knight, St. Joseph the Worker Council No. 4215, Levittown; Carl Webster, Executive Director & CEO of Easter Seals, Philadelphia; John Reed, P.M., W.M., Fairless Hills-Levittown Lodge No. 776; and Barbara Jacobs and David Jacobs, P.M., Fairless Hills-Levittown Lodge No. 776. Back row — Joseph McCullough, S.W., Bristol Lodge No. 25; Albert Miller, P.M., Newtown Lodge No. 427; David O'Donnell, Trenton Forest No. 4, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Arthur Petro, Bristol Lodge No. 25; George Panzitta, Penn-Morris Lodge No. 778, Woodside; and Michael Walsh, Deputy Grand Knight, St. Joseph the Worker Council No. 4215.



PA Lodge of Research Meets Dec. 7

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will meet Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Masonic Center of Reading, 300 S. 7th Ave., West Reading. A light lunch will be available at cost from 11 a.m. to noon. The Lodge of Research will open at 1 p.m. During the session, two original research papers on Masonic topics will be presented.

The Lodge of Research was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in June 2000 and is a "traveling lodge," holding its meetings throughout the jurisdiction. Membership is open to all Master Masons and is not considered to be dual membership. Although only members can vote and hold office, all Master Masons are welcome to attend the meetings.

Paul D. Fisher, W.M. of the Lodge of Research, says, "You and your Masonic friends are cordially invited for an educationally stimulating and unique lodge experience. Increase your knowledge of your Fraternity by attending this session of Masonic learning and fellowship."

D.D.G.M.s and P.D.D.G.M.s Confer Degree

Kenneth D. Hackman, the son of Harry E. Hackman, Jr., D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District, was privileged to have his Master Mason's degree conferred by a team of district deputy grand masters and past district deputy grand masters in Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli. Kenneth Hackman is a sophomore at Washington & Lee University where he is studying business and politics. He is on the Dean's List, is on the baseball team, and is Vice President of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Participants in conferring the degree were (pictured l-r): Front — James T. Young, P.D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District; Carl Longo, P.M., Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, grandfather of Bro. Hackman; Bro. Hackman; and D.D.G.M. Hackman. Middle — Robert J. Taylor, D.D.G.M., Masonic District B; Jesus A. Rodriguez, D.D.G.M., Masonic District 8; Edward D. Miles, D.D.G.M., 36th Masonic District; and Hal E. Zweiback, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District. Rear — Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District A; Raymond T. George, D.D.G.M., Masonic District E; Dale H. Fera, P.D.D.G.M., Masonic District E; and Charles T. Graham, D.D.G.M., Masonic District D.



42nd District Event Also Friends' Meeting

The very successful 42nd Masonic District's "Evening at the Winery," the first of what is planned to be an annual event, was a great night out for the brethren as well as a pleasant Friend-to-Friend social event. Masons and their ladies representing seven of the 10 lodges in the District, along with their invited friends and neighbors, danced to the music of the big band sounds of Zim Zimmerel and enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Richard Naylor of Red Lion Lodge No. 649, owner of Naylor Vineyards, Stewartstown. Planning for next year's event is underway.

Grand High Priest Receives Grand Master in Mark Lodge

On June 18, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. (center) made an official visitation to Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216 where he was received by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Ronald L. Pennell (left), and welcomed by John J. Hunt, W.M. of the Lodge. Bro. Pennell presented to the Grand Master a unique plaque on which were mounted commemorative coins of the office of the M.E. Grand High Priest in gold, silver, and copper. Depicted on the coins are a chapter penny on one side with the keystone and tools of a Royal Arch Mason on the obverse. Both Bros. Cunningham and Pennell are members of the Mark Lodge.



37th Masonic District Picnic a Success

More than 320 Masons and their families and friends enjoyed the 37th Masonic District's summer family picnic. The children were entertained in games, by a clown, and the presence of police cars, ambulances, and fire trucks. William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M., expressed the District's appreciation to the Beaver County Sheriff's Department, Center Township and Brighton Township Police Departments, the Brighton Township Fire Department for providing the emergency vehicles, and to D.A.R.E. officers who participated.

Friend To Friend In Scouting:



The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, created to honor those Masons who are actively serving the Boy Scout movement, continues to gain much attention and interest throughout the Commonwealth. All Master Masons are invited to recommend a brother for the award named in honor of Daniel Carter Beard, a New York Mason who was largely responsible for the development of the Scout movement in America.

Petitions and criteria for the award can be obtained through lodge secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyl/pgm/scouter. The award approved by the Boy Scouts of America consists of a neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform and a certificate endorsed by the Grand Master. An individual cannot apply, he must be nominated by a brother Mason and be approved by his lodge.

Brethren on record as having received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award during the period from June 1 to Sept. 10 are:

Howard H. Ankenbrand, Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge No. 806, Hatboro
W. Andrew Bitner, Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill
Edward B. Carvell, Jr., Howell No. 405, Honey Brook
William S. Davis, Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville
Gary Lee Dukeman, Howell No. 405, Honey Brook
William H. Elliott, Jr., Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, Philadelphia
Robert A. Eslinger, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg
M. Dennis Hedges, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren
Wilbur R. Kline, Arcadia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro
Frank A. Mayer, Jr., Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton
George Mozurkewich, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant
Harold A. Nye, Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg
Donald S. Oplinger, Jordan Lodge No. 673, Allentown
Wayne R. Radlach, Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton
Frederick J. Ritter, III, Prosperity Lodge No. 567, Riegelsville
Frederick J. Ritter, Jr., Prosperity Lodge No. 567, Riegelsville
Donald C. Roseth, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg
Charles S. Rotenbury, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington
Claude Jay Rutan, Easton Lodge No. 152, Easton
Michael Stuchlak, Jr., Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant
Leroy L. Turner, Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Shippingport
William J. Vohs, Gen. Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 795, Easton
Allen L. Walker, Friendship Williams Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown
William H. Wolfe, Jr., Mount Hermon Lodge No. 472, Union Dale
Robert P. Yeager, Royersford Lodge No. 585, Royersford
William E. Yeager, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren
James J. Zaydon, Jr., Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant
Robert J. Zimmerman, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren

Frequently Asked Questions About the Beard Award

How can I apply for the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award?

You can't apply for it. It is recognition by your peers for the work you are doing with Scouting. You must be nominated by a brother Mason, and be approved by your lodge to receive the award.

I have received one patch with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, but I have several uniforms. Where can I buy additional patches?

Only recipients of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award can purchase the patches, and you must order them from the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation office. Send a check for \$2.00 per patch payable to "GRAND LODGE OF PA" to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Open Letter From The Grand Master

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consider the future of the Fraternity and the welfare of those who come after us. We have to stop tapping our principal — and we aim to do so!

We have taken practical and functional cost-cutting measures. There have been reorganizations at Grand Lodge to reduce operating expenses, as well as temporary cutbacks or delays in some programs, events, and projects. We neither plan, nor foresee, problems or actions that would affect our charities, buildings, locations, fraternal strength, or long-term financial stability.

Brethren, a strong membership is important. An informed membership is vital.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Few Days Left to Reserve for Arizona Masonic Reunion

Time is short, but Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies who now reside in Arizona have until Wednesday, Nov. 13 to register for the Masonic Reunion at the Phoenix Airport Marriott on Saturday, Nov. 16. R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., and Rosalie, as well as the other Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, will greet the brethren and their ladies at the reunion. The Grand Master will take the opportunity to recognize brethren who merit 50-Year Emblems of Gold this year and to increase awareness about the services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The reunion begins with a reception at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 11:45 a.m., and a program from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. For those interested, an informational gift planning workshop will be held prior to the reunion, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

To make a reservation, Pennsylvania Masons in Arizona should contact the Masonic Homes promptly at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33488.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

MASONIC TEMPLE

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 2002, A.L. 6002

The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 4, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M.

In accordance with Article 5.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, there will be no election of Grand Lodge Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes this year.

However, action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon* so that the same as amended shall read as below. Brethren, note, there will be a voice vote on these Amendments and every member of Grand Lodge has a vote!

Amendment No. 1 Committee of Inquiry

Whereas, Article 23.22 of the *Digest of Decisions* permits the names of the members of the Committee of Inquiry to be published in the Lodge Notice; and

Whereas, Article 18.09 of the *Ahiman Rezon* prohibits publishing the names of the members of the Committee on Inquiry in the Lodge Notice; and

Whereas, it has been decided to allow the names of the members of the Committee of Inquiry to be published in the Lodge Notice.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 18.09 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, as amended, shall read as follows:

18.09. He shall issue to all the Members notices for all Stated Meetings in which he shall give the full name, age, occupation, residence of every petitioner whose petition is pending for initiation and membership, or membership only, and the names of the members forming the Committee of Inquiry, but he shall not give the names of the recommenders in said Notices. He shall also send a notice of each meeting to the District Deputy Grand Master. In the notices for the Stated Meeting of the Lodge to be held one month before the annual election, he shall state the amount of dues which may be owing by the Member to whom the notice is sent, on the night of the annual election. He shall make his returns at the time and in the form required by the Grand Lodge and perform such other duties as may pertain to his office or be required by the *Ahiman Rezon*. He shall perform every act as Secretary, which the Master of the Lodge may direct, in aid of the business of the Lodge or concerning the same. He shall keep a record in which shall be recorded the place of residence of each Member of the Lodge, which record shall be the best evidence of the residence of said Member.

Amendment No. 2 Committee on Publications

Whereas, Article 12.03.2 of the *Ahiman Rezon* limits the number of members of the Committee on Publications to three; and

Whereas, it has been deemed necessary to appoint additional members to the Committee of Publications to assist in the ever-growing responsibilities of this Committee to review all Grand Lodge publications with reference to Masonic Law.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 12.03.2 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, as amended, shall read as follows:

12.03.2. The Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Publications consisting of not less than three members. The Committee shall review publications submitted to it by the Grand Master and/or Grand Secretary for compliance with current versions of the *Ahiman Rezon* and the *Digest of Decisions* and submit written recommendations concerning such publications to the Grand Lodge at least quarterly.

Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary

Brethren, Take Notice:

The next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia. Grand Lodge will be open at 10 a.m.

Web Site: A Useful, Time Saving Service

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's web site includes two very useful tools for Pennsylvania Masons who need information. Both can be found by clicking on the appropriate buttons located on the home page at www.pagrandlodge.org.

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY

Pennsylvania Masons can browse through the complete catalog of books, audiocassettes, videotapes, and periodicals that are available to borrow from the Grand Lodge Museum and Library. You can search by author or topic, and may request up to two items at a time via an on-line request form.

THE SPEAKERS GUIDE

There is on-line help for lodge officers or presiding officers of any Masonically related organization to find appropriate speakers for their meetings. Searching by either speaker's name or topic will provide an easy-to-use on-line request form. Completing that will generate an e-mail to the potential speaker, who will respond to advise if he is available.

Working Together in Unanimity, Masonic Home At Lafayette Hill to Join the Grand Lodge Family



Formal Gardens and Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

The Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill plan to unite effective January 2004.

The Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania currently comprises the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley. When joined by the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill in less than a year and a half, a culmination of 100-plus years of discussions will bring all Masonic homes under the same umbrella to provide a unified continuum of services. Furthermore, the union will reduce confusion among our members and the public. Through the years, many members of our Family of Freemasonry have mistaken the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Due to the foresight and efforts of the elected Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes; the leadership of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, who were instrumental in the affiliation of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the Eastern Star Homes in 1998; and the Board of Directors for the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill; the union will exceed the original vision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was to offer three Masonic homes across the Commonwealth. The Family of Freemasonry soon will have four Masonic homes where they can receive the level of services they

need and desire in the area of the Commonwealth that is most convenient, familiar, and close to their family and friends.

To confirm that this joint effort would be in the best interest of both organizations and the memberships they serve, the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania conducted months of research



ON THE COVER

Unifying Our "Mission of Love" – Hand in hand with unanimity, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. (left center), Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Morton Lader (right center), Chairman of the Board of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Lafayette Hill, celebrate the announced plans to unite in sharing Masonic Homes "Mission of Love." Leading the way toward culminating the unification by January 2004 are Joseph E. Murphy, N.H.A. (left), Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Homes, and Adrienne Staudenmayer, N.H.A., Executive Director of the Masonic Retirement Community of Lafayette Hill.

and planning. They developed a task force in March of this year to look at the possibility of all the facilities working together in some manner to reduce the confusion between our homes and to enhance the services currently provided at all locations.

In June, they conducted a survey of members in the five-county area nearest to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, which is located within 45 minutes of Lafayette Hill, to determine at which location prospective residents prefer to receive nursing, assisted living, and retirement living services. The results indicate that there is sufficient interest in both facilities to support the continuation of services at both locations. In July, the decision was made by both groups to move forward together in unity.

Over the next year, extensive review and work will be accomplished to make the transition as smooth as possible for residents, employees, volunteers and supporters of all of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, including the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill.

Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill



The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania is a non-profit continuing care retirement community located on 20 acres in Montgomery County. Founded in 1871, the community serves up to 250 residents. The facility currently has 70 retirement living accommodations, 90 personal care/assisted living accommodations, and 75 skilled/intermediate nursing care accommodations.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Meehan, Admissions Office, at (610) 828-5760 or (610) 825-6100.

What Are You Waiting for? They Keep Coming to Masonic Village at Sewickley

They just keep coming! For more than a year, the Masonic Village at Sewickley's marketing team has been holding monthly open houses providing tours of the two-bedroom model apartment. "It feels as though every retiree from the tri-state area has been here, but each open house brings more and more," says Jeff Mohler, marketing manager.

In July, the *Pittsburgh Business Times* listed the Masonic Village at Sewickley as the region's tenth largest construction project. That is just one example of how the word is spreading about the unique benefits of Pittsburgh's newest life-care community. As construction continues on schedule, the first of three 76-unit apartment buildings is being completed and is being prepared for the first residents to move there in March. Last November, the Star Points assisted living residence was completed and now has a waiting list for its apartments.

B.J. Franks, Executive Director, feels the response from the surrounding communities has been very exciting. "These wonderful people who have reserved homes here are our pioneers. They are able to envision the same dream that we

Masonic Eastern Star Home - East, Warminster

The remodeling project being planned for the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East is continuing on track. Many new changes are being planned for this facility, including new wall coverings, carpet, new bathroom doors, and an upgrading of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems to be more responsive to residents' needs.

In response to residents' desires to keep the Warminster home at its current size and maintain its homelike environment, the plan will not expand the services as originally discussed.

Details of the plan will be shared shortly for lodges, chapters, and their members to get behind this exciting project with their support. If you would like to make sure you receive this information, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at (800) 599-6454 and ask to speak with Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, or Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning.



Retirement Living at Sewickley will be a reality in just a few months.

have prior to the beautiful buildings and landscaping being completed," she says. More than half of the first apartment building is reserved, along with nearly three quarters of the villa homes.

These "pioneers" recently were invited to walk through the first apartments as well as the Clubhouse and Wellness Center, which are due to be completed in the next few months.

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Autumn Day 2002

Here's a glimpse of the festivities at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown's annual open house on Sat., Sept. 21, which drew more than 6,000 people.



Masonic Homes residents, Bro. Carson and Ruth Christman, enjoy a visit from their daughter, Sue Long, and their great-grandson, Steven Brady.

Carol Stevenson, Masonic Homes resident, dances to the festive beat of the Greater Kensington String Band.



Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M. stands with members of the Lancaster County, PA Navy Club USA Ship 166.



Violet Katzmann, Masonic Homes resident, enjoys a visit from her son, Irwin Katzmann and his wife, Carole, and Carole's mother, Galdys Bowman.



Staff from the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill joined in the festivities with the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Pictured are (l-r) Trudy Plunkett, Assistant to the Executive Director; Adrienne Staudenmayer, NHA, Executive Director; Mary Beth Meehan, Marketing Coordinator; and Lorraine Lardani, NHA, Resident Services Administrator.



Mrs. Marge Sheaffer, wife of Bro. Donald Sheaffer, donates blood during Autumn Day.

Juggler Bobby Pleis entertains a large crowd.



DARE Officer John Matz and Dan Martin of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children.



Jake Booth and Jonathan Chappie (cousins) show off their spin art, one of the many kids activities sponsored by Chubb's Amusements.



NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA? Look No Further!

Are you looking for a holiday gift for the person who has everything? The Masonic Homes' Farm Market has the perfect solution - a holiday gift box filled with many delicious "Homes" fruit and tasty "Homes" fruit butters! We'll even ship the gift boxes to your friends and relatives anywhere in the United States by United Parcel. (Sorry, baskets cannot be shipped.)

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- 4- Navel oranges
- 4- Red Delicious apples
- 4- Golden Delicious apples
- 4- Stayman Winesap apples
- assorted candy and nuts



DOUBLE LAYER GIFT BOX

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(plus \$8.00 shipping in PA)

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- 1- 18 oz. jar apple butter
- 3- 10 oz. jars of assorted butters
- 4- Bosc pears
- 4- Red Delicious apples
- 4- Golden Delicious apples
- 4- Stayman Winesap apples
- 4- Rome Beauty apples
- 4- Navel oranges
- 12- Assorted apples
- assorted candy and nuts



Don't delay, order today! Call Masonic Homes' Farm Market at (717) 361-4520. Personal checks, made payable to **Masonic Homes' Farm Market**, or VISA, MasterCard, or Discover card orders are accepted. Gift box orders should be placed by Friday, Dec. 13 to ensure delivery by Dec. 25. All gift boxes will be shipped Dec. 17, unless otherwise specified. Shipping charges are for each box for each address. Ask about costs for shipping outside Pennsylvania.

Many other items are available for shipping. Please call the Masonic Homes' Farm Market at (717) 361-4520 for a complete list of our mail order products.



Take Time to Plan Your Retirement - Masonic Homes Has Master Plan to Serve

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

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

As they enjoy the retirement living courtyard at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Bro. and Mrs. Gene Light say moving there was the best decision they ever made.

With each passing year, we find it is all too true: Time waits for no one.

This Fall marks the 13th year since the doors opened to retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Initially comprised of 220 apartments and 16 cottages, retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown today consists of 450 varying types of apartments and cottages.

The popular concept of retirement living that was adopted in 1990 at the Masonic Homes continues to generate increasing interest around the country. According to a recent profile of senior citizens published by the Administration on Aging, one out of every eight Americans is now 65 years of age or older and by 2030 one out of every five Americans will reach that age. Because of that, the Committee on Masonic Homes has authorized the development of a master plan for the Elizabethtown campus to include additional services that individuals are requesting.

For those folks "not quite ready yet," it will be of interest to gain "good life" perspective of residents who have resided in retirement living for a few years. A conversation with Gene Light, P.M., Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, and his wife, Frances, revealed that they believed their move to retirement living in 1994 was a good decision. Now, eight years later, Bro. and Mrs. Light know they made the right decision in their retirement planning!

In August 1993, Mrs. Light had just retired, and Bro. Light was anticipating retirement in six months. They had just completed the finishing touches on their home...everything was in order. Then, on Autumn Day of 1993, Bro. and Mrs. Light visited the Elizabethtown campus and toured retirement living. Their idea of what retirement was going to be, and what it could be, changed that day!

They found a concept of retirement living that offered freedom to the fullest: Mrs. Light would not have to cook or clean; Bro. Light would have no home maintenance or repair concerns; and if they chose to travel, they would not have to worry about anything except locking the door behind them. Since Bro. Light's mother had resided at the Masonic Health Care Center, they were well acquainted with the quality health care and services available to Masonic Homes' residents and afforded the desired security for their health needs, not only for the present but also for the future.

"Truly, this is retirement," they thought.

In April 1994, after a waiting period, Bro. and Mrs. Light moved into retirement living in a two-bedroom apartment with a balcony. Eight years have passed all too quickly, and today their feelings are "stronger than ever." To move to retirement living was their best decision. They continue to have the time and energy to be involved in activities they choose, freedom to travel, and peace of mind for today as well as the future.

Now is the time for you to take the time to plan for your retirement. If you, or your spouse, are at least age 65, complete a priority list application for the retirement living accommodation(s) of your choice. If you are between the ages of 55 and 64, you may request a pre-aged qualified priority list application. If you are interested in attending the holiday open house on Dec. 6 or receiving more information about the application process, or if you would like to hear more about the master planning, please contact the Retirement Living Marketing Office at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, 1-800-676-6452.

Successful Western Charity Golf Benefits Masonic Village

The Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing in Western Pennsylvania on Sept. 16 was a tremendous success with 136 golfers playing to benefit the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The event was held at Diamond Run Golf Course, Sewickley. William Slater II, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and Joseph E. Murphy, C.E.O. of the Masonic Homes were present for remarks at the concluding banquet. Richard J. Stemmler, P.D.D.G.M., Ligonier Lodge No. 331 (center), chaired the Committee that comprised (l-r): Edwin P. Cover of Ligonier Lodge; William Hartland, Len Santmyer, and Randy Harbaugh, all of Shilde Lodge No. 601, Irwin; and Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region.



Children's Home Benefits From Charity Golf Tourney

The Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown benefited from the Eastern Pennsylvania Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament, Sept. 23, at Lu Lu Country Club. About 90 golfers participated in the golf and putting contest and enjoyed a hardy lunch, social hour with tasty hors d'oeuvres, and a bountiful buffet dinner. With R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., (second from right) looking on, the co-chairmen of the event (at left), Dale H. Fera, P.D.D.G.M., and Guy T. Matthews, P.D.D.G.M., presented a simulated check representing the proceeds of the tournament to Gibson "Buz" Cash (center), Director of the Masonic Children's Home. At right is William Greet, Coordinator of the Tournament.



Masonic Homes Receives Award for Support of Our Military

Earlier this year, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown was presented with one of the top state awards given by the Department of Defense to employers whose policies and practices are supportive of their employees' participation in the National Guard and Reserves. In accepting the award on behalf of the Masonic Homes, Dr. Vicki Gillmore, Administrator, Health Care Services, said, "The awards service was very moving. I have never felt more proud to be an American."

Several months before, Lt. Col. Donna Hershey, U.S. Army Reserves, who is Director of Care and Outcomes for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, entered the Masonic Homes for the "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves Awards," presented by the Department of Defense. Lt. Colonel Hershey is serving as chief nurse in the 339th Combat Support Hospital, which left for active duty in Afghanistan on June 22. Our prayers follow her and all individuals protecting our rights and freedom.

Masonic Children's Home Youth Enjoy Canal Bike and Camping Trip

Residents and staff of the Masonic Children's Home enjoyed a bike and camping trip when they toured the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal this summer. At the end of each day of the trip, tents were set up, and supper was prepared for the weary bikers.



Going for a cool swim in the river proved to be a good way of cooling off after a long day of biking. The scenery was beautiful and the museums and landmarks were very educational.

To prepare for the excursion, a bike and boat trailer (above) had to be built. Jake Pilkerton, Masonic Children's Home resident, volunteered his time and manpower to do the job. The trailer not only carried the bikes and boat, but it also accommodated several tents, food, cooking supplies, and other necessities.

In particular, thanks go to Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, and Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, for their financial and moral support that made this exceptional opportunity possible for the children.



If you would like to take part in the young people's lives in some way, contact Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services, at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33301.

They Crown a Lifetime of Being Dedicated and Involved



Bro. James and Aida Boyer

"Dedicated and Involved" are words that describe James and Aida Boyer of Indiana, PA. Jim, a member of Kittanning Lodge No. 244, has been involved with Freemasonry for 48 years. Likewise, Aida has been a member for 48 years of Chapter No. 299, Indiana, Order of the Eastern Star. Their commitment to join the fraternities was an easy decision to make because both of their families have a long history of Masonic affiliation.

Their paths crossed more than 50 years ago when Jim helped one of Aida's brothers at her father's gas wells. Aida's grandfather started the wells, then her father took over the business, after which the Boyers managed the wells until they made the decision to sell them about 10 years ago. While he and his wife operated her family's business, Jim also held a full-time position with Consolidated Natural Gas. He retired in 1983 after 41 years of service. Jim also served his country proudly in World War II, receiving a purple heart.

The Boyers were dedicated to their work, yet they also found time each weekend to relax and enjoy leisure time at their summer home on the Allegheny River. They were avid boaters and those weekends were their vacations each year.

Now in full retirement, the Boyers enjoy their home in Indiana and continually search out new and exotic places to visit. They have been on 24 cruises over the years and have traveled to many countries.

The Boyers share their prosperity through generous contributions to the charitable organizations that

they admire and support. Through a charitable gift annuity with the Masonic Homes, the Boyers not only help to perpetuate the high level of care provided to Masonic Homes' residents, but they also receive a substantial income tax deduction and an income stream that benefits both of their lives.

The Boyers made this commitment because of their vested interest in the future of the Masonic Homes and its ability to provide fraternal care to the members of the Family of Freemasonry who need it most. If you would like to learn more about how you can support the Masonic Homes while enjoying the benefits of a charitable gift annuity, please call the Office of Gift Planning and ask for Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, at (800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, extension 33311. Western Pennsylvania brethren and friends may contact Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, at (866) 872-0664 or (412) 741-1400, extension 3011.

State Police Lt. Receives Officer of Year Award

The 2002 Officer of the Year Award by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children was presented to Pennsylvania State Police Lieutenant Carl M. Harrison Jr. at the June 24th awards banquet of the Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club on the Patton Campus of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The award is presented to the officer chosen by his peers as an outstanding example of displaying courage and unselfishness in the performance of his duties in the law enforcement field.

Lieutenant Harrison came upon an auto accident where a van was on fire. He entered this vehicle three times and rescued four women and three small children, ages 3, 2, and 6 months, before the vehicle exploded. Lt. Harrison was treated for burns at a hospital. The lieutenant's willingness to sustain serious injury and even death in the performance of his duty is a tribute to both him and his department. The Foundation was honored to present this award to such a dedicated officer.

Three other police officers received regional awards at the banquet. They were: F.B.I. Agent Michael J. Rekus, Southwest Region; Pennsylvania State Trooper Michael R. Rugh, Central Region; and Philadelphia Police Officer Norman DeFields, Southeast Region.

Bro. William Bergman, Shield and Square President (left); along with Bro. and Col. Paul Evanko, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police and Vice President of the Shield and Square Club (right); and Bro. Raymond Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation (not pictured), made the presentation to Lt. Harrison (center) and to the regional recipients.



Masonic Foundation for Children Awards Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children has announced the awarding of seven Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. Scholarships for the school year and two Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarships for up to four years.

Stenberg Scholarships

These recipients of the Stenberg Scholarships are: Courtney Boyer, Wrightsville; Gregory Brown, Allentown; Lisa Brunner, Collegeville; Dedra Grant, Monongahela; Victoria Maskinas, Honey Brook; Jamie McFalls, Elverson; and Meghan Wolfe, Altoona.

These recipients were awarded checks for \$1,000 each as the first installments on up to four years of support. These students have successfully completed the Student Assistance Program and were recommended by his or her school team. They were selected from 20 finalists among more than 100 applicants. Since the fund was established in 1993, a total of 54 scholarships have been awarded.

Law Enforcement Scholarships

Each of the recipients of the Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship will receive \$2,500 a year for up to four years. They are: Nicole R. Mark, Liverpool, PA, who will attend Bloomsburg University; and Ray M. Rothermel, Mt. Carmel, who will attend Edinboro University. These students will pursue a career in law enforcement and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average while in college.

Since their inception, these scholarships have helped numerous students achieve their educational goals. The Masons of Pennsylvania should be proud to be a part of the success of the Children's Foundation and these great students.

Grant for Charlie Check-First Program

A \$10,000 grant to be used in the Charlie Check-First program was presented on Aug. 4 to Safety Kids, Inc. in Monroeville, a suburb of Pittsburgh. The Charlie Check-First program is conducted in conjunction with the F.B.I.'s Adopt-a-School program in the Pittsburgh School District. It is one of the many new community programs that The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children sponsors throughout the Commonwealth. Chief of Police George W. Polnar (right), a board member of the foundation, presented a check for the grant to Diane Brown, Director of Safety Kids, Inc. Attending the presentation were members of the F.B.I. in Pittsburgh, numerous dignitaries, and brethren from the Masonic lodges in the area.



"Big 33" Participants Visit Masonic Children's Home

Four "Big 33" football players, four cheerleaders, and one coach visited the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown and delighted the youth on Monday, July 15. It was the eighth consecutive year that Big 33 participants have visited the Masonic Children's Home. In addition, youth from the Masonic Homes' Child Care Center were invited to participate as well. As is obvious in the picture, all had a marvelous time.

"The Big 33 football players and cheerleaders are positive role models for our children," said Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services and a member of the Operations Committee for Big 33. "We enjoy having them here and, through their interactions with the young kids, the participants are able to give something back for the blessings they experience, by sharing their talents as athletes."

The Big 33 game started in 1957. Each year, the top 33 high school seniors from throughout Pennsylvania are selected by the Pennsylvania Scholastic High School Foot-



ball Association to travel to Hershey for a week to play 33 all-stars from Ohio. Sixty-six cheerleaders from Central Pennsylvania cheer on the teams. This year, Pennsylvania defeated Ohio, 40-17.

According to Bro. Cash, the game is considered by many to be the "Super Bowl of High School Football," since there has never been a Super Bowl played that did not include an alumnus of the Big 33 game. Proceeds from the Big 33 game go toward non-athletic scholarships for high school students.

Friend-to-Friend Working Well; Need is to Address Suspensions

By John E. Adams, Jr., Chairman
Membership Committee
Operation Rescue/Recovery

As I sit writing this message, I am gazing out the window. It's a bright sunny day, with the sun setting in the west, a clear sky and just a beautiful day.

Our Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., has weighed anchor with our ship of state and has set the course for the membership in Pennsylvania. The first half of this year has been invested in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection with the implementation of *Operation Rescue/Recovery*.

As of now, every Masonic District has a chairman appointed by the District Deputy. Several Masonic Regions have held meetings under the direction of the Regional Chairman to fine tune the **Friend-to-Friend** program. This effort is to gain better uniformity in presenting our Fraternity to our friends whom we invite to hear about who we are, what we are, and what we are all about.

The feedback is most encouraging and your efforts, if carried forth, will crown our Fraternity with glory and hope beyond expectation.

One area of concern is the list of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Certainly, for **Friend-to-Friend** to be successful, suspensions need immediate attention. From early on, the Membership Committee has recommended - and the Grand Master has asked - that each lodge Secretary furnish the list to his lodge Grievance Committee for action. Contact either by telephone or, more effectively, in person, should be made. This fraternal contact should be a sincere effort to aid and assist the brother who has been suspended. Many reasons and circumstances can contribute to suspensions; therefore it behooves each of us to make a concentrated effort to return our Brother to membership as soon as possible.

Every Master Mason in this jurisdiction needs to support *Operation Rescue/Recovery*.

So Mote It Be!

New Educational Talks Booklet Ready; Wardens Seminars Planned for 2003

Furthering the Grand Master's vision of "H.O.P.E. - Helping Others Pursue Excellence" for Freemasonry across our Commonwealth, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education has prepared a new booklet of ready-to-use topics for educational talks in the lodges. It is ready for distribution.

Also, many of the current educational booklets and pamphlets have been updated and are available to assist the members in their never-ending quest for light. "The better our membership is educated, the better our beloved Fraternity will thrive and prosper in the future," said Edward O. Weissner, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee. Brethren are urged to contact their lodge Education Committee and District Education Chairman for more information on available topics.

The attendance figures and evaluations from this year's Junior and Senior Warden Training Workshops are very encouraging. By taking the workshops "on the road" to the brethren in their home areas, the committee was able to reach more of our future officers. The goal was to help prepare upcoming worshipful masters to shape the future of their lodges. Based on evaluations, it appears that the committee succeeded.

Materials and methods used in the workshops are being fine tuned based largely on the feedback and comments from this year's workshops. Plans already are underway for next year's workshops. Again, there are plans to bring them to each region of the Commonwealth to afford the brethren the maximum opportunity to attend. When plans are finalized, the lodges will be notified. If you were unable to attend one of this year's sessions, or are now in a position to move through the elected chairs, ask your lodge Education Chairman to keep you informed about next year's sessions. They will be sessions that you won't want to miss!

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The Wellness Center features a five-lane indoor pool, fitness center, and locker room area. The two-story clubhouse, which connects to each apartment building, features a large assembly room, bank, two restaurants, computer classroom, hair care center, convenience store, art studio, and much, much more. And all of this will be surrounded by extensive walking trails.

With nearly 40 percent of the retirement living homes reserved, the Masonic Village at Sewickley will soon be a thriving community, offering the many programs and amenities that the original surveys and focus groups said were important. Carole Mastascusa, marketing counselor adds, "More and more people are understanding how life-care can protect their futures and what a great lifestyle this will be. We just want to see as many as possible get their first choices in locations."

As a life-care community, the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers residents assisted living and skilled nursing services, should they ever be needed, within the same monthly fee structure as what they

pay for retirement living services.

The next open house is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information or a personal appointment, call Mary Jane Hyre, Marketing Assistant, at 1-866-872-0664.

Lodges, chapters, or individuals looking for a special memorial opportunity or simply interested in supporting a great mission, call Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, at (412) 741-1400, extension 33011, to learn about the many opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.



Future residents of the Masonic Village at Sewickley meet with Marketing Manager Jeff Mohler.

Together, Butler Area Masonic Groups Dedicate and Contribute Picnic Shelter

Climaxing two years of work and generous donations by members, the Masonic organizations of the Butler area dedicated a \$100,000 picnic shelter and donated it to the citizens of Butler County. The ceremonies were at a community picnic that the Masonic groups held Aug. 23.

Former County Commissioner, Bro. William McCarrier, master of ceremonies, introduced the County Commissioners, Bro. Glenn Anderson, Bro. James Kennedy, and Scott Lowe and former Commissioner Joan Chew as well as David Teorsky, D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District and the Masonic Shelter Committee. After speeches, an engraved five-ton sandstone name monument was unveiled, the shelter was dedicated, and the first picnic was enjoyed by 150 members and their families and friends.

The project was funded entirely by donations from Masons. After Butler County completed a study that determined the need for additional picnic shelters in Alameda Park, five area lodges - Butler Lodge No. 272; Argyle Lodge No. 540, Chicora; Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler; John E. Mair Lodge No. 729, Mars; and William H. Miller Lodge No. 769, Butler - decided to purchase and erect a picnic shelter. To accomplish the task, the committee requested that each Masonically related organization in the Butler area participate.

Through the generous contributions of money, manpower, and materials, Phase I was nearly completed for the dedication. When Phase II, the kitchen and restroom facility, is completed, the citizens of Butler County will have a picnic shelter that is one of the finest family facilities in the Butler area.

The success would not have been possible without the cooperation and sense of unity exhibited by all of the Masonically related organizations and individual Masons who went hand-in-hand with unanimity. Bro. Harry Wimer served as the General Contractor of the project and furnished much of the equipment. Bro. Ken Bronder, an electrical contractor, donated all of the electrical supplies and their installation. Bro. David H. Tack, Sr., P.M., furnished equipment and excavated and prepared the site. Three generations of Montags, including five Past Masters and the current Worshipful Master of Victory Lodge No. 694, supplied and installed the shingles in addition to other construction duties. Hundreds of members of the area lodges donated money, manpower, or materials to complete this phase. The Glenn and Rhea Jean Logan Charitable Foundation, founded by Bro. Glenn Logan, donated \$20,000 towards the completion of Phase II.



Posing proudly with the five-ton name stone monument is the Masonic Community Shelter Committee (left to right): Harry D. Wimer, Butler Lodge; Robert Boice, P.C., Lorraine Commandery No. 87, K.T.; John J. Pollock, Butler Chapter No. 45, O.E.S.; Leland V. Bortmas, P.M., Co-Chairman, Butler Lodge; Nicholas Vaccarello, S.W., Butler Lodge; Kenneth Bronder, Butler Lodge; Charles R. Montag, P.M., Victory Lodge; Richard W. McClean, Shrine Luncheon Club; Edward P. Fair, P.M., Secretary, Butler Lodge; Michael C. Montag, W.M., Co-Chairman, Victory Lodge; Raymond E. Laurent, P.M., Butler Lodge; David H. Tack, Sr., P.M., Treasurer, Butler Lodge; Lynn C. Burtner, P.M., Argyle Lodge; Richard B. Meredith, D.D.G.H.P., Butler Chapter, R.A.M.; and Adrian K. Hassler, P.M., William H. Miller Lodge. Not pictured are: Sherry Deal, Maqueda Chapter No. 421, O.E.S.; Richard J. Fair, Sr., P.T.I.M., Butler Council No. 61, R. & S.M.; William Gracie, P.M., John E. Mair Lodge; June Gregg, Butler Court Order of the Amaranth No. 145; Harlan Gross, W.M., John E. Mair Lodge; Edward M. Rupert, P.M., Butler Lodge; and John Tassey, Shrine Caravan No. 14.

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Contributed A.E.D. Unit Key to Saving Life

Rapid response while equipped with an automated external defibrillator (A.E.D.) that had been contributed by Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley, enabled Robinson Township Patrolman Dan Dugan, to play a key role in saving the life of 46 year-old Don Soto of Center Township, Beaver County.

On June 23, Soto was at a pool with a group from his church when he collapsed from cardiac arrest. Patrolman Dugan, who was on patrol with the A.E.D. unit in his car, arrived at the pool before the ambulance. A registered nurse among the church group, along with a friend, was performing C.P.R. when he arrived with the defibrillator. It was the first time the patrolman had used the device, which delivered three shocks to Soto before the paramedics arrived and took over.

Robinson Township Chief of Police, Bro. Dale Vietmeier, a member of Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh, said that the department has two A.E.D. units that were contributed by Doric Lodge in January. One is carried in a patrol car on each side of the township. Both Doric Lodge and Avalon Lodge are in the 47th Masonic District.

19 Students Awarded Scholarships

"...I am so honored. I will do my best to use my education to serve others, as our organizations expect and encourage."

Jordan E. Lane

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation committee selected 19 students to receive \$27,400 in awards in this year's competitive scholarship program. The committee carefully considered nearly 200 applicants, taking into account academics, financial need, Masonic relationship, youth

group participation, and the civic activity of each student.

"There were many deserving students, and it was a difficult decision to choose just a few from them," said Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of P.Y.F. "Your contributions to the 'PYF Educational Endowment Fund' will help to provide for the presentation of more awards for many years to come."

The 2002 award winners are:

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships: Kevin W. Kaufman, Jamie A. Hoover, Jordan E. Lane, Jennifer L. Wilson, and Patricia J. Evans.

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship: Rebecca Gotshall.

Clarence R. Uhlend Memorial Scholarship: Lauren L. Bush.

David A. Bondzio Memorial Scholarship: Heather D. Runser.

Herman Witte Memorial Scholarships: Kimberly L. Swank and Cherie L. Salazar.

Grand Master's Scholarships: Scott E. Robinson, Pamela S. Wagar, Sean W. Tracey, and Courtney R. Smith.

Charles R. Nebel Scholarships: David A. Haffley and Mark A. Haffley.

Edward Lindler Scholarships: Jerry Brandford and Keenan Willis.

Michael H. Gotshall Memorial Scholarship: Virginia Naglic.

"You have no idea how much this honor means to me...how much this scholarship will help...I am sincerely grateful for your kindness..."
Courtney R. Smith

"I was fortunate in my life to know Mr. Gotshall. I respected him from the moment I met him and I am truly honored to receive this scholarship."
Virginia Naglic



James A. O'Connor, D.D.G.M., 21st Masonic District, presented scholarship checks and certificates to Jordan E. Lane (left) and Courtney R. Smith (right) prior to a stated meeting of Moshannon Lodge No. 391, Philipsburg.



DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Can a Prince Hall Mason join a lodge of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania?

When the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extended fraternal recognition to one another in 1997, the recognition was "limited" in that Masons of both Grand Lodges in Pennsylvania were permitted only to visit each other's lodges. Today the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania permits "dual-membership," but the Prince Hall Grand Lodge does not permit "dual-membership." Therefore, if a Pennsylvania Prince Hall Mason wanted to join a lodge operating under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, he would have to demit his membership while in good standing from his Prince Hall lodge and then petition a lodge of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He would be permitted to join once balloted upon and would not be required to re-take the three degrees of initiation since he demitted while as a member in good standing from a recognized Grand Lodge. If the Prince Hall Mason was from a Grand Lodge not in fraternal recognition with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then he would need to renounce his membership in his Prince Hall lodge, petition a lodge of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and be balloted upon, and then would have to receive all three degrees of initiation in Pennsylvania.

(Source: Office of the Grand Secretary)

[Note: The only Prince Hall Grand Lodge other than the one in Pennsylvania that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is currently in fraternal recognition with, is the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Therefore, the same conditions would apply to their members seeking membership in our Grand Lodge as they do for Pennsylvania Prince Hall Masons.]

What is the "oriental" chair?

In lodge you hear the Worshipful Master's station referred to as the "oriental chair." "Orient" is derived from the Latin "Oriens," meaning "rising." Since the sun rises in the East to open and rule the day and in Freemasonry the Worshipful Master's station is in the East to open and rule his lodge, his chair is referred to as the oriental chair.

(Source: Masonry Defined, by E.R. Johnson, Klissinger Publishing)

Masonic Homes' Admissions and Outreach Offices, Guest Apartments Relocated for More Convenience

The offices of Admissions and Resident Services and Outreach at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown have been relocated to the building across the street from the Berks and Goodyear buildings. That building also is the new site of the guest apartments for visitors of Masonic Homes' residents. The offices were moved to a more convenient location for accommodating the needs of prospective residents and their family members.

The two new and improved guest apartments for overnight visitations for family and friends of residents replace the guest rooms located in the Allegheny Building and an apartment in retirement living. Each guest apartment can accommodate up to four persons and includes a bedroom, living room with sleeper sofa, television, bathroom, eating area, and shared kitchenette. The per-night rate is \$57.24, payable by cash or check.

There will be no changes in procedures to inquire about reservations. The check-in area will remain at the receptionist's desk in Grand Lodge Hall. For phone-in reservations, call (717) 367-1121, extension 33314. That will reach an automated answering system on which to leave your name and phone number, along with the requested dates for lodging. A guest apartment volunteer will return your call during normal business hours to review your request.

R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

November

- 2 200th Anniv. George Washington-Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia
- 8 New D.D.G.M.s Training Seminar, Elizabethtown.
- 9 Grand Master's Honor Day, PA Rainbow for Girls, Yardley
- 14-20 Reunion of PA Masons Residing in Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.
- 23 Fall Reunion, Valley of Reading, A.A.S.R.

December

- 3 Phila.: Consolidated Fund and Pension Fund Mts. - 9 a.m.; Finance Comm. - 1 p.m.; Rehearsal - 3 p.m.
- 3 Quarterly Communication - 10 a.m.; D.D.G.M. Mtg. - 3 p.m.; Masonic Temple, Phila.
- 4 Phila.: Grand Chapter - 10 a.m.; Luncheon - Noon; Banquet - 6 p.m.
- 7 DeMolay Honor Class
- 9 Phila.-Potter Lodge No. 72, Collect's - 6 p.m.
- 12 Elizabethtown: Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Elected Officers Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- 13 Bldg & Grounds Comm. - 9 a.m.; Gift Planning - 10 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Residents' Reception - 2:30 p.m.; Holiday Dinner - 6 p.m.
- 17 Excessor Mark Lodge No. 216, Phila.

January

- 5 Retiring Masters Banquet, 38th Masonic Dist., Pittsburgh Athletic Club.
- 11 Testimonial Dinner, Royal Arch Chapter, Holiday Inn, Harrisburg.
- 24 Lu Lu Shrine Breakfast, Plymouth Meeting

February

- 15-18 Grand Master Conference, Minneapolis

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same at all of our Masonic Homes?" Please see the articles about this in the center of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

It is with gratitude that I call your attention to another important article in this issue reporting that you, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, contributed more than \$318,000 last year to the 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund via the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. As your Grand Master, I enthusiastically express gratitude for your generosity and assistance. Sincerely and fraternally, I say "thank you!"

The two Grand Master's Charity Golf Outings - in the West at Sewickley and in the East at Lu Lu Country Club - were both successful and enjoyable. The Masonic Village at Sewickley and the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown were the beneficiaries and they appreciate the support.

Please note that the next Quarterly Communication will be at 10 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Brethren, we have passed the first anniversary of the evil events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001. Let us continue to stand firm in our patriotism and maintain a remembrance of our heroes who served mankind so valiantly. Likewise, let's not forget that November is the month we honor all of our veterans.

God Bless America!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.

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