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September 11, 2001

BRETHREN,

Here it is, August 2003 already; my how the time has passed! I trust everyone is having a great summer with your families on vacation or enjoying yourselves at home.

I've adopted a new term, "QNM," to describe our membership efforts because Operation Rescue/Recovery continues to attract Quality New Members. Many of our Lodges are receiving new petitions — especially Lodges that have not had any for some time. That's the right direction for new members; but now we really need to pursue vigorously the area of "suspensions for non-payment of dues." Considering the values a member finds in this Fraternity, there really should be no reason for suspensions. So, if you know of any Brothers who have been suspended, now is the time to demonstrate your spirit of fellowship, talk to them Brother-to-Brother about paying their dues, and keep them in our Fraternity.

My Brethren, as you well know, many tough decisions have had to be made in the past year. Those of you who attended the June Quarterly Communication heard the resolutions that were presented and approved. The one resolution that was presented and laid over until our December Quarterly Communication was the increase of Grand Lodge assessment from twelve dollars to twenty dollars, an increase of eight dollars. As we look at the facts, we're reminded that Grand Lodge dues have not increased since 1991. That's twelve years ago. With that in mind, consider that the eight-dollar increase is less than three cents a day — in fact, slightly more than two cents, or precisely 2.19 cents.

Now, let us talk about why an increase in the Grand Lodge assessment is necessary at this time. I suppose that some of you will ask, "What has Grand Lodge done for our Blue Lodges with the funds that have been received?" They've "purchased" progress, benefits, and services systemwide. Let me cite just three of the more recent ones:

A computer system for all Blue Lodge Secretaries to use was paid for entirely by Grand Lodge at considerable expense. None of this development and maintenance cost was passed on to our Blue Lodges. Grand Lodge funded the entire development and maintenance cost of that effort.

Automated audit reports for all Blue Lodges have been developed. That also was done at no expense to our Blue Lodges. Again, Grand Lodge funded the entire development of the project.

A series of training sessions for all of our Lodge Secretaries have been — and continue to be — held across the Jurisdiction on a yearly basis. Also, Masonic Education Training Sessions for all of our Lodge Wardens have been held yearly across the entire Jurisdiction.



The Right Worshipful Grand Master's WORD TO THE CRAFT

Concerning our investments that are held by Grand Lodge: The Grand Lodge Officers have been both reactive and proactive in facing the economic challenges. As you well know, there have been serious, aggressive and sustained efforts to reduce operating costs, even at the expense of personnel reductions. Operating budgets and expenses for all departments have been reduced significantly. It is a fact that for decades the dues paid to Grand Lodge by the Blue Lodges never have fully covered the operating costs of Grand Lodge.

Traditionally, Grand Lodge has underwritten its own operating expenses — and that will continue, but at a much lower level. In 1991, Freemasonry in Pennsylvania had approximately 172,000 members; today we have less than 131,000 members. That, my Brethren, is an annual average loss since 1991 of 3,400 members — a disheartening fact that translates in a loss each year of \$40,800 in operating funds. Looking at that fact realistically, I believe we can all understand why an increase of Grand Lodge assessment of eight dollars is needed now.

Brethren, I welcome your support. Realizing that our Blue Lodges will have to increase their Lodge dues to meet the proposed Grand Lodge increase in assessment, as Grand Master, I will allow the Blue Lodges to amend their bylaws to reflect the \$20 Grand Lodge assessment, showing an increase of \$8 and to bill that increase for their dues for 2004 in anticipation of the adoption of the resolution in December.

In closing, I hope to see many of you on Autumn Day, Oct. 4, at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. Until then, safe travels. God Bless America!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



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Gold Book Society On Track. Are You On Board?

Franklin D. Caltagirone, Director of the Gold Book Society and Philanthropic Society, reported that the Fund is progressing as planned. As of the end of June, there were more than 145 names ready to be printed in the Gold Book. "Now, I'm looking forward to hearing from the rest of the 131,000 Brethren," he commented. The Gold Book Society income will be used for ongoing maintenance and repairs and renovations of the Masonic Temple.

"Why not make it a monthly routine for you to mail a check to the Grand Lodge, payable to the Gold Book Society," Bro. Caltagirone suggested. He suggested a \$10 donation, or whatever amount you would like, be sent each time and when the goal of \$500 is reached, your name will appear in the Gold Book. During the time when the regular donations are received, your account will be recorded and your name will be listed in the Gold Book Ledger without any amount listed. At the \$500 mark, your name will be entered in the Gold Book.

Bro. Caltagirone also reminds the Brethren to put codicils to their wills in the name of the Philanthropic Society Endowment Fund. After there are ten million dollars in that account, the income only from that money will be used for the restoration and preservation of the Masonic Temple.

The Grand Master Speaks

In Remembrance of . . .

Veterans! I think about veterans often, probably even more after our recent visit to the Veterans Administration Medical Center (see page 8). That's why, in the middle of Summer, I was thinking about the Fall. I was thinking about Veterans Day because I wanted to remind Lodge Officers across the Commonwealth to be sure to honor veterans again during their November Stated Meeting.

I got to thinking about *Remembrance*. Veterans Day was Armistice Day between World War I and World War II. In those days, Americans across the country were serious in remembrance, pausing for a moment of silence as bells rang at 11 a.m. that day, recalling the time of the signing of the Armistice.

During World War II, "Let's Remember Pearl Harbor" became a popular song, but it also was a rallying call. Patriotism abounded. Flags flew. When it was over, we remembered those valiant servicemen who "... shall not have died in vain ..." and honored those veterans who came home. That was the "big war." We remembered for a long time — at least for a generation or so.

Since then, there have been the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. Each time, there was more to remember, more veterans to honor — and we did. For a time!

Two years ago, on September 11th, we were horrified when terrorists killed thousands, destroying the World Trade Center in New York City, damaging the Pentagon in Washington, and having a plane crashed into the woods of Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Americans had something terrible to remember. I looked again at the cover of the November 2001 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. There, beside an American flag were the words of "Our Prayer of Vigil" beseeching "Great God, we call upon You in remembrance of all that is happening in our Great Nation." Again, American flags flew everywhere to proclaim that we will remember! Are they still flying everywhere today?

This March, when the war in Iraq was launched and won quickly, we were asked again to display the American flag — both on our buildings and as a pin on our clothing. Many of us did — and some of us still do.



Time Remains to Plan to Attend 10th Anniversary Ceremony, Wreath-Laying, and Banquet for Friend to Friend Monument

There is still time before Saturday, Aug. 23, to make arrangements to attend the 10th Anniversary celebration of the dedication of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in the National Military Cemetery Annex in Gettysburg. There will be a memorial ceremony and wreath-laying at the Monument at 4:00 p.m., followed by a banquet and program at 5:30 p.m. in the Dobbins House across Steinwehr Avenue. The banquet speaker will be Bro. Ron Tunison, of Cairo, NY, the sculptor of the Friend to Friend statue.

There are stirring recollections of the day in 1993 when then-Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with Bro. Tunison participating, dedicated the Monument in the morning. Thousands of people lined the streets of Gettysburg for the huge parade in the afternoon and several hundred attended the dedication banquet in the evening.

Everyone is invited to this 10th Anniversary event. No reservations are required for the 4:00 p.m. ceremony at the Monument. Reservations are required for the banquet at a cost of \$25 per person (use the form attached). For information, contact Bro. Sheldon Munn at (717) 770-0235, or by e-mail at 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
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Friend to Friend Monument Photo Wins a Top Award



The stark winter realism of bad weather in Gettysburg "made for good photography" of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument with dripping pendants of icicles. That's what the editors of *Popular Photography & Imaging Magazine* said of a dramatic picture taken by Chris E. Heisey of Mechanicsburg and awarded him third place in the magazine's "Your Best Shot" competition announced in the May issue.

Heisey, whose biography notes that he is recognized as America's most published Civil War battlefield photographer, explained in his submission to the magazine that one December morning, he saw the wonderful effects of an ice storm and by the dawn's early light, he captured the ice-coated Masonic Friend to Friend Monument at the national cemetery with his tripod-mounted Nikon F100 and 28-105mm f/4 Nikkor lens. Exposure, 1/30 sec. at f/11; film, Kodak Elite Chrome 100.

The photographer, whose photos have been in more than 70 publications worldwide, is a native Pennsylvanian who grew up less than an hour from Gettysburg. He still lives near Harrisburg, where he works as a photographer and writer for *The Catholic Witness*, a newspaper published by the Roman Catholic Diocese.

Charity Lodge Sponsors Little League Team



For the first time, Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville, is sponsoring a Little League team in Norristown this season. A donation of \$1,000 enabled the Norristown Little League Association to organize a team for the regular season and a team picked from all of the best players to compete in tournaments. After the Visitation to the Lodge by David K. Beaulieu, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District (left in photo), at the April 7 Stated Meeting, Warran J. Errington Jr., W.M., presented a team uniform shirt to Ronald Custer, an Assistant Coach of the team.

Samuel Davis Bequest Grant Presented



A grant from the Samuel Davis Bequest for the benefit of the two children of Mrs. Terry Stevens (front, second from right) and the late Bro. Samuel Flamgletti of Perry-Ionic Lodge No. 796, was presented by William Spade III (front, right) and Norman E. Flaherty, D.D.G.M., 38th Masonic District (front, third from right) as other family members, friends, and Lodge Officers looked on. The daughter and son are Nicole (center left) and Jack (center right). The Samuel Davis Bequest was established in the early 1900's to assist minor children of deceased Master Masons.

New Commandery, K.T., Constituted

A new Commandery of Knights Templar, now known as Hutchinson Jerusalem Commandery No. 15, was constituted in ceremonies on the morning of April 5 in the Masonic Temple, Norristown, followed by an open installation of officers and a luncheon for members, guests, and visitors. The Division 3 Commander, S.K. Howard Miller, said that the new Commandery is composed of Knights Templar of the former Jerusalem Commandery No. 15 and Hutchinson Commandery No. 32. Pictured at the open installation are (l-r): S.K. Robert Cathers, Eminent Commander; Mrs. Robert (Elaine) Jones; S.K. Joseph Sbaraglia, Jr., Past Commander; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M., a member of the former Hutchinson Commandery; and S.K. Robert Jones, Past Commander.



Lodge Leads the Way to Give Media a Playground

After nearly four years of planning, fund-raising, and construction, the youth of Media have a new playground as a result of successful community involvement in which George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, Media, was a major participant. The effort began in 1999 when James Standish, P.M., was the Worshipful Master. Succeeding Worshipful Masters, William Seganti, P.M., and Benjamin Moroff, P.M., carried on the project and completion came this year with Henry Clemens as the W.M.

The project, originally a joint effort between the Lodge and the Parents-Teachers Group of State Street Elementary School (P.T.G.), was perceived to cost up to \$20,000, but grew to \$75,000. It was the "seed" funding of \$15,000 over three years by the Lodge that served as the financial foundation. The Lodge and P.T.G., along with the school principal, tackled the task of raising funds and garnered financial and in-kind support from Media Borough, Media Recreation Commission, the Rotary Club of Media, Media Rotary Foundation, Rose Tree-Media School District, and individuals throughout the community.

The playground was dedicated May 1 and a section to be used by children

ages four to seven years was dedicated by George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge No. 298. An appropriate plaque was placed designating it as the Lodge's gift.



James Standish, P.M., and Andrew Nelson, Chaplain, of George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge, jump into action on the equipment of the new playground that the Lodge helped provide in Media.

1,460 Brethren Take Part in 10 Ritualistic Workshops

The months prior to the usual Summer recess were successfully busy for the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee and 1,460 Brethren from 407 Lodges who attended 10 Sectional Schools of Instruction where the Ritualistic Work was rehearsed and fine-tuned. Larry A. Buzzard, Director of Ritualistic Work, reported: "From the quality of the work I witnessed, it is evident the Brethren are very serious about the Ritual. I thank the Brethren who applied the time to rehearse the work and present it proficiently. Please keep up the good work and teach others so the Ritual may be presented in the same fine manner throughout the State."

Kiskiminetas Lodge's First Blood Drive a Huge Success

Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift, held its first blood drive for the American Red Cross on April 18 and it was a huge success. The Red Cross had determined that contributions of 25 units would be a successful drive; but the Lodge had conducted such a great campaign under the leadership of Emilio Sforza, W.M., that 55 donors attended. Harvey E. Fishel, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District, reported that among those donors, 15 were first time donors.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge, Sept. 6, Elizabethtown

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, in the George H. Deike Auditorium in the Freemasons Cultural Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. (Note: Sept. 6 is a departure from previous meeting dates in October.) The session will be open only to Master Masons who have pre-registered using the attached coupon. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., the program at 9:30 a.m., lunch at noon, and adjournment approximately 3:00 p.m.

As with previous Academy sessions, two outstanding Masonic leaders will make presentations, each followed by a question and answer period. One of the featured speakers will be Dr. S. Brent Morris, an internationally known researcher, lecturer, and author, who is Director of Membership for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. The other speaker will be Dr. Ali Razi, the Grand Master of Iran in Exile.

For too long Pennsylvania Masons have taken their Fraternity for granted without bestirring themselves to learn anything about the history, philosophy, or contributions of the Craft. Possibly the greatest factor has been that no programs for real advance learning were available. Now, you have this excellent, world-class opportunity available to increase your knowledge of what makes this Fraternity so great. Take advantage of it!

Ladies' Dinner, Friend-to-Friend Meeting All on Lodge Night

There was the Lodge meeting, a ladies' dinner and show, and a Friend-to-Friend get-together all in one evening at Perry-Ionic Lodge No. 796, Wexford. More than 135 Masons, ladies and other guests attended the function that featured a Croation Night theme including a Croation dinner prepared by Brethren and served by members of Faith Assembly No. 50, Rainbow for Girls. After the Lodge meeting, all enjoyed a show of Croation music and dances by the Croation Tamboritzens of Sacred Heart.

William M. Spade, III, W.M., said that the Ladies Night afforded an excellent Friend-to-Friend opportunity for the Brethren to invite guests not only to enjoy the fellowship, but also to pique their interest in Freemasonry. It was well received by members and their friends.

Lodge Officers, Brethren of the "Kitchen Krew" and the Croation Taboritzens take their bows at the conclusion of the successful evening. William Spade, III, W.M., is in the front, center.



Limited Friend to Friend Monument Models Still Available

With the observance of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial just weeks away, production of the balance of the limited edition "American Pewter" model sculptures has been resumed.

When Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, authorized the resumption of production of the collectible model, he noted that only a restricted number could still be produced. He explained that, when first issued in 1993, production of the collectible model was limited to 5,000 pieces. The balance of the 5,000 "American Pewter" edition is what is now available.

The Grand Master reminded that when you purchase one of the sculptures, you will own one of only 5,000 that will ever be issued. Furthermore, a generous portion of the price for this collectible is going toward raising needed funds for the Masonic Temple and Monument Preservation Fund. To own and display this "piece of Masonic History," see page 7 to reserve your sculpture from among this limited production.

Friend to Friend-A Brotherhood Undivided

Pennsylvania Freemasonry Marks a Historic 10th Anniversary
The Official Masonic Memorial Monument At Gettysburg National Military Park

A Permanent, Historic Tribute to Love of Country and The Brotherhood of Man Commemorated in a Magnificent American Pewter Sculpture by Artist Ron Tunison

A Limited Edition
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Union Captain Bingham comforts Confederate General Armistead. Armistead entrusts his Masonic Gold Watch to Bingham.

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Pre-Registration Form

Advance registration is necessary for the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on Saturday, Sept. 6. Please complete this pre-registration coupon and send it by Sept. 1 to: **Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.**

I am a Master Mason and plan to attend the Academy of Masonic Knowledge on Sept. 6 at Elizabethtown.

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

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Grand Master and Party Visit VA Medical Center

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R. W. Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers and area Masons, visited the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA Hospital) in Coatesville, on May 14 and presented a gift to provide requested video and other equipment for the veterans' recreation room. While the group was assembled for the presentation, the Grand Master also gave Gary W. Devansky, Director of the VA Medical Center (center), the 2003 Grand Master's Medallion.



Pictured are (l-r): Front - Blaine F. Fabian, Editor, *The Pennsylvania Freemason*; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; Grand Master Cunningham; Director Devansky; Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.; and William D. Hartman, Grand Chaplain. Rear - Edward J. Stumm, P.M., Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown; William S. Arnold, Sr., Grand Lodge Director of Administration; G. Richard McLucas, Grand Tyler; James T. Young, Aide to the Grand Master and Hospital Visitation Chairman; Harry E. Hackman, Jr., D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District; and Richard W. Ems, a Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Representative.

Bro. Edward J. Stumm, P.M. (center), a veteran and an employee who will retire in August from the Coatesville Medical Center after more than 25 years' service with the Veterans Administration, is congratulated by Grand Master Cunningham and the Center's Director, Gary W. Devansky. As a child, Bro. Stumm resided at the Masonic Children's Home in Elizabethtown and is an alumnus of the Patton School.



In appreciation for his dedicated services to veterans, Grand Master Cunningham presented a 2003 Grand Master's Medallion to MSA's Hospital Visitation Representative, Richard W. Ems, a 50-Year Member of Sangamon Lodge No. 801, IL, and Dual Member of Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park, PA.

While visiting in the Outpatient Clinic of the VA Medical Center, Grand Master Cunningham and D.D.G.M. Hackman greeted Bro. George Lent, a 56-year Member of Spring City Lodge No. 553.



Let's Celebrate 100 Years of Library Stacks!

The reliable fireproof book stacks on three levels of glass flooring in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania are on the brink of being a hundred years old. Dr. Glenys Waldman, the Librarian, said, "They have served well and will do so far into the future, sturdily holding about one third of The Masonic Library and Museum's prized book collection that is there for all to use."

For years after its founding in 1817, the library in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia stored its books on shelves that ranged around whatever room was used for reading at that time, as one might do at home, arranged in whatever order pleased the owner - alphabetically by author or title, by subject, by color, by size, or by year. With the exception of color, all of those arrangements are still useful, though large books are usually stored together to reduce the number of tall or wide spaces needed. Such arrangements will do well for a few hundred books, maybe up to a thousand, but there is a limit.

By 1900, there were nearly 12,000 books in the collection in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Thus, the time came when the library ran out of floor space and wall space for rows of bookshelves. To solve the problem, stacks, that is rows, or ranks, of bookshelves in a multi-floored area, were built in small fireproof rooms off the main Museum hall.

It was a century ago that the solution to the space and security problems came to light, stemming from a suggestion recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Dec. 3, 1902. Reporting on the success of the Washingtoniana Exhibit celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Bro. and Pres. George Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry, the Librarian, Bro. George P. Rupp, said that the interest in the exhibit and the "... collection forming the nucleus of our permanent Masonic Museum emphasizes the suggestion ... of permanent quarters for a proper display of what is already interesting and valuable..." The Committee on Temple told the Library that "... efforts will be made during the ensuing year to give proper accommodations to the proposed Museum." (*Proceedings* 1902, pp. 89-90.)

Little was said about such efforts in the December 1903



This is one of the three levels of glass-floored fireproof book stacks securely housing the thousands of volumes in the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

minutes. The Committee on Library noted that the number of visitors had decreased, but there was "reason to believe that the early completion of the proposed additions and alterations to the Library rooms will again greatly increase this number." (*Proceedings* 1903, pp.148-149.)

By the next December, progress had been made. The Committee on Library was "...glad to report the execution of the contracts ... by which steel book stacks will be placed in the fireproof rooms to the north of the main Museum Hall, which would become part Library reading room and part floor space for museum display cases." (*Proceedings* 1904, p. 159.) There is no mention of the monumental amount of work needed to build book stacks and to carry and lift materials in the small rooms between the present Museum and the Benjamin Franklin Room. It would take a lot more work until all of the books were arranged in their new home.

At the 1905 December Quarterly Communication, the Committee on Library reported that work for steel book stacks in the fireproof

rooms had been completed, providing space for more than 25,000 volumes. "In addition, the Smoking and Conversation Room on the west of the Library (the present reading-room) had been fitted up with easy chairs and sofas (like a nineteenth century gentlemen's club)..." The rearrangement of the Library Room proper (now the Museum) as a result of these additions and alterations is of an exceedingly satisfactory character. The ... walnut bookcases have been placed against the walls (where they remain, now filled with Museum objects), whilst on the south side of the room are placed tables for the purposes of reading and writing. On the north side the several walnut cases for the display of the Museum of Masonic relics, etc. have been placed." (*Proceedings* 1905, p. 79.)

"Fire-proof" always had been of paramount importance -- a need for which Grand Lodge was especially impressed because it had lost the beautiful first Chestnut Street Hall to fire in 1819. Then-state-of-the-art fireproof book stacks were installed with narrow steel stairs connecting the three levels, whose floors are huge, pale green, translucent, glass slabs (for light, as well as for fireproofing) set in steel frames. The shelves themselves are adjustable in increments of about one inch. This was the standard for 19th and early 20th-century book stacks, and many libraries still have them.

About the glass floors, Dr. Waldman said: "It's kind of like standing on ice."

Seven Awarded Carl W. Stenberg Scholarships

For 2003, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children awarded Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. Scholarships of \$1,000 a year for four years to seven Pennsylvania students.

This scholarship was begun by Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M. in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and is offered to all students throughout the Commonwealth who have been involved in the Student Assistance Program in their respective schools. Again, the number of applicants was outstanding. The 20 finalists were required to submit a personal video in which they explained why they should be awarded the four-year scholarship.

The winners are:

- Ashlei Eckert**, St. Mary's, who will attend St. Francis University.
- Laci Rickabaugh**, Hesston, who will attend Bedford Allegheny College of Maryland.
- Laura Ann Nebel**, Monaca, who will attend LaRoche College.
- Marcus Carter**, State College, who will attend Loch Haven College.
- Julianne Greene**, Slatington, who will attend Marywood University.
- Bonnie Watmuff**, West Chester, who had not designated a school.
- Alicia Null**, Montoursville, who will attend The Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Autumn Day 2003 Will Soon Be Here

Visit family members, reunite with friends, and tour the service areas at the Masonic Homes. If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, please complete and mail the coupon. The Masonic Homes is unable to provide wheelchairs, so please bring your own, if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must advise the Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required, so special tickets can be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

Plan to enjoy Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join members and friends in celebrating the Masonic Homes' annual open house and enjoy:

- Clowns' antics
- Delicious "Homes-made" food
- Musical entertainment
- Jugglers
- Resident talent show
- Children's activities
- Tours
- Information booths about various Masonic organizations
- Farm market stands

Make an Appointment to Donate for the Blood Bank at Autumn Day!

Every three seconds someone is in need of blood. It could be a member of your family, a friend, or a co-worker. While you're at Autumn Day, why not join the ranks of the "Quiet Heroes?"

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will conduct a blood drive for the benefit of the residents at the Masonic Homes. Contributions will be taken at the blood bank from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Anyone 17 years of age and older who is in good health and weighs 110 lbs. or more is eligible to donate blood. The Blood Bank also asks that donors be sure to eat within four hours prior to donating blood. Also, it is requested that persons desiring to donate blood **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE BLOOD BANK IN ADVANCE AT (800) 771-0059** from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Please do not call the Masonic Homes for these appointments.)

"It's a Good Life" at Masonic Village at Sewickley

It was in 2000 when William A. "Bill" Moisey, P.M., Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley, and his wife, Marlene, decided to reserve their choice of living accommodations at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Although construction of the Retirement Living area was not underway, planning for their future had begun. Ideas about what type of furniture would fit well in their new home and when to place their existing home on the market were a few of the thoughts they were beginning to consider.

Three years later, this April, the Moiseys moved into their new home and are experiencing what the good life is all about at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. That good lifestyle includes chef-prepared meals, bi-monthly housekeeping, new friendships, new activities, and time for a swim in the pool with their grandson. "Even

though we lived in our home for 31 years, the move was really not difficult," said Marlene, who compares her new home to Country Club living!

Bill and Marlene agreed that they are pleased to take advantage of the many opportunities retirement life has to offer. Masonic Village allows them the freedom of choice they desire for their busy lives while providing the peace of mind for their future needs should their health change.

In March, the Masonic Village at Sewickley opened its first phase of apartments. The second phase of apartments opened in June, along with 31 villas. With nearly 60 percent of the first phase apartments occupied, many of the Moiseys' neighbors who had also planned for their future are now enjoying the benefits of retirement at its best.

Jeff Mohler, Marketing Manager, said: "There continues to be a growing trend for retirement living communities as people in their 60's are looking for the ease this lifestyle has to offer, as well as the security." This is especially true for the retirement living community at the Masonic Village at Sewickley where



Bro. William and Marlene Moisey enjoy a chef-prepared meal in one of the dining rooms at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

amenities, which include a large indoor pool, spa, wellness center, restaurants, computer center, art studio, ceramic room, and walking trails throughout the campus, can cause those who are not yet 65 years of age to look forward to their retirement years and the opportunities that await them.

As a life-care community, the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers the same rate structure even if a resident should some day move into assisted living or nursing care. For more information on Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, please call the Marketing Office using our toll-free number, (866) 872-0664.

"Bring A Friend" Program on Autumn Day

"Bring A Friend" to Autumn Day on Saturday, Oct. 4, and invite him to visit the Lodge Room there to learn about Freemasonry. The Operation Rescue/Recovery Committee will be presenting special programs for friends who may be potential members at 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. The program will include the video, "I Heard the Name, What does It Mean?"

"Bring A Friend" is a program fostered by the Membership Committee to encourage and assist "Ambassadors for Freemasonry" -- that's you and the Brethren in your Lodge -- to invite friends to a meeting to introduce them to the Craft and show them how they can grow through the teachings of the Fraternity. Providing this opportunity during Autumn Day resulted from a recommendation by the Membership Chairman for the 5th Masonic District, Phillip B. DeMarra, P.M., Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, who said:

"The introduction of potential new members into the Fraternity is special and important. There is nothing like watching men grow and better themselves as they get involved in Freemasonry. Opportunities are available within the Lodge to those who want to challenge themselves or enjoy the fellowship of Masonic relationships. The interesting part of new membership is its functional effect on the Lodge. The very structure of the Lodge is based on the introduction of new members. It is like watering your garden-- as new members enter the Lodge, new potentials can be seen and relationships are developed. The Lodge goes from being parched and dry to growing and functional. Therefore, the solution to most Lodge difficulties is new membership."

Your Lodge needs YOU to act as the Ambassador of Freemasonry! "Bring A Friend" to Autumn Day.

Please be sure to indicate on the Autumn Day R.S.V.P. form on page 10 the number of friends (and their ladies and families) you will be bringing so that proper plans can be made for all aspects of that great day, especially food preparation. We look forward to seeing you and your friends in Elizabethtown.

Autumn Day October 4 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Name _____
Lodge/Chapter No. _____
No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Transportation:
☐ Driving Own Car ☐ Passenger
☐ Charter Bus ☐ Arriving by Train
☐ Require Handicap Parking*

* If handicapped parking is required, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with this coupon. A special parking permit will be sent, which you must bring with you.

Complete coupon and return to:
Autumn Day
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Introducing the Single Deluxe Unit in Residential Living

When deciding to move to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, people obviously are concerned about selecting the best option to meet their needs. They all say that they love the idea of the residential living setting, where all the meals are included. But there are those needing single accommodations, who would like to bring a few more possessions that might not fit into the typical single unit.

There is an option available for those persons with such desires — two-room units for single occupancy. Those units consist of a living area and a separate bedroom as well as a private bath. There is additional closet space and two large storage areas offering plenty of room for additional treasured items. Of course, all the cherished conveniences of the residential living area are there, too — shuttle bus transportation on- and off-campus, activities at your fingertips, socialization, and convenient health care services are only a few of the many amenities. Dining in the gracious Grand Lodge Hall Dining Room makes eating a special pleasure.

A limited number of the single deluxe rooms are available. No entrance fee and no deposit are required with the application. Furnishings are offered; however, you may bring your own. Could this be the perfect solution for you? For more information or to apply for one of the single deluxe units, call (800) 422-1207 or send an e-mail to Admissions@masonichomespa.org.



Single deluxe rooms in the residential living area of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown could be the perfect option for you, too!

OUTREACH: Home Assistance — It's Not Just Money

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program offers "Home Assistance" to Pennsylvania Masons who are in financial distress; that is, financial assistance provided when basic needs or other obligations cannot be met. Home Assistance is not "in-home" care; however, it is the means by which a family may pay for in-home care.

The Masonic Homes' Outreach Program offers information and direction to Masonic families and to those who are not Masonic families in need throughout the United States. Outreach does that by making referrals, assessing needs, and locating effective and reliable care providers. The Outreach Program also offers financial assistance to Pennsylvania Masons and their families when they face financial distress related to health concerns and loss of income. Each year, dozens of financially strapped Pennsylvania Masons, widows, and retirees receive financial assistance to help them get through difficult times.

Though many of those whom Outreach helps are retirees or surviving spouses, Home Assistance is not limited to retired Masons and/or their widows. Home Assistance helps couples, families, working age adults, and children.

Recently, Outreach helped a retired couple pay their large monthly prescription drug bills. Home Assistance was the second course of action after working with that couple to obtain assistance from other community sources, including discounts from the drug manufacturers. That effort helped to lower their drug bill by nearly 80 percent. Once securing that kind of community assistance, the need was examined and Home Assistance was approved in an amount that met all of their remaining medicine charges.

Another Masonic couple, up in years, secluded in a remote part of Pennsylvania and living on a meager amount of Social Security income, became aware of the Outreach Program at a Lodge meeting. After examining their condition and gaining an understanding of their income and expenses, their heating oil was paid through the winter months. Outreach continues to work with that couple and has supplied information so that they can make a decision about their long-term needs, i.e., selling their home and moving into a retirement community — maybe even one of the Masonic Homes.

Health and welfare issues are not limited to senior citizens. Many working-age families have been encountered who were faced with critical health issues that impacted severely on financial stability. When appropriate, funds can be provided that supplement a family income to pay for respite care, day care, or assistance can be offered that may make up for lost income. But, again, what is offered is more than money.

Outreach has coordinated services provided by outside agencies, such as alerting local governmental agencies of needs that exist within their jurisdiction; facilitating the acquisition of services that families were entitled to but were not aware of; and working with other community agencies and some Lodges to raise funds to meet the needs presented within their communities. Those actions are as valuable as Home Assistance.

Home Assistance is an exceptional tool made available for Outreach's use by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It's a valuable tool for your benefit. If you, a friend, or a family member encounters hardship, please know that the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program is standing by, ready to help you meet your needs... whatever they may be. Simply call (800) OUTREACH. That's (800) 462-7664.

Youth Appreciation Day Celebrated, Graduates Honored at the Masonic Homes

The Masonic Children's Home, Elizabethtown, celebrated its 80th annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet in the Freemasons Cultural Center, Masonic Homes, on Friday, May 23. The 37 residents of the Masonic Children's Home received special recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocation, athletics, volunteerism, and citizenship.

Three of the residents graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School this year: Shaun Bennetch, Todd Cook, and Andrea Gegenheimer.

Shaun, from the Cornwall-Lebanon area, has been a resident of the Masonic Children's Home since Sept. 8, 1991, and is sponsored by Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon. Shaun enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reported to Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, IL, on July 9.

Todd, from the Harrisburg area, has been a resident since Apr. 18, 1995, and is sponsored by St. John's Lodge No. 260, Carlisle. In the Fall, Todd will begin classes at Penn State University, (main campus), where he will major in Business Administration in the area of finance. His goal is to attend law school and become a politician.

Andrea, from the Reading area, has been a resident since Nov. 30, 2000, and is sponsored by St. John's Lodge No. 435. This Fall, Andrea will attend Berks Technical Institute to pursue a career as a paralegal.

Those invited to attend included parents, relatives, and friends of the children; representatives of the Elizabethtown Area School District; members of the Committee on Masonic Homes; staff of the Masonic Children's Home; and Masonic Homes' Administrative staff. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R. W. Grand Master, was the guest speaker. All three graduating seniors also had the opportunity to express their appreciation for all that the staff and Pennsylvania Freemasons have done and given to allow this program to change their lives.

The afternoon concluded with the traditional Tree Planting Ceremony. Each year, the Grand Master joins the senior class residents and Bro. Gilson G. "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services, to plant a tree on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home to symbolize the senior residents' living and growing ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

For further information on the services offered by the Masonic Children's Home, contact Bro. Cash at (717) 367-1121, extension 33301.

Eileen Arroyo Diaz received The Mary Pape Award for achieving the highest grade point average among her high school peers at the Masonic Children's Home.



Senior class residents of the Masonic Children's Home (from left) Todd Cook, Shaun Bennetch, and Andrea Gegenheimer plant a tree at the Masonic Children's Home with the assistance of Grand Master Cunningham and Bro. Cash, Director, Children's Services, Masonic Homes.



All of the youth of the Masonic Children's Home were together for their special recognition day.

Many Enjoy 2003 Penny Party at Warminster

The third annual Penny Party was held Mar. 22 at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, and, as in the past, it was a great success! The Advisory Board, as well as Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., Chief Operating Officer of Health Care Services, Masonic Homes, and Anne Maher, Administrator, Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, would like to thank all who attended the party and made donations. All proceeds will go toward projects to enhance the lives of residents. The Advisory Board's function is to provide input to staff on operations and to help make life better for our residents.



Activities Abound!

It's All There at the Masonic Homes

"Disney World of Pennsylvania" is how William C. Stevenson, Sr., of Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751, Philadelphia, refers to retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Bro. Stevenson elaborated that it's all there when he explained that living at the Masonic Homes is like staying at Disney World: "You have good food, excellent landscaping, one price gets you everything, and there is entertainment."

The Stevensons led active and busy lives before they moved to the Masonic Homes, so when they arrived, they immediately became involved in activities that enabled them to pursue the interests that they had been enjoying and much more. Aware of the importance of good health, they exercised on a regular basis, so at retirement living they joined the Masonic Life Center and often begin each day with exercise at the fitness center.

Being a "people person," Bro. Stevenson discovered there are myriad opportunities to interact socially. He's often found assisting visitors at the Information Desk in the Freemasons Cultural Center, offering help with special projects, serving on the Retirement Living Food Committee, and visiting residents at the Masonic Health Care Center. Carol finds it extremely rewarding to be involved by volunteering with the music therapy program at the Masonic Health Care Center. "I feel as

though I am receiving more than I am giving when I volunteer," she said. Yet there is much more to do, such as breakfast outings, bus trips, musical events, concerts, shopping trips, ceramics and crafts, bowling, and golfing. According to the Stevensons, there is not enough time to do everything.

Follow Bro. Stevenson's recommendation: "Why wait? I am so glad we came when we did. It is almost indescribable!" If you are considering retirement living, complete and mail the coupon below or contact the Retirement Living Marketing Office at (800) 676-6452 to schedule an appointment or to learn more about retirement living at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.



Bro. Bill and Carol Stevenson take some time out from their busy activity schedule to enjoy the landscaping at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

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

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

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown Master Plan Update

Over the past nine months, the Masonic Homes has been working on the development of a 20-year master plan for the Elizabethtown campus. On Friday, May 23, the Committee on Masonic Homes reviewed the master plan and approved having the Masonic Homes proceed in evaluating the first phase, which would include a potential for developing additional cottages on the Elizabethtown campus. The implementation of the first phase of the master plan will allow the Masonic Homes to meet a growing demand for retirement living services and amenities on the Elizabethtown campus. The Masonic Homes' Marketing Department maintains a growing waiting list of people who desire that type of accommodation on the campus.

Masonic Homes' staff is in the process of developing a plan for phase one for further review by the Committee on Masonic Homes before the actual construction of the cottages would be approved and started. The Marketing staff has been contacting future residents who are now on the waiting list for retirement living areas in order to gain commitments on the cottages that could be developed in the first phase of the master plan.

More information on the master plan will be provided in upcoming issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

The benefits are many at the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, which will become part of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in January.

For instance:

- 70 retirement living accommodations.
- 90 personal care/assisted living accommodations.
- 75 skilled/intermediate nursing care accommodations.
- Many on-site amenities, including billiards, bowling alley, putting green, wellness center, and walking trails.
- And more!

For more information, contact Mary Beth Meehan, Admissions Office at (610) 828-5760 or (610) 825-6100, or e-mail marybeth@mhopa.com.



Ambulance Service Recognizes Support by Masonic Groups



Northwest Emergency Medical Services (NWEMS), Elizabethtown, is recognizing its major sponsors in a unique way. In appreciation for supporters who donate funds to pay for their training and equipment, NWEMS placed the names and logos of sponsors who gave \$5,000 or more in a year on its ambulances. The recognition remains on the ambulances as long as they are in service with NWEMS, which is a minimum of three years. Five of the first six major sponsors recognized in this way are Masonic organizations: Masonic Homes; Masonic Homes' Retirement Living Craft Group and Masonic Homes' Retirement Living Residents Association (listed as Masonic Homes Retirement Living Residents); Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown; Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay; and Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 15, Elizabethtown.

Warminster Initiative is in Full Swing

A special fundraising effort is underway to provide necessary funds for essential improvements and renovations to the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster. The cost for the improvements and renovations to the Home, which offers nursing services for up to 28 residents and assisted living services for a maximum of 34 residents, is estimated at approximately \$800,000.

Special gift opportunities are available, ranging from \$1,000 for outer foyer furniture to \$56,000 for window treatments. Masons, Lodges, Eastern Star Members, Chapters, and friends, particularly those located near the Warminster Home, 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 (800) 599-6454.

A gift opportunity may be given in 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 (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 (866) 872-0664 or (412) 741-1400, extension 3011.



Your gift can make a real difference in residents' lives today!

Get Delicious Summer Produce at Masonic Homes' Farm Market!

In August, enjoy peaches, nectarines, plums, sweet corn, tomatoes, Summer apples, cantaloupe, watermelon, and other Summer veggies.

Coming attractions in September include over 30 varieties of apples, Pick-Your-Own Apples on Saturdays, apple cider, pears, and hardy mums.

The year-round product list includes applesauce, preserves, salsa, barbecue sauces, salad dressings, syrups, honey, mustards, baking mixes, cider/wine spice bags, and fruit butters.

Hours

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday hours through August are noon - 4 p.m.

Please call ahead for availability at (717) 361-4520, since Mother Nature makes the final determination when and if crops are available.

Delicious produce and home-made goodies are awaiting you at Masonic Homes' Farm Market!



Region 1 Holds Successful Friend to Friend Workshop

A very successful Saturday morning "Friend to Friend Workshop" was held by Region 1 late in the Spring in Fritz Lodge No. 420, Conshohocken. There was representation from 84 Lodges, including all of the Region's District Deputy Grand Masters and District Chairmen or their alternates. The workshop was led by G. Kent Hackney, P.D.D.G.M. and Director for Region 1. John E. Adams, Jr., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, and Roger L. Wheeler, P.D.D.G.M. and Area Chairman, participated. David K. Beaulieu, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District, was the host.

There were two parts to the training session: The process of inviting relatives and friends to learn about Freemasonry and the fellowship of the Fraternity, and the serious need for retaining Brethren who could be suspended for non-payment of dues or bringing back former members already suspended. The duties of the District Chairmen were discussed, especially their responsibilities in working with Lodge Membership Chairmen. The materials available for the Lodges were reviewed, including the viewing of the video, "I've Heard the Name, What Does It Mean?" It was pointed out that the video is a good way to introduce worthy men and their wives to Freemasonry. Every Lodge has a copy of the video.



Leading the Region 1 Friend to Friend Workshop were (l-r): David K. Beaulieu, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District; Roger L. Wheeler, P.D.D.G.M. and Area Chairman; John E. Adams, Jr., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee; and G. Kent Hackney, P.D.D.G.M. and Director for Region 1.

Square Club Gives Gift to Masonic Eastern Star Home-East

A generous gift granted to the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the Southampton Square Club will provide a new building for resident activities, Square Club meetings, Lodge meetings, and meetings of Masonically-related organizations at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster.

The Southampton Square Club, an organization of Masons from Northern Philadelphia and Bucks and Montgomery counties, donated the gift toward erecting the new assembly building. Comprised of the principal and accumulated income from an estate left 35 years ago by Bro. John Frey of Newtown Lodge No. 427, the established fund is worth more than \$500,000. The balance of the cost for the project will come from Masonic Lodges and Masonically-related organizations that decide to move to this convenient location. This also will provide excellent opportunities for the Masonic Home residents to participate in these activities right at their home.

During ceremonies on May 8 at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, Kevin Sives, 1st Vice President of the Square Club, read the last will and testament of the late Bro. Frey dated May 14, 1968. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, joined with Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M. and President of the Square Club, and Club Trustees in signing the agreement of acceptance. The funds were presented to the Grand Master.

Brother Frey, who was made a Mason on Sept. 10, 1924, had a unique personality, both as a businessman and community servant. "Jack," as he was best known, operated the Frey Machine Shop in Richboro and that's where he derived his income. At the same time, he was a dedicated community servant, volunteering as a police officer in Northampton Township. It is not known when he was elected the first constable, but there is record that he was appointed Chief of Police in 1922 and served for 42 years. As a voluntary service to the township, he donated his time and provided his own automobile complete with radio equipment, red light, siren, and uniforms. That made Northampton Township unique because Chief Frey drove a Lincoln Continental, which he updated every year. Being motioned to the side of the road by a police officer in a large Lincoln Continental certainly impressed strangers in the township. He retired in 1964.



Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master (center), receives the contribution from John A. Eglick, Past President of the Southampton Square Club. Participating in the presentation ceremony were (l-r): Kevin A. Sives, P.M., Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia; Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M. and President of the Club; William A. Wetterau, D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District; Bro. Eglick, Richmond Lodge; Grand Master Cunningham; Marvin G. Spelcher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and Adolph P. Schneider and John H. Raup, Sr., both of Richmond Lodge.

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

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

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.) _____	2.) _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____	State: _____
Zip: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Lodge Name & No. (if applicable): _____	Lodge Name & No. (if applicable): _____
3.) _____	4.) _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____	State: _____
Zip: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Lodge Name & No. (if applicable): _____	Lodge Name & No. (if applicable): _____

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 _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Lodge Number _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Lodge Number _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Lodge Number _____

Mail reservations with check, to either Richard Stemmler, 1315 Trent Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650; (724) 537-7940 or William Hartland, 2030 North View Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642; (724) 863-6469.

Misplaced Gavel with WWII Significance Returned

During an informal visitation to Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville, on May 5, R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., had the unusual pleasure of presenting to Norristown Lodge No. 620 a historically significant gavel that had been misplaced for several decades.

More than 57 years ago, on March 18, 1946, Bro. Nelson Shillady, Jr. presented a gavel fashioned from a piece of teak wood that came from the deck of the USS Missouri, the ship on which the surrender of Japan was signed on Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay. At that time, Norristown Lodge and Charity Lodge shared facilities, including a museum where the gavel was in safekeeping. Subsequently, Norristown Lodge moved and the teak wood gavel probably remained with Charity Lodge. More recently, when Charity Lodge moved to new facilities in Jeffersonville, the gavel was discovered.

Warren J. Errington, Jr., W.M. of Charity Lodge (left) requested Grand Master Cunningham to present the gavel again to Robert G. McCurdy, W.M. of Norristown Lodge (center).



Two Students Granted Law Enforcement Scholarships

Two Pennsylvania students have received the Grand Masters' Law Enforcement Scholarships for 2003. In May, the Scholarship Committee of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children selected Joseph Tyler Covey of Athens and Justin L. Fehr of Wexford. Both will be attending Pennsylvania State University. Each was granted \$2,500 a year for four years to help them to pursue their careers.

The Law Enforcement Scholarships were established in 1998 when then-Grand Master James L. Ermette, R.W.P.G.M., a retired State Trooper, sought to aid youth who desired a career in law enforcement.

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Web Site On-Line Employment Center: A Vital Service For Hiring As Well as Job-Seeking. Use It!

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provides an On-Line Employment Center for members of the Fraternity to network among themselves. Different from other on-line job sites, only members can post résumés or job openings. All users first must register on-line before being allowed to search the database or post a résumé. The membership of each user – either potential employee or potential employer – is verified before he can use the service.

The On-Line Employment Center allows its members to remain anonymous if they so desire, even when they are responding to inquiries. By communicating through the Employment Center, each party can maintain privacy, until direct contact is wanted to arrange for a job interview or to share additional information. Even though the Mason will be anonymous, he must provide an e-mail address to receive all messages.

The On-Line Employment Center is not designed to post full résumés, but rather to provide just enough information to allow a potential employer and potential employee to determine whether it is appropriate

to pursue more detailed information. Using a Résumé Builder, data can be provided that will be formatted automatically to fit the program. For the potential employer, using the Position Posting Form, enough information can be provided to interest potential employees to seek out the company.

In the On-Line Employment Center, a search can be limited to specific keywords, such as job title, skill, or industry. It includes tips and helpful hints to navigate the customized software with only a small investment of your time.

At the time of this writing, more than 1,100 users have registered for the On-Line Employment Center. More than 200 résumés were available for employers to review, but only a handful of open positions were posted. Clearly, for this program to fulfill its mission, more Masons who are employers need to participate in this program and post available positions. Please make use of the Grand Lodge On-Line Employment Center – it is another way to show that Masons care for each other.

28 Students Receive P.Y.F. Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation conducts a competitive scholarship program annually. This year the Educational Endowment Fund Committee selected 28 students to receive \$39,650 in awards. There were a record number of more than 275 applicants this year, so it was a difficult decision to choose just a few. Your contributions to the P.Y.F. Educational Endowment Fund will help to allow for the presentation of more awards for many years to come.

The 2003 award winners are:

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships to Stephanie Blackstone and Kelly C. Cooney.

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarships to Lindsay E. Rhodes, Jamie L. Peffley, and Bridget A. Wilson.

Grand Master's Scholarships to Courtney R. Smith and Skyler H. Freed.

Charles R. Nebel Scholarships to Brian Eaton, Justin D. Killian, Zachary A. Panitzke, and Lee R. Terrill.

Michael H. Gotshall Memorial Scholarship to Kristina E. Verdon.

Donald Haag Memorial Scholarships to Amanda Gant, Stacia M. Deller, John D. Carter, Kimberly A. Baker, Renee Mendenhall, and Marie E. Mengel.

Dr. Raymond Allen Krome Memorial Scholarships to Sarah L. Bringham, Patience S. Bell, Jordan E. Lane, Katrina M. Schmidt, Jamie A. Hoover, Erin Brown, Heidi L. Gelwitz, Crystal Sarver, and Shanna B. Simmons.

Loretta N. Scheirer Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Kelly C. Cooney.

The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for 2003-2004, and the 2004 scholarship program applications will be available in late September. The application form and the scholarship summaries are always current and available on the internet at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf.

Sunset Lodge No. 623 Awards Scholarships

Since 1991, Sunset Lodge No. 623, Washington, has distributed multiple \$500 cash scholarships each year to area high school graduating seniors based on academic achievement and financial need. The Lodge also sponsors the cost of \$50 U.S. Saving Bonds in local public elementary and middle schools. Pictured with John W. Snider, Sr., W.M. (left); Lee R. Martin, P.M. (right), Chairman of the Lodge's Youth Scholarship Committee; and Mrs. Dianne Jones (second from right), Washington High School Guidance Counselor; are three of this year's four \$500 scholarship recipients (l-r): Ashley Lewis, Ashley Crile, and Elizabeth Miller.



Junior "Agents" Get Their F.B.I. Credentials

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children's Adopt-a-School program, run in conjunction with the Philadelphia F.B.I. Office and Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751, graduated children from two elementary school's classes on May 28 and 29. The Junior F.B.I. Program is conducted during the entire academic year and is taught by Tanya Jetter, the F.B.I.'s Community Outreach Specialist in Philadelphia (right rear in picture).

The schools are Fairhill Elementary in North Philadelphia and the Joseph H. Brown Elementary in Northeast Philadelphia. Each meeting begins with the young "agents" reciting the Junior Special Agents' pledge in which they promise to be good citizens, obey laws, and be positive role models in their neighborhoods. They also must pledge to stay drug-free and practice non-violent behavior in difficult situations. The training included a trip to F.B.I. headquarters and also a class on polygraphs by Special Agent Jerry O'Callaghan. The children are tested on their instructions throughout the year and upon



graduation a Junior Special Agent in charge is chosen from the participants. Parents and friends as well as involved teachers and administrators attended the graduations.

Brethren from Joseph H. Brown Lodge attended the ceremonies at Brown Elementary since the Lodge has "adopted" that namesake school. The Officers and Members of the Lodge have become involved in aiding and assisting the school by providing tickets for the circus and funds to purchase books for the library as well as attending many of the Jr. F.B.I. classes. The Master of the Lodge, Charles E. Lankert (also right rear in picture) received a certificate from the F.B.I. for the Lodge's participation.

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Senior Member Raises Youngest Member



Interesting notes were entered into the history book of Perkiomen Lodge No. 595, on Mar. 23, when the senior Member of the Lodge, 98-year-old Ralph C. Leh, P.M. (second from right), Raised the youngest Member, Charles Edward Roop III, (center), 21. The same evening, Thomas Gamon, IV, D.D.G.M. 40th Masonic District (left), Raised his son, Thomas Gamon, V (second from left). At right is Clyde D. Hoch, P.M., W.M.



The weather may be warm now, but Fall is quickly approaching. Keep those chilly nights at bay with our new sweatshirt, embroidered with the Square and Compasses logo, and available exclusively from the Gift Shop of the Masonic Library and Museum. Offered in two color styles, in navy with white embroidery or gray with black embroidery, these fleece sweatshirts are affordably priced at \$14. Each sweatshirt features a seamless collarette, ribbed cuffs, banded bottom, and double-needle stitching throughout, ensuring durability and comfort. Available in sizes M, L, XL, XXL. Order yours today!

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

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 and District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy Grand Master, or someone designated by him, presents it at a Lodge meeting.

Since the program's inception, 280 Pennsylvania Masons and 476 Masons from other jurisdictions have received the award medallion, certificate, and the purple and gold square knot patch that represents the B.S.A. Community Organization Award program. 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.

Pennsylvania Brethren granted the award between March 1 and May 31, 2003 are:

Charles R. Augenstein, II, Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526, Elizabeth.
Michael T. Baker, Seneca Lodge No. 805, Kittanning.
Ronald R. Bellamy, Cassia-Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore.
Robert Raymond Breiner, Sr., Panther Valley Lodge No. 677, Tamaqua.
Stanley Buz, Easton Lodge No. 152.
Harold (Randy) Carper, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon.
Richard E. Dennison, Sr., Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.
Earl R. Dering, Sr., Keystone Lodge No. 569, Parkesburg.
Philip DiNenno, Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall.
David M. Dunn, Seneca Lodge No. 805, Kittanning.
Robert E. Eberly, Laurel Lodge No. 651, Uniontown.
James C. Forster, Lafayette Lodge No. 194, Selinsgrove.
David A. Gingras, Harmony Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.
Dale H. Haller, Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia.
William H. Haynes, Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco.
George S. Hewitt, Cassia-Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore.
Bryan L. Hill, Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg.
Ronald W. Hillegas, Somerset Lodge No. 358.
David A. Jones, Waverly Lodge No. 301, Clarks Green.
George W. Lightkep, Fritz Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington.
Ronald Cole Mallory, Quakertown Lodge No. 512.
Clifford J. Marchion, Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside.
George P. Margargal, University Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.
Timothy I. McCarl, George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg.
Andrew W. McLuckie, Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park.
Paul M. Micun, Chester Lodge No. 236.
Leroy Emerson Monn, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg.
Howard J. Naulty, III, Chester Lodge No. 236.
Howard J. Naulty, Jr., Chester Lodge No. 236.
Eugene F. Rabenstine, White Rose Lodge No. 706, York.
E. Ward Reighard, Sunset Lodge No. 623, Washington.
Mitchel D. Robbins, Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall.
Robert R. Roosevelt, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia.
William M. Roosevelt, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia.
Kenneth Rutter, Monongahela Valley Lodge No. 461, California, PA.
John W. Schelhas, Harrisburg Lodge No. 629.
Ronald K. Sharer, Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.
Donald Q. Sprole, Quakertown Lodge No. 512.
Robert Jay Thomas, Panther Valley Lodge No. 677, Tamaqua.
Robert A. Witmyer, Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown.

Interested Adults Key to Youth Group Success!

But Our Lodge Doesn't Sponsor a Youth Group...

Chances are, your community has lots of youth groups and activities available. But do they offer the values and principles of the world's oldest fraternity? Are youth being taught the high ideals and leadership skills that will set them head and shoulders above their peers?

Have you ever considered it? Your Lodge can have a role in that. Sure, there are plenty of reasons NOT to be involved — and just as many reasons TO BE involved. Consider:

"Kids are too busy..." Kids in every community are busy. The unique programs of Masonic Youth Groups offer experiences and challenges not found in any other. Some will be too busy, but like busy men make time for Freemasonry, there are young leaders who will make time for the excellence of the Masonic Youth programs.

"Our Lodge doesn't have the money..." Money is probably farthest from a youth group's mind when considering a sponsor. Most Masonic Youth programs place the responsibility to raise their own money for their programming through fundraising — it's part of the learning experience. Financial support from a Lodge is welcome; but sponsorship is far more than "writing a check." Some of the best sponsors spend surprisingly little money, yet they make a big difference for youth.

"Our members are already so busy..." There are Brethren who aren't involved in the Lodge program because they haven't found the opportunity that really interests them. For some, it will be working with youth. Your Lodge won't have to provide all of the adult leadership; but there will be opportunities for your members to invest some time for local youth — even only an hour or two a month.

"Our Lodge has trouble taking care of its own challenges..." Then a Youth Group may be just the shot in the arm you need! Being involved with the infectious enthusiasm of youth can really charge up any group.

"We don't know any interested youth..." That's an OK excuse for now. Get organized first. Often new youth groups floundered because in their enthusiasm they recruited too soon. When a program lacks organization, direction, and trained adult leadership, the youth won't stay. When starting a Youth Group, don't ask, "Do I know interested kids?" Ask, "Do I know adults who are interested in kids?" Interested adults are the key to success. Getting the kids will come more easily later!

"There's already a group here, sponsored by another Lodge..." Great! That makes it easier for you to be involved. Many will be thrilled for more Masonic support. A simple resolution of support, a financial gift, attending a youth meeting, or sending an invitation to a Lodge social function all tell youth that they really matter to you.

Not involved? You don't know what you're missing!

Masons of Note

Sherman N. Miller, P.M. and Past Secretary of Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster, is 94, a Mason for 65 years, and has conferred 114 Master Mason's Degrees. That, in itself, is interesting; but what is especially interesting is that he has kept a log listing every M.M. Degree he conferred, upon whom he conferred it, the date, and place it was conferred. Bro. Miller was made a Mason in York Lodge No. 266, but sought a demit to become a Warrant Member and Officer of Andrew H. Hershey Lodge.

Kenneth M. Hohe, P.M., was made a Mason in Lehigh Lodge No. 326, Trexlertown, in 1953, while serving in the U.S. Navy Seabees. Ten years later, in March of 1963, when he was a civilian and serving as Senior Warden of the Lodge, he conferred all three Degrees, including the Charges, in the same evening. Now, 40 years after that on Mar. 4 of this year and as a 50-year member, Bro. Hohe again conferred a Master Mason's Degree with the Charge.

When **Dustin Zechman** (center) was Raised, he became the third generation of the family in Middleburg Lodge No. 619. At left is his grandfather, **Donald R. Zechman**, and at right is his father, **Donald R. Zechman, Jr., J.W.**



Cassia-Mount Horeb Celebrates 150 Years

A visitation on April 5 by the R.W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers keynoted the 150th anniversary of Cassia-Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 273, Ardmore. Cassia Lodge was Warranted in 1853 and in 1987 the merger with Mount Horeb-Phoenix Lodge No. 432 occurred. During the Anniversary Meeting in the Lodge, Grand Master Cunningham and David K. Beaulieu, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District, presented Emblems of Gold for 50-Year Members and gave a Grand Master's Medallion to the Worshipful Master, Winton E. Hewitt, P.M. Along with the recitation of the history of the Lodge, reference was made of the well-preserved 149-year-old Bible that was presented to the Lodge in 1854 by the wife of Elisha Worrall, the first Worshipful Master of Cassia Lodge. (Grand Master Cunningham and Worshipful Master Hewitt are pictured with the Bible.) In the evening, the Brethren were joined by their ladies at a gala banquet at Llanerch Country Club when the Worshipful Master presented to the Grand Master a \$1,000 Gold Book Society contribution for the "Preservation of the Heritage of Freemasonry."



Lodge Served Pancakes to Nearly 2,000 To Raise Funds for Teen's Prosthesis

Pancakes served at the May 17 breakfast by Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown meant much more than a nourishing breakfast for nearly 2,000 persons who ate them and raised \$13,000 to help an area teen. The Lodge held its 14th annual Charity Pancake Breakfast to benefit Erin Ebersole, who is in need of a new \$30,000 prosthetic leg device. Since having her leg amputated at the age of 10 months and 10 surgeries required to accommodate her prostheses through the years, Erin has adapted successfully to prosthetic legs.

The loss of her leg has not stopped her from living a full, active life. An avid school athlete with an infectious positive outlook on life, Erin regularly travels and speaks to groups about coping with disabilities such as amputations. Through her work efforts and savings, Erin has purchased a car that is specially equipped for her needs. However, she and her doctors are concerned that her current level of activity is causing her to overcompensate for limitations as her current prosthesis relates with her other leg, a potential for causing further medical problems. In addition to avoiding future complications, a new, more adaptable "C-leg" device would enable Erin to do things that her current prosthesis does not allow.

When Treichler Lodge learned of Erin's need and her exemplary courage and positive outlook, the Brethren chose to designate this year's Charity Breakfast to help the remarkable young lady. The project brought together Lodge Members with many of Erin's family and friends from the community, and surpassed all previous breakfasts in its success. A record 1,975 people were served 10,000 pancakes, 325 pounds of sausage

amounting to 5,200 individual links, 121 gallons of orange juice, 12,240 butter and margarine cups, and 15,000 syrup packets. That's what it took, along with dedicated effort by the Lodge to raise an amazing total of \$13,000 towards the cost of Erin's new prosthesis.



Teenager Erin Ebersole and Worshipful Master Lawrence R. Ebersole - who is not related to Erin - are flanked by Ivan Arnold, the Charity Breakfast Committee Chairman (left) and the two Co-Chairmen (right), Steven Poff and Roy Miller.

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R.W. GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR

August

- 1 Elizabethtown: Comm. on Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Elected Officers Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- 2 Open House, Date Stone Ceremony at Masonic Homes in Sewickley.
- 7-10 York Rite College of S.A., Order of Purple Cross, Indianapolis.
- 16 Testimonial for Thomas E. Miller, R.P.D.G.M., Grand Council, Masonic Temple, Bethlehem.
- 23 Lodge Room Dedication, Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington.

September

- 6 Informal Visitation and Banquet, Azalea-Fellowship Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.
- 15 150th Anniv., Butler Lodge No. 272.
- 19-24 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., St. Louis, MO.

October

- 2 Elizabethtown: Elected Grand Lodge Officers Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- 3 Elizabethtown: Bldg. & Grounds Comm. - 9 a.m.; Financial Sub-Comm. - 10:30 a.m.; Comm. on Masonic Homes - 1 p.m.; Compliance Comm. - 3 p.m.
- 4 AUTUMN DAY, Elizabethtown 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 8 15th Anniv. Provincial Grand Lodge of U.S.A., Royal Order of Scotland.
- 9-12 Grand Lodge of Illinois.
- 13 Visitation, Silver Lodge No. 898, Silver, IL.
- 18 150th Anniv. Loyalliana Lodge No. 275, Latrobe.
- 20 150th Anniv. Clarion Lodge No. 277.

November

- 22 Reunion, Valley of Williamsport, A.A.S.R.

Masonic Blood Donor Club Does More Than Take Whole Blood Help Out Now

Ask members about the Masonic Blood Donor Club and most likely they will tell you that it deals with whole blood... that it is easy to become a member by donating a unit of whole blood or by getting someone in your family to donate for you.

That's true, but there is much more. Our Masonic Blood Donor Club reaches out to every part of Pennsylvania and works with The American Red Cross and certified community blood banks throughout the Commonwealth. The Club does not limit its efforts to collecting whole blood, but it includes bone marrow and organ donor programs and pheresis, and granulocyte collections. Pheresis and granulocyte are real lifesavers, because persons needing them are usually very sick and undergoing complicated medical treatments for life-threatening illnesses.

Pheresis is the ability to donate platelets, white cells, or plasma specifically without donating whole blood. The parts of the blood which are not needed are returned to the donor's body, which allows a person to donate five to six times the number of platelets he or she would give normally during a whole blood donation.

Those platelets are a lifeline for cancer patients whose chemotherapy prevents platelet production in their own bodies, or where malignant cells have invaded the bone marrow. They are also used for cardiopulmonary bypass patients, stem cell transplant patients, and for burn and trauma patients who receive massive transfusions.

A pheresis donation counts just like a whole blood donation for membership in the Masonic Blood Donor Club. You can get membership for yourself, or for another member of your Lodge, by a pheresis donation. Additionally, the traditional 56-day wait between whole blood donations is reduced to just seven days for pheresis. Your body usually replaces everything that you donate within 24 hours.

Granulocyte collection is a more specific kind of pheresis donation. It allows granulocytes (a kind of white cell) to be donated to help bone marrow transplant patients fight off infections. During a patient's bone marrow treatment, the body cannot fight infection by itself. Granulocytes from a donor allow their body to fight infections until the patient's body is able to do the job itself.

Pheresis donors report that they feel just like they do during a whole blood donation. The donation time is longer (about 1 1/2 hours), during which movies are normally shown. Doctors and hospitals are experiencing an ever-increasing need for more donors for pheresis.

If you are interested, please contact the Masonic Blood Donor Club at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107-2598. Whether you are a first-time donor or a long-time donor, please respond now. Donations are needed from many more Brethren and their families.

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December 27, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.
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