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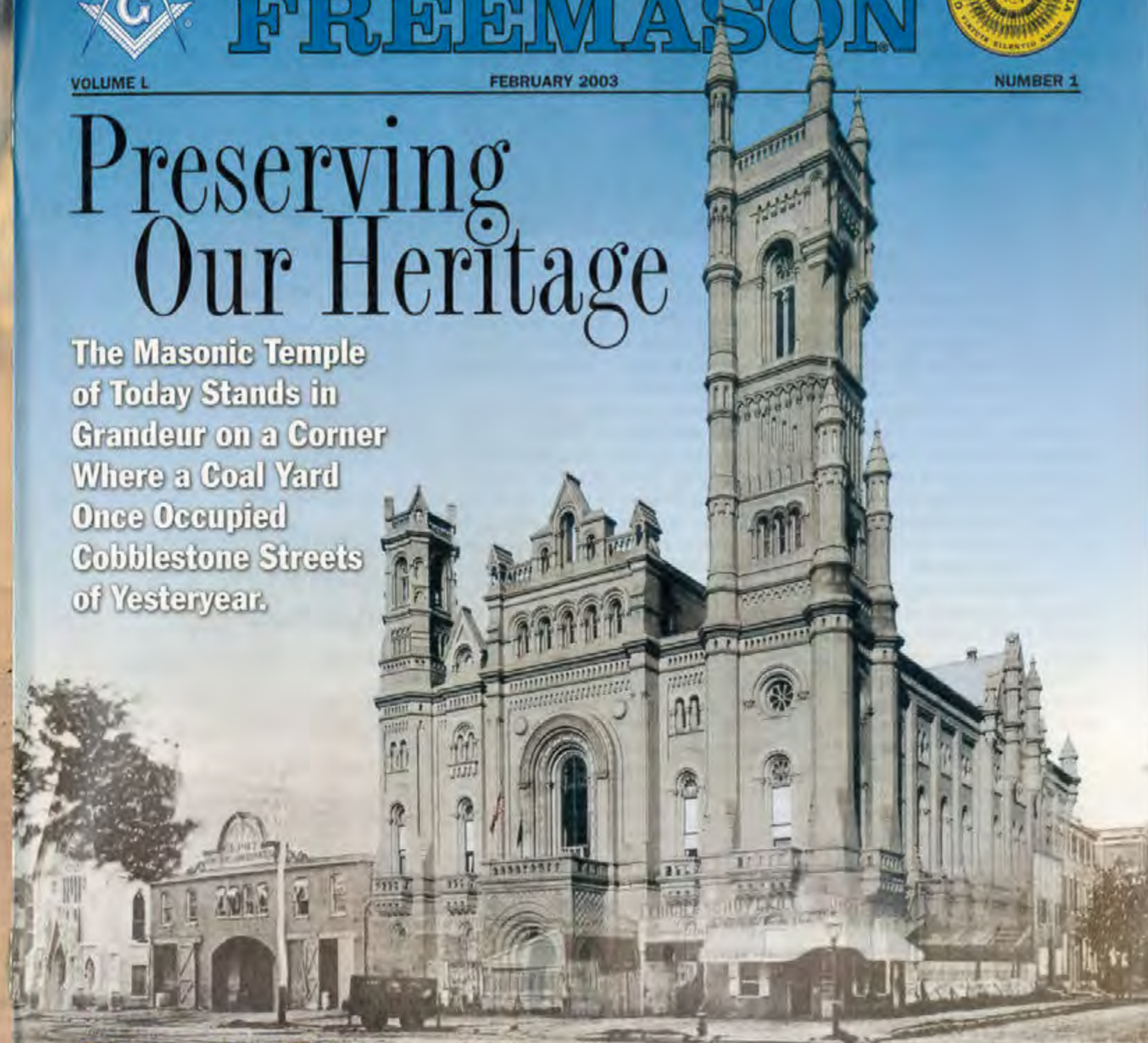
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Preserving Our Heritage

The Masonic Temple
of Today Stands in
Grandeur on a Corner
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Cobblestone Streets
of Yesteryear.



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BRETHREN,

The year 2003 is here! Where did 2002 go? It went so fast; yet I feel a lot has been accomplished. I hope each of you ended last year and began this one by enjoying a glorious and happy holiday season.

Grand Lodge activity in 2002 wound down with our December Quarterly Communication, which went well. It pleased me to receive many compliments, especially from our guests from other jurisdictions.

My theme for 2003 remains the same: "H.O.P.E. - Helping Others Pursue Excellence." I feel it's an important message

and I have seen its impact at work through the year. But, Brethren, there's one area of concern where we need to really put that emphasis to work. Our Blue Lodges still face the problem of getting qualified members to fill the Stations and Places. There still are Lodges that have no alternative but to merge because too few Members are accepting the opportunity to serve with their Brethren - let alone stepping forward as leaders. I "H.O.P.E." we can overcome this quickly. We must!

As the New Year started, Grand Lodge established two new, golden opportunities for philanthropy that I'm sure will be near and dear to the hearts of Pennsylvania Masons, "The Gold Book Society" and "The Philanthropic Society" have been created to give all of us the opportunity today to assure that permanent funds for the preservation of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia will be available for posterity. The Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society give us ways to provide for important restorations and vital preservations at our Masonic Temple. We must see that this building is well maintained and fully preserved for those who come after us. In this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, you will find inserted an easy-to-read, brief brochure explaining the purposes and benefits of the two Societies. Just slip it out of the magazine, read it, and take action to join one or both of the Societies. Please do it now.

Thinking of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, with this issue we begin our 50th volume, which means we are in the year that will culminate in its golden anniversary. We're proud of our publication and I want to give a special thanks to the Freemason Committee and the Editor for the job they are doing for Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

During 2002, I traveled north, south, east and west throughout Pennsylvania, visited many of our Lodges, talked to many of you, and thoroughly enjoyed our fellowship together. Isn't it great that we can live in a country where this happens? Fellowship is so important today, certainly as important as it was decades ago - maybe more so. It has been basic to our Fraternity since "day one."

Brethren, we must appreciate and preserve our proud heritage, uphold the dignity of Freemasonry with renewed enthusiasm, cherish the traditions that made us great, and - above all - take on the responsibility and stewardship for our Fraternity throughout this great jurisdiction. By doing that, we can ... we will ... we must pass along a sound Fraternity to the future generations of worthy Brethren.

With everyone's continued support in 2003 and beyond, our H.O.P.E. will be strong. We will excel.

May you have smooth sailing in all you do. And, God Bless America!

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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Preserving the Heritage of Freemasonry

Across Pennsylvania, from Olde City in Philadelphia, through historic Valley Forge and Gettysburg and on to the Pittsburgh area, nearly three centuries of Masonic history are reflected from stately buildings, statues, and monuments.

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the "home" for Pennsylvania Freemasons and the headquarters for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania - the oldest Masonic jurisdiction in America - ranks among the top of the list. The magnificent Temple is unlike anything else in the nation, or even the world, according to architects and artists, structural engineers, and scholars. Not only is this grand structure recognized as one of the wonders of the Masonic world, but also it is rightfully entered on the National Register of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Architecture.

Though it was amidst difficult post Civil War economic times, preparatory to the purchase of a site for a new Masonic Temple, Samuel C. Perkins, then R.W. Senior Grand Warden and a member of the Building Committee, confidently reported to the Grand Lodge on April 7, 1869:

"There are doubtless many of the Brethren who would be glad to contribute according to their means to this cherished enterprise ... the noble structure, whose massive and solid proportions will be at once an ornament to the City, and an enduring monument of the dignity and power of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and of the eternal principles of the Fraternity under the whole canopy of Heaven."

Brother Perkins was right. Through faith, dedication, determination, and fiscal acuity, those Masonic Brethren made the Masonic Temple a reality. It had been in 1867 that the Grand Lodge purchased the site, a full city block measuring 148 by 245 feet at Broad and Filbert Streets, for \$155,000. Its Cornerstone was laid on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1868, and the Masonic Temple was dedicated on Sept. 26, 1873, the 87th anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge.

The Brethren planning and building for the future of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania were foresighted and far-sighted in acquiring a choice property that was then a coal yard at the outer reaches of center city. Within a few years, Philadelphia's City Hall was under construction across the street. Through nearly a century and a half, the history, culture, and heritage of the Masonic Temple and City have stood forth as prime historical landmarks in Philadelphia.

There is an interesting descriptive booklet (c. 1954) that really is an extensive, well-written tour guide of the Masonic Temple by Bro. Robert J. Angney, P.M., Philadelphia Lodge No. 72 (now Philadelphia-Potter Lodge No. 72), who is identified as "Official Guide." The 32-page, pocket-size publication that was approved and authorized by Ralph M. Lehr, R.W. Grand Master (1954-1955) details the story of the Masonic Temple from the site selection to the completion of the splendorous interior.

Site of the Masonic Temple circa 1867



Bro. Angney reported: "The choice of the architect to plan and carry out the important work of constructing a building desirable and suited for a Masonic Temple was decided by a competitive plan ... The unanimous choice of the Committee were (sic) the plans submitted by Brother James H. Windrim, a young man 27 years of age, who, ... was Master of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72 when the Temple was dedicated on September 26, 1873."

The magnificence of the interior décor has long been widely proclaimed and the history, culture, traditions, and heritage of Freemasonry permeating the seven lodge rooms, halls, Library and Museum, and function rooms are world-renowned. Bro. Angney's description as to how that came to be is quite interesting. He reports:

"Shortly after the dedication, the members of the Fraternity formed the Art Association, with the object of decorating and embellishing the various halls, giving them artistic, historic, and Masonic beauty. The funds for the purpose being supplied by its members from annual dues of one dollar each, contributions from individuals and from the various Masonic bodies meeting in the Temple. Its purpose, as stated, was to beautify, to dignify, to vivify the cold, dead walls, naked pillars, and blank ceilings, so that they might speak through the mystic symbols and historic figures which adorn them, and thus teach Freemasonry to the eye, while its ritualistic ceremonies teach it to both the eye and the ear and through them to the understanding and the heart.

"How faithfully our Masonic ancestors carried out the completion of the prophetic vision of Brother Vaux (R.W.G.M. Richard Vaux, 1868-69) and the ambitious plans of the Art Association is plainly visible to those who have eyes to see."

Each year, several thousand visitors, Masons and their families, and the public tour the grand Masonic Temple. Excellent audio-visual tours of the Masonic Temple are available by visiting the web site of the Grand Lodge at www.pagrandle.org. A full-color descriptive booklet, *Masonic Temple, Philadelphia*, is available for purchase online from the Gift Shop at the web site address.

Preservation of Monuments Committee Works to Assure Preservation of Memorials

The tenets, principles, heritage, and pride of the Masonic Fraternity emanate from statues and monuments across the state that were placed and presented by the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Freemasons of Pennsylvania.

There are six Brethren dedicated to assuring that those historic statues and monuments are maintained and preserved. They make up the Grand Lodge Committee on Preservation of Monuments led by Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., who has been the Chairman since its authorization in 1999.

After a statue, monument, or structure is given as a gift, its maintenance and preservation is the responsibility of the recipient. Freemasons want to assure that they are properly maintained and continue to reflect their Masonic relationships with dignity. Each memorial is unique, so specific and detailed maintenance is required for its preservation. Each Committee member inspects, discusses, and helps assure that proper care and maintenance are provided.

Each Committee member resides near his assigned monument or structure and devotes many hours to this activity. Each has developed a "working relationship" with the management of the host organization or entity. With the approval of the R.W. Grand Master and elected Grand Lodge Officers, funds to maintain and preserve each of the sites usually are provided from the Masonic Charities Fund that results primarily from contributions.

George Washington at Prayer

John B. Law, P.M., Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, tracks and reports on the condition of the George Washington at Prayer Monument overlooking the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove on the grounds of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. That monument was presented to the Freedoms Foundation by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1967 and rededicated in ceremonies for the 25th anniversary in 1992.

Bro. Law frequently visits the site, conferring with the management at Freedoms Foundation, and meeting with the contractors to review the work as they maintain and



Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M.



John B. Law, P.M.

refurbish the statue. He commented, "Being involved in the restoration of this monument has been a great educational experience. I had the opportunity to talk with experts in the art field."

An extensive maintenance program was carried out at the site during the past Summer and Fall. In addition, a new wayside display with audio explains the significance of the George Washington at Prayer Monument, especially noting the relationship of the Father of Our Country with Masonry.

Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman

Daniel J. Hinds, P.M., Covenant-Excelsior Lodge No. 456, Philadelphia, Superintendent of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, reports on the condition of the Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman Monument. The statue, which was given to the City of Philadelphia, is located on the northwest corner of Broad St. and John F. Kennedy Blvd., directly across the street from the Masonic Temple. Bro. Hinds inspects the statue periodically and works very closely with the City of Philadelphia's Preservation Committee to make certain that it is properly maintained.

There is a duplicate monument of Brother Franklin - Craftsman located near the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which is maintained by that facility.

Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial

John F. Schwartz, P.M., Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, reviews and inspects the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in the National Cemetery Annex of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The monument and facilities, along with landscaping improvements, were dedicated and contributed to the National Park Service in 1993. The Friend to Friend Monument is the first of its kind ever granted permission to be presented to the National Park Service. It also is the first monument at Gettysburg National Military Park to have the patina coloring of the principal figures portrayed by the statue. During 2002, Bro. Schwartz invested considerable time and talent while extensive work was accomplished to restore the original patina.

The costs to maintain and improve the monument are to be covered by the income from a Maintenance Trust Agreement that the Grand Lodge established with the



Daniel J. Hinds, P.M.



John F. Schwartz, P.M.

National Park Service. Only the income from that Trust can be used for maintenance. Bro. Schwartz's efforts and concern have fostered wonderful support and cooperation from the management at the Gettysburg National Military Park in maintaining the facility and periodically lighting the monument.

The Washington National Memorial Arch and the Freemasons Memorial Monument

William L. Kingsbury, P.M., Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, reviews and inspects the condition of the reconstructed National Memorial Arch on the grounds of the



Pavilion at VA Medical Center

William M. Kratzenberg, P.D.D.G.M., inspects and reports on the condition and improvements to the structures and Masonic monument at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Aspinwall, north of Pittsburgh. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania constructed and contributed a recreational pavilion, improved landscaping, and placed a monument there in 1999. Bro. Kratzenberg has developed a close working relationship with the Administration and goes to the VA Medical Center regularly to inspect the improvements and to visit with the veterans.



William M. Kratzenberg, P.D.D.G.M.

LATE NEWS

As soon as the word was out about the creation of the Gold Book Society, Philadelphia-Potter Lodge No. 72 was first on the list of Lodges to become a member by contributing \$500. (Note in the "Preserving Our Heritage" article on page 3 that Lodge No. 72 was directly involved in the construction of the Masonic Temple in the late 1860s.) Also, on behalf of Pennsylvania DeMolay, State Master Councillor Gregory G. Deal presented R.W. Grand Master Cunningham with a check for \$500 for the Gold Book Society for the Preservation of the Masonic Temple.

For detailed information about the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society, see the brochure inserted in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Web Site: A Useful, Time Saving Service

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

The Masonic Library and Museum has undergone a cyber "face-lift" and includes more pictures of the fascinating artifacts on display in the Grand Lodge Museum. This is an excellent way to learn about the richness of Masonic history that has been preserved for future generations. Also provided is an opportunity to become a contributing member of the Masonic Library and Museum. If we don't preserve and write our history, who will?

80-Year Certificate for Mason, 102

Eighty years ago, on Nov. 14, 1922, Bro. E. Paul Long, then 21 years of age, was entered in Herndon Lodge No. 702. He was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on Jan. 9, 1923, and raised to the Degree of a Master Mason on Feb. 13. Recognizing his 80 years as a Mason, William R. Swinehart, D.D.G.M., 46th Masonic District (right) and David L.



Reiner, W.M., Herndon Lodge, presented a framed Certificate of Recognition to Bro. Long. At 102, he continues to be an active Mason, especially faithfully attending the Tall Cedars meetings near his home.

Washington at Prayer Statue Impressive and Inspirational

The impressive nine-foot bronze statue of George Washington at Prayer at the Freedoms Foundation vividly portrays the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man in which the heritage of Pennsylvania Freemasonry is imbedded. Robert E. Deyoe, the R.W.G.M. in 1966, authorized the statue to be sculpted by the world-renowned artist-sculptor, Donald DeLue, of Leonard, NJ, to stand at the entrance to The Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Bro. Deyoe said: "It was at Valley Forge that Bro. Washington and the remnants of his army suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78 in order to obtain freedom. The heroic spirit and devotion to freedom which burned in the hearts of Bro. Washington's Army must again be aroused in the hearts of our people...."

At the Dedication on Sept. 9, 1967, the Chairman of the Directors of the Freedoms Foundation proclaimed: "... that all the world may come to see the devotion which we hold for George Washington, the Father of our Country, and may God bless the Masons of Pennsylvania, who have made all this possible."

During 1976 when the nation was celebrating the Bicentennial, Pennsylvania Freemasons held four Bicentennial Day Ceremonies, the last of which was at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Despite the worst October storms in history to that time, John L. McCain, R.W.G.M., led more



"George Washington at Prayer" presents a striking pose against the waning late afternoon sunlight of an early Winter's sky.

than 1,000 persons in a wreath-laying at the statue. The howling gales and sheets of rain on Oct. 9 forced ceremonies to be moved inside. Fortunately, later the rain paused to permit the wreath-laying.

A quarter of a century after the original dedication, Pennsylvania Freemasons refurbished the statue and on Sept. 5, 1992, R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. and the Grand Lodge officers conducted well-attended re-dedication and wreath-laying ceremonies. At that time, Grand Lodge had an audio wayside display installed that provides visitors with a taped message about Bro. Washington.

The cover of the Bicentennial Dedication Day program presented a dramatic picture of the George Washington at Prayer statue.

The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge



Almost 91 years ago, in March 1912, ground was broken for the construction of "... a memorial arch within Valley Forge Park, in commemoration of the patriotism displayed and the suffering endured by Gen. George Washington, his officers and men." Completion was delayed to wait for funding. The National Memorial Arch was dedicated on June 19, 1917.

The 60-foot high, 49-foot by 18-foot granite Arch was designed as a simplified version of the Triumphal Arch of Titus in Rome. On the inner walls of the Arch are bronze plaques with the names of the general officers at Valley Forge.

The National Memorial Arch stood for more than 80 years until it was closed to the public for safety reasons. The Masons of Pennsylvania determined to preserve the Arch in the grandeur it deserves and on Mar. 15, 1996, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser signed an agreement with the National Park Service at Valley Forge for a restoration project. On Aug. 24, 1997, the Grand Lodge unveiled the restored National Memorial Arch.

At the base of the American flagpole facing the Arch, the Grand Lodge also erected a new monument that pays tribute to Bro. George Washington and the Freemasons who were among the soldiers of his Continental Army encamped there in 1777-78.

Friend to Friend, A Brotherhood Undivided



Brother Bingham coming to the aid of Brother Armistead is portrayed in the Friend to Friend Statue at Gettysburg.

The "Friend to Friend, a Brotherhood Undivided" statue and its arcing granite "Wall of States" in the National Cemetery Annex at Gettysburg honors all Freemasons who fought in all the wars and conflicts of the country.

The larger-than-life figures created by the noted sculptor, Bro. Ron Tunison, of Cairo, NY, portray Union Captain and Brother Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate General and Brother Lewis Armistead during Pickett's charge at the Battle of Gettysburg. It stands as a lasting tribute to the bonds of Brotherhood that transcend political differences and the emotions of war.

The scene portrays the moment when Gen. Armistead was being carried to medical aid and by chance encountered Capt. Bingham, who was an Aide to Union Major General and Brother Winfield S. Hancock. Confederate General Armistead, long a friend of Gen. Hancock, though then on opposite sides in the War, asked Capt. Bingham to relay a message of regret to his old friend and entrusted his personal effects to the Captain. Gen. Armistead died two days later.

In this 1993 picture, the sculptor, Bro. Ron Tunison (background), is at work crafting the Friend to Friend statue.



Production Resumed on Limited Collectibles of Friend to Friend Monument Models

Production of the balance of the limited edition "American Pewter" model sculptures of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument has been resumed to commemorate the tenth anniversary in 2003 of the dedication of the spectacular full-size statue in the National Military Cemetery at Gettysburg.

When authorizing the resumption of production of the collectible model, "Friend to Friend - A Brotherhood Undivided," Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, noted that only a restricted number can be produced at this time. He explained that, when first issued in 1993, production of the collectible model was limited to 5,000 pieces. The balance of the 5,000 "American Pewter" edition is now being made available.

When you purchase one of these sculptures, you will own one of only 5,000 that will ever be issued. Furthermore, a generous portion of the price for this collectible is going toward raising needed funds for the Masonic Temple and Monument Preservation Fund. To own and display this "piece of Masonic History," see pages 12 and 13 to reserve your sculpture from among this limited production.

Freemasons Pavilion and Monument at Pittsburgh Area VA Medical Center

On Armed Forces Day, May 15, 1999, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania honored all veterans who served this great country by presenting a new, fully equipped, 3,000-square-foot Freemasons Pavilion with an additional 1,400-square-foot patio and a monument in a landscaped area of the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Aspinwall, north of Pittsburgh.

The facility and its equipment provides a place for residents of the VA hospital and their families to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

In the dedication oration, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette said, "We cannot, must not, and will not ever forget those whose dedication and fortitude sustained liberty and justice for us through more than two centuries. Our veterans are special people to whom we will be forever grateful."



Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman

Brother "Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman" is the heroic contemporary bronze sculpture directly across the street from the front door of the Masonic Temple on the north-west corner of Broad St. and John F. Kennedy Blvd. in Philadelphia. The statue, which shows a young Franklin in the process of printing on a hand press, was sculpted by Joseph Brown in his studio in Princeton, N.J.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania commissioned the work and presented it to the City on June 24, 1981 as a feature of the memorable five-day celebration commemorating the 250 years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. According to reports, a "sea of people applauded the gigantic parade led by R.W. Grand Master Joseph E. Trate along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to the Masonic Temple that preceded the presentation of the sculpture to city officials."

An identical sculpture is in front of the Freemasons Cultural Center on the grounds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

A circa 1980 photograph in the Archives of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania pictures the sculptor, Joseph Brown (left) showing his working model of the sculpture to R.W. Grand Master Joseph E. Trate.



A "Benjamin Franklin - Craftsman" statue is across the street from the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and a second one is in front of the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

IT'S TIME.

By John E. Adams, Jr.,
Membership Chairman

Have you accepted the Operation Rescue/Recovery challenge placed upon the trestle board by Grand Master Cunningham? Has your Lodge held a "Friend-to-Friend" program as recommended?

Since Solomon II was introduced 20 years ago, Grand Masters have tried to reverse the devastating decline in membership. Those efforts afforded moderate success, but were met with mixed reactions by the Members.

Each program was excellent. Dedicated and concerned Brethren worked diligently to carry forth the designs upon the trestle board. Unfortunately, their efforts were not fully accepted by 100% of the Members. Negative responses ranged from "We never did it that way before" to "It's solicitation."

It's time for each Mason to be concerned about the seriousness of the situation. Here are the facts: Membership in Pennsylvania peaked in 1960 at 257,915 and since then has declined steadily. The membership as of Dec. 6, 2002 was 134,396, -- a loss of 123,519, or a 48% decline.

Lodges are merging at a rapid pace. Twelve surrendered their Warrants during 2001. In 2002, another six Lodges surrendered their Warrants. Presently there are 456 Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania. There are reasons for mergers, such as financial circumstances brought on by declining membership and increased operating expenses. Another is lack of competent and dedicated leadership because too many Brethren seek titles, but are not willing to furnish the required leadership. We need to become more concerned as to why there are so many resignations and suspensions for non-payment of dues. The apathy among the Brethren who have fallen by the wayside is difficult to explain.

Here are statistics as of Dec. 13, 2002: Elected to Membership - 552; Initiations - 1,964; Restorations - 378; Members Deceased - 3,380; Members Expelled - 4; Members Resigned - 504; Members Suspended - 1,618; and Net loss for 2002 - 2,612.

On Dec. 28, 2001, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., introduced "Operation Rescue/Recovery" to stem the tide of the declining membership in Pennsylvania. This simplified approach to spreading the light of Freemasonry is the challenge set forth for our Symbolic Lodges.

IT'S TIME... Let's do the job! Ask your new Worshipful Master when the next "Friend to Friend" program is scheduled for your Lodge.

DeMolay Induction Honors Grand Master

Twenty-five young men were inducted Dec. 7 into the Order of DeMolay in ceremonies in Memorial Hall at the Masonic Conference Center, Elizabethtown, honoring the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. Members of the class represented DeMolay Chapters from Allentown, Butler, Chambersburg, Columbia, Elizabethtown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Prospect Park, and Scranton.



Remodeling at Masonic Eastern Star Home-East

A remodeling project is being planned for the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East for 2003. Many new changes are being planned for the facility, including new wall coverings, carpet, new bathroom doors, and an upgrading of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system to be more responsive to residents' needs. Details on how to support this exciting project are available through the Office of Gift Planning at 1 (800) 599-6454. Ask to speak to Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region or Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning.

A Sign of Support for Youth



This is one of two signs King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston, purchased for the community baseball fields. Hugh E. Williams, Jr., D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District, said that the Lodge's efforts in the programs of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children show that "Masons Care About Children" and actively support the youth of the community in participating in sports instead of drugs and alcohol.

TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE

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

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is fortunate to have in its possession a fine collection of Masonic Chinese export porcelain. This collection, consisting of punch bowls, toddy jugs, and mugs, provides a glimpse of the relationship between Philadelphians and the China trade of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Many of the items produced for trade with the West were created specifically with the Western market in mind; many porcelains depicted biblical scenes, landscapes, and copies of popular Western engravings. A wealthy patron could have his porcelain designed to suit his individual taste. Such designs often featured personal coats of arms and the surname of the respective patron, as well as the symbols of a particular group with whom the patron was affiliated. A wonderful example of this type of export porcelain is the Union Lodge punch bowl¹.

The Union Lodge punch bowl, measuring 9 1/2" in height with a diameter of 21 1/2", was presented to Union Lodge No. 121 (Philadelphia) in 1812 as a gift of gratitude from Brothers Caleb Ash and Henry Toland, Jr. Apparently Brothers Ash and Toland had been instrumental in the creation of Union Lodge No. 121, but were called abroad (the location is not known) before they could sign the petition to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in November of 1810, when Union Lodge No. 121 was established. Upon their return to Pennsylvania in 1812, Brothers Ash and Toland petitioned Union



Lodge No. 121 to admit them as foundation members. Their request was

granted, and to show their appreciation, the two men presented the Lodge with a "large handsome China bowl"² (excerpt from Lodge minutes dated April 16, 1812).

The punch bowl is intricately decorated with Masonic symbols in shades of pink, green, blue, purple, sepia, orange, and black enamel and gilding. The interior of the bowl has an all-seeing eye at the center³. Around the rim of the interior is a band of shells, seaweed, and coral, from which hang beaded festoons terminating in coral clusters. On the exterior of the bowl are two opposed six-sided stars inscribed Union Lodge No. 121. Between the two stars on opposite sides are Masonic symbols surmounted by an all-seeing eye. Most of the symbols are easily identified, such as the Square and Compasses, Level, coffin, and the three candles representing the three lesser lights. It is interesting to note how the Chinese artist interpreted certain Masonic symbols; the mosaic tiles, traditionally rendered in colors of black and white, are aesthetically pleasing in sepia tones. The sprig of acacia resembles trees often found in Chinese landscape paintings, and the children at Charity's lap only illustrate how strange Western features must have appeared to the Chinese⁴.

If you are interested in learning more about Chinese export porcelain, stop by The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania and page through *A Winterthur Guide to Chinese Export Porcelain*, by Arlene M. Palmer, and *Philadelphians and the China Trade 1784-1844*, by Jean Gordon Lee.



Amendments to Digest of Decisions Are Important For All Masons

Since amendments to the *Digest of Decisions* are read during the Stated Meetings of all Pennsylvania Lodges, those Masons in attendance can be current in their knowledge of Masonic policy, procedures, directives, protocol, etc. It is equally important that those Brethren unable to attend a meeting are aware of the information. Every Lodge Secretary has a current copy of the *Digest of Decisions* available for detailed information.

Here are summaries of the most recent amendments to the *Digest of Decisions*.

Masonic Dress Further Defined

An amendment to Article 60.1 of the *Digest of Decisions* further defines details of Masonic dress, especially noting that the white formal shirt must have a plain collar, not a wing-tip style. The amended paragraph defining Masonic Dress is:

60.1 The Masonic Dress of Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Worshipful Master (or Acting Worshipful Master), can be tuxedo coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves; or it can be tail coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves. The dress of Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Appointed Officers (other than Grand Chaplains), District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters (or Acting Worshipful Masters), will be tail coat, black vest, black tie, black shoes and white gloves. Shirts which are to be worn with Masonic dress must be white in color, plain collar (not wing style) and may have a pleated bosom, but it is not to be ruffled either at bosom or cuffs. The Grand Master and Worshipful Masters (or Acting Worshipful Masters) will wear the high black hat. The gloves are to contain no emblem of any type.

End to Matching Charity Grants

By amendment to Article 20.4 of the *Digest of Decisions*, the Matching Charity Grants program was terminated effective the end of 2001.

Restoration of Non-Proficiency Suspensions

A Mason who had been newly-made prior to 1996 and had been suspended for non-proficiency prior to the 1996 removal of the proficiency requirements for advancement now may be restored to membership as a result of the recent amendment to Article 94.9 of the *Digest of Decisions*. If he is desirous of restoration, he must apply in writing to the Lodge in which he was suspended to request the suspension be removed. The requirements and actions of the Lodge are defined in the amended Article 94.9 of the *Digest of Decisions* that is always available from the Secretary of your Lodge.

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

Who Are Members of Grand Lodge?

The first time some Pennsylvania Freemasons attend a Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they are curious as to why they are directed to sign a visitor's slip and not a member's slip and why they are not eligible to vote in Grand Lodge. Not every Pennsylvania Freemason is a member of the Grand Lodge.

Article 3.01 of the *Ahiman Rezon* defines the composition of the Grand Lodge to be: "... the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens by two years of service, Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries by six years of service, (and the following of Subordinate Lodges*) Past Masters by one year's service, and Masters and Wardens of all Lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it, and under its jurisdiction."

Simply stated, Masons who are not members of the Grand Lodge as defined in the *Ahiman Rezon*, are invited and as welcome to Grand Lodge Communications as visitors, just as they regularly visit from one Blue Lodge to another.

[Source: *The Ahiman Rezon* (updated to March 2001). *Parenthetical clarification, "and the following of Subordinate Lodges" added for this explanation.]

Faith and Support Kept Work Going on Masonic Temple

In March of 1869, nearly a year after the laying of the Cornerstone for the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the Building Committee "... contemplated the cessation of all active operations upon the new Masonic Temple except ... (to) square up the work, put the property and adjacent streets and sidewalks in a good and safe condition, ... until the sum of \$250,000 shall have accumulated in the Building Fund."

Fortunately, that cessation never occurred. Grand Lodge was convinced of the enthusiasm and support of the Brethren across the Jurisdiction and, with an abiding faith in fraternal dedication and fiscal creativity, the Building Committee determined to continue the construction. The results verify that the Brethren were overwhelmingly responsive.

[Source: *Report of the Building Committee of Temple* entitled "IN RE, BUILDING THE TEMPLE, From the Minutes," April 7, 1869.

Dual Membership is a Specific Number

Dual membership has been permissible in Pennsylvania since the adoption Dec. 1, 1993 of Article 19.09 in the *Ahiman Rezon*. "Dual" means two and that limitation is cited in Article 19.09, as follows:

"A member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is permitted to be at the same time a member of one other Lodge either in this or in another Jurisdiction. A member of a Lodge in another Jurisdiction may be at the same time a member of one Lodge in this Jurisdiction. ..."

Unless he formerly held primary membership in Pennsylvania, the petitioner for dual membership must be a resident of Pennsylvania if his primary membership (now) is in another Jurisdiction. (In that case) his former Pennsylvania Blue Lodge is the only Lodge to which he may apply for dual membership in a secondary Lodge.

[Sources: *The Ahiman Rezon* (updated to March 2001) (*Emphasis of "one" added for this explanation) and *The Secretary's Manual*.]

Wardens, Sr. Deacons Seminars in 2003

The Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee will be conducting seminars and training sessions for Junior and Senior Wardens and Senior Deacons across the Commonwealth on the following dates in 2003:

Region 1	March 8
Region 2	February 22
Region 3	March 15
Region 4	March 29
Region 5	April 5

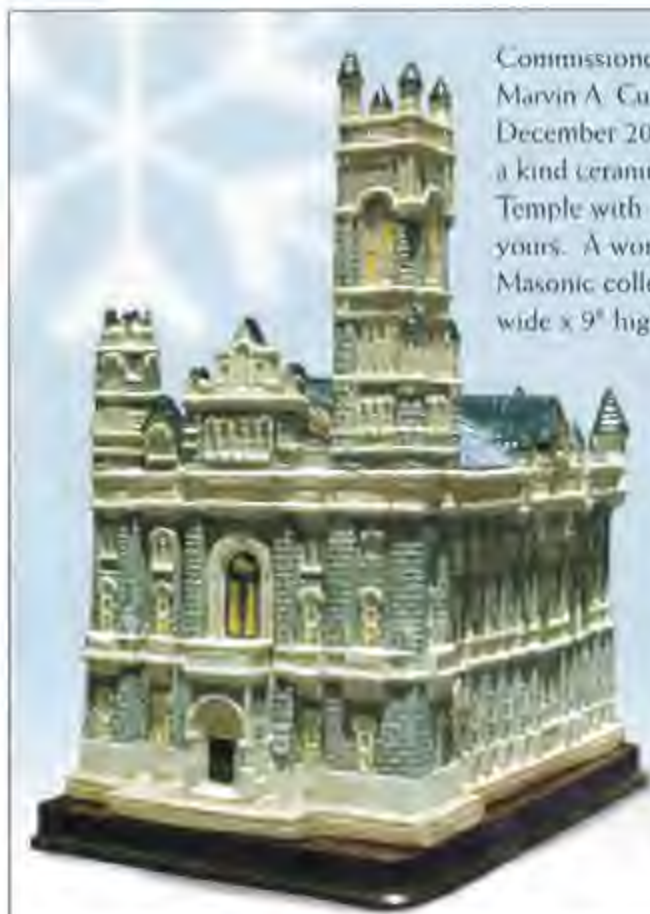
A "Thousand" Apologies for Omission

In a letter dated Nov. 5, 2002, the R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Golden Chain, noted an error of omission that appeared in the Dec. 27, 2001, Special Inaugural Edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* (Vol. XLVIII, Page 16). The word "thousand" was omitted. The sentence regarding the planting of trees in Israel should have been:

"Also, through the generosity of the members, along with their families and friends, four forests of more than forty thousand trees have been planted in Israel."

Brothers Blamick: A Family That Serves

Through 2002 in McKeesport Lodge No. 641, Brothers Blamick occupied the stations in the East, West, and South. On Dec. 27, Mark D. Blamick, then-W.M. (center), became a P.M., succeeded by his father, Joseph E., then-S.W. (left), a 50-year member. Bro. Mark's uncle, Robert S. Blamick, was the J.W. The three Blamicks served their country as well: Mark, in the Army occupational forces in Germany; Robert, first as a civilian repairing ships at Pearl Harbor, then in an Army chemical mortar battalion in W.W. II; and Joseph, in the Navy aboard a cruiser in the South Pacific.



Commissioned by R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. for the December 2002 Quarterly, this one of a kind ceramic model of the Masonic Temple with interior lighting can be yours. A wonderful addition to one's Masonic collection, the 7" long x 5" wide x 9" high model is meticulously

rendered and beautifully painted to capture the wonderful architectural details of the Masonic Temple. Priced at \$49.95 (including tax and shipping), the Masonic Temple model will be a treasured heirloom for years to come. Contact the Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania for yours today!

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Meets March 15 at Elizabethtown

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Mar. 15, in the Deike Auditorium in the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Academy sessions will be open only to Master Masons who have pre-registered using the coupon adjoining this article. The day of the Academy sessions, attendees will be able to sign in beginning at 8:30 a.m., the program will begin at 9:30 a.m., and adjournment will be approximately 3:00 p.m.

Two well known Masonic speakers will be featured, one from Europe and the other from the United States. Each speaker's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Academy of Knowledge, also announced that the Fall session of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, also in the Freemasons Cultural Center in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Pre-registration Form

Advance registration is necessary for the Saturday, Mar. 15, Academy of Masonic Knowledge. Please complete the coupon and send it by Mar. 10 to: **Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.**

I plan to attend the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on Mar. 15 at Elizabethtown.

I am a Master Mason.

My Lodge is _____ No. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Friend to Friend-A Brotherhood Undivided

by Artist Ron Tunison

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10th Anniversary of
The Official Masonic Memorial
Monument At Gettysburg
National Military Park

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Ten Years ago, FREEMASONRY made history as the only private organization ever to erect an Official Monument in a United States National Park - The Friend to Friend - A Brotherhood Undivided Memorial at Gettysburg. The centerpiece of that Memorial is a spectacular, larger than life sculpture of two Civil War participants who shared the bonds of Freemasonry even through the devastating battle of Gettysburg.

To mark that historic event, and provide Masons an opportunity to bring a piece of Masonic History into their homes, a special collector's sculpture was created by Ron Tunison, one of America's foremost historical sculptors. Crafted in fine American Pewter and hand decorated with genuine 24 karat gold, it captures a moment in time, when a mortally wounded Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead entrusts his Masonic watch to Union Major General Winfield S. Hancock's aide, with regrets and a final gesture of brotherhood.

The sculpture is mounted on a solid mahogany wood base, which bears a nameplate, serially numbered for each Masonic Brother fortunate to acquire it.

The original issue price of this unique sculpture was \$350. Despite substantial increases in production costs, this issue price will be maintained for those who order at this time. And, a special payment plan is available to make its purchase more affordable for everyone. See the order form for details, and reserve your sculpture today, as remaining quantities are extremely limited.

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

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I am delighted to make this historic Sculpture available again during the 10th Anniversary year of the Official Masonic Memorial Monument. We have resumed production of the sculpture in response to many requests from those who missed the original opportunity to acquire it. Once the edition limit is reached, no further orders can be accepted, so I urge you to place your order immediately. Your purchase will provide funds for the Masonic Temple and Monument Preservation Fund which helps to maintain and preserve the Friend to Friend Monument. I am sure you will treasure this piece of Masonic History.

Marvin A. Cunningham

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State _____ Zip _____

Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

A portion of the proceeds will support the Masonic Temple and Monument Preservation Fund, which will help maintain the "Friend to Friend" monument at Gettysburg. Payments are not deductible as charitable donations.

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Dream Now a Reality: Sewickley Residents Ready to Move In



A view of the retirement living clubhouse and apartments as of December 2002

"Here they come, and we can't wait!" The story echoed by those words began in December of 2000 as the marketing team at the Masonic Village at Sewickley began meeting people to talk about a dream.

That dream had its roots much earlier, but then, for the first time, future residents were able to see only floor plans and could peer out the window of a construction trailer at wooded acreage. Only a slight glimpse was visible of what would become the Mason-

ic Village at Sewickley overlooking the Ohio River Valley.

According to Jeff Mohler, Marketing Manager at Sewickley, the dream will become reality on Mar. 17 when the first residents will move into their new apartment homes. Mary Jane Hyre, a Marketing Assistant, said, "Future residents show up at the model apartment almost every day with measuring tapes. They share stories about selling their homes and how they are packed and ready for the move." Some even have been so eager that they wanted to move into the model apartment right away.

People now can see the actual residences – the dream's reality that many could envision looking through that trailer window two Decembers ago. For many others who never had the chance to peer through the construction trailer window, it is important to see where they are going to live before committing to a move. "There is really nothing like this (Masonic Village at Sewickley) in Western Pennsylvania," said Marketing Counselor Carole Martacusa. "There is a whole new attitude about retirement community living and many more folks are taking advantage of the security and the wonderful lifestyle that it offers," she added.

Attend one of the Masonic Village at Sewickley's open house events on Feb. 20 or Mar. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or call Mary Jane toll-free at 1 (866) 872-0664 to schedule your personal tour.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Send me a:

- ☐ Masonic Village at Sewickley Brochure
☐ 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

Reunions for PA Masons in Florida Feb. 27- Mar. 1

This Feb. 27 through Mar. 1, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., his wife, Rosalie, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and their ladies, will host three Masonic reunions for Pennsylvania Freemasons who now reside in Florida permanently or during the winter months. The purpose of the reunions is to increase awareness about the expansion of services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The reunion on Thursday, Feb. 27, will be held in the Tampa Airport Marriott. On Friday, Feb. 28, it will be in the Sahib Shrine Center, Sarasota, and on Mar. 1, in the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott.

All three reunions will include a reception at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, a program at 1 p.m., and a social hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. During each program, Grand Master Cunningham will award 50-year Emblems of Gold to Brethren in Florida.

Also during the program, Joseph E. Murphy, C.E.O. of the Masonic Homes, and members of the Masonic Homes' staff will share important, helpful information about the benefits and full continuum of services provided for Masons, their families, and others by the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Sewickley, and Warminster. Bro. Murphy also will share information about services at the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, as that community will unite with the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Jan. 1, 2004.

Invitations to attend one of the reunions were being sent early in January to Pennsylvania Masons residing in Florida. If a Pennsylvania Mason residing in Florida has not received an invitation, he should call (717) 367-1121, ext. 33488.

"Assisted Living" a Common Topic for Inquiries

Inquiries often come to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown from people who are unsure of what level of care their loved ones might need. Assisted living is the most common topic for inquiry.

A good description for assisted living would be "assistance within an independent and homelike atmosphere." In an assisted living program, needs are assessed according to the amount of assistance an individual requires with activities of daily living, such as dressing, bathing, or taking medications accurately. For the person needing assistance, knowing help is there if it is needed is very comforting.

Assisted living (services) is among the fastest growing types of residences requested by seniors who cannot entirely make it on their own, but do not need nursing care. Unfortunately, many seniors wait until they need it before applying for assisted living. Space in the assisted living area at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is extremely limited. The majority of rooms are occupied by residents who were living at the Masonic Homes before needing that level of care. As an integral part of the Masonic Homes' continuing care policy, those residents enjoy the security that their future needs will be met without moving to another facility.

Ideally, assisted living should meet a higher level of daily needs than people can perform for themselves. Smart planning for the future might mean that seniors should consider moving before needs arise. The opportunity to participate in activities and socialize comes more easily when one knows the future is secure. Starting in residential living in Elizabethtown is an ideal way of doing that.

Residential living provides a private living unit with access to shuttle buses, medical and support staff, a variety of activities, and, most important, contentment, safety, and



Don't wait! Plan ahead to enjoy all of the amenities of residential living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown with the security of knowing that assisted living and nursing services are available on campus, should they ever be needed.

security. Residential living offers several options from which to choose. A single occupant might consider a one-room or a two-room accommodation. Married couples are offered larger units with sitting rooms and bedrooms. Private baths are standard to all units. No rooms have kitchens because meals are included in the residency; but residents are welcome to equip their space with a small refrigerator or micro-fridge.

Planning for the future can start today by calling the Masonic Homes' Admissions and Resident Services Department at 1 (800) 422-1207. The Masonic Homes staff will answer questions or mail a brochure with all of the needed information. You can also e-mail the Department at admissions@masonichomespa.org.

Residential Respite Cottage Now Residential Services Only

The Committee on Masonic Homes acted to meet substantial needs specified by members and the community to provide more residential accommodations for adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. Their deci-

The "Mission of Love" at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

One of the most rewarding gifts that Freemasons, members of the Order of The Eastern Star, Lodges, Chapters, families, organizations, and others can make is one that honors or commemorates the life of a loved family member, Brother or Sister, friend or colleague. Such contributions perpetuate the names of the persons in whose memory or honor the gifts are made and the thoughtfulness of the persons making the contributions.

The current construction project at the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers many fitting gift-naming opportunities that will touch and enhance the lives of residents. Gifting opportunities start from \$5,000 to name a specific room and range up to \$1,500,000 to name the Clubhouse, which is the hub of the retirement community. A "Friend-to-Friend" program has been implemented to assist those residents whose funds have been depleted and cannot afford the monthly service fee. Those gifts are set at the \$1,000 entry level.

For more information on gifting opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley and a brochure listing all of the naming opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley contact Jane W. Binley at the Gift Planning Office at (412) 741-1400 ext. 3011.

sion approved using the Residential Respite Cottage at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown as a residential home on a permanent basis rather than continuing to offer accommodations for short-term respite services.

The action also considered the recent declining interest in short-term respite services. The residential program will serve eight adults on a permanent basis and will no longer offer an accommodation for short-term respite services.

Retirement Living Seminars Coming to Your Area!

The lifestyle of retirement living continues to gain universal, not just in popularity, but also in demand. Because of the high level of interest in that concept, Retirement Living seminars will be conducted at convenient locations beginning in March. The presentations will focus on retirement living communities in general and, more specifically, retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Invitations will be extended by the Retirement Living Marketing Department at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to those eligible Brethren and their spouses, ages 55 and over.

This year's theme is "Plan Now for Your Future!" As more Americans are reaching their retirement years, quality continuing care retirement communities may have significant waiting lists due to increased demand for senior housing. This demand will be even greater for those persons desiring a retirement community with on-site health care services.

Participants in the seminars will learn about the various living accommodations and options as well as other services offered including health care, activities, recreational opportunities, local attractions, and other pertinent information necessary for prospective residents to make an informed decision for their future. The seminars will include a question and answer session following each presentation.

Seminar locations are scheduled in the areas surrounding greater Philadelphia, Allentown/Bethlehem, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, State College, Johnstown/Altoona, and Elizabethtown. There will be postcard mailings with specific information regarding upcoming seminar locations and dates.

If you, or your spouse, are at least age 55, plan to attend a local seminar or call to arrange an individual appointment with a representative of the Retirement Living Marketing Office. A tour of the Masonic Homes' highly rated retirement community will be provided as well as the opportunity to place your name on the priority list. (A Pre-Age Qualified Priority List Application is available for those who are between the ages of 55 and 64). Call 1 (800) 676-6452 or complete and mail the coupon today.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Send me a (check all that apply):

- ☐ Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Brochure
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Marketing Office, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



The gracious lifestyle with many amenities is part of what makes retirement living ever more popular and in demand.

Join the Fun in Raising Funds

You are invited to participate in the third Penny Party at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, 850 Norristown Rd., Warminster, on Saturday, Mar. 22. Beginning at noon, there will be an enjoyable fund-raising event sponsored by the Home's Advisory Board to benefit the residents.

Be part of the fun and meet the staff, residents, their families, and friends. The minimal \$3.00 cost will include food and refreshments. There will be opportunities to win more than 100 gifts and gift certificates. For more information, call Cathy Welsh at (215) 672-2500.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East offers Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing accommodations for 28 residents in need of ongoing support services. The assisted living area accommodates 34 residents who require assistance for some of their daily activities, such as bathing and dressing. Part of the Mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East is to serve individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients.

For more information on admissions to the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, call (215) 672-2500.



Generous support makes a difference in the lives of residents at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East.

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



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

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

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Admissions for Residential, Assisted Living, and Health Care/Nursing Services: (800) 422-1207
Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (800) 676-6452

Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster

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

Masonic Village at Sewickley

Admissions for Health Care/Nursing Services: (412) 741-1400, extension 3020
Admissions for Assisted Living Services: (717) 741-1400, extension 3600
Marketing for Retirement Living Accommodations: (412) 741-1400, extension 3530, or toll-free (866) 872-0664

First Reunion of PA Masons in Arizona a Success

For the first time, a reunion was held in Phoenix, AZ, on Saturday, Nov. 16 for Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies who reside permanently in Arizona, or who were there during that time.

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, his wife, Rosalie, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, and their ladies, greeted the guests. Grand Master Cunningham presented 50-year Emblems of Gold. Staff of the Masonic Homes provided information about the services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Recipients of 50-Year Emblems of Gold (seated) are Harold M. Jeffries, Jr., a member of Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown, now residing in Scottsdale; and Samuel J. Levy, Solomon Lodge No. 231, Pittsburgh, now residing in Sun City.



Service Level 1:

PA Master Mason

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

PA Eastern Star

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

Wife of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star

Spouses who are Masons from any jurisdiction are eligible.

Widow of PA Master Mason

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

Mother of PA Master Mason

Daughter of PA Master Mason

Sister of PA Master Mason

Service Level 2:

Grandmother of PA Master Mason

Grandfather of PA Master Mason

Father of PA Master Mason

Mother-in-law of PA Master Mason

Father-in-law of PA Master Mason

Son of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star who is not a Mason

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

Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives

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

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

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

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

Service Level 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry

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

Ten Sectional Schools For Ritual Across the State Mar. 1 - May 10

The first half of 2003 is a busy period for the Director of the Ritualistic Work, the seven Regional Instructors, and ritual workers throughout the Jurisdiction. During the first quarter, they have been involved with the presentation of five new District Deputy Grand Masters and a Lodge Room dedication.

Ten Sectional Schools of Instruction are scheduled beginning in March. Larry A. Buzzard, Director of the Ritualistic Work, reported that more than 1,200 Brethren attended sessions of the School of Instruction in 2002. He is optimistic that the attendance in 2003 will be even larger. The dates for the Schools of Instruction will be:

March 1 Pittsburgh	April 5 Clearfield
March 8 Scranton	April 12 Everett
March 15 New Castle	April 26 Philadelphia
March 22 Muncy	May 3 Uniontown
March 29 Harrisburg	May 10 Erie

Maxonic Homes is a "Best Place to Work!"

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown recently was named as one of the "Best Places to Work in PA." The award program, created in 2000 by the Gov. Ridge-Schweiker Administration, is the first of its kind offered by a state.

This survey and award program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Pennsylvania, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The Best Places to Work in PA program selects the top 100 companies split into two groups: 50 medium sized companies (50-250 employees) and 50 large sized companies (more than 250 employees). The Masonic Homes was named the 13th Best Place to Work in PA in the larger category.

"The recognition and honor of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is indicative of the standards of excellence set and support received by Pennsylvania Freemasons and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," said Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer for the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He added, "This recognition occurred because of the responses and opinions from our dedicated staff."

The Academy of Freemasonry on-line provides everything you need to know to become a recognized Masonic Scholar. The criteria are listed for advancement to the three levels of scholarship. The suggested reading list is included, along with contact points for the committee and a list of Certified Master Masonic Scholars.

This and much more can be found by clicking home page at www.pagrandlodge.org.

Perseverance Lodge Makes Scholarships Possible

Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, provides academic scholarships annually to support the Pennsylvania Big 33 Scholarship Foundation. Recently, Mickey Minnich, Executive Director of the Big 33, presented \$1,000 awards to four students: Kristina Bauer of Mechanicsburg High School, attending the University of Pittsburgh; Megan Klinger of Millersburg High School, attending the Susquehanna University; Jonathan Sanders of Carlisle High School, attending Grove City College; and Shawn Walters of Central Dauphin East High School, attending Bucknell University. The Big 33 has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships. Started in 1957, the Big 33 football game each year matches the top 33 high school seniors from throughout Pennsylvania with the 33 high school all-star players from Ohio in the Big 33 game in Hershey.

Ryan Aungst Receives Degrees in Presence of Grand Master

In the presence of R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. and a large representation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, Ryan Robert Allen Aungst, 20, the son of Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W., received the three Degrees and was made a Master Mason in LaBelle Valley Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore on Oct. 26. The new Mason's father, R.W.S.G.W. Aungst conferred the E.A. Degree and Ronald A. Aungst Jr., brother to the new Mason, served as the Guide. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by Allen J. Henninger, P.D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District, and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst served as the Guide. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred by Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W.P.G.M. and R.W.S.G.W. Aungst again served as the Guide. The Charges for all three Degrees were delivered by Gary B. Stahley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District.



Pictured after the conferrals are (l-r): Front – Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.; Stephen Gardner, R.W. J.G.W.; Bro. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; Bro. Ryan Aungst; Grand Master Cunningham; R.W.P.G.M. Dlugie; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T. Rear – Ronald A. Aungst, Jr.; P.D.D.G.M. Henninger; Richard A. Loreman, D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District; and D.D.G.M. Stahley.

Need Continues for Organ Donors

The Masonic Organ Donor Program was created during the administration of Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M. (1996-1997), as something vital that each Mason and his family members could do to help fellow human beings. It was conceived due to the growing need for viable organs for transplantation.

The purpose of the Masonic Organ Donor Committee is to encourage Masons to consider becoming organ donors. Nearly 80,000 Americans are awaiting life-saving transplants. Many of them will die because an organ is not available. That's why the Organ Donor Committee says: "Please consider becoming an organ donor."

The process is very simple. Each Lodge should have a supply of organ donor cards. All one has to do is fill out the information and carry it in his wallet. It is imperative to notify your family of your decision. One's next of kin is responsible for making the final decision for organ donation. Therefore, it is a necessity that the family knows one's wishes.

Please take that step now – become an organ donor.

Blood-Organ Donor Poster Contest Winners



Becky Gotshall, a member of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 16, Chambersburg, was presented the \$300 first-place award as the winner of the seventh annual Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Poster Contest by John L. Stains, D.D.G.M., 3rd Masonic District. The poster was reproduced and distributed to all lodges and youth groups for display. The second-place award of \$200 was won by Sara Sowers, a member of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 17, Hershey. Third place, a \$100 award, was won by Jonathan Taylor, a member of Tri-County Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Canonsburg.

Masonic Youth Notes

Of Mature Age

The decision to lower the age to 18 years when men may petition Lodges is popular for older DeMolay members. There are at least 15 who have had the Masonic Degrees conferred. They included State Master Councilor Gregory G. Deal in Cedar Lodge 800, Grove City, and Deputy State Master Councilor Stephen L. Prazenica in Abraham C. Treichler Lodge 682, Elizabethtown. The Master Mason's Degrees were conferred on them two days apart in their respective Lodges by Thomas R. Labagh, DeMolay Executive Officer, and a Degree team made up of Pennsylvania DeMolay staff members. The first meeting that Bro. Deal attended after he became a Master Mason was the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Dec. 4, where he was greeted and introduced by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.

A Companion-At-Sight!

Also, Bro. Deal was invited to attend the banquet of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter the evening after the Grand Lodge session. It was a huge surprise for him and the assembled Royal Arch Masons when Ronald L. Pennell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, declared him to be a Royal Arch Mason At Sight -- something that had never been done before. Greg will receive the Capitular Degrees in Mound Chapter 212, Greenville.

The newest Bethel of Job's Daughters in the state, Bethel U.D. (Under Dispensation) of Birdsboro, was instituted Aug. 31, 2002. This is the first new Bethel in the state since 1983. Located halfway between Reading and Pottstown, the Bethel serves a large regional area that has never had Job's Daughters.

Pennsylvania DeMolay is rebuilding in Bellevue, Pittsburgh, through the dedicated efforts of Dennis Snedden, the 47th Masonic District's Youth Chairman, Joe Schrock, P.M., Avalon Lodge No. 657, and several other Brethren. The group already has enthusiastic new young members. The young men decided "Steel City Chapter" is a name that fits them and they wholeheartedly endorsed it.

Establishing local scholarship programs is a "hot topic" in many Lodges these days. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation can help your Lodge with the process, even if you choose not to establish them as part of the P.Y.F. Educational Endowment Fund. Call or write for a copy of our helpful step-by-step booklet, "Nine Steps To Establishing A Scholarship Program."

"Masonic Youth Month" in 2002 was a great success, with more than 250 Lodges reporting on use of the videotape. It is known that other Lodges showed the video, but didn't return the program evaluation. A number of Lodges have placed the video into their Masonic Education program. If you haven't seen the video, and can't get to Lodge, P.Y.F. will be glad to send one to you, or you can view it on-line at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf.

Masons of Note

While on a trip to Alaska late last summer, **Clarence W. Martin, then-W.M., Mannheim Lodge No. 587**, visited Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 in Juneau. H. Daniel McCrummen, W.M. of the lodge in Alaska, said that they "... get very few visitors at a Blue Lodge meeting and never any from Pennsylvania." Bro. Martin was presented with a fine silver proof medallion struck in commemoration of their 100th anniversary in Freemasonry.

While serving in the East during 2002, **Hall Shaver, Sr., W.M., Wyoming Lodge No. 468**, presented his daughter, Dawn, with her gavel when she was installed as Worthy Matron of Harmony Chapter No. 58, Order of the Eastern Star. She also is the Mother Advisor of Harmony Assembly No. 74, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Robert F. Beitzel, P.M., will retire from 34 years of service as a Line Officer in one capacity or another in **Lodge No. 43, Lancaster**. Bro. Beitzel not only served as Worshipful Master, but also served for 17 years as a Trustee, and the past 11 years as Treasurer. In addition, he has headed the Lodge Funeral Team since 1994, and has been an active community volunteer.

Seminar Concludes Busy Education Committee Year

The Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania concluded a busy year of 2002 with 104 Lodge Education chairmen from across the state attending a one-day seminar at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Ill. Bro. C. DeForrest Trexler, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., addressed the Masonic educators on the subject of the Family of Freemasonry. He told them that one of their most important functions is not only being able to answer questions about Blue Lodge Masonry, but also those questions raised by Master Masons about the appendant bodies and how they fit into the Family of Freemasonry.

The seminar also covered topics such as: What is the role and what are the responsibilities of a Lodge Education Chairman? How to help the officers in the Lodge. How to get educational materials. The importance of presenting education packets to the new members and what constitutes good Lodge programs. Materials needed for developing good Mentor Programs were distributed.

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman, announced that there will be a District Education training session on Feb. 22 in the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

G.M., Masons Visit Veterans in Erie VA Center



On Oct. 17, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. and a group of Pennsylvania Freemasons visited the Erie Veterans Administration Medical Center to meet and greet veterans, donate a gift to the Center, and present a volunteer service award on behalf of the Masonic Service Association to a dedicated Pennsylvania Mason.

"Good luck from a 'swabbie' to a 'fly-boy'" was the parting wish by Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., when visiting veteran Thomas Scully (above). The visiting Masons are James T. Young, Aide to the Grand Master; Richard Fitzsimmons, P.M., Perry-Keystone Lodge No. 392, Erie; Grand Master Cunningham, Sr.; Donald A. Snyder, D.D.G.M., 24th Masonic District; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and G. Kent Hackney, Aide to the Grand Master.

Grand Master Cunningham presented a Masonic Service Association Certificate of Recognition to Bro. Robert L. Laird (center in picture below), Lawrence Lodge No. 708, Erie, for his years of service as a volunteer at the Erie VA Medical Center. Previously, on behalf of the Masons of Pennsylvania, the Grand Master presented a check to James A. Palmer (right in picture), Director, Erie VA Medical Center, to purchase a digital camera and equipment for the Center's recreational facilities.



James L. Sieber Installed as W.M. of Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

James L. Sieber, P.M., Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research at its meeting in the Masonic Center, West Reading, on Saturday, Dec. 7.



Other officers elected and installed are: S.W., John W. Postlewait, W.M., Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brookville; J.W., Theodore W. Schick, Jr., Jordan Lodge No. 673, Allentown; Treas., Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler; Sec., Charles S. Canning, P.M., Jordan Lodge No. 673, Allentown; and Trustees, John L. Winkelman, P.M., Chandler Lodge No. 227, West Reading; William E. Yeager, P.D.D.G.M., Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren; and W. Jack Yates, P.D.D.G.M., Lodge No. 408, Meadville.

There will be a special meeting of the Lodge of Research at Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767, Springfield, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Mar. 1. All Master Masons are invited to attend. The Stated June 14 meeting will be in the Pittsburgh area.

Membership in the Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons who are members of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Applications for membership are available from Charles S. Canning, Sec., 2938 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

PIN Club Degree Team Confers on Two

A degree team comprising members of the PIN Club in western Pennsylvania - a Masonic group of law enforcement personnel - conferred Master Mason's Degrees on Wayne Charles Kline and Kevin Lee Lindemuth, both members of the Pennsylvania State Police, in John M. Read Lodge No. 536, Reynoldsville, on Oct. 12. Participating in the Degree were (l-r): Front row - Daniel Konieczka; Albert Roll; Michael P. Whepley, W.M. of John M. Read Lodge; Bros. Lindemuth and Kline, the newly raised Masons; Richard Carnes, the Conferring Officer; and Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District. Middle row - Howard Silbaugh; James Cochran; Paul McCommons; Bert Korieth; Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M.; Thomas Leicht; Leo McCaffery; and Gene Hlavac. Back row - Terry Kline, father of Bro. Kline; James Jackson; Martin Joyce; Thomas Sherwin; Allen Brown; Roland Wise; and Rodney Williams.



R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

February

- 4 Presentation of Merrill R. Shaffer, D.D.G.M., 19TH Masonic District, Perry Lodge No. 458, Marysville.
- 8 Lodge Room Dedication, Bluestone Lodge No. 338, Great Bend.
- 11 Presentation of Richard L. Wagner, D.D.G.M., 34th Masonic District, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
- 15-18 Conference of Grand Masters, Minneapolis.
- 22 Presentation of Gerald L. Gales, D.D.G.M., 25th Masonic District, Edenburg Lodge No. 559, Knox.
- 26 Travel to Masonic Reunions in Florida.
- 27 Masonic Reunion in Tampa.
- 28 Masonic Reunion in Sarasota.

March

- 1 Masonic Reunion in Palm Beach Gardens.
- 11 Meetings: Consolidated Fund - 9 a.m.; Pension Fund 11:30 a.m.; Finance Comm. - 1 p.m.
- 16 Daughters of the Nile, Plymouth Meeting.
- 22 Annual Banquet, 99th Masonic District Reunion, Masters.
- 27 Masonic Homes Meeting - 1 p.m.; Line Officers Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 28 Meetings at Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill: Bldgs. & Grounds Comm. - 9:00 a.m.; Finance Sub-Comm. - 10:30 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Compliance Comm. - 3 p.m.
- Brotherhood Night, Nur Temple, DE - 6 p.m.
- 29 Testimonial Dinner for Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, New Castle.

April

- 1 50-Yr Emblem of Gold Presentation to G. H. Hohenschildt, R.W.P.G.M., Wm. S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg.
- 5 150th Anniversary, Cassie Mr. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore.
- 12 New District Deputies Meeting, Masonic Homes.
- 14 Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.
- 16 Franklin Legacy Society Luncheon, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- 19 150th Anniv., Bellefonte Lodge No. 268.
- 23 100th Anniv., J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628, Stroudsburg.
- 26 150th Anniv., Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brookville.
- 30 Banquet, Pilgrim Lodge No. 712, Philadelphia.

May

- 1 PA Assoc. of High Twelve Clubs Banquet, Best Western, Kulpville - 1 p.m.
- 150th Anniv., William L. Hikos Lodge No. 274, Phila.
- 3 25th Anniv., Hermitage Lodge No. 810.
- 9 100th Anniv., Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley.
- 10 75th Anniv., Bradford Lodge No. 739.
- 17 12th Anniv., Spring City Lodge No. 553.
- 21 100th Anniv., Harrisburg Lodge No. 630.
- 22 Masonic Homes Meeting - 1 p.m.; Line Officers Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 23 Comm. on Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Youth Appreciation - Noon.
- 29 150th Anniv., Swazem Lodge No. 267, Tremont.
- 29 100th Anniv., Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Wildwood, NJ.

F.B.I. Presents Award to Foundation for Children



On Dec. 3, the Federal Bureau of Investigation presented its prestigious Community Service Award to The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director (shown in photo), representing the President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M., accepted the award on behalf of the Masons of Pennsylvania. This award is presented to organizations and individuals

who have provided outstanding service in their communities. The Foundation for Children qualified for the award because of its efforts with the Junior F.B.I. Program, D.A.R.E., Project C.A.R.E. (bullying and violence prevention training), Student Assistance Team training, and other projects.

Dad, Two Brothers Confer Degree

During the Fall, the three Degrees were conferred upon Kevin Caparo (second from right) in Moscow Lodge No. 504, but one conferral was especially memorable



for him. His father, Joseph J. Caparo, Sr., P.M. (second from left) conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree and his two brothers, Loren (left) and Joseph (right), were the Junior and Senior Wardens respectively. Richard A. Colwell (center) is the D.D.G.M. for the 59th Masonic District.

Four Mergers of Lodges Approved

Four mergers involving eight Lodges were confirmed at the December Quarterly Communication, effective Dec. 27, 2002:

Edwin G. Martin Lodge No. 689 with Jordan Lodge No. 673, both of Allentown, to be named Jordan-Martin Lodge No. 673. The merged Lodge will be in the 10th Masonic District.

Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 552, Knox, with Parker City Lodge No. 521, Parker, to be named Parker City-Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 521. The merged Lodge will be in the 52nd Masonic District.

Mahoning Lodge No. 516 with Danville Lodge No. 224, both in Danville, to be named Danville-Mahoning Lodge No. 224. The merged Lodge will be in the 35th Masonic District.

Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 747 with East Liberty Lodge No. 725, both in Pittsburgh, to be named Chartiers Valley Lodge No. 725. The merged Lodge will be in the 55th Masonic District.

The Pennsylvania Freemason: Deadlines and Policies

DEADLINES:

The general news deadline for each issue is the Thursday of the first full week (M-F) two months preceding the publication date. For any exception, contact the Editor in advance. General deadlines for this year are: May - Mar. 7; Aug. - June 5; Nov. - Sept. 5; and Feb., 2004 - Dec. 4, 2003.

SUBMISSION POLICIES:

- (1.) District Deputy's knowledge is required for articles, and pictures submitted, accomplished either by forwarding via the D.D.G.M. or by indicating that a copy has been provided to the D.D.G.M.
- (2.) Any Mason can submit articles and pictures, but with the knowledge of the Worshipful Master of his Lodge(s) involved in the subject matter.
- (3.) **Timeliness** -- Articles, information, and pictures should be relative to events that occurred during the three months prior to the general deadline for the pending issue. Historical matter is an exception.
- (4.) **Pictures** must be clear, in focus, and timely. Process film promptly. Identifications must be provided. Use of pictures is at the discretion of the Editor and the Designer.

R.W.J.G.W. Confers Third, Brother Second, Godfather First

For a long time, Peter Stephen Gardner told his father that he wanted to be made a Mason as soon as possible after he would become 21 on Dec. 31, 2002. Last March, when his father, Stephen Gardner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, told him about the decision by R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., to allow young men aged 18 and older to petition the Lodge, Peter asked for a petition immediately. He was a Master Mason two and a half months before he became 21.

By virtue of a Dispensation, Peter received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Mason's Degrees in Porter Lodge No. 284, North Catasauqua, on Sept. 27. Then by virtue of another Dispensation and the presence of the R.W. Grand Master, he received his Master Mason's Degree on Oct. 18. The E.A. Degree was conferred by Peter's godfather, Robert James Bateman, P.M.; the F.C. by his older brother, John Stephen Gardner, who had been a Mason for about 18 months; and the M.M. by his father, R.W.J.G.W. Gardner. The Guide for all three degrees was Peter's cousin, Robert James Bateman, Jr.



Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master (center), and Grand Lodge Officers were present for the conferring of the Master Mason's Degree on Peter Stephen Gardner (fourth from left). Front (l-r): Harry E. Hackman, Jr., D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District; Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.; Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W., father of the newly raised Mason; Bro. Peter Gardner; Grand Master Cunningham; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; and Edward D. Miles, D.D.G.M., 36th Masonic District. Rear: Robert J. Bateman, Sr.; Robert J. Bateman, Jr.; and John Stephen Gardner.

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.

All Master Masons are invited to recommend a Brother for the award. An individual cannot apply; he must be nominated by a Brother Mason and be approved by his Lodge. Petitions and criteria for the award can be obtained through Lodge Secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/pgm/scouter.

Brethren on record as having been granted the award between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 are:

Donald Wayne Bailey, State College Lodge No. 700.
George R. Baker, Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring.
George A. Bell, Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, Hershey.
Jeffrey D. Bellmore, Noble Lodge No. 480, Curwensville.
Larry E. Conrad, Eureka Lodge No. 404, Northumberland.
Lex W. Curry, Jr., Noble Lodge No. 480, Curwensville.
Lex W. Curry, Sr., Noble Lodge No. 480, Curwensville.
Richard J. Demski, South Gate-Marshall Lodge No. 808, Pleasant Hills.
Philip Devor, MacSanders-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.
Francis William Flexer, Mahanoy City Lodge No. 357.
William Peckham Garrison, John E. Mair Lodge No. 729, Mars.
Norman Robert Goodman, MacSanders-Rising Sun Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.
Edward Graham, Lodge No. 9 (Tacony) Philadelphia.
Harvey E. Haag, Clearfield Lodge No. 314.
David Robert Hartline, Jr., Lodge No. 62, West Reading.
Kenneth F. Hayes, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.
Ronald E. Hess, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York.
Raymond W. Holmes, Bethel Lodge No. 761, Bethel Park.
Vernon Hoover, Everett Lodge No. 524.
Joseph Kaczor, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Holidaysburg.
George Kangan, William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271, Philadelphia.
Richard L. Kreltner, Honesdale Lodge No. 218.
George Jacob Leas, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York.
David J. Lipson, Germania Lodge No. 509, Pleasant Hills.
Andrew M. Lynch, Hiram Lodge No. 616, Altoona.
Dennis R. Malcolm, Indiana-Franklin Lodge No. 313, Indiana.
David C. McMasters, Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek.
Daniel Miller, Honesdale Lodge No. 218.
Donald Duane Morgan, Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela.
David W. Morgans, Dormont Lodge No. 684, Baldwin Twp.
Jody Carl Pysher, Portland Lodge No. 311.
Gregory R. Ramp, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York.
Jerry O. Richards, Jr., Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.
Garry E. Risler, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Chestnut Hill.
George E. Rohde, Azalea Fellowship Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.
Wayne Harold Sandt, General Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 795, Easton.
William E. Scarlett, Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown.
Terry Allen Schroeder, Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423.
Duane Charles Silvis, Sr., Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe.
Ralph H. Silder, Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown.
Clair P. Wallingford, J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628, Stroudsburg.
Lewis F. Wetzel, Noble Lodge No. 480, Curwensville.
William F. White, Union Lodge No. 334, Bradford.
Robert A. Williams, Sr., West Shore Lodge No. 681, Camp Hill.
William H. Yon, Mountain Lodge No. 281, Altoona.
Mark R. Zimmer, Honesdale Lodge No. 218.
Theodore Zubar, MacSanders-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.



Keep dry with the new Masonic Umbrella exclusively available from the Masonic Library and Museum's Gift Shop. These golf size umbrellas are perfect for displaying your "Masonic Pride" on those rainy days. The umbrella has white and royal blue alternating panels with the Square and Compasses printed in royal blue on one of the white panels. Also available is the Pennsylvania Past Master's umbrella with the Square and 47th Problem of Euclid. That umbrella has alternating navy blue and white panels with the Pennsylvania Past Master's emblem on the navy panel. Both umbrellas have a 60" arc, 52" spread, 37.5" length (closed), durable fiberglass shafts, and are priced at only \$15 each.

Another new Masonic fashion is available exclusively through the Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Keep warm with the Masonic fleece jacket embroidered with Square and Compasses priced at only \$30. Available in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL, these luxuriously soft fleece jackets are navy blue and are embroidered in white. They are full zip with a stretch bottom for added comfort and come with two pockets on either side.



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