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BRETHREN,

This will be my last message to you as your Grand Master. These two years have been wonderful. I say that sincerely despite the complexity of the challenges we are addressing as a Fraternity. I feel sure you realize that many important and tough decisions have had to be made – and that there will be more to be made in the future. I will not elaborate on them here because I have referred to them in previous "Word to the Craft" messages and serious ones are discussed on the pages that follow in this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. Your concern, constructive input, and fraternal support have been appreciated.

H.O.P.E.: Helping Others Pursue Excellence has been my theme. As we traveled north, south, east, and west in this Great Jurisdiction, I recognized that all of us are striving for excellence. Brethren, when we are in our communities, wherever you are and whenever you get the chance, talk about Freemasonry. Let your friends and neighbors – everybody – know that Freemasonry is "alive and well" in Pennsylvania, serving mankind and doing good unto others.

I re-emphasize, we have to let the public know about us – who we are, what we stand for, and what we do! Brethren, we, the Masons, are the only ones who can do that. I have heard, "Oh, you belong to that secret organization." It should be a goal of ours to overcome that misconception. We, all of us in the Family of Freemasonry, can do that if we work together.

I want to thank all of you who have come to your respective Lodge anniversary meetings and banquets. There is where I got the opportunity that I cherish to be able to greet you, shake your hand, and talk a little. In those travels, I found it interesting and encouraging to learn how many good young men who are 18, 19 and 20 years of age have been petition-

ing our Blue Lodges, either before they go into the service or leave for college.

I am so proud of our veterans – at home or abroad, in Iraq, Afghanistan, wherever, by land, sea, or in the air. It has been a series of proud experiences for me, along with contingents of Masons, to visit four of our Veterans Administration Medical Centers in Pennsylvania (I still want to call them "VA Hospitals"). Meeting and greeting those veterans really is an overwhelming experience. May God bless them!

The gavel will soon be passed. I ask that you support the next Grand Master and his administration as well as you have supported this one. By doing so, as a band of Brothers, we will continue to strive for excellence.

Above all, these are my closing Words to the Craft: "Thank you for allowing me to be your Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for 2002 and 2003."

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

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



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Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 2003, A.L. 6003

MASONIC TEMPLE

The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M. at which the Grand Lodge Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendment to the *Ahiman Rezon* so that the same as amended shall read as follows:

Grand Lodge Dues

Whereas, Grand Lodge dues were fixed at Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) by vote of the Grand Lodge on December 4, 1891 and still remain in that amount today; and

Whereas, a careful study and analysis of all Grand Lodge annual receipts and expenditures has been made and which shows the general expenses of Grand Lodge running in excess of anticipated receipts; and

Whereas, it is apparent that the annual income of Grand Lodge must be increased to avoid the operation of the Grand Lodge at a deficit; and

Whereas, after consideration by the Grand Lodge Committee on Landmarks and the Committee on Finance, it has been deemed advisable to amend the *Ahiman Rezon*:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 10.01, Item 6, of the *Ahiman Rezon* be amended by striking out the amount of \$12.00 and substituting in lieu thereof the amount of \$20.00, so that Item 6 of Article 10.01 shall read as follows:

"6. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodge, viz:

Grand Lodge dues annually for each Member who was a life Member on December 7, 1955...\$ 2.00

Grand Lodge dues annually for all other Members.....\$20.00

The Subordinate Lodge shall be relieved from payment of any Grand Lodge dues for any Member whose Lodge dues are remitted because of the inability of such member to pay his Lodge dues, or where the Lodge dues are remitted because he has been a Mason in good standing for 50 or more years, provided such Lodge action in either case is by Resolution duly certified as such to the Grand Secretary.

Fee for each initiation, or admission, of a Brother from a Lodge of another Jurisdiction.....\$100.00"

The Members of the Grand Lodge are also requested to attend the Annual Grand Communication in the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA, Saturday, December 27, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M. at which the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary

Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* Retiring

With this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, Blaine F. Fabian, P.M., announces his retirement as Editor. D. William Roberts, D.D.G.M., who recently announced plans to retire as Editor of *The Rite News* of the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh, will become the Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Bro. Roberts was Worshipful Master of Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh, in 1983, served Grand Lodge as Grand Junior Deacon in 1992 and 1993, served on the Committee on Masonic Homes from 1993 to 1999, and has been a D.D.G.M. since 1999. After serving in the U.S. Army - 16 months in Korea - he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from Duquesne University. Through an active career in promotion, public relations and journalism that included working for Universal Pictures, The New York Theatre Guild, the Pittsburgh Symphony Society, and Gulf Oil Corp., where he was the Project Director for the extensively traveled "Pennsylvania '26 Bicentennial Promotional Concert Tour." When he retired in 1996, he was the Managing Editor for two weekly community tabloids in the Pittsburgh Area.

Bro. Fabian, who was Worshipful Master of Ephrata Lodge No. 665 in 1965, helped in the production of the *Freemason* in the late 1960's and early 1970's when it was produced by the Masonic Culture Committee. He has been involved with the current publication since 1990. The *Freemason* was first published in November 1954 and *Pennsylvania* was added to its masthead on the issue of July 1962. The publication will mark its 50th anniversary next year.

To: The Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Members of Pennsylvania Lodges

Dear Brethren:

After announcing that the Resolution to amend the *Ahiman Rezon* would be voted on at the December 3, 2003 Quarterly Communication, I offered the following comments:

I would like to comment briefly on the Resolution for the dues increase. As noted in the Resolution you have just heard, the last dues increase for Grand Lodge took place in 1991 - 12 years ago. Since that time, our membership has been steadily decreasing from 172,542 in 1991 to our current membership of 130,822, a loss of 41,720 Members.

The need for a dues increase has been considered for several years. Although the Grand Lodge has explored every possible avenue available to avoid this increase, we realize that we must face the necessity of it.

Realizing that some of our Subordinate Lodges will have to increase their Lodge dues to meet this proposed Grand Lodge increase, I have authorized the Subordinate Lodges to increase their dues by \$8.00 and to bill this increase for their dues for 2004 in anticipation of the adoption of the Resolution in December. After adoption of the Grand Lodge dues increase at the December Quarterly Communication, it will be necessary for each Lodge to amend their By-Laws by the end of the year 2004.

I would reiterate that Grand Lodge has not increased their dues since 1991, or 12 years ago. We have worked extremely hard to avoid the increase, but circumstances in recent years have caused us to face the same economic hardships that are being experienced by our Lodges and throughout the world. We have "tightened our belts" in every way available to us to deal with the downturn in the economy. Now we need your help in adopting this \$8.00 increase in December. When spread over every day of the year, the increase amounts to slightly over two cents a day.

Our Lodges have been the beneficiaries of significant outlays by the Grand Lodge over the years. The Grand Lodge funded the cost of the entire computerized membership database and audit programs, which the Lodges now have access to on a daily basis. Training sessions are held every year for the Lodge Secretaries to familiarize them with new

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changes in Masonic Law and to assist them in understanding their responsibilities with respect to reporting requirements. Masonic Training Sessions are held yearly for the Wardens of the Lodges. Lodge Secretaries are provided mailing labels of their Members for every meeting of the Lodge and for extra mailings to their Members. When publications are reprinted, the Lodges receive enough copies for their Masters, Wardens and Secretaries. Lodges also receive updates to their copies of the *Ahiman Rezon*, *Digest of Decisions*, *Secretaries Manual*, and *Book of Edicts*. All the costs associated with these programs, publications and updates are borne by the Grand Lodge; the Lodges have not been billed for any of these items.

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, PA, is a world-renowned treasure that reflects Masonic traditions and values of the past and the future. The building has been carefully maintained throughout the decades, but the need for renovations and repair has become urgent. Preserving and restoring this architectural wonder is critical to the future of Freemasonry. We must all work together to protect and preserve this Heritage of Freemasonry and one of its most valuable treasures.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Marvin A. Cunningham

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

The Resolution to amend the *Ahiman Rezon* to provide for an increase in the individual membership dues from the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge will be presented for a vote at the Quarterly Communication on Dec. 3. The result of the vote will be of historical significance for the future of the Fraternal operations of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

"Focus on Facts" that follows is a condensed case study designed to provide every member with the information to answer most questions that each Mason needs to have answered to determine his responsible position regarding the Resolution. The input to create the case study resulted from sessions of two focus groups comprising of a cross-section of Masons held late in August.

Focus on Dues and Their Value

It is the purpose and responsibility of the Grand Lodge to govern and lead the administration of the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania harmoniously and provide and assure the continuity of services that enable the Subordinate Lodges to operate. The income from the dues and fees from the Subordinate Lodges pays for more than 82 percent of those fraternal operating costs of the Grand Lodge. (See the "Source of Income" and "Allocation of Expenses" pie charts below.)

For years, the annual Grand Lodge dues were \$2. They were raised to \$4 in 1955 and then to \$8 in 1987. They were set at the present \$12 in 1991. Approval of the Resolution to increase the dues by \$8 in December would set them at \$20.

Subordinate Lodges are permitted to pass along to the Members the amount of Grand Lodge dues in their respective Lodge membership dues. (If the proposed resolution is adopted, the increase could be included in Lodge dues without further approval from Grand Lodge. However, a Lodge may assess a higher amount, but only with the approval of Grand Lodge.) Every dues-paying Mason in Pennsylvania has an interest and shares in the responsibility for maintaining the financial stability of the Fraternity. Approximately one-quarter of the Masons in Pennsylvania pay no dues, either to their Lodges or to the Grand Lodge through the Subordinate

Lodges. Fifty-year members do not pay dues, nor do those whose dues are remitted by their Lodges for bona fide reasons.

Grand Lodge fraternal operations encompass, but are not limited to: The Office of the Grand Master, including the District Deputies' functions; the Offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; the direction, administration, and support of the Subordinate Lodge Secretaries; the Ritual and Ritualistic Work; the Schools of Instruction; and operations and activities of fraternally-related committees and programs.

Because of the continually declining membership and the loss of investment income, there will not be sufficient cash flow to carry forth the established fraternal operations, functions, and programs. Without the infusion of funds that a dues increase would bring, Grand Lodge would have to cut the services to the Lodges and the Brethren, borrow money, and look for another fund-raising effort.

Is there a surviving business that hasn't increased its rates or prices in ten years? The "business" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hasn't had an increase in its "rates" since 1991. In those 12 years, the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania has done an exemplary job in serving the Subordinate Lodges, the Members of the Craft, the communities, and mankind -- all with a reduced income at 1991 "rates."

Source of Grand Lodge Income - 2003



Allocation of Grand Lodge Expenses - 2003



Focus on Finances

The earliest Grand Lodge dues on record were \$2 a year and remained that until they were raised to \$4 in 1955. They were raised to \$8 in 1987 and to \$12 in 1991.

Even though membership had already dipped below 170,000 a decade ago, income from dues still was more than \$2,000,000 in 1992. Now, after 10 more years of steady decline in membership, the income from the existing \$12 dues just this year (2003), suffers from nearly a half-million dollar decline.

However, during that same decade of the '90s, the economy was such that the income from Grand Lodge investments continued to be substantial. But, September 11, 2001, changed everything drastically. Not only did the impact of that deplete the income from returns on the Consolidated Fund investments, but it also made it necessary to tap the principals of those investments. Having used much of the principals, the investments will not be in place to provide income in the future.

Many Brethren think that the Grand Lodge has access to all the money in the Consolidated Fund and can use it for fraternal operations. That's not the case. Most of it is designated for the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities, primarily the Masonic Homes. A large portion of it is restricted; some of it is not restricted. The Grand Lodge, whose fraternal operations are 501(c)(10), owns and operates the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, whose charitable operations are 501(c)(3). Grand Lodge can transfer funds to the Masonic Homes. However, Masonic Homes cannot transfer funds to the Grand Lodge for fraternal operations.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, which also is a 501(c)(3), established the John Wanamaker Research Center to include the Library and Museum, the Gold Book Society, and the Philanthropic Society, and accepted the responsibilities of Masonic Education and the operations of the historic Masonic Temple owned by the Trustees of Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of Grand Lodge. Accordingly, contributions to the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society properly go toward the operations and maintenance of the Masonic

Temple; none of those contributions go to Grand Lodge for fraternal operations.

Over the past few years, there have been major expenditures for fraternal operations by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Lodges and the Brethren. In every case, they were for bona fide programs approved in the budget by the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance. They were desired in the best interest of the Fraternity and acceptable in the economy of the time. Consider two examples:

In recent years, several million dollars have been spent on the essential computer system that is now serving and benefiting the Lodges and the membership. (Please see the "Expenses" pie chart.) Today, all but 10 Lodges are online. All of the investment for the technology and installation of the system was borne by the Grand Lodge fraternal operations. The only costs to the Subordinate Lodges were for each to purchase a computer and to acquire an Internet service provider. (Grand Lodge made computers available at cost, or Lodges could purchase their own.)

The Matching Grants Program was discontinued on January 1, 2002. It was a popular program that was widely used by the Lodges. However, while the generosity generated plenty of community good will, it proved to be a financial double-edged sword. Not only were the contributed Lodge funds and Grand Lodge moneys going outside the Fraternity, but also much of the Subordinate Lodge contributions were funds that Lodges otherwise would have given to Grand Lodge Charities. The Matching Grants program was well received, but that was all before 9/11 and the resulting downturn in the value and return on investments.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is not bankrupt -- far from it. There is a cash bind, so Grand Lodge has to generate funds. The only way to do that is to increase the dues to support the fraternal operations. Unfortunately, when the stock market comes back, as it has been doing so far this year, Grand Lodge won't be in a position to share fully in the return because it was necessary to use much of the principal of the investments to keep functioning. That emphasizes the need and the urgency for the increase in dues.

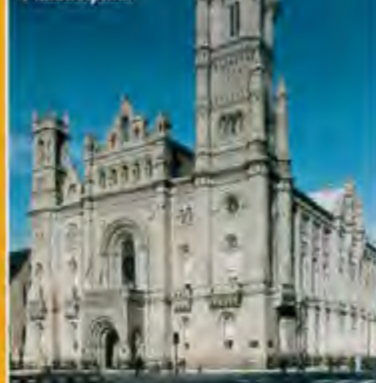
What has come before is history -- and for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, it is a proud history of service to mankind and the Fraternity. Now, the Fraternity has to focus on the facts and move forward in the climate and realities of today.

Forecast for 2004

Because of the lack of return on investments, the "Returns, Gains on Investments - 16%" will be eliminated. Therefore, Dues and Fees will have to provide as much as 98% of the Grand Lodge fraternal operations for the 2004 budget.

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Recalling the Ritual, New Brother Clears the Path To 130-Year Old Monument With Masonic Links

Francis J. Bell remembered what he heard when he was raised last March 2003 in St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia. Two months later, he was reading a feature article in the Sunday, May 25 edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* about the deteriorated conditions of many of the area's cemeteries and spied a reference to Mount Moriah Cemetery in southwest Philadelphia. "Mount Moriah" registered with him. Since that name figured prominently in the Ritual he had experienced recently and is reflected in the names of some Lodges, he considered the possibility of a Masonic link.



Bro. Bell decided to find out and traveled to Mount Moriah Cemetery to assess the situation. The newspaper article was correct; there was terrible overgrowth and conditions were bad. Bro. Bell also was correct; he found substantial Masonic presence there.

On his initial foray into the brush, he discovered an imposing monument with definite Masonic symbolism marking the final resting place of Past Grand Tyler William B. Schnider. The inscription states:

**DEDICATED BY THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PA.
JUNE 24th, A.D. 1871 A.L. 5871**

After a great deal of effort and judicious application of a machete, weed whacker, and mower, it became clearly evident that there had been a great deal of planning given to the location. The primary burial monument was oriented so that Bro. Schnider's sculpted bas-relief bust faces the East; was situated at the apex of the highest ground in the cemetery; and was central to two concentric paths, making it "A Point Within A Circle."

Further inspection of the surrounding area revealed other monuments and vaults testifying to Masonic burials, and references to Royal Arch Masonry and other Masonic organizations. Further research is necessary to establish whether there are more than casual or chance relationships among the numerous Masonic gravesites. Was this widely known as a Masonic burial

ground? Certainly what has been uncovered so far would indicate this.

Bro. Bell has made a number of trips since then and has begun an effort to restore the areas in the vicinity of the monument to the "harmony and good order" befitting the Brethren and their families who have traveled to that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." He has interested other Members of the Lodge in joining him in the effort. Recently, Stephen W. Long, P.M. and the Secretary, Robert M. Stauffer, P.M., joined Bro. Bell not only to help in the work, but also to get photos, and publicize his effort to enlist the aid of more Brethren interested in the reclamation.

Past Master Stauffer said, "The Members of St. Alban-Swain Lodge welcome and urge Brethren from other Lodges and from the Coordinate Bodies to join them in this worthy task. We also suggest that DeMolay Chapters and Boy Scout Troops that benefit from Masonic support could help in the effort. Contact Bro. Bell to volunteer your services or for further information, call (215) 637-0635."



Stephen W. Long, P.M. (left) and the Secretary, Robert M. Stauffer, P.M., clear away the undergrowth at the monument in Mount Moriah Cemetery dedicated to Past Grand Tyler William B. Schnider.



Portrait from the Permanent Collection of the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

**William B. Schnider,
R.W. Past Grand Tyler**

*As researched by Dr. Glenys Waldman,
Librarian, The Masonic Library and
Museum of Pennsylvania*

The first Masonic record of William B. Schnider appears as shown in Membership Book 2, p. 111 - as follows: Age: 21; Occupation: Bricklayer; Residence: Philadelphia; All Degrees in Lafayette Lodge No. 71 in 1838; Entered Apprentice March (no day), then there was no more written in that book. From other sources, it was determined that he obtained the Fellow Craft degree in April, then Master Mason May 7 at a Lodge of Instruction held by the Grand Lodge. Within his Lodge, apparently he was never Junior Warden, but was elected Senior Warden in December 1840, and Worshipful Master in 1841. He was also a member of Jerusalem Holy Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, of which he became High Priest in 1843. He is shown to have gained membership in Knights Templar, St. John's Commandery No. 4, as of June 1848, and Scottish Rite, July 11, 1857. He was appointed Grand Tyler on December 1844, in which post he remained until his death, December 19, 1867.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7 (for September 2, 1844 - p. 241), show that his father, Charles, was Grand Tyler before him for 20 years.

There is a huge 3/4 length portrait of our subject, William B. Schnider, outside the Library and Museum door, showing him appropriately regaled in a Lodge No. 71 Apron and a Grand Officer's Collar and Jewel.

Autumn Day 2003



Rain didn't dampen the fun and festivities at Autumn Day, the annual open house for Pennsylvania Masons, their family and friends, held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on Oct. 4.

Friend-to-Friend Reaches Out to Good Men

Because of his Masonic ring and a **Friend-to-Friend** brochure close at hand, "...this young man may become a Master Mason in the state of Kansas, but a Pennsylvania Mason will have nurtured his Masonic roots." That is what Ricky J. Setticas, a member of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, had to say in a letter he enclosed with his generous contribution to the Masonic Charities Fund of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Setticas explained:

"As a Master Mason, I honorably wear my Masonic ring. Recently, a young man in my class at Johnson County Community College (where I am attending for my second academic degree) asked me if it was a Masonic ring. The young man subsequently asked about Freemasonry. While at the next class, I handed him the **Friend-to-Friend** brochure developed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and informed the young man about Freemasonry."

Bro. Setticas said that he wanted to share this experience with his Brothers in Pennsylvania because **Friend-to-Friend** extends far beyond Pennsylvania into Kansas where he now resides.



Doylestown Lodge Supports Youth In Education and Athletics

In 2003, Doylestown Lodge No. 245 continued to extend its helping hand to youth, awarding scholarships to graduating students and sponsoring a youth baseball team.



For the 14th year, the Lodge awarded scholarships now totaling \$17,000 shared by 40 students from Central Bucks-West, Central Bucks-East, and other Doylestown area high schools. This year's recipients are (front in the picture, l-r): Kathleen Piperno, C.B.-East; Andrew Wilkins, C.B.-West; and Caroline Fox, C.B.-East. To the rear are: Kenneth W. McCarty, P.M., Chairman of the Lodge Scholarship Committee; Benjamin T. Hanbickl, J.W.; James J. Dowling, Sr., W.M.; and Gary Schuyler, S.W. Bro. McCarty also is the Director of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.



After a 14-0 undefeated season, the members of the championship Orioles of the Doylestown Area Athletic Association Minor League proudly show off the uniforms supplied by Doylestown Lodge, which is identified on the back of the shirts. The Lodge also buys equipment for the team. In the center of the back row of the picture are Gary Schuyler, S.W., and James Dowling, W.M. They are flanked by Coaches John Sweet (left) and Rich Gazda. The team members are (l-r): Front- Dominic Cabano, John Billemaier, Jon Schullman, Anthony Gianforaro, Jason Ballentine, and Charlie Cappelli; Middle - John Kopperman, Rob Kryzwicki, Russell Muir, Drew Gazda, Kevin Sweet, and John Laphen.

"Brotherhood Undivided"

Heralded at Commemorative Event For the Friend to Friend National Memorial Monument

A crowd estimated in excess of 150 attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the 10th Anniversary Commemoration for the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument in the enhanced Annex at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 23. The Monument, heralding "Brotherhood Undivided," was dedicated by then-R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr. and the Grand Lodge Officers on Aug. 21, 1993. It depicts Masonic Brothers, Union Captain Henry Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate General Lewis Armistead.

Sheldon A. Munn, P.M., Lafayette Lodge No. 194, and John F. Schwartz, P.M., Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Co-Chairmen for the event, led the commemorative ceremonies which included three brief, motivating presentations by Brethren from Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336:



John F. Schwartz, P.M., received citations for his years of work for the Friend to Friend National Masonic Memorial Monument at Gettysburg.

"Freemasonry" by Victor J. Reale, P.M.; "Masonry in America" by Thomas F. Winter, P.M.; "Good Samaritan Lodge" by Keith E. Whittaker, W.M. The invocation was offered by Lee N. Whittaker, P.M., William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, and the benediction by Rev. Harold Dunkelberger, Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336.

In a surprise conclusion to the program at the Monument, Bro. Munn gave special recognition to Bro. Schwartz for the countless hours he dedicated to the Monument and presented him with citations from the House of Representatives and the Senate "on behalf of the citizens of Gettysburg, Harrisburg, and

the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Eighty-four persons attended the evening banquet in the Dobbins House, across Steinwehr Avenue from the Monument, where Edwin R. Junkin, P.M., West Shore Lodge No. 681, architect for the Monument, introduced the sculptor, Bro. Ron Tunison, of Cairo, NY. Bro. Tunison outlined the history of the Monument and did a commendable job describing his role in creating it. It was a pleasant surprise when, during the evening, Bro. James Ryan, from Washington-Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Virginia, brought greetings from the home Lodge of Gen. Lewis Armistead.

Grand Lodge Officers Among Cycle-Ride Greeters

Victor Frederick, P.M., Mount Pickering Lodge No. 446, Upper Uwchland, departed the Scottish Rite Cathedral of the Valley of Reading on his motorcycle shortly after 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 12. One month and two hours later, on Saturday, July 12, several hundred people, including the R.W. Grand Lodge Officers and the Scottish Rite Deputy for Pennsylvania greeted him at Seven Springs where he ended his successful fund-raising trip. He had traveled 12,200 miles, covered 49 states including Alaska, burned 339 gallons of gas, and skirted three tornados.

Those figures are impressive; but even more impressive are the more than \$25,000 in contributions that the "Ride for Dyslexia" generated for the 32 Masonic Learning Centers for Children of the Scottish Rite, N.M.J. Grand Lodge Officers



pictured as they welcomed Bro. Frederick are (l-r): Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.; Bro. Frederick; William Slater II, R.W.D.G.M.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.G.M.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; and C. DeForest Trexler, Deputy for Pennsylvania, A.A.S.R.

Bro. Frederick is the founder and first President of the Hiram's Scottish Riders, a motorcycle club of Blue Lodge Masons organized last year in the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading. Members of Hiram's Riders accompanied him for the first leg of his trip and joined him again for the final segment.

Job's Daughters Recognized for Charitable Efforts

Two Pennsylvania Job's Daughters, Jennifer Ehrhart and Tamara Matuzsky, were recognized recently by the Supreme Guardian Council, Job's Daughters International, and received commemorative medallions and certificates for their exceptional efforts on behalf of the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (H.I.K.E.) Fund. They raised more than \$1,000 each for the charity, which is the philanthropic project of Job's Daughters.

Jennifer is a member of Bethel No. 1, York, and served as the Daughter Chairman for the Pennsylvania H.I.K.E. Committee for 2002-2003. She spearheaded statewide fundraising efforts and encouraged other members to seek sponsors and donations for the annual "Hike for H.I.K.E." Two of her most successful programs included a dance-a-thon for all Masonic youth and selling lengths of duct-tape to fasten the then-Associate Grand Guardian, Bro. John L. McCain, Jr., to a wall. Her efforts yielded in excess of \$8,500 for the H.I.K.E. Fund.

Tamara, a member of Bethel No. 5, Derry, raised more than \$1,000 for the charity by "pounding the pavement" and going door-to-door asking for donations. Her personal efforts spurred on the other members of her Bethel, who raised over \$200 each.

Pennsylvania Mason Composes Civil War Symphony

A world premier recording of a stirring new symphony, "Fields of Crimson," performed by the Altoona Symphony Orchestra and labeled "the first Civil War-based symphony of its kind," was released July 1, the anniversary date for the start of the three-day Battle of Gettysburg in 1865. The composer of the five-movement symphony is 26-year-old Bro. Todd W. Goodman, a member of Bedford Lodge No. 320.

The work was performed under the baton of Maestro Nicholas Palmer in the historic Mishler Theatre in Altoona. It takes the listener through pre-battle preparations, the three days of battle, and a heart-warming elegy. A moving narration simulating diary entries from the perspective of an adolescent girl who lived in Gettysburg was written by Bedford native Justin Cober and read by Carolyn Donaldson, a central Pennsylvania television personality.

Bro. Todd Goodman writes of his composition: "When I was a boy growing up in central Pennsylvania, the Civil War was an omnipresent theme...the ruins of battlefields, historical markers, and monuments...were always its constant reminder. The older I got, the more I realized how integral these few years of history were to the molding of the foundation of America. When I finally visited these battlefields, the impression left on my mind was one of humble and noble awe. Lives were lost for freedom; freedom from tyranny, freedom of rights, and freedom for life. "Fields of Crimson" is my rendition of this story."

The Goodmans are a Masonic family. Todd's father, Richard E. Goodman, is the Worshipful Master of Bedford Lodge. His mother, Sandra, is a Past Worthy Matron of Bedford Springs Chapter No. 41, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past District Deputy. His brother, Richard Goodman II, is a member of Bedford Lodge, but now resides in Colorado where he currently is the director of the El Jebel Shrine's "True Blue" big band.

In an e-mail, the composer noted that the CD of the symphony is available through www.Amazon.com or by calling (800) 289-6923.

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Kennett Lodge awards Scholarships

For the seventh consecutive year, Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square, presented scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the area. This year, Jennifer Harris (second from left), of West Chester received a \$1,000 award from George B. Zeiner, W.M. (left), and Latoya Myers (third from left), of Kennett Square, received a like amount from Joseph S. Evans, S.W. (center). Joining in the presentation are: David B. Crawford, J.W.; A. Sidney Brookes, Trustee; and Gregory H. Wells, Pursuivant. These awards are part of \$8,000 that the Lodge had budgeted for scholarships and community services in 2003.



John M. Read Lodge Awards Scholarships

In conjunction with the June Stated Meeting, John M. Read Lodge No. 536, Reynoldsville, held its second Annual Scholarship Award evening when they presented six \$2,500 scholarships to area high school seniors who are pursuing post-graduate education. Recipients of the scholarships are pictured (front, l-r): Westley Teglliferra, Betsy Lake, Jodi Vanyo, Samantha Strouse, Holli Hoffman, and Amanda Gant. Brethren of John M. Read Lodge in the back row are: Ray M. Uplinger, P.M.; Norman Smith, P.M.; Robert Vizza, J.W.; Herman Frost, W.M.; C. John Clark, S.D.; Bradley Wells, S.W.; Jack C. Yohe, P.M.; and Rev. Leo Cramer, Chaplain.



Lodge Charity Tourney Nets \$7,000 for Local Youth

As a result of its fourth annual Charity Golf Tournament, Union Lodge No. 291, Scranton, presented a check for \$7,000 to Jimmy McGraw (front center), a 19-year-old lifetime victim of the brittle bone disease, osteogenesis imperfecta. Participating in the presentation are (l-r): Front- John J. Tamkus, P.M.; Carl Taylor, grandfather of Jimmy; Alice McGraw, mother; Jimmy; Carl R. Sherman, P.M.; Gordon M. Conniff, D.D.G.M., 13th Masonic District; and Russell L. Fenton, J.W. Back - Jonathan M. Stewart, W.M.; Warren W. Maxson, P.M., Sec.; Frank S. Mellert, P.M.; Darwin L. Schoener, P.M.; Barry L. Francis, S.D.; and Herbert A. Fisher, Treas.



Lodge of Research to Meet Dec. 6

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will convene at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, in eastern Pennsylvania at Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767, 400 Woodland Ave. (Rt. 420), Springfield. Officers for 2004 will be elected and installed.

Three papers will be presented. One will be on Gutzon Borglum, the architect for Mt. Rushmore, who transformed "the rough ashlar" (the mountain's face) to the perfect ashlar, creating the "Shrine to Democracy." Another will be on Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, R.W.P.G.M., who was R.W. Grand Master in 1872 and was a Grand High Priest. The third paper will be a topic selected and presented by John W. Postlewait, the S.W., who is the candidate for W.M. of the Lodge of Research.

James L. Sieber, W.M., reminded that all Master Masons are welcome to attend the meeting of the Lodge of Research. A hot lunch will be available after the meeting for \$7.

Old Print Found in MD Attic Now in PA Lodge

An interesting old Masonic print entitled "From Darkness to Light" that was copyrighted in 1887 by Pettibone Brothers, fraternal printers of Cincinnati, OH, was found recently in an attic in Maryland and now has a Pennsylvania home in Doylestown Lodge No. 245. It depicts the "York Rite Passage of Freemasonry," tracing a Mason's advancement through the Blue Lodge Degrees, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Along the path, the pertinent symbols and tools are depicted, including the Arch with the inscription "I am that I am," and ends at King Solomon's Temple.

The old print was given to C. Swain Fenimore, S.M.C. (center), of Doylestown Lodge, by a friend and college roommate, whose grandfather had acquired it after its discovery in the Maryland attic. Bro. Fenimore presented it to Robert W. Bunch, Sr., P.M. (left), Chairman of the Lodge Library and Exhibits Committee, and James J. Dowling, W.M.



Masons of Note

When 19-year-old **Jason Mark Allen** (center) was made a Mason in Corry Lodge No. 365 last June, his father and grandfather participated in the Degrees that made him the third generation of his family in the Fraternity. The father, **Brian K. Allen, P.M.** (left), conferred the E.A. Degree and served as the Guide for the F.W. and M.M. Degrees. The grandfather, **Donald L. Allen, P.M.**, was the Guide for the E.A. Degree. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by **Alan J. VanderWeele, P.M.**, and the M.M. Degree by a friend of the family, **William R. Fielding, W.M.**, of Titusville Lodge No. 754.



It was a proud time for **Ralph L. Smith** (second from right), of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, when he witnessed his son, **Ralph L. Smith II**, and two of his grandsons, **Timothy L. Gress** and **Stephen R. Stitley**, raised to the Degree of Master Mason during the same session of the Lodge. Pictured are (l-r): Samuel E. Kauffman, W.M.; Bro. Smith II; Bro. Gress; Bro. Stitley; Bro. Smith; and Richard L. Hileman, S.W.



MASONIC GiftShop

The Masonic Snowflake, a seasonal ornament designed and commissioned by The Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, is the perfect way to display the fraternal spirit during this holiday season. This handsome piece is available in both gold and silver and features a 3 1/2" snowflake surrounding the Square and Compasses. Affordably priced at \$15, this unique ornament will be treasured for years to come.

Commissioned by R.W. Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham Sr., for the December 2002 Quarterly, this one of a kind ceramic model of the Masonic Temple with interior lighting can be yours this holiday season. The 7" long x 5" wide x 9" high model is meticulously rendered and beautifully painted to capture the wonderful architectural details of the Masonic Temple. Priced at \$49.95 (including tax and shipping), the Masonic Temple model will be a wonderful addition to one's Masonic collection.



These and all Gift Shop items are available through the Grand Lodge web site www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop or by calling (800) 336-7317. Contact the Gift Shop of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania for yours today!

Grand Master Visits Veterans in Altoona VA Center

After touring the James E. Van Zandt Veterans Administration Medical Center in Altoona and visiting veterans there, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master (center), presented a contribution of \$600 to Gerald Williams, Director, and Cynthia A. Eaton, the Volunteer Coordinator at the Center. The contribution will be used to purchase a television set for the veteran's recreation facilities and for American flags that line the entrance road to the Medical Center. At the left is Dale A. DeLozier, D.D.G.M., 20th Masonic District. To the right of the Grand Master are G. Richard McClucas, Grand Tyler, and James T. Young, Aide to the Grand Master.



Volunteers Work Long Hours at Little League World Series

For seven of the 19 days of the 2003 Little League World Series in South Williamsport, members of La Belle Vallee Lodge, No. 232 of Jersey Shore and Brethren from neighboring



Lodges, including Richard A. Loreman, the 18th Masonic District D.D.G.M., their wives, and friends were joined by members of the Jersey Shore Tiadaghton Chapter of the Order of the Amaranth to staff the busy concession stands. Together, the volunteers, who numbered nearly 100, raised more than \$3,500 for their respective organizations. Not only was this a project that involved many members, but, as one member who is a business owner commented, "It was nice to be called upon to actually help my Lodge, rather than just donate money."

Pictured are some of the Brethren who worked the long, hot July hours. They are (l-r): Kneeling - William McConnell, Chaplain, John E. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport; and the following from La Belle Vallee Lodge: Donald R. Miller; Robert L. Greene; Ronald A. Augst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; Shawn T. Zell, W.M.; and John Franklin Thompson. Standing - Allen J. Henninger, P.D.D.G.M.; George Durrwachter; Paul J. Zell, Jr., P.M., Treas.; Daniel P. Molnar, S.W.; Elmer C. Smith; J. David Jarrett, Sr.; Michael M. Klinger, P.M.; and C. Russell Stark, P.M.

Master Plan Update for Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved a 20-year vision through a master plan detailing a systematic approach to growth at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. After months of focus groups with residents and staff; discussions with township, borough, and community leaders; and surveys of potential customers, the Masonic Homes is sharing its vision and the planning process with its constituencies to confirm that the plan would meet the needs of residents, staff, and the local community. To develop this plan, the Masonic Homes has been working with Reese, Lower, Patrick & Scott Architects of Lancaster, PA.

The master plan addresses 11 program goals that the Masonic Homes' administration devised upon evaluating market trends and input from current and future customers. Potential growth within any of these identified areas will be determined by service needs and may not necessarily occur in any particular order. All plans depend on approval from local and county authorities.

The following are the 11 program goals used as a foundation to develop the Master Plan:

1. Plan for up to 400 additional retirement living cottages, in phases, to accommodate market demand. The cottages will consist mostly of duplexes, in a range of sizes, and will be integrated with the land. In August, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the pre-marketing of 68 additional retirement living cottages. Based on the pre-marketing, the Committee on Masonic Homes will decide whether to authorize the approval process and construction of the new cottages.
2. Plan for up to 150 additional apartments, in phases, in a variety of sizes.
3. Plan for up to 40 additional assisted living units.
4. Add additional recreational opportunities to promote a wellness/pedestrian focus, providing access to walking, bike and cart paths, golfing or equestrian facilities.
5. Work with community leaders to encourage developers to build a hotel on the perimeter of the campus, offering approximately 60 rooms. This would serve and benefit the greater Elizabethtown area.
6. Relocate the Farm Market to a more visible and accessible location on the campus.
7. Combine programming into a centralized arts/cultural center, including small studios for model railroad-ing, painting, woodworking, ceramics, etc.

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Datestone Ceremony, Flag-Raising, Open House Make a Great Day at Masonic Village at Sewickley

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania performed a Cornerstone Ceremony for the placing of a Datestone on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Masonic Village at Sewickley to herald the near-completion of the clubhouse and retirement living apartments and villas.

The ceremony featured the ritualistic placing of the Datestone by the R.W. Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., and the raising of the American, Pennsylvania, and Grand Lodge flags at the clubhouse by the Grand Lodge Officers and residents of the Masonic Village at Sewickley, Bro. George Jones and James Alexander.

Bro. Jones presented the U.S. flag that he and his wife, Eleanor, received from Congressman Rick Santorum. Mr. Alexander, who was Chairman of the Valley Care Association in 1999, presented the Pennsylvania flag. James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M., who served as Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes and worked with Mr. Alexander in establishing this vision in June 1999, presented the Grand Lodge flag. Grand Master Cunningham thanked William Slater II, R.W.D.G.M., for donating the flagpoles to the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Grand Master Cunningham also directed the Grand Treasurer, Marvin G. Spelcher, and the Grand Secretary, Donald L. Albert to place a memory box filled with that day's local newspaper, brochures, and other Masonic memorabilia, as a time capsule, behind the Datestone.

During the ceremony, Masonic groups were recognized for their generous monetary gifts to the facility:

The Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R., and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, each has a permanent recognition for their monetary support – the naming of Scottish Rite Lane and Eastern Star Way, two of the streets through the retirement community.

Visitors enjoyed entertainment by the Men's Chorus from the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, as well as the delicious food display and tours of the Clubhouse and campus following the ceremony.

The final phase of the retirement living project in Sewickley was completed in September, which now offers a total of 228 apartments and 35 villas. Nursing, assisted living, and rehabilitation services also are available on the campus.

▶ Taking part in the flag-raising in front of the clubhouse are (from left): Grand Treasurer Speicher; resident Bro. George Jones; Grand Secretary Albert; Grand Master Cunningham; resident Alexander; Deputy Grand Master Slater; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W.; Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W.; and Past Grand Master Ernette.

▶ R.W. Grand Master Cunningham and other Grand Lodge Officers performed the cornerstone ceremony for placing a Datestone at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.



▶ The Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh was recognized for its donation toward Scottish Rite Lane, and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, was recognized for its donation toward Eastern Star Way, on the Sewickley campus. Representatives of both groups were present for the ceremony.



▶ R.W.G.M. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr. (center) with Deputy Grand Master Slater II (left) and Bro. Robert Friday, places the Datestone following the ceremony.



ON THE COVER

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania (pictured at right), raps the gavel to proclaim the Datestone "duly prepared" and (pictured l-r across the bottom), William Slater II, R.W.D.G.M., spreads the Corn; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.S.G.W., pours the Wine; and Stephen Gardner, R.W.J.G.W. pours the Oil.

Plumb, Level and Square... Corn, Wine, and Oil

The Masonic Ritual of laying the Cornerstone or placing a Datestone, as was performed at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, has been a custom and tradition from the early days of the Fraternity and continues to be a solemn privilege and honor for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers to perform. Harken to the significance of the intonations.

In the opening prayer, the Chaplain invokes, "We pray Thee to bless the work now begun with the **Corn of Strength**, the **Wine of Refreshment**, and the **Oil of Joy**."

The Grand Master directs his Grand Lodge Officers to verify that the Cornerstone or Datestone is "**Plumb**," "**Level**," and "**Square**." Satisfied in its perfection, the Grand Master declares it duly prepared "... according the Ancient Usages and Customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry, and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun and make it memorable to the latest generations."

Spreading **CORN** from a cornucopia, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master says: "May plenty be showered down upon the people of this Ancient Commonwealth and may the labors of the Craft be refreshed by the giver of every good and perfect gift."

Pouring **WINE** from a vessel, the R.W. Senior Grand Warden says: "May health and safety be vouchsafed to the Craftsmen employed in erecting the Retirement Living buildings and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper all their labors."

Pouring **OIL** from a vessel, the R.W. Junior Grand Warden says: "May the Supreme Ruler of the World vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to the people of Pennsylvania and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the Fraternity of Freemasons and make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world and the labors of the Craftsmen easy and their burdens light."

Retirement Living: A "Master Plan" for Your Future

Gray skies and a soaking rain did not dampen the enthusiasm and excitement of the estimated 480 persons who attended the Retirement Living Open House on June 20. The highlight of this year's program was a presentation of the "20-Year Master Plan" for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The potential growth and expansion planned for the Elizabethtown campus makes it apparent that the desires and needs of the Fraternity serve as the primary focus for this long-range initiative (see Master Plan article on page 12). The tradition, planning, and foresight of the Fraternity that began in the early 1900s continues today.

Whether you are retired now, or looking to retire in a few years, you, too, should have a "master plan" in place for your future. When would you like to retire? Do you prefer an apartment or a cottage? An entrance fee or rental payment plan? If you are at least age 55, it is not too soon to consider adding your name to the Retirement Living Priority List at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Currently, you are eligible for admission to Retirement Living when you attain age 65. (In the case of a married couple, at least one spouse must be age 65.)



Bro. Paul E. Sanderlin and Margaret Sanderlin, Dover, pictured talking with Brenda Evanko, Marketing Counselor, while at the June presentation. Bro. Sanderlin is a member of Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, York.

Yes, I want to learn more about Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes!

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Outreach Epitomizes Masonic Tradition: "Serving the Needs of Others"

The family of Freemasonry has a fine tradition of serving the needs of others. In keeping with that tradition, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania offers an Outreach Program providing information, education, and direction to individuals and families throughout the United States.

The Outreach Director, John Suchanec, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, has access to information on community services, personal care and nursing homes, and government programs that provide assistance to those in need. Bro. Suchanec says, "My goal is to empower people by providing the resources they need, allowing them to do as much for themselves as possible. If an advocate is needed, our office provides that assistance."

When the Outreach office receives a call, the needs of the individual are assessed through a brief phone interview. From that information, a plan of action is determined, which may include referrals to the appropriate agency in the individual's community, or an application for services.

Following a recent intervention, a note praising the services of the Outreach Program was received. The circumstances surrounding that situation and the positive outcome is a testimony to the program's effectiveness.

A mother in a local community was referred to Bro. Suchanec late on a Friday. Her son was having problems at school as a result of a diagnosed behavioral disorder. An intervention was needed to help keep the child in his current school, or arrange placement in another school. Speaking with Bro. Suchanec gave her a feeling of comfort and direction. He made contacts on her behalf, and spearheaded a meeting to help place her son in a different school for the remainder of the term, as well as the upcoming school year. The mother is pleased with this outcome and thankful for the assistance that was rendered on her behalf.

The note from the person who made the referral concludes, "I can't say enough about the fine cooperation from John... He acted expertly and went out of his way to help... That type of help is what I call 'community' and is what I think sets this community apart from many others."

Bro. Suchanec explained that in this situation, and others like it, the intervention included contacts with the school district, various counselors and private mental health providers. "The cooperation among everyone involved led to a quick resolution. We receive up to a dozen referrals of this type each year," he said.

If you know of someone in need of the assistance, please call the Outreach Program directly, toll-free from anywhere in the U.S., at (800) 462-7664. No Masonic affiliation is required.



Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved name changes for the Masonic Homes communities, which will go into effect on January 1, 2004. They are:

- The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will become the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.
- The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster will become the Masonic Village at Warminster. The nursing and assisted living building will retain the name, "Masonic Eastern Star Home," in order to maintain the tradition of Eastern Star at that location.
- The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill will become the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill.
- The Masonic Village at Sewickley will remain the same.

Collectively, the communities will be the "Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." The Committee has also chosen a new logo, pictured above.

The Committee approved the name and logo changes to unify the communities under a common Masonic heritage, tradition, and mission. The name change to "village" rather than "home" also better reflects the contemporary views that many seniors have in regard to retirement communities. Industry research indicates that seniors view their move to a retirement community as a stage in their lives when they have opportunities for continued growth and new experiences in addition to health care security.

Though the names of our Masonic retirement communities will change, their commitment to quality services and care will remain the same. Look for future communications to reflect the name/logo change.

A Special Note to Brethren and Friends

Over the years, the residents of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have had their lives enriched by the thoughtful philanthropic support of Brethren and friends including outright gifts of cash, stock, real estate and other property, bequests, and planned gifts. That rich tradition of caring continues and is alive and well today.

With the change in Masonic Homes' name, it is understandable that Brethren and friends who have included a provision in any amount for the Masonic Homes in their will, revocable trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan, or who have entered into a planned gift arrangement, such as a life estate, charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable remainder trust, or charitable lead trust with the Masonic Homes, may have questions regarding the impact of the name change on their respective plans. There is no need to have a will, or any other planned giving document changed to reflect Masonic Homes' new name. However, if you are in the process of updating any of the mentioned arrangements, it would be appropriate to incorporate the name change at that time, using "Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

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 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.

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- Relocate laundry facilities from the front entrance of the Masonic Homes to the lower level of the Masonic Health Care Center.
- Work with regional health systems to offer a medical clinic on the perimeter of the campus.
- Working with the Elizabethtown Borough, integrate, blend, and strengthen Masonic Homes' ties to the Amtrak station and the Elizabethtown community. Convert existing buildings at the entrance of the campus into a marketplace offering convenient amenities such as retail shops, a restaurant, an outdoor café, dry cleaning, etc. These services would be operated by outside organizations on Masonic Homes' grounds. If market research shows a need for a 55+ community, such accommodations could be built near that marketplace.
- Re-invent existing under-utilized structures, such as the abattoir, dairy farm, and farmhouses, to maintain the character of the campus. Make positive features more prominent, such as the fountains, architectural beauty, formal gardens, Bender's Pond, and Memorial Grove. Preserve wooded areas for future recreation, such as equestrian use. Also preserve meadows, orchards, and farmland. Create a new main entrance from Bainbridge Road, bringing people onto Shrine Road at the base of Grand Lodge Hall and formal gardens, displaying the prominence and beauty of the boulevard.

Other components could include:

- An expanded wellness center to extend from the existing center to the Brossman Pool.
- Improved parking access on the campus.

Future articles will provide additional master plan updates, as well as if and when goals might be met. Anyone interested in partnering with the Masonic Homes in providing services at the proposed marketplace may call (717) 367-1121, extension 33262.

Four Promoted at the Masonic Homes

Due to continued growth of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as it expands its services across the state, including the forthcoming addition of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, recently announced the following promotions:

William C. Davis, Jr., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, has been promoted from Chief Operating Officer for the Masonic Homes to Chief Operating Officer of Health Care Services. Bro. Davis has been employed by Masonic Homes since 1990 as Administrator of Health Care Services. In September 1997, he became the Chief Operating Officer.

In this role, Bro. Davis provides leadership at all Masonic Homes' locations on the implementation and measurement of quality initiatives, best practices, and benchmarking of health care and assisted living services. He also is responsible for the residential living area and the adult day care center at the Elizabethtown campus.

Bro. Davis received both his Bachelor's Degree and his Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Bucknell University. He is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Nursing Home Administrator and is also certified by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) as a Retirement Housing Professional. Bro. Davis serves on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging (PANPHA). He is Chairman of Lancaster Area Senior Services (LASS, Inc.), which represents 16 not-for-profit PANPHA members in Lancaster County who work on joint ventures and public policy initiatives. He also has served as an expert witness in NHA cases for the Department of State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

As an adjunct instructor at York College of Pennsylvania, Bro. Davis teaches a seminar in General Administration, Organization, and Management in Nursing Facilities and an undergraduate course in Fiscal Issues in Long Term Care.

Raymond E. Tierney, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, has been promoted from Administrator, Retirement Living, to Chief Operating Officer of Retirement Living Services. Bro. Tierney has been employed by the Masonic Homes since 1981 and as Administrator of Retirement Living since 1988.

In this role, he will continue his responsibilities for the retirement living areas, envi-



Bro. William C. Davis, Jr.

ronmental services and land management, facilities management, and master planning at the Elizabethtown campus; but he also will provide leadership in determining, implementing, and benchmarking best practices in services and marketing for the retirement living areas at the Sewickley and Lafayette Hill campuses.

Bro. Tierney received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Elizabethtown College in 1981 and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University in August 1993. A certified Retirement Housing Professional and a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, Bro. Tierney is a member of PANPHA, AAHSA, American College of Health Care Administrators, and National Association of Social Workers. He serves on the board of directors for the Elizabethtown Economic Development Corporation.



Bro. Donald E. Romberger

Donald E. Romberger, Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, has been promoted from Marketing Manager for Retirement Living at Elizabethtown to Director of Marketing for all Masonic Homes' locations. In this role, he provides leadership in directing, implementing, and measuring the marketing efforts and outcomes for retirement living service areas as well as other services provided by Masonic Homes.

Bro. Romberger, who has been employed by the Masonic Homes since 1998, attended Thomas Edison College, NJ, and has also earned the designation of Chartered Financial Consultant through The American College. Romberger serves his church in a variety of roles and is a Christ Servant Minister of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Tina L. Raybold has been promoted from Public Relations Manager to Director of Public Relations for all Masonic Homes' locations. In this role, she will be responsible for the development, implementation, and measurement of corporate communications efforts through multimedia channels, including internal and external communications, media relations, publications, promotional materials, and maintaining image standards. She has worked for the Masonic Homes since 1996.

Mrs. Raybold received a Bachelor's Degree in English and Interpersonal/Organizational Communication from the University of Delaware and a Master's Degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and Advertising from Temple University. An accredited public relations practitioner, Mrs. Raybold is president-elect of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.



Mrs. Tina L. Raybold

Find The Lifestyle You Deserve at Lafayette Hill

The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, located in beautiful Montgomery County, and soon to be a part of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located on 20 scenic acres. The Masonic Home offers personal care/assisted living, nursing care services, and retirement living services for up to 250 residents.



and coordinated medical management services.

In retirement living, each of the more than 70 luxury apartments features high ceilings, a modern kitchen, large closets, spacious one or two bedrooms, a living area, and most have a balcony or patio. Residents enjoy a variety of amenities on campus, including a wellness center, bowling alley, walking trail, billiards, a putting green, and much more, as well as the security that a full continuum of care is available if needed.

Ideally situated in a peaceful, suburban setting, the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania is proud to be part of an area of Philadelphia that is rich in history and offers many other cultural and leisure-time opportunities.

To learn more about The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, please call the Marketing Office at (610) 828-5760 or (610) 825-6100. The Marketing staff is available to meet with you to discuss assisted living and retirement living accommodations and admission criteria.



In assisted living, the private quarters units are designed to complement the lifestyles of active, older retirees and provide a perfect blend of independence and privacy with personal services provided as needed. Residents enjoy three meals daily in the delightful dining room. Other benefits include a supervised wellness center, recreation activities, outings, closed-circuit television, weekly housekeeping and linen services,



"Lifecare" Changes How Retirees Choose Their Next Home



Ask almost any retirement living resident at the Masonic Village at Sewickley why they chose this community as their home, and they likely will tell you about the security of "lifecare." Of course, they will probably follow up with an enthusiastic explanation of all the things there are to do, and you can bet they will mention the great food served in the two clubhouse restaurants.

What exactly is a "lifecare" community? It is a community that provides the financial security of knowing that residents will continue to pay the same rates that they are paying in retirement living, even if they should move to assisted living or nursing care services in the future. In the case of a couple, for example, one can be residing in a retirement living apartment or villa, and the other in an assisted living apartment. Between them, they continue paying the same rate as when they resided together in retirement living. In other words, they are protected from depleting their assets in a long-term care situation.

"The 'lifecare' concept is really what has attracted much of the attention to the Masonic Village at Sewickley," stated Gail Brenkus, Marketing Counselor. "Besides being a beautiful and vibrant place to live,

'lifecare' provides the ultimate financial security."

The Masonic Village at Sewickley offers various on-site amenities and recreational opportunities to residents, such as: a computer resource center, walking trails, hair care center, art studio, branch bank, library, convenience store, fitness center, and indoor pool.

To learn more about Masonic Village at Sewickley, contact the Marketing Office at (866) 872-0664 for a personal tour or to make reservations to attend our next open house, November 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

☐ Send me a Masonic Village at Sewickley Brochure.

☐ Call me to schedule a personal tour.

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

More Than The Basics

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown offers a full range of services such as meals, housekeeping, laundry service, and more, which you would expect to find at a continuing care retirement community. But, did you know that the Masonic Homes provides more than the basics, such as:

- A fully equipped wellness center with trained staff to assist with our residents' health and fitness,
- A fishing pond, stocked for recreational fishing,
- Walking paths that are integrated throughout the campus,
- A farm market that sells a variety of fruits, vegetables, preserves, and other gourmet items, and will ship anywhere in the United States,
- A museum highlighting interesting Masonic Homes' and Masonic history,
- The Three Loaves Café, located in the Freemason Cultural Center, where residents and visitors can meet and enjoy a casual meal,
- Several gift shops filled with gifts, souvenirs, and sundry items,
- A Railroad Club with its depot full of trains, tracks, and engineers,
- A woodworking shop that provides the tools needed to craft treasures,
- Outdoor and indoor pools,
- An exhibit of preserved wildlife that once roamed the grounds of the Masonic Homes.

Of course, the best way to enjoy these services is to become a resident at the Masonic Homes. Housing options are designed to fit most lifestyles. To learn more, you can request a brochure by calling (800) 422-1207, or by emailing your name and address to admission@masonichomespa.org.



Children's Home Welcomes Dan Marino and Big 33 Players



Residents of the Masonic Children's Home were thrilled with the visit by Dan Marino, former Miami Dolphin quarterback and 2003 Big 33 Honorary Chairman.

Every summer, top high school football players from Pennsylvania and Ohio come to Hershey for the traditional Big 33 game. The 33 members of the Pennsylvania squad are selected by the Pennsylvania Scholastic High School Football Association. In addition to practicing for the game in Hershey, the players are encouraged to participate in various community events and visits. Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director, Children's Services; Gene Tobias, Assistant Director, Children's Services; and Bro. John Suchanec, Outreach Director, all serve on the operations committee for the Big 33. Bro. Cash also serves as the host for the honorary chairman of the event.

In July, five of the Big 33 players and two cheerleaders visited the Masonic Children's Home, participating in sprints, a football game, cheers, and question-and-answer sessions with the youth. Participants of local midget football leagues and the Masonic Homes' Child Care Center also joined the fun with the players.

This year's honorary chairman of the Big 33 football game, retired Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, took time out of his busy schedule to visit the Masonic Children's Home on July 18. Many of the younger children did not remember Dan from his impressive NFL career, but they recognize him from his appearance in the movie comedy, "Ace Ventura," starring Jim Carrey.

Dan told the children and staff that he likes to golf when he isn't performing his duties as a sports analyst, but he noted that with six children, his spare time is limited! Dan also told the eager listeners about one of his children, who was diagnosed with autism at age 2. As a result, he and his wife, Claire, began a foundation in Florida to aid autistic children.

The Thinning of Masonic Lodge Leadership



From the
R.W. Grand Secretary,
Donald L. Albert

Your Masonic Lodge is looking for its members to accept the role of a leader in our Fraternity. The Lodge, in most instances, is composed of some members who have proven capacities for leadership and others who may have had little training or experience in any role of the type that is needed within your Lodge.

Your Masonic Lodge needs Lodge Officers! Are you the one who will stand up and be counted for the future of your Fraternity?

To be a Worshipful Master of your Lodge, you must organize the plans for your term in office, envision the obstacles you might face, and observe areas that you will want to develop or set aside. Obviously, your planning must start before your term as Worshipful Master. By doing that, you will enjoy your term as Worshipful Master, and the Lodge will benefit from your foresight.

Providing your fellow Lodge officers with assignments will establish teamwork, as well as prepare them for their term in office. That also will allow you to focus on the overall workings of your Lodge meetings, and the Lodge will benefit from your leadership.

As Worshipful Master, you may delegate to other Lodge Officers the authority and responsibility for performing assignments; but you are ultimately responsible for all that happens during the year of your term in office as its presiding officer.

When you volunteer, you then are a Mason with a job to do. Please consider being a Lodge Officer – either as an elected or an appointed capacity. Any of your Lodge Officers would be pleased to talk with you about your future as an Officer.

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 currently registered Scout leaders and have rendered outstanding service to the Scouting movement. An individual cannot apply; he must be nominated by a Brother Mason and be approved by his own 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, 292 Pennsylvania Masons and 556 Masons from other jurisdictions have received the award medallion, certificate, and purple and gold square knot patch that represents the BSA 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/pyl/pgm/scouter.

Pennsylvania brethren on record as having been granted the award between June 1 and August 31, 2003, are:

Thomas Albert Bowers, Cambria Lodge No. 278, Johnstown.
Gary M. Brownstein, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.
James Richard Carothers, Mountain Lodge No. 281, Altoona.
William C. Graham, Butler Lodge No. 272.
Edward C. Hill, Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside.
Carl Hunt, Wilson-Joppa Lodge No. 714, Dravosburg.
David E. Kearns, Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela.
Jules H. Markowitz, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.
Harry W. May, William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758, Pittsburgh.
Mark M. Moyer, Azalea-Fellowship Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.
John F. Pyfer, Jr., Andrew H. Hershey Lodge No. 764, Lancaster.
Dennis C. Rickard, Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler.
Barry L. Shafer, Royersford Lodge No. 585.
Dale Siar, Mahoning Lodge No. 243, New Castle.
George T. Smith, Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown.
Thomas L. Smith, Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown.
Thomas T. Woodring, Azalea-Fellowship Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.

CORRECTION: In the listing of recipients of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Awards in the August issue, an extra "n" was inserted in the name of Richard E. Denison Sr., of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.

Need a Holiday Gift Idea? Look No Further!

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

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- 4- Golden Delicious apples
- 4- Stayman Winesap apples
- assorted candy and nuts



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How Long Was Your Ski Season?

Starting the past skiing season in October 2002, and still skiing in July 2003 (yes, JULY!), Jay G. Brossman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, logged 257 days on the slopes this year. Only the closing of the slopes for the season on July 6 stopped him. That's a remarkable feat for any skier, but it's even more remarkable when you consider that Bro. Brossman is 73 years young. This hard-core skier logged his days on the slopes of Colorado, finishing out the season at Arapahoe Basin, the state's highest ski area, at 12,470 feet above sea level.



How are Pennsylvania Masons using the Internet? Depending upon your needs, there are "Practical, Educational, Organizational and Entertainment" reasons for using the Grand Lodge Web site:

PRACTICAL

Masonic Homes Farm Market On-Line

Have you ever sat down to breakfast and said, "I sure wish I had some Masonic Homes apple butter?" If not, it's probably only because you haven't tried it — or any of the other fruit butters that are available by mail or fax order form. Prices and listing of available products can be found at <http://www.pagrandlodge.org/mh/elizabethtown/orchard.html>. And, now is the time to think about ordering holiday gift boxes!

EDUCATIONAL

The Pennsylvania Freemason Archives

Since the beginning of this web site, the full text and graphics of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* have been a part of this free service to the Craft and the public. Researchers looking for details of a specific program, or those who are looking for general information about Freemasonry, can find a wealth of knowledge in this archive that has issues back to December 1997.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Updated Directory of Speakers

Finding a Speaker for your Lodge couldn't be easier than clicking a mouse-button. Using the revised system you can search for any subject or speaker by name, topic, or region of the state where a speaker resides. Use the on-line form to request all of the speakers you need for Lodge programs. Where the speaker has an e-mail address, the request will go directly to him and he will respond directly. Where the speaker does not have an e-mail address, a member of the Committee on Internet Services will forward a copy of the request and the speaker will respond by telephone or by mail. A recent addition is the opportunity for Masonic speakers to register their names and topics with the Directory and their information will be made available upon approval of their respective District Deputy Grand Master.

ENTERTAINMENT

On-Line Tour Still Most Popular

The on-line guided tour of the Masonic Temple is still the most popular feature of the web site because people want to see the beautifully decorated rooms. In each of the Lodge Rooms there are musical selections, all having Masonic significance, including works by Bros. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn. Returning viewers have discovered that the picture of the exterior of the Masonic Temple changes, depending upon when the on-line tour is taken. Like most historic attractions, there are many reasons to return to the Masonic Temple, whether in person or on-line.

DeMolay To Honor R.W.P.G.M. Williamson



The State Officers of The Order of DeMolay, led by Steven J. Prazenica, State Master Councilor, have chosen to honor R.W. Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson for his many years of dedicated service to DeMolay by naming the class of new members for him. The ceremonies will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Masonic Conference Center — Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

"Dad" Williamson served as Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania for more than 13 years, and during that time directed many classes to be named for other Masonic and DeMolay leaders. But, this will be the first time that a DeMolay Class will bear his name.

The initiation process for new members will consist of two ceremonies performed by championship and all-star degree teams: The Initiatory Degree at 10:30 a.m., followed by a

formal noon luncheon, and the DeMolay Degree at 1:15 p.m., concluding by 3:00 p.m. Parents and other interested adults (age 21 or older) may attend the ceremonies. Siblings are not permitted to attend the ceremonies, but supervision and activities will be provided for them, if they are pre-registered.

Membership in DeMolay is open to boys between the ages of 12 and 21 who believe in a Supreme Being and are of good character. Membership At-Large is available to those who do not live near a local DeMolay Chapter. Benefits of DeMolay membership include being part of a worldwide brotherhood, educational and leadership opportunities, travel and public speaking programs, sponsorship by the Masonic Fraternity, and eligibility for numerous Masonic and DeMolay scholarships. To become a member, applicants should apply to a local DeMolay Chapter, or to the Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania. Anyone desiring to attend this class in honor of Bro. Williamson may register with Bro. David W. Berry, Executive Secretary. Both may be contacted at 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, (717) 367-1536, or e-mail at es@pademolay.org.

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Bro. Jackson Heads Red Cross of Constantine



Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S., was installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of The United Grand Imperial Council of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines, on June 14 in Peoria, IL. At the same time, he received the conferral of the Knight Grand Cross. Bro. Jackson, who was Puissant Sovereign of York Conclave in 1980, will serve as the Grand Sovereign until the annual Grand Communication, next June 3 through 6 in Harrisburg.

After his retirement as Grand Secretary, Bro. Jackson, a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg, continued to serve as the Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges and as the Book Review Editor for *The Northern Light* of the A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

The Secret of LIFESKILLS

The incredible experience of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation's annual LifeSkills Conference continues to "WOW" the young, their parents and adult volunteers who participated in the program. What is the secret of its success?

Many have called it "the best week of my life" and "an experience that everyone, young and old, should have." For some it was a great week "at camp" with new friends and challenging experiences. For others, it was a life-changing experience.

One parent called after the conference to ask, "What did you do to my daughter? She is open, communicative, respectful, and actively participating in our family life...she wasn't doing that before...thank you and God bless you for giving us our daughter back!"

The LifeSkills experience is based upon a voluntary "Full Value Contract." Each participant agrees verbally to treat each other with respect, to take responsibility for what they say and do, and to build up relationships, rather than tear them down. Participants know that everyone will have difficulty with this at first and that their success is dependent upon keeping each other on track by sharing constructive feedback. The co-ed program includes many social interactions, ethical discussions, and problem-solving projects with applications to daily living.

Steven N. Pyser, P.M., St. John's Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia, who completed his second year of volunteer service on the staff, is an attorney who teaches in the Graduate Business and Management program at the University of Phoenix Philadelphia Campus on subjects that are incorporated in the LifeSkills curriculum. He is well versed in International Peacekeeping and Conflict Resolution and serves on the Editorial Board of the *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*. Seeing youth practicing skills that adults often cannot master was eye-opening for Bro. Pyser. He explained:

"I offered them a great deal of attention, uninterrupted speaking time, and unconditional acceptance. It may be the first time some of the kids experienced this approach. It is a very power-positive mixture...bonding and group development occurred in a very compressed time."

Another concept is "Challenge By Choice."



LifeSkills participants celebrate after their trip to the High Ropes Course.

Participants are encouraged to set their own goals and their own limits and choose how far they are willing to push themselves to grow as young adults. Experiencing the high ropes course was the most dramatic demonstration of the power of this challenge. Many of the boys and girls had to overcome their fears to climb trees, walk along thin wires, and jump from platforms as high as 80 feet. More importantly, they have to trust the safety equipment, their adult counselors, and their newfound friends who are holding onto their safety lines and belaying them from the ground.

Less dramatic, but more profound, they find even greater empowerment in being able to choose how far they challenge their willingness to trust others. With that empowerment comes a strong sense of responsibility as they are shown how every choice they make during the week affects all those around them. That is the "secret" of the Conference

— as they struggle for independence and complete power over the direction of their life, the most effective choices they make are those in which they seek counsel from parents, mentors, or their peers whom they can truly trust. The key to reaching adulthood successfully becomes apparent and they learn the

invaluable lesson that "no one is an island."

The synergy of the program is exciting. Each of the staff members and the participants possess great talent and enthusiasm that, when brought together, make an exciting week. Details about the conference program, cost, and schedule are available from your Lodge Secretary or Lodge Youth Committee Chairman, or may be found on-line at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyt/pgm/lifeskills.



Bro. Pyser listens intently.

420 Enjoy 37th Masonic District's Picnic

An exuberant crowd of 420 Masons, their families and friends enjoyed the 37th Masonic District's picnic held Sunday, June 29, at Brady Run Park. There was plenty of food that had been contributed to the picnic committee by area merchants and prepared by members of the Masonic Lodges of Beaver County. Several fire trucks, E.M.S. vehicles, and clowns thrilled the youngsters. There was no charge for the day's festivities that were organized by a committee chaired by Richard L. Wertz, P.M., of St. James Lodge No. 457, Bridgewater.

Four Samuel Davis Bequest Grants Reported

Four grants from the Samuel Davis Bequest were reported during the Summer. The Samuel Davis Bequest was established in the early 1900s to assist minor children of deceased Master Masons.

The second in a series of checks from the Samuel Davis Bequest was presented in May by Argyle Lodge No. 540, Chicora, to the family of the late Robert Heller, Sr., P.M. The \$5,000 grant will be used for the children's education. Heller family beneficiaries of the bequest are Brittany, Shawn, and Susan.



Prior to the May Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Robert S. Conway, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, and Jeffrey S. Moyer, W.M., presented a \$5,000 check from the Samuel Davis Bequest to Mary Peffley, widow of the late Bro. Thomas R. Peffley.

Prior to the June Stated Meeting of Edensburg Lodge No. 550, Knox, Gerald L. Gates, D.D.G.M., 23rd Masonic District, and R. Scott Scheffer, W.M., presented a scholarship certificate from the Samuel Davis Bequest to Patty Best, widow of the late Bro. Thomas E. Best, for the benefit of their son, Matthew T. Best, 6.

Also in June, C. Donald Nelson, D.D.G.M., 56th Masonic District, and Robert E. Osten, W.M., Olive Lodge No. 557, Tionesta, presented a check for \$5,000 to Mrs. Margaret Hester Johnson and her daughter, Sara, to assist in her education at Pennsylvania State University. Sara is the daughter of the late Richard A. Hester, P.M., and Mrs. Hester Johnson.

Emergency Services Team Raises Third Generation Mason

The 36th Masonic District Emergency Services Degree Team raised a third generation Mason in Chester Lodge No. 236. Joshua Paul Micun was raised by his father, Paul M. Micun, P.M., and the Guide was his brother, Adam J. Micun, who was raised three years ago by his father. George A. Scott, grandfather to the younger Micuns, was present for the conferral.

The Degree Team of police officers, firemen, and emergency medical personnel was formed two years ago by Past Master Micun, who is a policeman and former fire chief. To date, the Degree Team has raised nine Emergency Services personnel, most of whom are now members of the Degree Team.

The three generations of Micuns, all members of Chester Lodge, are pictured (l-r): front - the father, Past Master Paul; the



Candidate, Joshua; the brother, Adam; and the grandfather, Bro. Scott.

Behind them are the other team members (not identified in the order they are pictured): From Chester Lodge - John P. Ellmore; Donald Marconi; Ronald Mayo; Ed McQuiston, P.M.; and Joseph L. Nardone. From Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park - Joseph M. Bail; Andrew McLuckie, P.M., W.M.; and Edwin G. Sides. Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville - William A. Coyle; Grover C. Linaweaver IV; Thomas N. Morgan; and David R. Nussbaumer. Penn Lodge No. 709, Concordville - Ronald L. Manning.

"Evening at the Vineyard" Again a Social Success

More than 100 Masons with their ladies and guests enjoyed and danced to the music of Mood Swing while they snacked, tasted the wine, and won door prizes during the second annual 42nd Masonic District "Evening at the Vineyard." The social, organized and hosted by James R. Eisenhart II, D.D.G.M. (pictured in blue and white shirt), is held at Bro. Richard Naylor's vineyard in Stewartstown. Bro. Eisenhart said, "It was a marvelous social event and plans are already in the works for next year's 'Evening at the Vineyard.'"



Hobah Lodge Hosts Hunter-Trapper Training

For the seventh time, Hobah Lodge No. 276 hosted a two-day Hunter-Trapper Training Class conducted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Several members of Hobah Lodge, including Donald L. Miller, D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District, and Herbert W. McConnell, Jr., are certified instructors and teach several parts of the 10 hours of training. Members also served lunch. They are (l-r): Bros. McConnell and Miller dressed in their bright hunting vests and Bros. Richard McIninch, Charles Haugh, and John Postelwait, W.M.



Annual Grand Communication

December 27, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center



Brother William Slater II to be installed R.W. Grand Master

The 2003 Annual Grand Committee cordially invites Master Masons to attend the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. Use coupon below for complimentary luncheon reservation. (Take I-279 to exit 12. Continue straight at the traffic light at Perrysville Avenue onto Cemetery Lane. The Center is located three-quarters of a mile on the right.)

Grand Master's Banquet

December 27, 2003 - 6:00 p.m. - Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

Masons and non-masons are cordially invited to attend the Grand Master's Banquet at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh at Commonwealth Place and Point State Park, at 6:00 p.m. the evening of Saturday, December 27 to honor the beginning of the term of Brother William Slater II as R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. \$50. per person.

Featuring entertainment by vocalist Bob Hoose and his 16 piece Orchestra in

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