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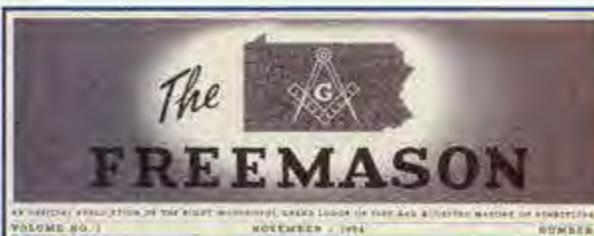
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A Message from the Grand Master . . .

The Sun is rising on a new threshold in Masonry.

Share the Light - a phrase you will be hearing and seeing during my two years as your Grand Master - on vehicles, on letterheads, on signs, in the *Pennsylvania Freemason*, on the internet, in brochures, on golf shirts, in conversations, on lapel pins, and in blue lodges.

And I ask you, our members, to Share the Light of our great fraternity, with all it offers to humanity, with your family, friends, and neighbors as we launch a massive, exciting campaign to increase the membership in Pennsylvania by 10% commencing on January 1, 2004 and building to a crescendo that culminates with the **Man to Mason** state-wide, one-day conferral of the three blue lodge degrees on **Saturday, October 2, 2004**.

I look forward to initiating 10,000 new members which will involve over 30,000 Masons serving as recommenders, mentors, investigating committees, administrative personnel, and background support. Share the Light brethren and be a part of this fraternal building team of dedicated Masons who will turn this Fraternity around.

The Masonic CHIP Program will begin in 2004. It is a comprehensive one-stop child identification program. Read more about it on page 22.

August 10 through August 15, 2004, our motorcycling Masons will travel to the annual motorcycle festival in Sturgis, South Dakota. Reservations are now being accepted.

We hope you like the new look of the *Pennsylvania Freemason* which is giving birth to a new look in the administration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the modernization of the fraternity in Pennsylvania.

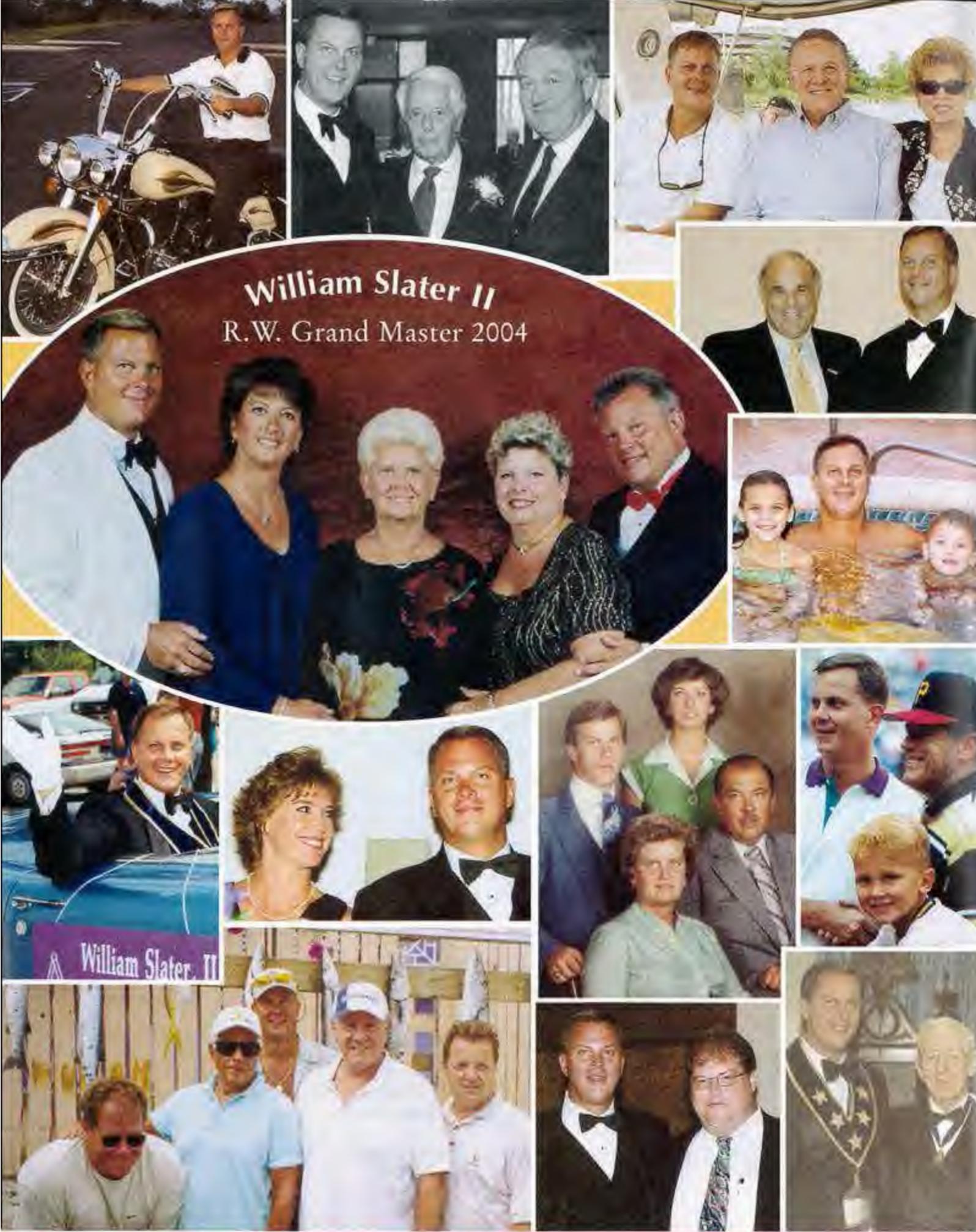
I wish each and every one of you my sincere best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year.

Yours, in Sharing the Light . . .

William Slater II

William Slater II
R. W. Grand Master





MAN TO MASON: A ONE DAY ADVENTURE



Chairman:	William Slater II
General Chairman:	Thomas K. Sturgeon
Vice Chairmen:	District Deputy Grand Masters
One Day Class Date:	Saturday, October 2, 2004
State-wide Goal:	10,000 new members
Lodge Goal:	10% increase in membership
Campaign Period:	January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Location	Area Coordinator	Regional Ritualistic Instructor	Grand Lodge Representative
Allentown	Larry G. Newhard	Ralph H. Slider, Sr.	Stephen Gardner
Altoona	Dale A. DeLozier	Clifford E. Reed, Sr.	Samuel C. Williamson
Bloomsburg	Luther J. Black	John W. Haines, Jr.	Robert L. Dluge, Jr.
Coudersport	G. Robert Grant	Leonard F. Treat	George H. Hohenshildt
Erie	Kim W. Jeffreys	William Rabbitt	Edward H. Fowler, Jr.
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Williamsport	A. James Bryden	Richard L. Tubo	Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.

The one-day Man to Mason project is more than a one day conferral of all three Blue Lodge degrees on Saturday, October 2, 2004. It is a year-long project that commences on January 1, 2004 and ends on December 31, 2004.

The ultimate goal during that time frame is to increase the membership in Pennsylvania by 10,000 new members which is a 10% increase in each Lodge in the Commonwealth.

The special 'Share the Light Man to Mason' petition should be used during 2004 which is available through Lodge Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge web site, www.pagrandlodge.org and is printed on pages 7 and 8 of this issue of the Freemason.

Lodge Goal

Each Lodge goal is simply 10% of its current membership. If the Lodge has 200 members, the goal during 2004 is 20 new

members.

Effective January 1, 2004, a petitioner to a Lodge can elect to receive the three degrees at their convenience:

1. The traditional way – one per month for three months.
2. Wait for the one-day conferral of the three degrees on October 2.
3. Receive the 1st and/or 2nd and receive the 3rd at the one-day conferral.

Note: those petitioners receiving the 2nd and/or 3rd at the one-day conferral must attend all three degrees being conferred that day.

Regardless of the method selected by the petitioner in receiving the degrees, the method by which a petitioner applies for membership remains the same with but one exception.

1. The petitioner must ask a Master Mason for a petition. The petition is signed by two Master Masons – first-line signer must be a member of the Lodge the

petitioner is applying to – the second line signer can be a member, in good standing, of any Pennsylvania Lodge.

2. (The exception) If the petitioner does not know a Mason but calls the Grand Lodge Petition Hotline, 1-800-990-1935, inquiring about becoming a Mason, the Grand Lodge will complete a petition over the phone and send it to the Secretary of the Blue Lodge nearest to his residence with a copy to the District Deputy Grand Master for action. The petitioner will then be contacted by the Secretary to ascertain if he knows a Mason in that particular Lodge. If he does, that member should be contacted requesting he become the petitioner's recommender. If he does not know any Masons, the petitioner should be interviewed by the Lodge Membership Committee. Once approved by the Committee, and recommenders established, the petition is treated in the

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Man to Mason Project

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normal manner – it is read in Lodge, an investigating committee is appointed and performs their duty, and the petitioner is voted on at the next stated meeting. *The Lodge is always in control of who is admitted to their Lodge.*

Lodges may hold Special Meetings for balloting in *July, *August and *September and may ballot on petitioners without publishing the names in the notice provided the Committee of Investigation has reported favorably. Multiple balloting will be permitted on any number of petitions. *The Masonic Month requirement is waived if a Special Meeting is called for balloting.

A voice ballot may be used for as many candidates as desired.

Dues & Fees

1. The current structure of Dues & Fees of each Lodge in the Commonwealth remains the same.

2. Credit cards can be used, if desired, for paying the entrance fees. The Secretary of the Blue Lodge must call the Petition Hotline number (1-800-990-1935) to process the petitioner's credit card. The Grand Lodge will then remit a check back to the Blue Lodge in the amount of the fees charged.

3. Each candidate will be provided with Identification Credentials by the Secretary of the Blue Lodge attesting that the dues & fees have been paid. This ID will be used at registration on the day of the one-day class, Saturday, October 2, 2004.

The One-Day Class

1. For the one-day class on Saturday, October 2, 2004, the Grand Lodge will provide each candidate with a Bible, working tools, and apron.

2. Regional Coordinators are responsible for the venue, furniture, sound, setup for registration, lunch coordination, and all facility issues.

3. Regional Ritualistic Instructors are responsible for the degree team selection, rehearsals, mentor instruction, and all issues relating to the degree conferral.

4. Lodges are responsible for providing *one Mentor for every four candidates from the Lodge*. Mentors are to assist candidates in the conferral of the degrees and instruction between degrees. Mentors will be instructed by the Regional Ritualistic Instructors in their duties. *There will be at least three sessions of Masonic Education between the degrees.*

5. All candidates will recite the obligation during the degrees.

6. All candidate information for registration purposes pertaining to the one-day class must be completed and in the Grand Secretary's office by Wednesday, September 15, 2004.

QUESTIONS OR HELP?

Call or E-mail your District Deputy Grand Master – his name, phone number and e-mail address is listed in your Lodge Notice.

Petition Hotline: 1-800-990-1935

(See page 10 for details)



William Slater II 115th Right Worshipful Grand Master

Brother William Slater Bill was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 19, 1958, the son of Raymond J. Jr. and Doris Greiner Slater and has been a resident of Allegheny County his entire life.

He graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1976, Thiel College in 1980, Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1981. He is a member of the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon and former member of the Christian Education Committee.

Brother Slater is the Owner and President of Wm. Slater & Sons, Inc. which operates eight funeral homes in the Pittsburgh area. He is active in community affairs and holds membership in several civic organizations including having recently served as President of Green Tree Rotary Club. Also an avid boater, Bro. Slater is the father of Sydney Slater and William (Wes) Slater III.

Brother Slater's Masonic record is as follows: He is a member of Lodge No. 45 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1987. He belongs to Royal Arch Chapter No. 268, Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Master Masons, and Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a past Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh. He was coroneted a thirty-third degree Mason on September 3, 2002 in Boston, Massachusetts.

In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer during Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr.'s term as R.W. Grand Master. He was elected R.W. Junior Grand Warden at the December Quarterly in 1997, serving with R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette during his term. He subsequently was elected R.W. Senior Grand Warden and R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Cinosam Club of Mt. Washington (Pittsburgh), serving as President in 1997; Syria Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.; serving as an Ambassador; the Islam Grotto, Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2 and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Slater will be the youngest Grand Master in 100 years to serve the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as R.W. Grand Master. ■

Ed. Note: See related article on page 27.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of

Lodge Name _____ Lodge No. _____

Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

I, the undersigned, respectfully pray that I may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and become a Member of your Worshipful Lodge. I declare that I am free by birth, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by members or other improper means; that I am prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a Candidate. I further declare my belief in the existence of Supreme Being; that I have never before petitioned any regular Constituted Masonic Lodge to become a Mason and I desire, and that my Petition is approved, that I conform to the Ancient Usages and Customs of the Fraternity.

Name in full _____

(Give First and Middle Names in Full)

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ S.S.# _____

Occupation _____ Residence _____ (Give Street and Number)

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Where I have continuously resided since _____
at _____ for _____ years, and at _____ for _____ years.

My Former Residences were: _____

Place of Birth _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (County) _____

Name of Employer _____ Business of Employer _____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Date _____

Are you a present or former member of DeMolay? Yes _____ No _____

A.A.S.R. _____

Shrine Center, A.A.O.N.M.S. _____

Date _____



Petition Hotline:

1-800-990-1935

First Petition

PETITION OF

For Initiation and Membership

Date Presented _____

Committee

Chairman _____

Balloted for _____ 2004

Approved Rejected

Initiation Fee

\$ _____

Amount Due with Petition

\$ _____

Balance Due prior to EA Degree

\$ _____

Annual Dues

(prorated monthly following EA Degree)

\$ _____

I recommend the Petitioner as worthy and certify that I have been personally acquainted with him immediately preceding this date.

The Committee appointed on the within Petition of

Signature of member of this Lodge

Print name

To make the necessary inquiries relative to his fitness for Initiation as a Freemason and for membership in this Lodge, hereby certifies that at least one of the undersigned has personally interviewed the Petitioner at his home, has read to him the Petition, and has inquired whether he subscribes to all the conditions thereof. The committee has made a diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character and residence of the Petitioner and reports

in favor of

not in favor of

the Prayer of his Petition being granted.

Witness our hands this _____ day of _____

A.D. 20_____, A.L. 60____

the Prayer of his Petition being granted.

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Meet the R.W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon was initiated into Freemasonry in Oakdale Lodge No. 669 in Oakdale, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh on January 28, 1965. He served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1969. In 1983 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 47th Masonic District through 1992. He again served the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the Committee on Finance in 1998 and 1999.

Bro. Sturgeon is a member of the Valley of Pittsburgh, AASR and served as Commander-in-Chief in 1988 and 1989. He was elected to Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council, 33° in 1988 and is currently an Active Member of Supreme Council for Pennsylvania, receiving that appointment in 1999. Other Masonic bodies he belongs to include, Zerubbabel-Duquesne Royal Arch Chapter No. 162; Washington Council No. 1 Royal and Select Masters, and Duquesne Commandery No. 72. He is a member of Syria Shrine and belongs to the Provost Guard; Shrine Club South; West Hills Caravan and the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 2, serving as Director in 2001 and 2002. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Pin Club; PA Shield and Square Club; Masonic Veterans of Western PA; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149, and the Golden Triangle York Rite College. He is also a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Following graduation from West Allegheny High School in 1961, Bro Sturgeon was employed by Duquesne Light Co. before pursuing a career in law enforcement. He was employed by the North Fayette Police Department from 1968 to 1994 rising through the ranks to become Chief of Police/Public Safety Director in 1976. During that period, Bro. Sturgeon returned to school beginning with a 12 week intense management course at the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, Virginia in 1980. He received an Associate Degree in Administration of Justice in 1982 from the Community College of Allegheny County, a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Elizabethtown College in 1995, and a Master of Science Degree in Police Management from Youngstown State University in 1997. In 1994, he was employed by the Allegheny County Police Department, becoming Superintendent in 1997. He has served as President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police and in 1998 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Police Hall of Fame. He was awarded the first annual Award of Excellence in the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in 1998.

Currently he is Regional Director of the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation in the office of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Sturgeon is married to the former Joan Rhow and has six children, Kimberly, Seth, a Mason, Maureen, Michael, Mark and the late Michelle. They have seven grand children and are members of the Crossroads United Methodist Church. ■



Pennsylvania Masons SHARE THE LIGHT

Right Worshipful Grand Master William Slater II, announced during his installation, his theme for 2004, and explained his vision for the future of our Craft...

"The greatest treasure we share as Masons is the "Light" of our Craft, which guides us to a path of caring and sharing the responsibilities of living a good and productive life, while supporting the charitable work for which our fraternity is well respected."



"Masonic Light is our way of embracing and expressing the moral and spiritual leadership that our families, friends, associates and the world community so desperately needs. It is our duty to keep that Light strong and focused, and influence others to follow that same Light in their daily lives."

With that focus during his term as Grand Master, R.W.G.M. Slater plans to send every Brother in Pennsylvania a useful and meaningful symbol to identify each Mason and their Masonic Families, as dedicated and productive members of their communities.

Every Mason will receive a "Pennsylvania Freemasons - Sharing the Light" auto emblem, to affix to their car, or that of a loved one. The simple, yet profound message, and our Square and Compasses, will encourage those who see it to ask about our fraternity. And, it will serve as a beacon to other Masons to attract them in times of need.

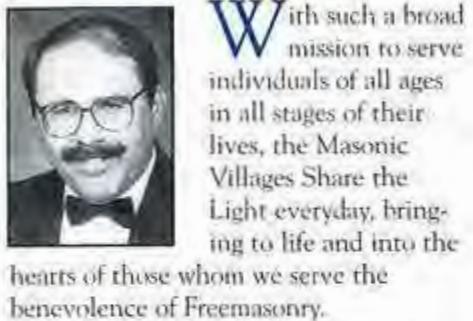
Grand Master Slater added that "during my term as your Grand Master, a responsibility I take very seriously, I am asking you to work hard to identify worthy candidates for our fraternity, and to "Share the Light" with them. Give them the spiritual gift that you received through your degree work. Make them part of your Masonic Family. I'd also like every Brother to attend Lodge meetings more often, experience the degree work again, and get involved to make a difference."

Bring your family and friends to visit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one of our most beautiful and inspiring historic landmarks in the world."

In February, 2004, each brother will be receiving their "Pennsylvania Masons - Sharing the Light" auto emblem, along with a personal letter from Grand Master Slater, encouraging us to take an active role in expanding and enhancing "the greatest fraternity in the world". ■



Joseph E. Murphy, N.H.A.
Chief Executive Officer



With such a broad mission to serve individuals of all ages in all stages of their lives, the Masonic Villages Share the Light everyday, bringing to life and into the hearts of those whom we serve the benevolence of Freemasonry.

We have been blessed with many opportunities over the years to grow in response to demands for new and expanded services. This has enabled us to provide members and their families with three... and soon to be four... premier locations for receiving services across the Commonwealth.

Since we've begun working with the residents, staff and Board of Directors of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, I have been extremely excited about our January 1, 2004 union for many reasons. Just a short time ago, however, as I had an opportunity to meet with staff to discuss our transition into one family, I overheard a conversation, that, had I closed my eyes, I could have imagined taking place at Elizabethtown, Sewickley or Warminster. A group of employees were comforting a nursing staff person whom I assumed had lost a family member. As it turns out, she was grieving over the death of a resident for whom she had cared for a long time. Her love for this resident, as well as her fellow employees' concerns for her, was as heartfelt as the strong bonds we experience at all of our communities. "Yes," I thought to myself, "this union is meant to be."

Along with growth comes change,

and after 94 years of operation as the Masonic Homes, we will become the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on January 1, 2004. This name unifies all of our communities and eliminates confusion among our locations.

A Master Plan has been developed for the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown campus, detailing 11 program goals to be addressed over the next 15 to 20 years. This vision for the future of this campus includes plans for additional retirement living accommodations, assisted living units and recreational opportunities; for a potential marketplace; for re-inventing existing structures, and more. In October, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the construction of approximately 100 additional retirement living cottages, which are expected to be completed in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Major renovations and enhancements have been underway at the Masonic Village at Warminster to improve the quality of life for residents. We are thankful to the Eastern Star members, Masons, chapters and lodges that have supported this greatly needed project.

Another exciting event happened on May 8, when the community received a generous gift from the Southampton Square Club for a new building for resident activities, Square Club meetings, Lodge meetings and meetings of Masonically related organizations. The new assembly room should be completed in 2004.

Much growth and change has occurred during 2003 at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The community welcomed its first retirement living residents on February 25, with the completion of the first 76 apartments. In August, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania performed a datestone ceremony to celebrate the near completion of the clubhouse and retirement living apartments and villas. The project was completed in September, with a total of 228 apartments and 35 villas.

Several renovations and enhancements were completed in November in the Valley Care Masonic Center.

We look forward to helping our Grand Lodge and Grand Master Slater Share the Light with our continued quest for excellence in providing our "Mission of Love." ■

First Line Signers *Sharing the Light*



Be a first line signer and receive this \$29.95 silk Masonic tie with the compliments of the Grand Master. Wearing your tie at Masonic events sets you apart and says that you 'Shared the Light' of Freemasonry and supported Grand Master Slater's Program to increase membership in our Fraternity.

Petition **Hotline** 1-800-990-1935

Use the new, fast, efficient, and secure Grand Lodge **Petition Hotline** to register your candidate petitions for membership in your Lodge.

Call the toll-free 800 number! A Grand Lodge employee will complete the petition for the candidate over the phone, accept payment by credit card, if desired, clear the candidate on the books and forward the petition to the Lodge Secretary for action with information provided to the DDGM.

The Lodge Secretary will process the petition in the normal Lodge manner. If the fee was paid by credit card, the Grand Lodge will forward payment to the Lodge. Two recommenders are necessary to sponsor a candidate.

Questions? Call your DDGM.



William Slater II
R.W. Grand Master



Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.
Immediate Past
R.W. Grand Master
2002-2003



The Grand Lodge *Sharing the Light*

"The greatest treasure we share as Masons is the 'Light' of our Craft"

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Ronald A. Augst, Sr.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master



Stephen Gardner
R.W. Senior Grand Warden



Thomas K. Sturgeon
R.W. Junior Grand Warden



Jeffrey W. Coy
R.W. Grand Treasurer



Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary



John L. McCain
R.W. Grand Master
1976-1977



Joseph E. Trate
R.W. Grand Master
1980-1981



Samuel C. Williamson
R.W. Grand Master
1982-1983



Arthur J. Kurtz
R.W. Grand Master
1988-1989



W. Scott Stoner
R.W. Grand Master
1990-1991



Edward H. Fowler, Jr.
R.W. Grand Master
1992-1993



George H. Hohenhildt
R.W. Grand Master
1994-1995



Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master
1996-1997



James L. Ernette
R.W. Grand Master
1998-1999



Robert L. Dluge, Jr.
R.W. Grand Master
2000-2001



Thomas H. Burgess
R.W. Past Grand Warden



Marvin G. Speicher
R.W. Grand Treasurer
1989-2003



Thomas W. Jackson
R.W. Grand Secretary
1979-1999





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— William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master



photo by John F. Richnaysky

What is so exceptional about Freemasonry that it makes life so much more radiant and meaningful? Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Greatness is not where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor." Yes, you, you and you – together we can make a difference. Brethren, no man stands alone if we communicate and Share the Light. It is our duty to keep that light strong and focused, and influence others to follow that same light in their daily lives. I am committed to equipping you with the necessary tools and leading each of you, and your lodge, on a journey to excellence.

So, what does it mean to 'Share the Light'? It means communicating our Masonic values – not only through our words, but also through our actions. It means leading a moral, spiritual and productive life that inspires others to want to be better. It means calling a Brother to offer a ride to a lodge meeting, sending a card to a new member congratulating him on his achievement, visiting a resident at one of our Masonic Homes, or offering help to a brother in need. It means increasing Masonic awareness by proudly wearing your pin, placing a Masonic license plate on your car, or using a Grand Lodge credit card for your purchases. It means bringing family and friends to visit the Masonic Temple. This is my vision for the promise of Pennsylvania Freemasonry: a brotherhood of dedicated, charitable men whose light burns so brightly that others can't help but notice.

In February, you will receive a gift from me – an attractive auto emblem, which reads, "Pennsylvania Freemasons – Sharing the Light". I encourage you to place it on your car, on your wife's car, or on your children's car so fellow Brethren will recognize your vehicle as being driven by a member of our Masonic family. 135,000 emblems on cars across the Commonwealth will start people talking about this great Fraternity and the light it shines through our example, our



integrity, our philanthropy. And, isn't it comforting to know, that down whichever path life may lead you, chances are you will find a friend traveling beside you?

I encourage each of you to work hard to identify worthy candidates and make them part of your Masonic Family. Just as importantly, make sure that your inner light does not fade. Recommit yourself to your lodge and to your Brethren – attend meetings more often, experience the degree work again, and get involved to make a difference in expanding and enhancing our Craft.

On October 2, 2004, I invite you to take part in what I expect to be a powerful, exciting day for Pennsylvania Freemasonry. On that one day, degrees will be held in 13 different cities around our Commonwealth: 10,000 candidates, 30,000 Brethren participating.

Qualifying men will be able to receive degrees from the first to the 32nd and ending the day as a Shrine Mason, if they so choose. This is a revolutionary way of bringing new men, new ideas and new leaders into our lodges. If we want to strengthen our fraternity in today's world, we need to think and act in modern times. We will maintain the

integrity of our rituals, while allowing more good men the opportunity to grow in Freemasonry. What a spectacular event this will be! Instilled with Masonic virtue and knowledge, these new Brethren will help to pave the way for the future of the Craft.

I will also advocate the use of technology to facilitate and expedite the petition process. We have implemented a toll-free petition hotline, 1-800-990-1935, which will enable you to process a petition over the phone. Candidates can also e-mail their petition to the secretary of their desired lodge, who will follow through with the traditional balloting process. Should an interested candidate ask you for more information, I encourage you to give him the choice of the toll-free hotline or the online petition method.

These approaches to membership enrichment are progressive – they are new and exciting ways to modernize our traditions. We are not devaluing our great Fraternity, but making membership more achievable for deserving men who have family, faith, work and volunteer responsibilities to juggle. As our membership strengthens, so does our future. Share the Light, my Brethren, and be a beacon unto others to the strength of the Craft!

As Masons, we are called to exemplify goodwill. We each have a personal responsibility for the success of our Masonic Charities. When I speak of our Masonic Charities, I am referring to the Masonic Library and Museum which includes the Masonic Temple. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for

Children, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and the Masonic Homes, which we will come to know as the Masonic Villages beginning in 2004. Brethren, you have always been generous in the past. Your support is needed now more than ever to provide for the ongoing needs of our philanthropic programs and services. We have launched a capital campaign to provide for the operational costs that allow our Masonic Charities to fulfill their essential missions', which in turn benefit our Brethren, our families, our youth, and society. The Charities ability to adapt successfully to the needs of our Family of Freemasonry for today and tomorrow depends upon your benevolence.

It is our duty to maintain our magnificent and inspiring Masonic Temple – an architectural and historical landmark of significance not only to Pennsylvania Freemasons, but to the world. Its majestic walls embrace the precious treasures of Masonic heritage which we must preserve for perpetuity.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children are passing our values to succeeding generations by providing children with the education, tools, support and moral instruction to address the many challenges they encounter in today's world. This year, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children will need volunteers to launch the CHIP program, a child identification program that provides parents and guardians with a tool they can use to help protect their children. Our goal is to ID 50,000 children in the first year at elementary schools and shopping malls.

I urge you to call Grand Lodge or your



District Deputy for details on how you can help ensure the safety of our children.

As I mentioned previously, our Masonic Homes will become known as the Masonic Villages, a name that more accurately describes the breadth of services provided in Elizabethtown, Sewickley and Warminster. With the addition of the Lafayette Hill community, the Masonic Villages will be complete in serving members and their families throughout Pennsylvania. Our Masonic Villages are vibrant communities with so much to offer the young and the young at heart.

Every day, our Masonic Charities share the light in the lives of thousands of people. How brightly does YOUR light shine?

Brethren: If we believe, we can succeed. We will build on the foundation of the past, crafting a lasting legacy to be enjoyed by future generations. Freemasonry illuminates the darkest corners of the earth with the benevolence of the Craft through a blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe.

If we are united and everyone shares a little light, Freemasonry will continue to beam as the greatest fraternity in the world. Shine brightly, my brethren – our journey to excellence begins with YOU! ■

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More details to come
in future issues.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS RETURN TO FLORIDA TO VISIT PA BRETHREN

In February 2004, R.W. Grand Master William Slater II will host three Masonic reunions scheduled for Pennsylvania Freemasons who now reside in Florida permanently or during the winter months.

The purpose of the reunions is to increase awareness about the expansion of services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Dates and Locations

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Friday, February 27, 2004

Saturday, February 28, 2004

Tampa Airport Marriott

Sahib Shrine Center in Sarasota

Palm Beach Gardens Marriott

Reunion Schedules

11:00 a.m. - Reception Noon - Lunch 1:00 p.m. - Program

Grand Master Slater will award 50-year Emblems of Gold to Brethren in Florida. Joseph E. Murphy, chief executive officer of the Masonic Villages, and members of the Masonic Villages staff will share information about the benefits and full continuum of services provided for Masons, their families, and others by the Masonic Villages in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster.

Pennsylvania Masons residing in Florida will receive invitations the beginning of January to attend one of the reunions. If you do not receive an invitation by mid-January, please call (717) 367-1121, extension 33488.

Reserve Your Apartment or Villa at the Masonic Village at Sewickley

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Attend one of the upcoming Open House Presentations:

Thursday, January 15

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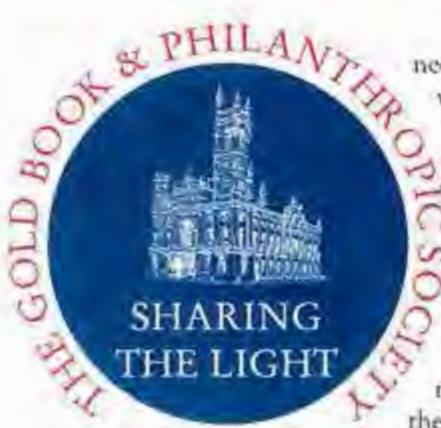
Presentations begin at 10 a.m.

Call toll-free (866) 872-0664

to make your reservation for
the open house of your choice,

or arrange for a
personal appointment and tour!





Franklin D. Caltagirone
Director



The Gold Book and Philanthropic Society of the Grand Lodge has been functioning for one year. Donations to the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society are both tax deductible.

and they are doing just fine but more needs to be done to realize our goal of a permanent endowment to guarantee the perpetuity of our beautiful Grand Lodge.

Now is the time for each and every brother to take advantage of having his name in the Gold Book for \$500. Do it now! Do your part this year in preserving our heritage at the Masonic Temple.

The Society recognizes those individuals and Lodges which make a contribution of \$500 or more to provide for the ongoing expenses of the Masonic Temple. Contributors are appropriately recognized on a donor plaque placed within the Temple.

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was constructed in 1873. It has been called one of the great "wonders" of the Masonic world. Adorned with some of the finest artifacts of Freemasonry and magnificent Lodge rooms based on themes of the ancient architectural world, the Masonic Temple connects us with our past by outwardly displaying our Masonic traditions and values.

Like any aging work, time has had a deteriorating affect on this great wonder. A recent study has indicated a strong

need to conduct extensive work now and in the near future to protect and preserve the future of the Temple. Although the Grand Lodge is committed to providing funds to assure the future of this historic building, the work cannot be completed without the help of the fraternity.

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If you have any questions, call Bro. Caltagirone at 610-777-7549 or by e-mail: frankdcal@cs.com. ■

Ride with the Grand Master

groups when they participate in activities at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. These activities include training in public speaking, computer education, leadership, sportsmanship, service and socialization.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation annually grants scholarships from an Educational Endowment Fund. These scholarship opportunities are for Masons, their siblings, children, and members of the Masonic related youth groups in Pennsylvania. Since 1989, more than 290 awards, totaling in excess of \$410,000.00 have been granted to Pennsylvania students.

Each year, the Foundation publishes a Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, which lists all awards available through the PYF, as well as several other awards available to relatives of Masons and Masonic youth group members, which can be applied for separately.

The LifeSkills Conference is an exciting team development and relationship-building conference for youth aged 12-16, designed especially for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. This special co-ed program gets rave reviews each year from youth and parents, and is limited to 60 students who may be nominated by Pa. Masons whether or not they have any Masonic relationship.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizes the important role of Scouting in the lives of youth by awarding the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award to adult scout leaders who are Masons. This program is administered through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

To learn more about the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and our Masonic youth groups, please be sure to visit our web site at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf today. ■

The Grand Masters Medallion



D. William Roberts
Appointed Editor of the
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Grand Master William Slater II has announced the appointment of D. William Roberts, District Deputy Grand Master of the 47th district, as the Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, upon the

retirement of Blaine F. Fabian, P.M., who served as Editor of this publication since 1996. Grand Master Slater has named Bro. Fabian *Editor Emeritus*. The Grand Master also wishes to thank the following brethren who served on *The Pennsylvania Freemason* Committee under Bro. Fabian's leadership: James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M., who will continue to serve as Chairman of the Committee; Brothers Roberts; Paul D. Fisher, P.M.; Nathaniel Gilchrist, P.M.; Jay A. Irenour; James N. Karsounis, P.M.; John R. McFadden; James L. Sieber, P.M.; and Roy M. Spanske.

Through more than four decades, Blaine F. Fabian, P.M., has served the Grand Lodge on various committees and projects, including writing and editing for *The Pennsylvania Freemason* for more than 12 years. For his hard work and dedication, he was awarded the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Medal in 1999 and the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2002.

Bro. Fabian joined Ephrata Lodge No. 665 in 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1965. A Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Reading since 1956, he served as Sovereign Prince in 1987 and was the originator and editor for more than 10 years of the Valley's newsletter. He was crowned an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1988. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies, the Rajah Shrine and a Knight Companion and Junior General in the Constantine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Reading, and Junior Warden of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia.

Professionally, he served as a Navy journalist from 1950 to 1954. He held

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Raymond G. Brown
Executive Director



The mission of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and violence by children through education, intervention and counseling.

Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program thanks to Masons. With the Foundation's support of the Department of Education's training, there are Student Assistance Teams in every senior and junior high school in the Commonwealth. During the last school year term 60,345 students were handled with 47,534 being found to warrant further action. Out of those with action taken on drug or alcohol problems, 85% had no further violations.

Seven Carl W. Stenberg scholarships of \$1,000 each per year for four years were awarded to students who were recommended by their Student Assistance Teams after they successfully completed a counseling program and turned their lives around. Fifty-six Stenberg scholarships have been awarded since 1993.

In continued support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the Foundation supplied the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with use of the Masonic Conference Center where law enforcement officers from across the state train students to say 'no' and combat peer pressures. This past year 100 more officers were trained making a total of 950 to date.

The Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship provides up to \$2,500 a year for up to four years to students who are

earning a degree in Criminal Justice. These students must have Masonic Affiliation (Children or Grandchildren of a Mason in good-standing). Two full four-year scholarships were awarded in 2003.

The Foundation gives support to the National Masonic Foundation for Children; Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals; along with other community based programs. The Foundation is a member of the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking and plays a large role on the Steering and Executive Committees, interacting and co-sponsoring programs with both Pa. AWARE and the Pennsylvania National Guard. Participation in law enforcement conferences, education seminars and speaking at youth groups continues to be part of the Foundation's activities.

Project Care is a violence prevention program given to teachers and administrators throughout the Commonwealth. This program provides the tools necessary to help identify and aide children with bullying and violent behaviors. They also give administrators the tools needed to set up prevention programs in their schools.

The Masonic CHIP Program will begin in 2004. It is a comprehensive one-stop child identification program. The program will be available across Pennsylvania to children age 1 through 18. The program begins with a digital image with audio. Each child is asked a series of 18 questions i.e.: address, name, who their friends are, how do they go to school. The information is placed on a CD disk and can be provided to police, media or search and rescue personnel. Each child is fingerprinted with a DNA kit. The kit will permit parents to take an oral swab, fingernail clippings, and hair samples. The program will be available in the schools at classroom level and at community events. To participate, children must have a parental consent form. CHIP teams of Pennsylvania Freemasons, the Crime Prevention Association, police officers and community volunteers will be available across Pennsylvania. The program is at no cost to participants and is committed to children and their safety.

Speakers are available for all Masonic Bodies and community organizations. Each Masonic District has a District Chairman assigned to assist with programs. Office 215-988-1978. ■

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various reporter and editor positions for The Ephrata Review and The Lancaster Sunday News before moving into the public relations field. He held communications management positions for Metropolitan Edison Co., Reading, for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. He directed the company's communications during the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station in Middletown. Over the past 12 years in addition to editing *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, he worked as a freelance public relations consultant, providing speech and public relations writing for the fraternity, as well as corporations and firms.

Bro. Roberts joined Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh, in 1977, and was Worshipful Master in 1984. He served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 1992, the Committee on Masonic Homes from 1993 to 1999, and has been a D.D.G.M. of the 47th Masonic District since 1999, the same year that he was coroneted a 33° Mason. He was Thrice Potent Master of the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R., Lodge of Perfection in 1993, and serves as Valley treasurer and editor of *The Rite News* since 1994. He is also a member of various other Masonic organizations.

A Korean War veteran, Bro. Roberts served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954, after which he earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Duquesne University. Over the next 36 years, he enjoyed a successful career in promotion and public relations that included working for Universal Pictures, The New York Theatre Guild, the Pittsburgh Symphony Society and the Gulf Oil Corp., where he was the project director for the "Pennsylvania '76" Bicentennial promotional concert river tour. He served as advertising manager for the Gateway Clipper Fleet, executive director of the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta and marketing director of Station Square for the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. For four years before his retirement in 1996, he was the managing editor for two weekly community tabloids in the Pittsburgh area. ■



Bro. Blaine Fabian



Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary



Your presence in your lodge is important to our Fraternity just as your presence in your private home is to your family. Your lodge needs your assistance in many ways including your presence at its meetings.

All Masons are obligated to come to the relief of our distressed Brethren and we do that, but seldom do we consider the financial distress of our lodges. Many of our lodges, Grand Lodge and related Masonic Bodies have implemented, and continue to face, severe cost cutting measures to survive with the limited income that is currently available to them.

Many of our Masonic Organizations are operating with financial concerns. Costs are forever rising, yet some members are reluctant to meet the challenge out of their own pockets. Some of our Masonic Bodies are resorting to holding breakfasts, dinners, selling Masonic items and conducting yard sales to raise money, not for the purpose of fund raising for our charitable endeavors but just to provide revenue for operations to keep our craft strong.

The answer to our financial concerns is to be found within the lodges and not outside them. Historically, our members will answer the call for assistance as well as those on fixed income, and those with families all seem to help.

Please help your Fraternity by attending your Lodge and bringing someone you know with you, as this will inspire additional membership and your financial support. ■

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Jeffrey W. Coy

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The new R. W. Grand Treasurer, Brother Jeffrey W. Coy is a Past Master of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 in Shippensburg, PA. He is the Assistant Choir Director as well as the Assistant Organist for the Valley of Harrisburg A.A.S.R., and is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°. He is a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; George Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 176; George Washington Council No. 66; Continental Commandery No. 56; the Royal Order of Scotland, and Red Cross of Constantine. Bro. Coy is also a recipient of the DeMolay International Legion of Honor. He has also served the Grand Lodge as the Grand Organist for the Central

Pennsylvania area.

Bro. Coy is a graduate of Shippensburg University. He and his wife, Jo Anne, live in the Shippensburg where she is an English teacher in the Shippensburg Area School District. They are members of Memorial Lutheran Church where he has been the organist for 28 years.

Bro. Coy is serving his 11th term as State Representative for the 89th Legislative District of Franklin and Cumberland counties. He was elected to his first two-year term in 1982. He is also a Director of the Orrstown Bank and is a member of many other community organizations.

In the House of Representatives, Rep.

Coy serves on the Ethics and Rules committees and is treasurer of the Joint State Government Commission, a research arm of the General Assembly. He is one of two state House members who serve on the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, which oversees the fourteen state owned universities. He is a former Chairman of the Shippensburg University Board of Trustees. He has also been active on multi-state committees. He served nine years on the Chesapeake Bay Commission with representatives from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. ■



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Sharing the Light Through Fifty Years of The Pennsylvania Freemason

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania maintains an immense collection of books, manuscripts, and museum objects that serve to inform the Brethren and public of the history, customs, and goals of Freemasonry. One of the ways in which this information is disseminated is through *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, a quarterly publication established in 1954. Available to all those who wish to learn about the Fraternity, every issue is an invaluable resource covering topics that range from current Blue Lodge happenings to one-of-a-kind artifacts in the museum collection.



Kenneth McCarty On December 28, 1953, in his inaugural address, Grand Master Ralph M. Lehr (1954-1955) stated seven goals. Of them, the first was to "establish a committee to edit and publish a periodical on the 'State of the Craft' for our entire membership." The second was to appoint "an Editor of Publications who will also serve as a Director of the Library and Museum." Another was to "reorganize the Committee on Library and Museum." The other four goals concerned Masonic education. In the Grand Lodge

Proceedings for 1954, the report of the Committee on Library and Museum said that the most important part of its report was very recently accomplished when Volume One, Number One of *The*

Pennsylvania Freemason was published. "As the name implies, this publication belongs to the Freemasons of Pennsylvania..." The Committee wanted the Brethren to bear "a certain measure of responsibility" for the success of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and to know their wishes "with respect to the contents of their publication."

At the end of the first full year (1955) of publication, the Committee on Masonic Culture, now responsible for *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, reported a circulation of 90,000. At that time, it was sent only to Brethren who had requested that their names be on the mailing list. In 1962, R.W. Grand Master McKinley (1962-1963) ordered that every Pennsylvania Mason should receive a copy, in order to be informed about the activities of the Craft. Since that decree, every Pennsylvania Mason automatically receives a copy.

The Pennsylvania Freemason had been distributed from the Masonic Temple by Grand Lodge staff. However, in order to accommodate the now overwhelming task of mailing, Brother William A. Carpenter (Editor 1954-1969, 1980-81; Librarian and Curator 1961-1969; Grand Master 1984-1985) established a distribution office at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. The article written for the 30th anniversary of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* in November 1984 reflects on the move, stating that the Masonic Homes had several advantages for mailing more than 256,000 copies each quarter: there was more space, members of the Lancaster Post Office Square Club volunteered hundreds of off-duty hours to set up the mailing system, and residents of the Masonic Homes helped by updating the membership files and preparing each mailing for the addressing machine. Residents continued to help, as part of the occupational therapy program, until 1982. With new computerized membership files and high-speed labeling machines, it seemed best to return the distribution operation to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, where it was installed on the fourth floor.

Enter now-retired Distribution Manager Hannah Erdman, who shared her memories. Mrs. Erdman said that *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and the mailing labels were shipped to Grand Lodge, where 14-16 people under her direction operated a huge, clanking Cheshire label-

ing machine, which affixed a label to each copy. With the aid of tying machines, the crew then tied and bagged about 210,000 copies according to zip code, and delivered the bags to the bulk mail department of the post office, which would promptly send back a whole bag if there was any small mistake. The shipping back and forth, often in the back seats of employees' cars was cumbersome. Fears for the safety of the employees and the structure of the Masonic Temple, because of the stress of the heavy machinery on the fourth floor, made the whole process rather nerve-wracking. Streamlining became absolutely necessary. By the late 1980's, the whole post-editorial operation was given over to a jobber-facilitator, who coordinated all of the necessary paper suppliers, designers, and printers, as well as warehousing and shipping facilities.

For the seasoned veteran of Masonic research, or the casually interested student, the fifty-years of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* shed light on the history, customs, and goals of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, making it a vital part of the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. ■

Grand Master's Itinerary

January 2004

- 12 Presentation of Barry L. Wheeler, DDGM 31- Fayette Lodge No. 228.
- 15 Presentation of Jeff Biddle, DDGM 49 - Stephen Bayard Lodge No. 526.
- 19 Presentation of Thomas K. Sturgeon, Junior Grand Warden - Oakdale Lodge No. 669.
- 24 Breakfast with Lulu Shrine.

February 2004

- 15 Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

Florida Reunions:

- 26 Tampa, FL
- 27 Sarasota, FL
- 28 Palm Beach, FL

March 2004

- 13 150th Anniversary - Columbia Lodge No. 286.
- 27 49th District Retiring Masters Banquet.

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The Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge will strive to create an environment that will encourage Masons to seek a greater understanding of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry in all its many aspects, past, present, and future, and to share that understanding with others.

To this end, the Academy will offer learning opportunities in which Masons may participate in dialogues with similarly inclined brethren, witness prominent Masonic scholars discussing various aspects of Freemasonry, and pursue home study at their own pace and in their own areas of interest, through publications on Masonic subjects recommended by the Academy.

In addition to providing a learning experience for Freemasons, the Academy will be a vehicle affording recognition to Masons who share their knowledge of Freemasonry with fellow Masons or the public by the written or spoken word.

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge has now completed its fourth year of existence as an educational structure in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Its purpose is commitment to studying and learning the philosophical purpose, characteristics, history, accomplishments and contributions of Freemasonry, and to provide the environment and opportunity for those Brothers to learn. It is the goal of the Academy to then stimulate those Brothers to think and to study Freemasonry, and to spread that interest and knowledge back to their subordinate lodges.

The academy has been fortunate to secure a committee composed of some of the best Masonic scholars and thinkers in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Their commit-

William Slater II - Youngest Grand Master in 100 Years to lead the Grand Lodge

Not since the 64th Grand Master, Bro. Edgar A. Tennis (1902-1903) has there been a younger Grand Master elected to lead the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Interestingly, there have been a total of 30 Grand Masters between the age of 25 and 45 - five between the age of 25 to 28, ten between the age of 31 to 39 and fifteen between 40 to 45. Also interesting to note is that on the completion of Bro. Tennis' term of office, the next Grand Master, Bro. James W. Brown (1904-1905) was from Pittsburgh.

Listed to the left, in order of their service as Grand Master, and the year they served are the youngest men to lead the Fraternity.

Compiled from *The Master Builders, Vol. III: Grand Master Biographies*. ■

Name	Age	Year
2. William Allen	26	1731
3. Humphrey Murray	43	1733
4. Benjamin Franklin	28	1734
5. James Hamilton	25	1735
6. Thomas Hopkinson	27	1736
7. William Plumstead	28	1737
8. Joseph Shippen	31	1738
9. Philip Syng	37	1741
10. William Ball	31	1761
13. William M. Smith	37	1796
15. James Milnor	33	1806
16. Richard Tybout	38	1814
17. Samuel F. Bradford	39	1815
19. Bayse Newcomb	38	1818
20. John Randal	33	1822
21. John B. Gibson	44	1824
22. James Harper	43	1825
23. Thomas Kittera	37	1826
24. Samuel Badger	43	1829
25. Michael Nisbet, Sr.	43	1831
26. John Steele	45	1833
27. George M. Dallas	43	1835
29. John M. Read	40	1837
30. Samuel H. Perkins	42	1839
47. Robert Lamberton	45	1870
48. Samuel C. Perkins	44	1872
51. James M. Porter	44	1878
53. Samuel B. Dick	44	1881
64. Edgar A. Tennis	45	1902
115. William Slater II	45	2004

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