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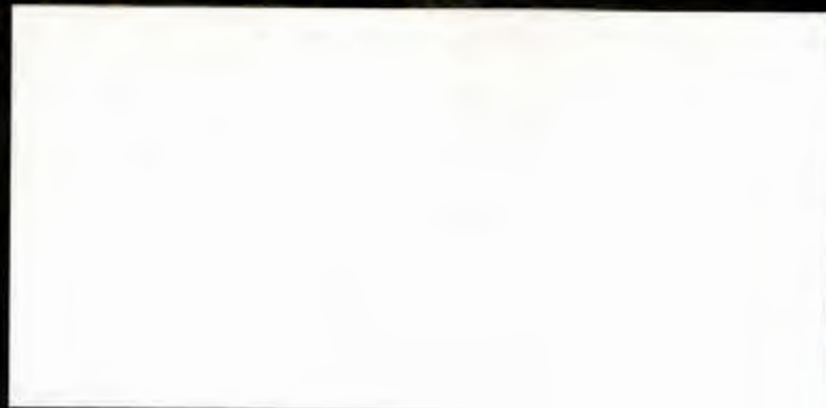
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BRETHREN,

The severe Winter made this Spring seem more beautiful, bountiful and promising. With Spring came the reassurance of renewed growth, the enjoyment of pleasantly warm days, and the optimism for bountiful harvests as the year goes forth. I feel the same way about Freemasonry in Pennsylvania -- a reassurance of renewed growth from the impact of Operation Rescue/Recovery, a pleasantly warm fellowship among the Brethren as I travel, and an optimism that comes from the strong Fraternal support across the jurisdiction.

Much like nature has to take its course, the seeds of Operation Rescue/Recovery had to be planted and nurtured. Now, those seeds are sprouting. Many of our Blue Lodges that hadn't seen Petitions in a long time are busy conferring Degrees. Many are quality young men becoming Masons before they leave for college or to don a uniform. Our Membership Chairman, Brother John E. Adams, Jr., reports in this issue that Operation Rescue/Recovery is advancing membership development from "Winter to Spring" and the days for harvest are at hand.

Fellowship and the Bonds of Brotherhood are everywhere. That was obvious during the three days of reunions with our Brethren in Florida. As we greeted more than 1,000 Brethren and their ladies, it was a special privilege for me to present 50-Year Emblems of Gold to 51 proud Masons.

I find the same warmth and enthusiasm wherever I travel across Pennsylvania. It is important for me to meet and talk to as many Brethren as I can. There are many Lodge anniversaries and special events during the remainder of the year. Please check the Grand Master's calendar on page 22 to know when and where there will be a celebration in your area and join us. I look forward to greeting you.

I am optimistic that we've passed through the "Winter" and are in the blossoming "Spring" for our Fraternity. I base my optimism on the strong personal and financial support of the Brethren, the Family of Freemasonry, and friends. In Freemasonry, service to mankind is paramount -- a heritage that we must preserve. I hope you read and acted upon the information in the brochure about the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society that was inserted in the last issue of this magazine. If you haven't responded already, please read the "Golden Opportunities" article on the adjoining page. I hope you will consider making your tax-deductible contribution now.

Thank you, Brethren, for your support. May you have smooth sailing in all that you do. God Bless America!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



The Right Worshipful Grand Master's
WORD TO THE CRAFT

Golden Opportunities to Preserve Our Heritage!

her-i-tage (her'a-tij) n ...1. Property that is or can be inherited; INHERITANCE. 2. Something passed down from preceding generations; TRADITION. 3. The status gained by a person through birth; BIRTHRIGHT <A heritage of wealth and power>

[Webster's II New College Dictionary]

By its very definition, we verify the vitality of preserving the heritage of Freemasonry and the need to pass it from generation to generation in its untarnished magnificence. Our world-renowned Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is a treasure that represents and reflects the traditions and values of nearly three centuries of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania; therefore, endowing that treasure is indeed vital. Passing it along to our Brethren of tomorrow is a Masonic responsibility and a Fraternal tradition.

There is a niche for everyone in "Preserving Our Heritage" at the Masonic Temple in either the Gold Book Society or the Philanthropic Society!

For a donation of \$500 or more, your name will be inscribed in "The Gold Book" that will be prominently displayed in the Masonic Temple. Of course, a donation of any amount will be appreciated and for that your name will be listed in the Masonic Temple's official "Gold Book Ledger." Gold Book Society income will be used for ongoing maintenance, repairs, and renovations at the Masonic Temple.

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To send a donation, address either "The Gold Book Society" or "The Philanthropic Society," c/o The Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA, 19107-2598. For more information, call the Societies at (215) 988-0567 or e-mail fdcaltagirone@pagrandlodge.org.

On the Cover...

The Grand Master's Medallion for 2003

It is traditional for a Grand Master's Medallion to be designed at his direction to identify his administration on the one surface and to reflect history, philosophy and vision for the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction on the reverse.

The Grand Master's Medallion for 2003 is a striking symbol that pays tribute to America's heroic Brethren whose service to their country and their countrymen was carried forth with courage, integrity and distinction. R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. selected the outstanding Pennsylvania Mason and Civil War General and Brother Winfield Scott Hancock to adorn the Medallion as a hero typifying those attributes.

Grand Master Cunningham explained: "He represents the ideals that Freemasons hold dear and cherish most -- 'Love of God' and to worship Him as we desire and in any church of our choosing, 'Love of Country' and to serve it to the fullest, and 'Love of Fraternity' and to practice those principles taught by it in taking good men and making them better."

Bro. Hancock was a native of Montgomery County and grew up in the Norristown area near where Grand Master Cunningham now resides. He became a member of Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown (now in Jeffersonville) in 1859. He was a contemporary Brother in Charity Lodge of another Civil War hero, Gen. and Bro. John Frederick Hartranft.

Photograph of General Hancock used on the front cover is from the U.S. Military History Archives, West Point, N.Y.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Fun, Food, Fellowship,
and Visitation Day Will
Be Saturday, October 4, 2003
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

AUTUMN DAY
at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Join Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. in celebrating the Masonic Homes' annual open house. Visit family members and those of the Family of Freemasonry, reunite with friends, and tour all of the service areas at the Masonic Homes. Details and an R.S.V.P. form will be in the August issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* for those who want to experience this great day of fun, excitement, and fellowship!

Brave Soldier . . . Hero . . . Superb

Bro. And Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock:

There's a three-quarter-inch thick file for Brother and General Winfield Scott Hancock in the Archives of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania that contains articles and biographical data that could rival some of the best historical adventure stories. One paper, an undated presentation prepared by the Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator, the late Bro. Frank W. Bobb, provided an excellent resource for the following account of the adventurous life of General and Brother Hancock.



Bro. and Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock

Winfield Scott Hancock was one of twin brothers born Feb. 24, 1824 in Montgomery Square, 12 miles from Norristown, to Benjamin and Elizabeth Hoxworth Hancock, both native Pennsylvanians whose parents had emigrated from Germany and England. Benjamin was a teacher in the "free school" in Montgomery Square, situated in the building to which their home was attached and where Winfield Scott and Hilary Baker Hancock were born. After the birth of his sons, the father

began to study law in Norristown and when the twins were four years of age, he moved the family there. Elizabeth was mentally quick, with strong leadership qualities, and strikingly beautiful, from whom Winfield inherited his sharp, handsome features and upright carriage.

Winfield was named for a Mason and a hero of the War of 1812, Brother Winfield Scott. Even as a boy, young Hancock had a keen interest in tactics, drill, and military science, so it came as no surprise that he was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. When he applied for admission in 1840 at the age of 16, Winfield was five feet, five inches tall; when he was graduated, he stood six feet, six inches tall. Among his contemporaries at West Point, all of whom later became distinguished generals, as he did, were Ulysses S. Grant, George B. McClellan, William B. Franklin, W.F. Smith, Charles Reynolds, George E. Pickett, and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. It was Gen. Grant who described Hancock as "tall, well-formed . . . young and fresh looking . . . an appearance that would attract the attention of an army as he passed."

He was graduated in 1844 and was brevetted Second Lieutenant in the Sixth Infantry assigned to Fort Towsan in Indian Territory near the Texas border. Two years later, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to another company in the Sixth Infantry stationed on the border with Mexico. It was not until Gen. Zachary Taylor's troops had overrun northern Mexico and Gen. Winfield Scott (his namesake) had captured Vera Cruz that Lt. Winfield Scott Hancock's urgent petition for active duty was granted.

In 1849, he was sent to St. Louis, MO as adjutant under Brig. Gen. Newman S. Clarke. There he met Almira Russell, whom he married on Jan. 24, 1850. They had a son, Russell, and daughter, Ada.

Subsequently, he served in Florida in 1856 as a captain in combat against the Seminole Indians; was engaged in the Border War in Kansas; then to

Utah, where trouble had developed with the Mormons who had been pushed out of New York, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. As relations worsened with the government, in 1857 another Pennsylvania Mason, President James Buchanan, appointed a non-Mormon governor and sent troops to enforce federal authority. Hancock was the quartermaster. After the Utah experience, Hancock was assigned quartermaster duty on the Pacific Coast.

It was in 1859-60, apparently while home on leave, that by special dispensation from the R.W. Grand Master, Henry M. Phillips, he received all three Degrees in **Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown.**

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Hancock passed through military training and, on the recommendation of Gen. McClellan, was made a Brigadier General of Volunteers. He was responsible for organizing and training the newly assembled Army of the Potomac, which included the 49th Pennsylvania Regiment. About eight months later, he was given command of a brigade where his courage and military skill got their first test against entrenched forces of Gen. Jubal Earl at Williamsburg, VA, turning what appeared to be certain defeat into a gallant victory. In reporting on the engagement, Gen. McClellan declared, "Hancock was superb," and as such Winfield Scott Hancock's name became a household word.

When Gen. Israel Richardson was mortally wounded at Antietam in 1862, Hancock succeeded to the command of the 1st Division, II Army Corps, and led it to the end of the battle. Promoted to Major General, he commanded the division with distinction at Fredericksburg on Dec. 13, 1862, and in the desperately contested Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-4. In recognition of his leadership, he was given command of the II Army Corps.

However, it was at Gettysburg that Gen. Hancock achieved lasting fame as one of the great soldiers of the Civil War. When Gen. Meade began to move into Pennsylvania in pursuit of General Lee, he kept the II Corps in the

Leader...
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John Frederick Hartranft

John Frederick Hartranft was a native of Montgomery County and a contemporary Brother of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock in **Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown.** Like Hancock, he was a victorious General during the Civil War and afterward also had responsibilities for the execution of the conspirators for the assassination of President Lincoln. He was the Governor of Pennsylvania from 1872 to 1878.

Bro. Hartranft was the son of Samuel and Lydia Hartranft in New Hanover, north of Pottstown. His father was a farmer who purchased and operated an inn in Norristown and then diversified into real estate and a stagecoach business. John first attended Marshall College in Mercersburg, Franklin County, then transferred to Union College where he specialized in civil engineering. There being little opportunity as an engineer after graduation, he became a deputy sheriff in Norristown, advanced to lieutenant colonel in the militia, was admitted to the bar, married Sallie Douglas Sebring of Easton, and started to raise a family.

At the outset of the Civil War, Col. Hartranft commanded the Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was Montgomery County's regiment of ninety-day enlistees. That turned out to be an embarrassment for him. He was humiliated at the Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, when the regiment of volunteers walked away because their enlistments had expired that day. He pleaded with them to stay on voluntarily for a few hours to carry out that engagement; but his plea fell on deaf ears and they marched homeward. Col. Hartranft stayed and fought, but his reputation



An equestrian statue of Maj. Gen. John F. Hartranft unveiled on Friday, May 12, 1899, stands in Capitol Park, Harrisburg. It represents Gen. Hartranft returning from war and receiving the plaudits of the people.

Later in the article it is noted:

"He drilled the 51st incessantly . . . Although always insisting on the respect he believed his rank demanded, Hartranft played baseball with the men . . . In December 1863, when a mere 180 men remained after several years of grisly campaigning, the 51st's enlistments expired. Camped in Tennessee and longing for their families and homes in Pennsylvania, the men were cold, went without shoes, and resorted to grubbing meals from dried corncocks. On their last official day of duty, 'Old Johnny' addressed them, extolling the Union's grand cause. Slowly, over the following two weeks, one-by-one, the veterans signed on again. It was as if his humiliating failure at Bull Run had been reversed."

In *Major General John Frederick Hartranft: Citizen Soldier and Pennsylvania Statesman* published in 1995, historian Al M. Gambone traced Bro. Hartranft's role in 23 major battles; but the Battle of Gettysburg wasn't one of them. "Old Johnny" had served in the grueling 1863 campaign in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee under Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Ambrose E. Burnside, then was called east again to serve with the Ninth Corps for the bloody Spring campaigns of 1864 in Virginia.

Because of his good judgment in the battlefield, he received temporary assignments to command brigades and divisions for several years until he was promoted to the rank of general after leading the recapture of Fort Stedman in Virginia on March 25, 1865.

Very briefly in the post war, he

was tarnished.

But, within four months, he commanded a new regiment, the 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which half were from Montgomery County and the others from Centre, Northampton, Union, and Snyder Counties. There he led with dignity and acclaim.

The opening paragraph of a most interesting feature in the Winter 2000 issue of *Pennsylvania Heritage*, the quarterly publication of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, an Associate Historian and Associate Editor, Louis M. Waddell, tells a lot about the character and ingenuity of Bro. Hartranft:

"Although Colonel John Frederick Hartranft (1830-1889) was only in his thirties during the Civil War, the rank and file of his 51st Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment fondly called him 'Old Johnny.' His soldiers especially respected his ability to make the right decisions in combat and his altogether impartial and basically humane discipline. With a mind and eye trained as a civil engineer at Union College, in Schenectady, New York, Hartranft, in several crucial battles, advantageously repositioned his troops to thwart the Confederates. Under fire he would order his men to lie quietly, prone to the ground, until he judged it time for them to rise, fire, and charge. Their discipline born of drilling and their personal loyalty to him made such commands feasible. He was also especially careful in positioning the artillery batteries assigned to his sector of the battlefield."

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Degree Conferred on Re-enactor By Team in Civil War Attire

Michael Louis Colosimo was 14 years old when he first visited the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in Gettysburg and became a fledgling Civil War enthusiast. He was 19 when he became a Civil War re-enactor. When he was 21, he became a Mason, and this March 1 was raised a Master Mason by a "Civil War Degree Team," a group of Brethren in authentic attire of both the North and the South armies – a stirring recollection of the brotherhood that transcends even the animosities of war as portrayed in the Friend to Friend Monument.

It was his grandfather, the late Louis J. Colosimo, of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela, who took Michael to the Gettysburg Battlefield and the Friend-to-Friend Monument in the National Cemetery Annex in the Fall of 1995. He explained that the statue portrays Union Capt. and Bro. Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate Gen. and Bro. Lewis Armistead during Pickett's Charge and honors all Freemasons who fought in all the wars and conflicts of the United States.

Impressed by that visit, Michael sought to become a Civil War re-enactor. In 2000, he met Bro. Ed Kelly, Captain of a Civil War re-enactment group, the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company E. Michael enlisted as a re-enactor and Bro. Kelly, a member of Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth, became his mentor. Together, they visited many battlefields, performing historic re-enactments.

At 21, Michael petitioned Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 where his father, Raymond R. Colosimo, is a member. It was Michael's father who suggested to Stephen Yilit, W.M., that it would be unique to have a "Degree Team in Civil War attire" confer the Master Mason's Degree on Michael. Craig W. Suppo, D.D.G.M., 31st Masonic District, acquired a dispensation from R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., and at an Extra Meeting on March 1, the Degree was conferred by Bro. David E. Kearns, P.M., with the Conferring Officers in authentic Civil War attire. Michael's father, Raymond Colosimo, was the Guide.

After the Degree was conferred, Michael's uncle, Bro. Joseph Colosimo, of Blythe Lodge No. 593, West Newton, recalled the original visit to the Monument with his grandfather in 1995 and in memory of his deceased brother, Louis J., presented a "Friend to Friend" statuette to Michael.

The recently raised Master Mason is a senior majoring in history at California University of Pennsylvania. In the Fall of 2001, he took part in the filming of the major motion picture on the Civil War, "Gods & Generals." Bro. Colosimo has been a guest speaker at lodges about the Civil War and his experiences in the making of a motion picture. This Summer he will serve an internship with the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry.



The "Civil War Degree Team" at Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 comprised (l-r): Front – Harry W. Fisher, James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson, as Tyler; Edward L. Kelly, Sr. as Purs.; Bro. Michael Colosimo; Bro. Yilit, W.M.; and Joseph Acton, Treas. Middle – David E. Kearns, P.M., Conferring W.M.; David L. Shields, Jr., Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh; David E. Kearns, Jr., as J.D.; George L. Diehl, Jr., as J.M.C.; and David D. Morgan, as Chaplain. Rear – James R. Archibold, as S.W.; William A. Ball, J.W.; Edsel Burkholder as S.D.; and Timothy A. Kearns as S.M.C.

Lodge No. 810 Aids Tornado-Stricken Community



Residents of the tiny borough of Clark (population 633) and South Pymatuning Township (population 2,857) in Mercer County along the Ohio border were not prepared at 7:54 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, when a fierce tornado with winds estimated up to 155 mph ravaged their community. Although a severe thunderstorm warning had been posted for the county an hour earlier, a tornado warning was not posted until just seconds before it struck. The funnel, measuring 500 feet across, traveled seven miles from where it touched down just east of Sharpsville, PA. In its wake, there were: one death, Charles Templeton, the uncle of Timothy P. Templeton, D.D.G.M., 53rd Masonic District; 19 injuries; 15 homes destroyed; 13 others with major damage; and 29 with minor damage. Some of the severe damage along East Lake Rd. (foreground) and Main St. (at right) in Clark is evident in the aerial photo courtesy of *The Herald*, Sharon, PA.

The day before, Bro. Douglas Bradley, the Mayor of Clark, had gone on vacation to Virginia, so he headed home immediately. Bro. Bradley later reported that the clean-up was completed in six days thanks to volunteers and assistance that included 19 municipalities, 14 fire departments, and 8 police departments.

But financial help was needed for the disaster relief effort and Shenango Valley Lodge No. 810 responded. At its November Stated Meeting, it voted to donate \$1,000. Pictured are D.D.G.M. Templeton (right) and Ronald E. Greenawalt, W.M. (left), presenting the contribution to Bro. and Mayor Bradley on Jan. 29.



Brethren Act Quickly to Save The Life of Worshipful Master

When the Worshipful Master of Galetan Lodge No. 602 collapsed from an apparent heart attack during the Stated Meeting last Nov. 5, his life was saved by the quick actions of three of the Brethren — immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a dash to call 911, and then the paramedics' use of the automated external defibrillator (AED) that the Lodge had donated to the fire company two years earlier.

Gary B. Stahley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District, had just introduced a program recognizing Veterans Day, reflecting on service experiences overseas. When the Worshipful Master (in 2002), Frank Everett, began talking about his experiences, he collapsed as a result of an apparent heart attack. Immediately, Richard B. "Rick" Darrenkamp and Bro. Stahley began CPR while Randall S. "Randy" Goodreau hastened to a neighbor's house to call 911.

Bro. Everett was unconscious and had no pulse. Bro. Darrenkamp, who was S.D. at the time and is now J.W., had been an emergency medical technician (EMT) some years ago. He applied the chest compressions while D.D.G.M. Stahley gave the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. They would get a pulse only to lose it again. That happened several times, yet they continued until the Fire Rescue Paramedics arrived and administered defibrillation — the first time that AED unit contributed by the Lodge was used in an emergency situation.

Now, Past Master Everett is doing well after surgery and placement of a pacemaker and said at the March Stated Meeting that he was looking forward to moving to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown early in April.

An appreciative Frank Everett, P.M. (center), gathers at the Lodge Hall with the current Worshipful Master, Frederick R. Hollar (second from right), and the three Brethren who saved his life last Nov. 5: (l-r): Randall S. Goodreau, Richard B. Darrenkamp, and Gary B. Stahley, D.D.G.M. Bro. Everett is holding a framed needlepoint Masonic emblem that was made by the Worshipful Master's wife, Jeanette Hollar, and presented to him as a memento by the Lodge.



Brethren, Take Notice:
The Quarterly Communication of
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
will open at 7:00 o'clock p.m.,
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
in the Freemasons
Cultural Center of the
Masonic Homes at
Elizabethtown.

You are requested to attend.

Military Service an Allowable Cause For Non-Payment of Dues

On March 27, the R.W. Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., announced a change in Article 32.13 of the Digest of Decisions removing the requirement for the notification of a Member's potential for suspension for non-payment of dues to be sent by certified mail. It remains necessary prior to any action for a Member to be contacted personally by an Officer, Past Master, or other Member of the Lodge designated by the Master, to determine whether there is good cause for the failure to pay dues, if any exists. If good cause does not exist, final notice must be sent (certified not required) at least one month prior to the Lodge taking action on suspension.

At the same time, the Grand Master added Article 32.13A allowing, at the discretion of the Lodge, for remitting dues for Members who have been called to active duty during military conflicts. Article 32.13A:

Good cause for failure to pay dues includes being called to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during military engagements or other emergencies. Whereas the Member may not receive due and timely notice, remission of dues is appropriate.

Degrees Conferred Before Military Recall

Lt. Brian Richard Ackerman is now Bro. Ackerman in Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, by virtue of a dispensation allowing the three Degrees to be conferred on one day, Nov. 23, before returning to military service. Bro. Ackerman was recalled to active duty as an R.N. in Sky Flight Care. He is a third generation Mason in Andrew H. Hershey Lodge, joining his grandfather, Lloyd B. Ackerman (left), and father, Richard B. Ackerman, P.M. (right), Secretary of the Lodge.



10th Anniversary Ceremony, Wreath-Laying, Banquet Aug. 23 for Friend to Friend Monument

Ten years ago, on Saturday morning, Aug. 21, thousands of people were in Gettysburg when the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument was dedicated in the enhanced National Military Cemetery Annex by R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. In the afternoon, a huge Masonic parade led by the Grand Lodge Officers filled the streets of the historic town. Since then, the striking, larger-than-life statue of 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, has attracted thousands of visitors, paying tribute to the bonds of Brotherhood that transcends political differences and the emotions of war.

This year, on Saturday, Aug. 23, there will be a 10th Anniversary Memorial ceremony and wreath-laying at the Monument, followed by a celebration banquet across Steinwehr Avenue in the Dobbins House where the guest speaker will be the noted sculptor of the Friend to Friend statue, Ron Tunison, of Cairo, NY. The Memorial Service and Wreath-Laying Ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by an Anniversary Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

Bro. Sheldon A. Munn and Bro. John F. Schwartz, whose ideas and suggestions inspired the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial, are arranging the

10th Anniversary Ceremony and Banquet. Everyone is invited. No reservations are required to attend the 4:00 p.m. ceremony at the Monument. Reservations are required for the banquet at a cost of \$25 per person (use form attached). For information, contact Sheldon Munn at (717) 770-0235 or e-mail: diamunns@aol.com.

You Are Invited to Attend:
FRIEND TO FRIEND MASONIC MEMORIAL
10TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET RESERVATION
Saturday, August 23, 2003

(Note: No Reservations Required for the 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service and Wreath-Laying at the Monument.)

5:30 P.M. — Anniversary Banquet
At the Dobbins House
(Reservations Required; Banquet Cost \$25)

Complete and mail this form with your payment. Make payable to "Sheldon Munn/10th Anniversary" and mail to:

Sheldon Munn/10th Anniversary
1483 Maplewood Dr.
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Enclosed is payment for _____ reservations at \$25 per person for the Banquet.

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____



Lodge of Research Meets June 14 in Pittsburgh

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will open at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 14, in the Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, near I-279. Several Masonic research papers will be presented. A light lunch at \$7 will be available by pre-registering with Bro. Kenneth Faub at the Masonic Center.

The Lodge of Research was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in June 2000 and is a "Traveling Lodge" open to all Master Masons. It is not considered dual membership. Although only members can vote and hold office, all Master Masons are welcome to attend the meetings. James L. Sieber, W.M. of the Lodge of Research, invites all Master Masons to attend for an educationally stimulating and unique Lodge experience.

Masonic Ed. Comm. Demonstrates PA Training for Officers to Grand Masters

Because of the quality and effectiveness of Pennsylvania's Masonic Education Program for Officer Training, the Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was invited to make a presentation at the Conference of Grand Masters in Minneapolis, MN in February. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Education Committee, along with Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W., made the one-hour presentation. Every Grand Lodge was provided with a copy of the Pennsylvania program and a number of them became interested in attending one of Pennsylvania's full-day training sessions for Lodge Officers.

The 2003 series of the training program for Pennsylvania Lodge Officers has been completed with a total of more than 300 attending. The District and Lodge Masonic Education Chairmen are working to develop programs for Lodge meetings. Past Grand Master Weisser commented, "Brethren, we need to understand our Fraternity better and understand our responsibilities to others, especially when we strive to educate our newly raised Masons about our Fraternity and how it applies to our daily lives."

Here are some interesting questions for Pennsylvania Masons. Know the answers? If not, ask your Lodge Masonic Education Chairman.

- Who was the President of the United States from Pennsylvania who served as a District Deputy Grand Master?
- Who was the first Master Mason astronaut to walk on the moon?
- True or False: We can only visit Prince Hall Lodges in Pennsylvania and Connecticut?
- Where did the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania first meet?
- Which President of the United States served as President and Worshipful Master of his Lodge at the same time?

Capitalize on Opportunity

By John E. Adams, Jr.
Membership Chairman

It has been a tough Winter because of the weather; and it has been a tough Winter for membership retention and development. There's no doubt that all of the Lodges have been shoveling snow; but while some Lodges plowed into Operation Rescue/Recovery, there are too many who seemed to be waiting for the snow to melt.

Over the years there have been committees on membership that have attacked the trend for declining membership in the Lodges, all with a mixed bag of results. We're fighting the same battle today with optimism when it comes to new members and, happily, a decline in the number of member deaths; but there is still some pessimism when we see the suspensions and resignations — something we should be able to do something about. Preliminary figures for 2002 (final figures were not confirmed as of this writing) indicate that suspensions rose somewhat over 2001 and so did resignations.

When we implemented Operation Rescue/Recovery on Dec. 27, 2001, the goal was to bring about a change in the way we approach men who are worthy of becoming Masons. The new way offers Lodges — and you as a Mason — the opportunity to invite selected men to learn about this Fraternity that we care for so very much. Every Lodge in Pennsylvania was directed to schedule two **Friend to Friend** meetings in 2002 and another two in 2003. It is disappointing to note that there were some Worshipful Masters who did not capitalize on that unique, very basic approach. Believe me, Brethren, it works.

There is an article on page 11 about one unique event, a Winter indoor Family of Freemasonry picnic in the Lodge social hall to which friends and neighbors were invited. Included in the events of the picnic was a brief **Friend to Friend** meeting in the Lodge room.

O.K., Winter's gone and Summer's on its way. Your Lodge will "go dark" for two months, so the leadership of your Lodge needs to "step up to the plate," organize and act NOW!

After that charge, let me answer your questions about how we are doing with membership. There are many success sto-

ries among the 458 Pennsylvania Lodges and I send my congratulations to those leaders who have followed the program and used it to the best advantage for Freemasonry. As of last Dec. 27, one Lodge — Watonsontown Lodge No. 401 in the 18th Masonic District — initiated 37 candidates in 2002. The previous year, it was 24. In 2002, 24 Lodges had 10 or more initiates:

Lodge	Masonic District	Number Initiates
George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Dallas	12	20
Doylestown Lodge No. 245	8	18
Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown	40	18
Perry-Ionic Lodge No. 796, Wexford	38	16
Portage Lodge No. 220, Hollidaysburg	20	15
George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg	3	14
Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Pittsburgh	55	14
Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelenople	26	13
Shiloh Lodge No. 558, Lansdale	6	13
Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh	47	12
A. C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown	60	12
Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia	D	11
Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg	2	11
Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown	E	11
Malhoning Lodge No. 243, New Castle	26	11
Mitchell Lodge No. 296, Jenkintown	E	11
Marion Lodge No. 562, Scottsdale	30	11
Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek	54	11
Wilson-Joppa Lodge No. 714, Dravosburg	49	11
Kedron Lodge No. 389, West Middlesex	53	10
Hiram Lodge No. 616, Altoona	20	10
North Hills Lodge No. 716, Wexford	38	10
Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton	D	10

(47 Lodges had no initiations in 2002.)

As was noted earlier, suspensions increased: One Lodge had 47 suspensions, two had 42, and 34 others lost 10 or more, all for non-payment of dues. The recommendation has been — and continues to be — that every Lodge activate the Committee on Grievances to make a personal contact with every Brother who has been suspended in the past five years to make an effort to restore as many as possible to good Masonic standing. Furthermore, each one of us should — let's make that will — adopt the "zero tolerance policy" with respect to future suspensions. Don't wait until the last minute, but track the situation and begin the process in September each year to reduce the number of Members who are delinquent in dues. Then, when it's St. John's Day, there shouldn't be a concern.

My Brother, you can make a difference!

Actor Bronson Pinchot Made a Mason

By virtue of a dispensation granted by the R.W. Grand Master, the three degrees were conferred on actor Bronson Pinchot in Harford Lodge No. 445, Hop Bottom, in December. Bro. Pinchot has been in films since he appeared as the comical gallery assistant in "Beverly Hills Cop" in 1984. Through the years, he has appeared in feature film roles, generally amusing, except not funny as the villain of the 1995 Stephen King TV miniseries, "The Langoliers." Pictured are (l-r): Front — Bro. Pinchot; Robert H. Benson, P.M., Treas. of Freedom Lodge No. 328, Thompson, who conferred the Fellow Craft Degree; and Martin W. Migliori, D.D.G.M., 15th Masonic District. Rear — Johnnie A. Florance, P.M., then-W.M. of Bluestone Lodge No. 338, Great Bend, who conferred the Master Mason's Degree; Eugene R. Graves, P.M., Sec.,



Canawacta Lodge No. 360, who conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree; Ralph Jenkins, W.M., Harford Lodge; and Dieter G. Dauber, P.D.D.G.M.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC, SATURDAY, JUNE 7

The 12th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic will be at Dorney Park-Wild Water Kingdom, Allentown, on Saturday, June 7. Last year, more than 1,500 Masons and their families enjoyed a wonderful time, plenty of good food, and a great day for the Fraternity.

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

Come to Dorney Park-Wild Water Kingdom and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. Return the attached form with your check by May 19. Hope to see you at this fun-filled event.

Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic At Dorney Park

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

And Wild Water Kingdom

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

RAIN OR SHINE Saturday, June 7, 2003
"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

MENU SERVED 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M.
Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans
Potato Salad, Soda, Condiments, and More!

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Address _____

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET
RESERVATIONS - MONDAY, MAY 19

Lodge No. 143 Gives Custom-Crafted Totem Pole to Boy Scout Camp

The efforts and financing by Masons of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, and the craftsmanship of a wood-carving Brother from Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg, have given Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp near Landisburg, a new custom-carved, hand-painted, 16-foot totem pole. It replaced a 15 year-old totem pole, which was heavily damaged by ants and woodpeckers.

According to Gary L. Heckman, P.M. and Chairman of the Charity Committee of George Washington Lodge, the Brethren decided to donate the unique totem pole for the 80th Anniversary of the Scout Council. Wood-carver Bro. Jacob G. (Jake) Crider crafted the totem pole. Thus, last Nov. 16, more than 100 Scouts, Masons, and supporters of the Boy Scouts were present at the entrance to the Camp's Ceremonial Area for dedication ceremonies led by Eric Williams, Chief of Susquehannock Lodge 11, Order of the Arrow.

Among those from George Washington Lodge participating in the dedication ceremonies was 86 year-old Bro. Earl O. Blair, a Mason for 52 years, who is a recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.



Among those at the dedication of the totem pole were (l-r): The wood carver, Bro. Crider, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315; Joseph Kelso, who is the wood carver's mentor; Eric Williams, Chief of the Order of the Arrow Lodge; Bro. Heckman, P.M., Charity Committee Chairman; Bro. John E. N. Blair, P.M., Acacia Lodge No. 586 and a Dual Member of Lodge No. 143;

Bro. Earl O. Blair, a recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award; and Bro. Gary L. Heckman, Jr., Assistant Chairman of the Charity Committee; Bro. Gary L. Johnson, Lodge Photographer; and Jess A. Leidig, III, S.M.C., all of George Washington Lodge.

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1,000-Plus at Three Florida Reunions

More than 1,000 Pennsylvania Masons, their spouses, widows, and family members who are residing in Florida attended the 2003 Florida Masonic Reunions. The three reunions were hosted by R. W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. and his wife, Rosalie, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and their wives, as well as Masonic Homes' personnel.

The Masonic Homes' staff provided information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which include the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley. They also discussed the upcoming union of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill on January 1, 2004. That will result in four convenient locations across Pennsylvania where Freemasons, Eastern Star members, and their families may receive services.

The highlight of the reunions included Grand Master Cunningham's presentation of the 50-Year Emblems of Gold to 47 Masons.



February 27 • 50 Year Award Presentation
Tampa Airport Marriott, Tampa, FL.



February 28 • 50 Year Award Presentation
Sahib Shrine Center, Sarasota, FL.



March 1 • 50 Year Award Presentation
Palm Beach Gardens Marriott,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Davis Bequests for Deceased Masons' Children

Two grants from the 2002 Samuel Davis Bequest were presented recently.



One grant was presented to Mrs. Amy Long (center in right picture), widow of the late Bro. Gregory E. Long of Edenburg Lodge No. 550, Knox, to assist in providing an educational fund for their two children: Brian, age 11 (front in picture), and Elizabeth, age 16 (not available for picture). The Worshipful Master of 2002, Jerry D. Beloit, P.M. (left), and Glenn L. Farren (right), D.D.G.M., 23rd Masonic District, presented the grant.



Another grant was to Michael Bibel (second from right in photo left), a student at Bentworth High School. He is the son of the late Bro. George Bibel, who was a member of Beallsville Lodge No. 237, and Elizabeth Bibel (second from left). The Worshipful Master of 2002, Alfred L.

Rasel, II, P.M. (left), and Thomas M. Gasmire, D.D.G.M., 29th Masonic District (right), presented the grant.

The grant, established in the early 1900's is designated to assist minor children of deceased Master Masons until they reach the age of 18.

Winter Picnic Includes Friend-to-Friend Session

At least 125 Members, their spouses and their children, friends, and neighbors enjoyed a "Picnic in the Winter" held by Ephrata Lodge No. 665 and Cloister Chapter No. 408, Order of The Eastern Star, on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 15, in the social hall of the Lodge. During the afternoon, there was a "Friend to Friend" Meeting in the Lodge room hosted by Terrence N. Sherk, W.M., and Robert S. Conway, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, who is Past Master of Ephrata Lodge.

For the modest \$5 fee for adults (children free) there was plenty of food, face-painting and table games for the youngsters, and the German band comprising members of the Rajah Shrine Concert Band providing lively foot-tapping music. At 6:30 p.m., there was an auction of donated items. Proceeds of the "Picnic in the Winter" were designated for donation to two local charities.



Terrence N. Sherk, W.M. (left), and Robert S. Conway, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, prepare for a presentation at a Friend to Friend session held as an adjunct to the "Picnic in the Winter."



The children of Bro. John and Janice Lorah were thrilled to have their faces painted at the "Picnic in the Winter." They are (clockwise from left): Jasa, five years old; Joanne Walton, a friend of the Lodge who volunteered to paint children's faces; Joshua, nine years old; and Justis, seven years old.

Benefits Masonic Village at Sewickley

Grand Master's 2003 Western PA Charity Golf Outing at Sewickley on September 15



Place: Diamond Run Golf Club, Sewickley

Time: Registration at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch at 11:00 a.m.
Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.
Social Hour at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.



Fee: **\$125.00** per golfer. Includes bag drop, personalized bag tag, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, social hour, dinner, skill prizes and door prizes.

Enclosed is my check, payable to **Masonic Charity Golf Tournament** in the amount of \$_____ for the following golfers:

Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
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Mail reservations by July 31, 2003, with check, to either **Richard Stemmler**, 1315 Trent Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650 (724-537-7940) or **William Hartland**, 2030 North View Dr., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642 (724-863-6469).

Valley of Pittsburgh Names A Road at Masonic Village at Sewickley

The Valley of Pittsburgh recently made a \$50,000 contribution to the Masonic Village at Sewickley. In return for their gift that will benefit the residents of the community, they "purchased" the privilege to name a road on the campus.

What did they choose to name it? "Scottish Rite Lane," of course! "The Masonic Village at Sewickley is down the road from us; in fact, some of our members will be living on that lane," said Donald M. Murphy, Thrice Potent Master of Gourgass Lodge of Perfection and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Valley of Pittsburgh. "When the opportunity was presented to us, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to provide the gift."

Scottish Rite Lane is one of three roads on the Masonic Village at Sewickley campus available as gift naming opportunities. Numerous other gift-naming opportunities are available as well – and those who provide donations of \$3,000 and above also receive a place on the "Mission of Love Donor Recognition Wall." If you, your Lodge, family, or organization would like more information, call Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, at (412) 741-1400, extension 3011.

G.M.'s 2002 Western PA Charity Golf Tourney Topped \$21,000 Mark; 2003 Will Be Sept. 15

On a beautiful day last September, more than 130 golfers teed off at Diamond Run Golf Club in Sewickley. The overwhelming support of the golfers and sponsors raised \$21,855.26 for the newly erected "Mission of Love Donor Wall," in the Clubhouse at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

The committee worked tirelessly to drum up tremendous support within the corporate sponsor category. Corporate sponsors in 2002 included: Anderson Windows; C. Harper Autoplex; Hoy Construction; Irwin Interiors System, Inc.; McKamish, McKinney Drilling Company; MI Friday Mason Contractor; NDC Builders, LLC; Perkins Eastman Architects PC; and Westmoreland Electric, Inc.

This year's annual tournament again will be held at Diamond Run on Monday, Sept. 15. The cost per golfer is \$125, same as last year. The golf tournament information and application appear at left. The deadline to register is July 31. Advertising opportunities will be included within this year's program. For additional information, or for a copy of the golf brochure, call Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, toll-free at (866) 749-6863.

Members of the 2001-2002 Golf Committee visited the Clubhouse at the Masonic Village at Sewickley to celebrate their successful tournament results from the last two years. They had determined that the proceeds would fund the naming of the newly erected "Mission of Love Wall," which is the central recognition area for all gifts to the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The inscription reads: "In Recognition of the Grand Lodge Leaders—Past, Present and Future. The 2001-2002 Grand Master's Western Pennsylvania Golf Tournament Committee, Golfers, and Sponsors."

Pictured at the presentation of an oversized check are (left to right): Edwin P. Cover, Ligonier Lodge No. 331, and member of the Committee on Masonic Homes; William H. Hartland, Shidle Lodge No. 601; Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region; Richard J. Stemmler, P.D.D.G.M., of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Chairman of the Golf Committee; B.J. Franks, Executive Director of the Masonic Village at Sewickley; and Randy L. Hobaugh and Leonard L. Santmyer, both of Shidle Lodge No. 601.



"Friend to Friend" Opportunities Exist Within the "Mission of Love"



There's an opportunity for you to make a lasting impression — extend an expression of sincere caring — by reaching into your heart and assisting another as "Friend to Friend." This special program will develop a fund for residents of the Masonic Village at Sewickley who, in the future, may not be able to pay for all or part of their monthly resident service fee due to the depletion of their funds.

A contribution of \$1,000 or more provides a unique opportunity to make a lasting gift in honor or memory of someone, or as an expression of gratitude. These commitments will begin to build the funds that one day will help the community's residents in time of need.

A beautifully handcrafted cherry recognition wall (pictured) is prominently displayed in the lobby area of the Clubhouse to recognize those individuals who contribute to the Masonic Village at Sewickley's "Mission of Love." Your inscription will be placed on a sand-carved beige fieldstone Corian nameplate on one of the outside wings of the wall, specifically designated for those donors who have contributed to the "Friend to Friend" program.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the "Friend to Friend" program, please send the coupon above right, along with your check payable to "Friend to Friend," to the Office of Gift Planning, Masonic Village at Sewickley, 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143. If you have any questions, please call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011.

"Mission of Love"

Please complete and detach this coupon and send it with your contribution check to:

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Masonic Village at Sewickley
1000 Masonic Drive
Sewickley, PA 15143

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Guest Apartments Available When Visiting Loved Ones at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown

If you're looking for a place to stay while visiting with your loved ones, consider Masonic Homes' guest apartments. 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. You make reservations by phone at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33314. You will reach an automated answering system on which you can leave your name and phone number, along with the dates you are requesting lodging. A guest apartment volunteer will return your call during normal business hours to review your request.

Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill Serves Members

Soon to be part of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in January 2004, the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill offers a full continuum of retirement services. These include retirement living, personal care/assisted living, and skilled/intermediate nursing care accommodations to serve members and their loved ones. Residents not only experience the beauty, comfort, and quality of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania as typified by the cozy setting depicted at right, but also benefit from a host of on-site amenities, include walking trails, billiards, a bowling alley, putting green, and the well equipped wellness center pictured here. For more information, contact Mary Beth Meehan, Admissions Office, at (610) 828-5760 or (610) 825-6100, or email: marybeth@mhopa.com.



Your Help Would Mean a Lot!

Fulfilling Volunteer Opportunities Abound At All Masonic Homes' Locations

Whether you can offer only a few hours one time, or you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, your service is welcomed and needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster, and the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

- Residents in the Masonic Health Care Center and Freemasons Building play bingo on the first Saturday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist residents to the Roosevelt Assembly Room, as well as to help them with their cards, pass out prizes, and offer additional social interaction.
- Every Sunday afternoon, volunteers are needed to escort residents of the Masonic Health Care Center and the Freemasons Building to and from the church service held in the Roosevelt Assembly Room. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- On Tuesday, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the American Health Care Apparel Company will set up a "store" in the Masonic Health Care Center for residents to purchase both traditional and adaptive clothing, shoes, and accessories. Volunteers will be needed to escort residents and assist them with their shopping needs.
- The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown again will be hosting a Summer youth program, providing many different volunteer opportunities for youth ages 13 and older. Participants are requested to volunteer a minimum of a half-day each week during the Sum-

mer and must attend an all-day orientation on June 17.

Anyone interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown may contact Cynthia B. Hollinger, Director, Volunteer Services, at (717) 367-1121, extension 33175.

Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster

- Assistance is needed with a variety of activities, including trips, socials, and bingo. The home also would like to establish a network of volunteers to develop relationships with residents through regular one-on-one visits and correspondence.

If you would like to learn more about the volunteer needs at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, please contact Trisha Lamb, Activities Director, at (215) 672-2500.

Masonic Village at Sewickley

- Volunteers are needed to spend one-on-one time with residents, take them for walks outdoors, play cards, read, or visit and reminisce.

- For those with a green thumb, help is needed for residents working with plants in their rooms and in the flower/vegetable garden in the Summer months.

- Volunteers also are needed to share their computer knowledge, and teach residents how to "surf the net" and e-mail family and friends.

- The Activities Department also would welcome assistance in the craft room, on community outings, and with special events. If you are a woodworker, perhaps you could cut out figures on a jigsaw that residents could then finish with paint or stain. Or maybe you are musically talented and would like to lead a sing-along or play an instrument. Do you own a friendly pet that would like to visit and enjoy a little extra TLC from the residents, while bringing smiles to their faces?

To schedule time to volunteer, or hear more about the opportunities available at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, please contact Ann Beck, Activities Director, at (412) 741-1400.

Visiting Friends or Family at the Masonic Homes? Then visit Masonic Homes' Farm Market for the freshest produce and beautiful plants!



Discover the many beautiful and delicious Homes-grown products sold at the Masonic Homes' Farm Market.

May brings delicious asparagus and bedding plants...

In June, you can still enjoy asparagus and bedding plants, as well as luscious strawberries and hanging baskets...

If you have a sweet tooth, try some of the home-baked pies, honey, preserves, and fruit butters, which are available year-round.

For more information on all of the scrumptious selections, to receive an order form, or to get pricing information, don't delay, call today! (717) 361-4520

Summer hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Colleagues Help D.D.G.M. Tesche Raise His Son

With the support of a Degree Team comprising District Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters from across the Commonwealth, Kurt R. Tesche, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District, conferred the Master Mason's Degree on his son, Kurt F. Tesche in Bethel Lodge No. 789, Lower Burrell, on Jan. 11. Pictured after the conferral are (l-r):



Front - Edward D. Miles, D.D.G.M., 36th Masonic District; William M. Kratzenberg, P.D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; D.D.G.M. Tesche; Bro. Tesche, new Master Mason; Charles A. Ganes, P.D.D.G.M., 38th Masonic District; S. Robert Marziano, Jr., D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District; and Vern A. Henery, P.D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District. Rear - William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M., 37th Masonic District; Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District A; David A. Teorsky, D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District; Thomas M. Gasmire, D.D.G.M., 29th Masonic District; Jeffrey M. Wonderling, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District; Dale H. Fera, P.D.D.G.M., Masonic District E; D. William Roberts, D.D.G.M., 47th Masonic District; Byrl J. Johnson, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; and Harvey F. Fishel, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District.

Master Plan Development Underway For Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Over the past 93 years, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been providing quality care and services through the benevolence of Freemasonry. The success of the Masonic Homes can be attributed to the vision and previous master planning of the Committee on Masonic Homes and Pennsylvania Freemasons, who look to the future in providing services and facilities that meet both the needs and expectations of the Family of Freemasonry. To continue with that vision and foresight, the Committee on Masonic Homes has authorized the development of another master plan for the Elizabethtown campus.

The goal of the plan is to create a vision of the services and facilities that address the growing interest of Pennsylvania Masons, Eastern Star members, and their families, who want to move to the Masonic community in Elizabethtown over the next 20 years. The planning process includes the evaluation for the potential to incorporate an Active Adult Community for individuals 55 years of age and older into the continuum of services.

It is anticipated that this master plan process will be completed in June. More information on the master plan will be forthcoming in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

At Masonic Homes . . . It's More Than Healthcare!

Although medical and health care are important services provided at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the community also offers options for seniors who do not need that assistance.

Why not consider a move to residential living before a need arises?

Single and double room units, located in stately buildings, provide the privacy of personal space, as well as various areas and opportunities for socialization with others. Meals are served three times daily in the beautiful Grand Lodge Hall dining room, so individual kitchens are not needed.

One of the most important benefits that people receive by moving here is peace of mind. Worries such as where to go when you need help no longer exist since health care options are available right on campus. Moving to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown means security of knowing you can live in the same community no matter what happens to your health.

Recreational opportunities occur continuously in the residential living area. Buses provide transportation to activities, concerts, events, restaurants, and shopping facilities, as well as to medical appointments.

Becoming part of the Masonic Homes' family before health needs are apparent not only ensures residents priority for that care, but also allows seniors to enjoy their retirement rather than worry about their future.

To find out if residential living might be the right choice for you, call 1-(800) 422-1207 for a brochure. Or, e-mail admissions@masonichomespa.org. Prepare for a bright future - contact the Masonic Homes today!



Enjoy recreation and socialization among friends. Call the Masonic Homes today to inquire about residential living!

There are Retirement Living Options at Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

While touring retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, typical questions asked of the marketing staff include: "Are we able to select more than one accommodation on our Priority List Application?" And, "Once we move in, may we transfer from one unit to another?"

The answer to both questions is, "Yes, absolutely!"

For a variety of reasons, many applicants on the Priority List are indicating their willingness to consider more than one type of living accommodation due to an ever-increasing desire to be a part of the Masonic Homes' retirement community. For instance, perhaps you may consider going on the Priority List for a two-bedroom/den entrance fee

Bro. and Mrs. Richard Lower enjoy exercising their choices...and themselves...at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.



apartment in addition to a two-bedroom/den entrance fee cottage. Or, maybe you have decided to go on the Priority List for an efficiency rental apartment, as well as a deluxe rental apartment. Expanding your choices may result in greater benefit to you sooner rather than later.

Residing at the Masonic Homes opens new doors and opportunities for residents. While enjoying the good life, current residents have the added advantage in that available units on campus are offered to them first, as long as they have made their request in writing indicating their preference(s). That long-standing practice of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown provides residents with maximum flexibility to select other desirable accommodations as their situations, needs, and preferences change.

Recently, Bro. and Mrs. Richard Lower, Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767, Springfield, experienced the advantage of this procedure. Selling their home in Florida, they moved into the residential living area, which proved to be the most expedient means for admission to the Masonic Homes at the time. It was soon after moving into residential living that Bro. and Mrs. Lower were excited to learn a two-bedroom/two bath entrance fee apartment in retirement living became available for them, and within a relatively short period of time, the Lowers were residents in retirement living.

However, that is not the end of the story! Before long, a two-bedroom/two bath with balcony apartment became available, and,

since Bro. and Mrs. Lower had written a letter to the Administrator indicating they would like to be considered for additional units, they were notified of the vacancy, accepted the offer, and moved once again. Today, while they are very happy and content, "Dick and Dottie" remain on the "in-house" waiting list for a cottage when one of their selections becomes available.

Appreciative of the opportunities provided for them to relocate within the campus, Bro. and Mrs. Lower expressed the positive aspects of their multiple moves — the people they have met and friendships they've developed. Yes, there has been a downside . . . packing those boxes again! However, life has challenges and rewards, and, according to the Lowers, residents and staff have made their transition from Florida to residential living to retirement living memorable and enjoyable!

Whether you plan to move once, twice, or even three times, you are encouraged to begin planning today by placing your name on the Retirement Living Priority List. If you, or your spouse, are at least 55 years of age, you may place your name on the Pre-age Qualified Priority List. The importance of planning your future has never been greater, so you are to begin planning today. One way to do that is to attend an upcoming presentation and luncheon at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Friday, June 20. Held in the Freemasons Cultural Center, the presentation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 1-(800) 676-6452, or complete and mail the coupon today.

Initiative Launched at Warminster to Fund Renovations at East Home

Results from a resident evaluation of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster revealed the need for essential improvements and renovations to ensure and provide a better quality of life for current and future residents at the home.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East became part of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1998. The Home was founded by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1974, and provides nursing services for up to 28 residents and assisted living services for a maximum of 34 residents.

Essential improvements and renovations are needed to the following areas of the home:

- Installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system providing individual room climate control
- Replacement of resident room bathroom doors
- Modifications to existing nursing stations
- New nurse call bell system
- Interior upgrades to walls, floors, and ceilings
- Exterior site improvement lighting
- New furniture, fixtures, and equipment
- Repaving of existing driveways and parking areas

The estimated cost for those improvements and renovations is approximately \$800,000.

Special gift opportunities are available, ranging from \$1,000 for outer foyer furniture to \$56,000 for window treatments. Brethren, Lodges,



and friends, particularly those located in Southeastern Pennsylvania, are invited to make a special gift to help the residents served by the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East. A complete list of

these special gift opportunities is available by calling the Office of Gift Planning at 1-(800) 599-6454.

A gift opportunity may be given to honor or in memory of a beloved family member, Lodge or Chapter member, respected friend, or any individual.

Outright contributions of cash, stocks, bonds, and real estate will be welcomed and appreciated. Commitments payable over three years are encouraged. Numerous memorial gift opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information, please contact Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning-East Region, at 1-(800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, extension 33311. Brethren, Lodges, and friends in Western Pennsylvania may contact Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning-West Region, at 1-(866) 872-0664 or (412) 741-1400, extension 3011.



Donations are needed for renovations and improvements to the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East. Your gift can make a real difference in residents' lives today!

O.E.S. Announces Masonic Family Day at Hershey

There's going to be a Masonic Family Celebration on Saturday, July 12 at Hershey Park conducted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania of the Order of The Eastern Star (O.E.S.). Jo-Anne G. Karnes, Associate Grand Matron and prospective Worthy Grand Matron of the O.E.S., advised R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., that a highlight of her plans for 2003 is "a special day for our Fraternal Family."

A bountiful buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Tidal Force Pavilion will be a marvelous opportunity for everyone to gather as one body and climax a fun-filled day of enjoying the rides and attractions at Hershey Park. You and your family will want to come early and top off the celebration at the 6:00 p.m. buffet, all for the price of the ticket. Get your reservation in by June 15 and save money.

The following prices include: Discounted admission tickets to the Park, all-day rides, shows and the buffet dinner.

	Before June 15	After June 15
Ages		
3-8	\$31	\$34
9-54	\$39	\$41
55-69	\$33	\$35
70+	\$31	\$34

R.S.V.P. BY JUNE 25

Complete this Reservation Form below and Send it With Your Check Payable to:
Jeffrey Wonderling
6471 Kemerer Hollow Rd.
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Phone: (724) 733-1678

Name _____
Address _____
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I would like the following reservations:

age 3-8 @ _____ each = \$ _____
age 9-54 @ _____ each = \$ _____
age 55-69 @ _____ each = \$ _____
age 70+ @ _____ each = \$ _____

TOTAL Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
(Note: parking fees are \$6 per car and \$8 per recreation vehicle payable at entrance. Tax and include parking fees with this reservation.)

Yes, I want to learn more 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

☐ Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Video

☐ I will attend the Retirement Living Seminar at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on June 20 (Please RSVP by June 6, 2003)

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

First Residents in Retirement Living At Sewickley; More in Summer and Fall

After nearly three years of planning and construction, the first residents in retirement living moved into their new homes at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. And they could not be more pleased with the result.

In many ways, the Masonic Village at Sewickley represents a new trend in retirement communities as younger seniors seek not only security, but also comfort, convenience, and personal growth. For many, it is enhancing their lifestyle by offering companionship, creativity, fitness, and some of the finest dining available within surroundings that are beautiful and safe.

Of course, services such as home and grounds maintenance, along with housekeeping and transportation, allow residents the freedom to explore new interests or travel. In addition, residents have the security of knowing that support services are available just across the campus in the form of assisted living or nursing care, should they ever need them.

"When we held our first open house in the new clubhouse, it was wonderful to see the look on visitors' faces," said B. J. Franks, Executive Director. "They just couldn't believe the beauty and the quality."

Another popular amenity on the campus is the new Barley Wellness Center, which comprises a five-lane indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, and complete fitness facility. And, if that is not enough for the fitness enthusiast, the campus features three miles of walking trails.

The heart of the campus is the centrally located clubhouse. Attached by enclosed corridors to all of the apartment buildings, the two-story structure features a Dollar Bank branch, general store, 200-seat auditorium, two restaurants, hair care



A wintry view of the retirement living area as it nears completion.

center, art studio, computer lab, library, and much more. Two large stone fireplaces greet visitors as they enter. From the windows behind the fireplaces and surrounding the formal restaurant, a striking wooded valley drops down abruptly in the direction of the Ohio River.

One of the most valued aspects of the Masonic Village at Sewickley is the fact that it is a life care community. Under a life care agreement, residents continue to pay the same monthly rate for assisted living or nursing services, should they need them in the future, as they pay for retirement living services.

Retirees today are much better planners than the previous generations, as they look forward to longer and healthier lives. They understand, however, that living longer also can mean dealing with increasing frailties in the later years. A community such as the Masonic Village at Sewickley provides a wonderful, dynamic lifestyle now – and financial and health care security for the future.

The community will open its second apartment residence, as well as 31 villa homes, in June. A third apartment residence and four additional villa homes will be added by October. Wouldn't you like to enjoy a carefree lifestyle, where convenience, quality, and beauty surround you?

See the Masonic Village at Sewickley and find out what all the excitement is about. Call the Marketing Office to schedule your personal tour or visit the May 22 Open House between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Call (866) 872-0664 for directions, to schedule an appointment, or to R.S.V.P. to the Open House. If you would like to have information sent to you, return the attached coupon.

Twins Make It Four Generations of Masons

There were four generations of Master Masons present when twins, Kirk B. Thomas (standing left center) and Christopher A. Thomas (standing right center), were raised on January 18 in Philanthropy Lodge No. 225, Greensburg. Their father, Bruce R. Thomas (left), is a member of Philanthropy Lodge and their grandfather, William H. Thomas, is a member of Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown. Seated in foreground is their great-great uncle, George R. Hixon, P.M., James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson. In the back row are: David H. Samuel, P.M., who conferred the Degrees; Leslie D. Montgomery, W.M.; and John L. Weaver, P.M., Treas.



TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE

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

Brothers Lewis and Clark

Their names are synonymous with exploration: Brothers Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809) and William Clark (1770-1838) are best known for their roles in the Corps of Discovery and its expedition to America's western frontier. Equally important, though often overlooked or simply forgotten, was the role that these two men played in establishing Freemasonry west of the Mississippi.

Lewis joined the Fraternity in 1797 at the age of 23, receiving his degrees from Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44, Albemarle County, VA. Three years later, Lewis was appointed as President Jefferson's private secretary, and in 1803, at Jefferson's insistence, was chosen to command the expedition exploring the newly acquired Louisiana Purchase. Lewis asked William Clark, a 33 year-old lieutenant under whom Lewis had served at the battle of Fallen Timbers (1794), to serve as the principal military director of the expedition and to assist him with the tasks of mapping and documenting the new territory. Clark accepted the invitation and the two men and their crew set out in 1804 to explore the unknown. After two years of arduous traveling and adventure, the Corps triumphantly returned to St. Louis among rumors of their demise and downfall.

After the completion of the expedition, Congress made grants of land to all of the men who served in the Corps. Lewis was made governor of the Louisiana Territory, which at that time included all of the land from the purchase except for the present state of Louisiana. Clark resigned from the army in 1807 and officiated as an Indian agent until appointed by Congress as a brigadier general for the territory of Upper Louisiana.

Perhaps longing for the fraternal companionship that he had experienced in his youth, it was around this time, in 1808, that Lewis and several of his acquaintances began discussing the need for a Masonic Lodge in St. Louis. Determined to establish a Lodge, Lewis and his friends drew up and signed an application for dispensation and submitted it to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania¹. In the petition dated Aug. 2, 1808, Lewis was nominated and recommended to serve as the first Master of the proposed Lodge². The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, James Milnor, granted the Brothers' request and a warrant for Saint Louis Lodge No. 111 was issued on Sept. 16, 1808³.

Meriwether Lewis.

Conceivably at the urging of Lewis, William Clark petitioned for membership and was accepted by Saint Louis Lodge No. 111. Unfortunately the records of his initiation do not exist, but on Sept. 18, 1809 (only one month prior to Lewis' death on October 8, 1809), Saint Louis Lodge No. 111 issued a traveling certificate for Clark. It is interesting to note, that since Saint Louis Lodge No. 111 was warranted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that Clark, for all technical intents and purposes, was a Pennsylvania Mason. Clark's Masonic involvement continued after Lewis' death, perhaps exemplified in his public acts more so than actual attendance of Lodge meetings. Clark permitted Missouri Lodge No. 12 (to which his membership transferred when Saint Louis Lodge No. 111 returned its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1815) to meet for several years on the second floor of a house that he had built. Upon his death on Sept. 1, 1838, Clark was buried with Masonic honors and a Masonic monument was erected over his grave.

Now, as the 200th anniversary of the expedition approaches, let us remember these two great American explorers for their many contributions: in documenting the great unknown of the western frontier and for helping to establish Freemasonry west of the Mississippi River.

Special Lewis & Clark Exhibit in Grand Banquet Hall July-Aug.



Stop by The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania this Summer if you want to learn more about Bros. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and their many contributions to history, science, and Freemasonry. The exhibit, *Plants of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, will be on display in the Grand Banquet Hall from July 14 to Aug. 22. During their travels, Brothers Lewis and Clark managed to identify some 232 plants during their journey; approximately 80 of them were new to science. An interesting Masonic item included in the display will be a full-size, colorful photographic reproduction of Bro. Lewis' Masonic Apron. Bro. Lewis' Masonic Apron is in the Collection of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana.

For additional information concerning large groups and private visitations, call (215) 988-1932.

Send Me More Information About Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____

Send me a:

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☐ 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

Masons of Note

It's three in a row at Millnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh! Three generations of Pfisters — grandfather, father, and son — are in successive appointed chairs. William A. (right), the elder statesman of the Pfister family is S.M.C.; Derek E. (left), the youngest is J.M.C.; and David A., who is both a son and a dad, is Pursuivant.



During a recent trip to Scotland, Herbert L. Feldman, Solomon Lodge No. 231, Pittsburgh, visited the Lodge of Edinburgh, whose date of origin is unknown, but is unquestionably the continuation of a purely operative Lodge of that name. He said he received a warm welcome and was presented with a recording of the Lodge Minutes of the year 1598.

James J. Dowling, W.M. (right), Doylestown Lodge No. 245, welcomed James M. Bradford, W.M., Star in the East Lodge No. 55, Prince Hall Affiliation, to the February Stated Meeting. Bro. Bradford spoke on "The History of Prince Hall Masonry" in recognition of Black History Month.



Ellis P. "Pete" Updegraff, Warren Lodge 310, Collegeville, was elected and installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America for 2003 at the midwinter conference in Lancaster in January. He is a member of Norristown Forest No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Hiram's Cycle Riders to Cover 49 States

"Hiram's Scottish Riders," a newly formed motorcycle club of Blue Lodge Masons in the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading, will be taking off the second week of June on a "49-State Ride to Fight Dyslexia." Victor M. Frederick, III, Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown, leader of the Club and organizer of the fund-raising drive, said: "I am encouraged by the support. More Masons who are cyclists are invited to join the ride, either from the start or anywhere along the way. Our challenge now is to get as many donations and pledges of financial sponsorship for the riders as we can to support the 32° Masonic Learning Center." For information to ride, pledge, or donate, contact Bro. Frederick at (610) 970-2153.

MASONIC GiftShop

Treat the special someone in your life to something he'll love this Father's Day with a Masonic baseball hat. These 100% cotton hats are embroidered with the Square and Compasses logo (\$6.00) or the Pennsylvania Past Master's logo (\$7.00), and are available in royal blue and navy blue. Each hat features an adjustable strap for maximum comfort and wearability.

The perfect gift for the "Traveling Man," our new Masonic garment bag is perfect for keeping your lodge regalia and other clothing items wrinkle-free and ready to go. Affordably priced at \$35.00, the garment bag is made of durable yet lightweight black denier polyester. The Square and Compasses logo is handsomely embroidered on the large front zippered pocket. Measuring a spacious 22" x 39" x 3," the garment bag is large enough to accommodate two suits, yet also folds in half for convenient storage. Two large zippered pockets offer additional storage space for shoes and toiletries.

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

Foundation Helps Educators Help Students At-Risk

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children participated actively in the annual conference of The Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (P.A.S.A.P.), in Pittsburgh on Mar. 16 to 18, by sponsoring 70 teachers from school districts across the state, addressing the more than 500 educators in attendance, staffing a display booth, and presenting a grant of \$15,000. The conference updates the student assistance teams in current methods for helping students at risk and facilitates the sharing of information among the teams from throughout the Commonwealth. Bro. George W. Polnar, Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek, a member of the Board of the Foundation (pictured), told the conference about the Foundation and its numerous programs. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation, presented the grant to the P.A.S.A.P. Executive Director of the Foundation.



Bro. And Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock:

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center of the line of march. Gen. Meade showed his full confidence in Gen. Hancock by sending him into the field to assume battle command. It was Hancock's forces that prevented Gen. Lee's all but successful attempt to turn the Union Army's flank.

In the fierce fighting on July 3, 1863, as Hancock's forces repulsed the furious Confederate attack led by another Mason and West Point contemporary, Gen. George Pickett, Hancock received a severe wound from which he never fully recovered. In the same battle, Confederate Gen. Lewis A. Armistead, a Mason and a fellow former officer of Hancock's, was mortally wounded. As he fell, he cried out a Masonic plea. A nearby Union officer, Capt. Henry H. Bingham, also a Mason, immediately came to his aid and directed that the wounded Confederate General be taken to the II Corps hospital. Before he died, Gen. Armistead gave his personal effects into Capt. Bingham's care for delivery to Gen. and Bro. Hancock. As depicted in the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial at Gettysburg, the brotherhood in Masonry surmounted the divisiveness and bitterness of the conflicts of war.

Gen. Hancock saw further action in the war, much of it under Gen. Grant. After President Lincoln's assassination, Bro. Hancock was given military command of Washington, DC and with it came responsibility for the trial and execution of the accomplices in the assassination. Also involved was his fellow Montgomery County native and Brother in Charity Lodge No. 190, Gen. John Frederick Hartranft, who later served as Governor of Pennsylvania.

Although not a politician, Bro. Hancock eventually found himself in the political arena. After the Civil War, political leaders looked with favor upon military leaders and, in 1876, Hancock, a life-long Democrat, was put forward as a contender for the Presidential nomination. Despite his request that his name be withheld, he received 75 votes on the first ballot; however, his name was withdrawn. His public image continued to grow and in 1880, he was nominated for President by the Democratic National Convention in Cincinnati. The Republicans nominated James A. Garfield, who defeated Hancock by only 7,000 votes.

Bro. and Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock died after a brief illness on Governor's Island, NY, on Feb. 9, 1886 and was buried with military honors in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown.

Younger MASONS

Extending Family Traditions

More and more fathers and grandfathers (sometimes even great-grandfathers) are greeting their sons and grandsons as "Brothers" since R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., announced the decision last year to permit the men 18 years or older to petition Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

FOURTH GENERATION OF SCARLETT'S

William E. "Wes" Scarlett (center), the first 18-year-old raised in Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown, is the fourth generation of Masons in his family. He is pictured with his father (second from left), William E. Scarlett, Sec.; his grandfather (second from right), David E. Baker, P.M.; and his granduncle (far left), H. Duane Baker. At far right is Jerome Shell, W.M. Wes' two great-grandfathers, the late David E. Baker was a P.M. of Fayette Lodge and the late Henry G. Malling was a 50-year member of Clarksburg Lodge No. 155, WV. Wes is a freshman at Pennsylvania State University majoring in Administration of Justice and desires to attend the Pennsylvania State Police Academy after his graduation.



DAD SEES SON, GRANDSON RAISED

R. Hunter McConnell (left), of Tyrian Lodge No. 644, Lower Burrell, saw his son, Richard D., and grandson, R. Grant, raised together. At right is Jack L. McIntyre, P.M., who was the first line signer for both the dad, R. Hunter, and the grandson, R. Grant. The elder McConnell was the first line signer for his son.



THREE GENERATIONS OF LIMBERS



Thomas Jefferson Limber III, 20, (second from right), not only became the first Mason under age 21 in Eureka Lodge No. 290, Greenville, but also he is the third generation of the family to be a Master Mason. His father, Thomas J. Limber, Jr. (right), is a member of the same Lodge and his grandfather, Thomas J. Limber, Sr. (second from left), is a member of Lake Lodge No. 434, Sandy Lake. At left is Charles J. Heck, W.M., Eureka Lodge. After he was raised, his cousin, Timothy P. Templeton, D.D.G.M., 53rd Masonic District, presented the new Master Mason with his Masonic Bible.

BROTHERS RAISED IN VALLEY LODGE

The first two 18 year-old Petitioners to Valley Lodge No. 459, Mason-town, were raised on Jan. 15. Thomas H. Horner III, pictured (left front) with his father, Thomas H. Horner, Jr. (left rear) and Justin M. Craig (center), with his brother, Jason E. Craig, and father, W. Frank Craig, Jr., P.M. In the rear is J. Craig Bailey, W.M. Bro. Craig's brother conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree and his father conferred the Master Mason's Degree.



Bro. And Gen. John Frederick Hartranft:

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continued a military career serving Bro. and Gen. Hancock in the District of Columbia. During the hysteria following the assassination of President Lincoln on April 14, 1865, Bro. Hartranft was the Provost Marshal of the Washington Arsenal Prison where the accused accomplices of assassin John Wilkes Booth were held and where four of them were hanged on July 7. It was he who was obligated to give the final order to spring the gallows.

Returning to civilian life late in 1865, he was elected State Auditor General, serving from May 1866 to January 1873 under Governor John White Geary. Bro. Hartranft ran for Governor, campaigning on his record as Auditor General and his integrity as a war hero. He was elected Governor in October 1872 and reelected in November 1875. At the Republican National Convention in Cincinnati in 1876, Hartranft was nominated as a "favorite son" candidate for President in an effort to stop Senator James G. Blaine of Maine, also a Pennsylvania native. It succeeded since the Convention compromised on an independent Republican and Civil War General, Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes of Ohio, who won the election.

During the administration of Governor Hartranft, the Commonwealth struggled with the difficult economic conditions of a depression and the raging of the Molly Maguires, the group of workers who terrorized mine owners and operators in the Anthracite Coal Region, all of which unto themselves are interesting stories for another time.

Bro. and Gen. Hartranft died Dec. 16, 1889 and is buried in the Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown.

35 More Officers Complete D.A.R.E. Training at Patton Campus

In January, 35 law enforcement officers completed D.A.R.E. training made possible by the support of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus at Elizabethtown. This brings the total of officers trained with the Foundation's support to more than 1,000. Two more such classes, as well as middle school mentor training, are scheduled during 2003. The class (pictured) included law enforcement personnel from boroughs and townships across the state.



R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

May

- 1 PA Assoc. of High Twelve Clubs Banquet, Best Western, Kulpville - 1 p.m.
- 150th Anniv. William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271, Phila.
- 5 Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville - Informal Visit, Stated Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- 9 100th Anniv. Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley.
- 10 75th Anniv. Bradford Lodge No. 749.
- 17 125th Anniv. Spring City Lodge No. 553.
- 21 100th Anniv. Banquet, Harrisburg Lodge No. 629.
- 22 Masonic Homes Meeting - 1 p.m.; Elected Officers Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 23 Comm. On Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Youth Appreciation - Noon.
- 24 150th Anniv. Swatara Lodge No. 267, Tremont.
- 29-31 100th Anniv. Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Wildwood, NJ.

June

- 3 Masonic Homes: Consolidated Fund - 9 a.m.; Finance Comm. - 1 p.m.; Quarterly Communication Rehearsal.
- 4 JUNE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION Freemasons Cultural Center, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown - 7 p.m.
- 5 Annual Brotherhood Night, Phila-Potter Lodge No. 72.
- 7 Date Stone Ceremony & Lodge Room Dedication, Muncy Lodge No. 299.
- 13 Donor Appreciation Dinner, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- 14 Grand Lodge Picnic, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- 26 Present 50-Yr. Emblem of Gold to E.H. Fowler, Jr., R.W. PG.M., Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh.
- 27-30 High Twelve International, St. Joseph, MO.

July

- 6-9 Imperial Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. Sessions.
- 10-12 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R.
- 16 Grand Assembly Rainbow for Girls.
- 18-21 Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Booth Bay Harbor, ME.

August

- 1 Masonic Homes Meeting - 1 p.m.; Elected Officers Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 2 Masonic Village at Sewickley, Open House & Date Stone Ceremony.
- 7-10 Order of the Purple Cross-York Rite College of N.A. - Indianapolis.
- 16 Testimonial Dinner for Thomas F. Miller, R.P.D.G.M., Grand Council, Masonic Temple, Bethlehem.
- 23 Lodge Room Dedication, Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington.

Friend To Friend In Scouting: The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award was 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 Dec. 1 and Feb. 28 are:

Lee C. Baer, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.
John E.N. Blair, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg.
Samuel R. Brown, Emmaus Lodge No. 792.
George A. Burns, Cassia-Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore.
Albert J. Churm, Danville Lodge No. 224.
David E. Colbert, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
Charles R. Cruikshank, William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758, Pittsburgh.
Richard O. Danley, Cassia Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore.
Ronald E. Denlinger, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.
Richard B. Dush, Elk Lodge No. 379, Ridgway.
Charles Dutill, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.
Jeffery A. Eberle, Coraopolis Lodge No. 674.
Earl H. Eckley, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
Frederick W. Foster, Clarion Lodge No. 277.
Michael L. Foust, Orrstown Lodge No. 262.
Kenneth D. Garton, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.
Kenneth F. Hayes, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.
Jesse A. Helsel, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.
Earl L. Jacoby, Jr., Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg.
Paul Benjamin Kichline, Easton Lodge No. 152.
David E. Krum, Sr., Danville Lodge No. 224.
Eric M. Lankin, MacSanders-Rising Star Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.
Raymond E. Laurent, Butler Lodge No. 272.
Richard E. Lavanture, Sr., Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.
Christopher S. Mason, Friendship-Williams Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown.
Fred L. McClain, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
Thomas L. McClain, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
C. Scott McMullen, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.
John F. Menta, Kingston Lodge No. 395.
Zigfrids O. Mickelsons, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.
Terry William Miller, Emmaus Lodge No. 792.
Alfred T. Moffatt, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.
David W. Morgans, Dormont Lodge No. 684, Baldwin Twp.
Frederick R. Moser, Danville Lodge No. 224.
Melchior Myers, Lansdowne Lodge No. 711.
Ronald Edward Myers, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.
Larry W. Phillips, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.
Herbert L. Pierce, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.
Jack H. Port, Mount Union Lodge No. 688.
Philip Michael Sandora, William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758, Pittsburgh.
George M. Sarra, Jr., Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.
Mark Sigismund, St. John's Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia.
Ralph H. Slider, Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown.
Dale R. Stewart, Jeannette Lodge No. 750.
Ray T. Sunderland, Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown.
Earl Paul Trygar, Moscow Lodge No. 504.
Lee N. Whitaker, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg.



G.M.'s Charity Golf Outing in East At Lulu Country Club on Sept. 29

The Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing for the Benefit of the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown will be held Monday, Sept. 29 at Lulu Country Club, North Hills, near Plymouth Meeting in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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

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

GOLF RESERVATION FORM

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

1.) Name	2.) Name
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Phone	Phone
Emergency Name & No. (if applicable)	Emergency Name & No. (if applicable)
3.) Name	4.) Name
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City	City
State/Zip	State/Zip
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