



ANOTHER GIFT ANNUITY

Why do some Brethren and friends who have a charitable gift annuity with one of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania obtain another one ...and another? There are at least three reasons:

- 1. SATISFACTION:** They are having a positive experience with their existing gift annuities and know they can count on the Masonic Charities to follow through.
- 2. CONNECTION:** Having a life-income agreement with a Masonic Charity involves an interdependence not experienced with normal annual giving. Annuitants receive as well as give. This enhanced sense of partnership encourages the feeling that "we are in this together."
- 3. BETTER RATES:** Gift annuity rates are determined by the annuitant's age. The older you are, the higher the rate you receive so for many Brethren and Friends, it makes sense to obtain additional annuities as they grow older. Consider the following sample gift annuity rates in effect since July 1, 2003:

ONE-LIFE RATES*		TWO-LIFE RATES*	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
65	6.0%	60 and 65	5.5%
70	6.5%	65 and 70	5.7%
75	7.1%	70 and 75	6.1%
80	8.0%	75 and 80	6.6%
85	9.5%	80 and 85	7.3%
90 and over	11.3%	85 and 90	8.4%

*Rates approved by the American Council on Gift Annuities. Two-life rates are less due to added life expectancy.

Charitable gift annuities are offered by each of the Masonic Charities including the Masonic Villages; the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and the Masonic Charities Fund. To learn how a gift annuity might benefit you, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, fill out and return the response coupon, or call Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Chief Director of Gift Planning, or Bro. John R. McFadden, Director of Gift Planning—East Region, at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311, or toll-free (800) 599-6454. Brethren and friends in Western Pennsylvania are invited to contact Sister Jane W. Binley, Director of Gift Planning—West Region, at (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011 or toll-free (866) 872-0664.

The official registration and financial information for any of the Masonic Charities may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Attention Postmaster: Dated Material Enclosed

Complete and return to the Office of Gift Planning

- Send me your brochure on Gift Annuities.
- Send me a sample illustration of a Gift Annuity based on the following information:
Age(s): _____ Amount: \$ _____
- Contact me to discuss a possible Gift Annuity with a Masonic Charity.
- Send me information about the Franklin Legacy Society.
- I/We have remembered the following Masonic Charity(ies) in my/our estate plan: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Office of Gift Planning
Masonic Charities
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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MAN-TO-MASON ONE DAY CLASS - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2004

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“Friend to Friend” Opportunities

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

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

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

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

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

The Masonic Village at Sewickley recently was honored with numerous awards for the construction and design of the Star Points Building assisted living residence, Barley Wellness Center and the retirement living community.

Along with Perkins Eastman Architects; MI Friday, Inc.; NDC Builders, LLC; and BAC Local 9 PA, the Masonic Village at Sewickley was recognized for excellence in masonry design and construction with the International Masonry Institute 2004 Golden Trowel Award. The award recognizes the owner, architect, builder and craft worker, who, by sharing their vision and expert craftsmanship, have created some of the most beautiful and well-designed structures in Pennsylvania. The community received the Grand Award over all entries, as well as the Best in Category Award in the Multi-family Residential category.

The construction project also received the 2003 Award of Excellence and the 2003 Award of Merit in the General Contractor-Commercial division from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Western Pennsylvania Chapter, along with NDC Builders and Perkins Eastman Architects, P.C.

The National Association of Home Builders, Seniors Housing Council awarded Masonic Village at Sewickley and Perkins Eastman Architects a Platinum Award for the Clubhouse interiors and a Silver Award for the Star Points Building’s unique design.



GRAND MASTER TO HOST OPEN HOUSE IN SEWICKLEY

R.W.G.M. William Slater II will host a special open house on Saturday, June 12, at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Grand Master Slater played an integral role in bringing the Masonic Villages’ “Mission of Love” to western Pennsylvania.

Construction at the Sewickley community was completed in Fall 2003 and now stands as the region’s premier retirement living option, with more than half of the 228 units occupied or reserved. For those who have not yet toured the 60-acre community, the open house on June 12 will provide the perfect opportunity to experience first-hand the beauty and quality of the Masonic Village at Sewickley. A brief presentation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by tours and a light buffet. As the number of attendees will be limited to 175, please be sure to make your reservations early for this special event.

According to B.J. Franks, Executive Director, “We are seeing younger seniors make the move because they are busier outside their homes. They want the freedom to come and go without worrying about home maintenance.” Residents enjoy the convenience of activities, chef-prepared meals, fitness center, group trips and much more.

One of the keys to the community’s success is the lifecare concept, which provides the ultimate protection for residents’ health needs and for financial security. Residents will continue to pay the same rate that they pay in retirement living if they should someday need assisted living or nursing care services.

To make your reservation to attend the open house, call 1-866-872-0664. If you are unable to join us on June 12, we invite you to make an appointment for a personal tour.



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Bro. Homer Anderson
106 years old

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

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

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

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

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

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

Retirement Living Accommodations, Assisted Living, and Nursing Services: (610) 825-6100

Masonic Village at Warminster

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

Masonic Village at Sewickley

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

Service Level 1:

PA Master Mason

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

PA Eastern Star

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

Wife of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star

Spouses who are Masons from any jurisdiction are eligible.

Widow of PA Master Mason

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

Mother of PA Master Mason
Daughter of PA Master Mason
Sister of PA Master Mason

Service Level 2:

Grandmother of PA Master Mason
Grandfather of PA Master Mason
Father of PA Master Mason
Mother-in-law of PA Master Mason
Father-in-law of PA Master Mason
Son of PA Master Mason

Spouse of PA Eastern Star who is not a Mason
Service Level 1 & 2 with less than 5 years' membership

Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives

Consideration also is given to other relatives of PA Masons. We also consider PA Senior DeMolay, majority members of PA Job's Daughters and PA Rainbow Girls, senior members of PA Knights of Pythagoras, and members of female-related PA Masonic organizations in good standing. Employees of Grand Lodge or the Masonic Homes with a minimum of 20 years of service.

Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

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

Service Level 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry

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



William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master



The Grand Master's June Message



ONLY YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

I have good news to share with you. Pennsylvania Freemasonry is alive! Even though I've only been in office for five short months, the excitement and enthusiasm among us is more than I could have ever imagined. The dedication and energy of each and every Brother I've met has truly made our great fraternity what it is today. We should be proud!

Brag a little. Tell a friend -- tell everyone -- just how many candidates you're bringing in, what part you're playing in the Man to Mason One-Day Class, how much time you've dedicated to Freemasonry and how much money you've donated. YOU ARE making a difference!

Many challenges and opportunities lie ahead of us, and what we can achieve together depends on each of you. We have developed some groundbreaking, new, and exciting programs to strengthen and enhance Pennsylvania Freemasonry. If we work together as a team, we can build on our strong heritage and ensure a lasting legacy to be enjoyed by future generations.

Do you wear your pin and your Masonic tie? Is your bumper medallion on your car? Have you updated your address book? These are some of the modern tools that have been supplied to you this year to help *Share the Light of Freemasonry*. Does your neighbor, co-worker, and the person you sit next to at your place of worship know you're a

Mason? Through our actions, our words and our example, we need to *Share the Light* with our neighbors, our friends, our associates and most importantly, our families. Inspire your brother, your father, your cousin, your nephew, your son or grandson to want to be better men -- to be Pennsylvania Masons!

Invite candidates to use the toll-free petition hotline, 1-800-990-1935, or encourage them to e-mail their petitions to the secretary of their desired lodge. Join with them and thousands of your fellow Brethren to make October 2, 2004, the most powerful, exciting day Pennsylvania Freemasonry has ever experienced! With degrees being conferred in 13 cities around our Commonwealth, we are making membership more achievable for deserving men. On that day, qualifying men will be able to receive the first three degrees in Freemasonry, and if they choose, proceed to the 32nd and ending the day as a Shrine Mason. A 10 percent increase in membership is our goal, and I am convinced that together, we can do it! Who wouldn't want to be a part of such a powerful fraternity?

Plan to attend several of the upcoming social and charitable events intended to grow our Fraternal bonds and introduce non-members to our Fraternity, such as the Sturgis trip, the charity golf outings and the Masonic Village Charity Grand Prix during Autumn Day. Bring your family, your friends and anyone you consider to be a candidate.

The Masonic CHIP program is a great success, with more than 200,000 Pennsylvania youth scheduled to be identified by the end of this year. Through your hard work, we have already quadrupled our goal! I congratulate you and

thank you on behalf of the families that this effort has touched. Launched by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, this comprehensive one-stop child identification program for Pennsylvania youth provides parents with pictures of the child, DNA samples and fingerprints that can be provided to police, media or search and rescue personnel. We are proud to be offering this safety program free of charge with the help of the Crime Prevention Association, police officers and community volunteers. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to support this program and bring it into your Masonic District.

Yes, Pennsylvania Freemasonry is very much alive indeed! Our strong heritage was not developed by chance. It is the result of hard work and dedication of countless men, like you, who have believed and committed their time, their resources, their minds and their energy to *Sharing the Light* within our communities.

Brethren, it is YOUR strength, YOUR legacy, YOUR belief in Pennsylvania Freemasonry that will *Share the Light* for future generations. Shine brightly!

William Slater II

R.W. Grand Master



Masonic Village Farm Market

has re-opened for the season, offering the freshest produce and highest quality...

- Strawberries
- Fresh Asparagus
- Bedding Plants
- Hanging Baskets

Hours
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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MAN TO MASON:

A One-Day Adventure

Time Schedule - All Venues

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Registration of Candidates. Starting time will vary from venue to venue depending on number of candidates to receive degrees.

8:15 a.m. **Registration ends.** Candidates, mentors and members take their seats.

8:30 **Class and members welcomed** by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Officer leads Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

8:40 **Grand Lodge opens.** Officer-In-Charge declares Grand Lodge open and introduces the Entered Apprentice Mason Degree team.

8:45 **Entered Apprentice Lodge opens** in short form by Worshipful Master and begins the degree.

9:45 **30 minute break** announced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.

10:15 **Education program** (15 minutes) introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.

10:30 **Fellowcraft Lodge conferring team** introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Worshipful Master opens F.C. Lodge in short form and begins the degree.

11:30 **Education program** (15 minutes) introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge.

11:45 **Lunch.** Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge dismisses attendees for lunch.

12:45 p.m. **Master Mason Lodge conferring team** introduced by Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge. Worshipful Master opens M.M. Lodge in short form and begins the degree.

2:15 **Final Education program** (15 Minutes) York Rite Bodies

2:30 **Grand Lodge closes.** Grand Lodge Officer-In-Charge congratulates Class, announces 30 minute break.

3:00 **Scottish Rite** opens and begins conferral program.

4:30 **30 minute break.**

5:00 **Shrine opens** and begins Ceremonial program.

5:45 **Work concludes.** Dismiss class.



The Making of a Mason in One Day

Petition Procedure

The Easy Way . . .



Initiating of Petition (or how to get a new candidate)

- Use the new **ASK** brochure in this issue of the Freemason.
 - Call the Petition Hotline at 1-800-990-1935 – the petition will be completed by phone.
 - Pay by credit card if desired (Hotline Only)
 - Answer all questions when asked: 32° and Shrine 'yes' answers will be communicated to those respective offices for further action.
- Hotline Petition is electronically forwarded to Lodge Secretary who reads it in Lodge or at a Special Meeting.
 - Lodge investigating committee interviews candidate (can be done by phone if distance is too great to travel).
 - Lodge votes on petition.
 - Candidate reports for degrees on Saturday, October 2 at the designated venue. Grand Secretaries office will provide necessary directions and credentials.

Questions & Answers

- Q.** Do I have to use a special petition or can I use any petition I may have?
- A.** Any petition will do if you do not have a special petition.
- Q.** My son lives in Philadelphia. Can he join my Lodge and receive the degrees at another venue.
- A.** Yes.
- Q.** How much does it cost?
- A.** Each Lodge fee is different, the person answering the phone at the 1-800-990-1935 number has a listing of all of the Lodges in Pennsylvania and can tell you the fee.
- Q.** How much is the Scottish Rite 32° and Shrine fees?
- A.** Scottish Rite fee is \$100.00 and the Shrine fee is also \$100.00.
- Q.** Am I responsible for instructing my candidate?
- A.** No. Each candidate at the One Day Class will be assigned a 'mentor' who will be in charge of him for the day. You however, as a recommender, should be present to assist.
- Q.** When is the deadline for petitions?
- A.** Deadline for petitions being submitted to the Lodge, read, investigated and voted on, and in the Grand Secretaries office, and all paper work completed, is September 15, 2004.
- Q.** Can my son, who lives out of state, become a PA Mason?
- A.** Yes. The Secretary of the Lodge should follow the procedure for waiver of jurisdiction in the Secretary's Manual (sec. 4-35, 4-36). For procedure in States other than, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, or Ohio, call the Grand Secretary's office for instructions.
- Q.** My grandson (or son) becomes 18 this year but after the one-day class. Can I get a dispensation?
- A.** Yes. Have the Lodge Secretary request a dispensation through the District Deputy Grand Master to the R.W. Grand Master.

NEED HELP? CALL YOUR DDGM OR THE HOTLINE!

MAN TO MASON DISTRICT PROGRESS

Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W.J.G.W., Chairman

District	Deputy	Members	10% Goal	One-day	Total
A	Robert A. Ciampitti, Sr.	2,113	211	18	54
B	Robert J. Taylor	1,729	173	5	18
C	Gary Davis	2,517	252	3	48
D	Charles T. Graham	2,921	292	12	42
E	Raymond T. George	2,663	266	0	29
1	Robert S. Conway	3,540	354	0	28
2	Kenneth E. Beard, Jr.	4,349	435	1	47
3	John L. Stains	3,711	371	18	54
5	Harry E. Hackman, Jr.	2,801	280	4	15
6	David K. Beaulieu	2,525	252	2	27
7	Mark A. Haines	3,239	324	3	17
8	William A. Wetterau	2,815	281	8	46
9	Raymond A. Robey	1,570	157	0	20
10	Robert W. Steckel	3,249	325	12	47
11	Carl F. Berger	1,360	136	0	4
12	Hugh E. Williams, Jr.	2,857	286	8	14
13	Gordon M. Conniff	1,042	104	1	9
14	Alvin W. Hollister	1,101	110	0	16
15	Martin W. Migliori	1,004	100	0	32
16	John R. McHenry	1,044	104	0	16
17	Gary B. Stahley	1,018	102	7	19
18	Richard A. Loreman	3,296	330	0	25
19	Merrill R. Shaffer	1,990	200	2	30
20	Dale A. DeLozier	2,564	256	0	64
21	James A. O'Connor	1,982	198	8	23
22	Bradley A. Lewis	1,272	127	0	5
23	Gerald L. Gates	1,458	149	0	26
24	Donald A. Snyder	2,309	231	3	33
25	Jack E. Flaugh	1,296	130	1	14
26	S. Robert Marziano, Jr.	1,880	188	4	17
27	Roger A. Johnson	3,131	313	2	15
29	Thomas M. Gasmira	2,334	233	0	32
30	Jeffrey M. Wonderling	2,908	291	0	6
31	Barry L. Wheeler	2,083	208	5	23
33	Carl R. Johnson	931	93	0	4
34	Richard L. Wagner	1,787	179	5	25
35	Luther J. Black	1,928	193	0	9
36	Edward D. Miles	2,432	243	1	28
37	William H. Weichsel	2,206	221	0	8
38	Norman E. Flaherty	3,024	302	4	40
39	Richard A. Carnes	1,999	200	0	21
40	Thomas Gamon, IV	2,408	241	1	30
41	John D. Ream	1,958	196	0	27
42	James R. Eisenhart II	3,403	340	4	31
45	Donald W. Weaver	1,613	161	4	15
46	William R. Swinehart	2,468	247	6	27
47	D. William Roberts	2,411	241	14	78
49	Jeff A. Biddle	2,148	215	0	16
50	Michael J. Febbo	1,823	182	3	39
52	Donald L. Miller	1,967	197	0	10
53	Timothy P. Templeton	2,283	228	6	18
54	Kurt R. Tesche	2,529	253	0	15
55	Ronald A. Plesh	3,439	344	14	49
56	C. Donald Nelson	1,039	104	1	10
57	David W. Morgans	2,512	251	4	35
58	John M. Morgan, Jr.	1,083	108	0	12
59	Victor J. Cappoci	1,582	158	5	27
60	Joseph W. Dows	3,335	333	1	31
As of May 10, 2004	TOTAL			200	1520

Outreach Provides Direction on Prescription Medications

The Outreach Program has been serving the needs of members of the Masonic family organizations and their families since 1994 by providing information, referrals to service providers and financial assistance. Over the years, we have seen needs change as our society changes, the greatest of which is the need, and inability to pay for prescription medication.

As the population ages and life expectancies increase, the need for prescription medications to maintain our health also has increased. Unfortunately, incomes and insurance often do not cover the increased costs of these prescribed medications. If you, or someone you know, are faced with drug bills that exceed your resources, what can you do? There are various agencies and services that can provide the needed assistance.

If you are 65 years of age or older, you are eligible for the PACE and/or PACENET benefits in Pennsylvania. This program meets the needs of thousands of Pennsylvania's seniors. Applications are available at all Area Agencies on Aging, pharmacies and state legislators' offices. To apply, proof of age, Pennsylvania residency and income are required.

If you are not yet 65 years of age, you may be eligible for Medical Assistance, which covers the cost of prescription drugs. To determine if you are eligible for Medical Assistance and drug coverage, you can contact your local County Board of Assistance office, for which a number can be found in the Government listing section (blue pages) of any telephone book. Also, Federal programs for military personnel and veterans are available through the Veteran's Administration, and their contact numbers can be found under County offices in your local phonebook. You also may contact the nearest Department of Military Affairs office, listed under U.S. Government services.

Drug discount cards, usually offered by local pharmacies and drug store chains, also are a possible source of assistance and reduced medication costs. Before enrolling in one of these programs, be sure you clearly understand the available benefits, costs and any restrictions that may exist in a specific program.

Another source of assistance, though usually a last resort, is through the drug companies themselves. Many pharmaceutical manufacturers offer discounted or gratis drugs to individuals experiencing financial hardships due to excessive medication costs. To take advantage of these patient assistance programs, it is usually necessary to work with your physician to obtain required documents to apply. A website that offers direction for this assistance is www.rxassist.org.

If you need direction in locating pharmaceutical assistance, the Masonic Outreach Program may be able to help. Please contact us at 1-800-462-7664 to receive more information about drug assistance available through Outreach or in the community. ■



Around The **STATE** Of The Craft

A Masonic Tradition Begins in Pittsburgh

Every good tradition has its roots in the past. On Tuesday, March 2, 2004, John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743 continued that golden rule as it marked the initiation of the Milan M. Tomich Masonic Excellence Award. Brashear Lodge developed the award to honor Brethren of its Lodge who exemplify the extraordinary activity of Brother Milan M. Tomich, 33°. His accomplishments in the many arenas of our fraternity comprise a story in itself. Brother Tomich was an unequalled leader and motivator, greatly admired and known throughout Western Pennsylvania.



Milan M. Tomich, 33°

The award ceremony was scheduled to coincide with the official visitation of District Deputy Grand Master David W. Morgans, together with the officers of the 57th Masonic District. Many of Brother Tomich's friends attended, some traveling as far as the jurisdictions of West Virginia, Florida, Canada, and even Germany, to honor the implementation of the award named in memory of their friend and worthy Brother.

Also present that evening was an impressive contingent from the American Serbian Eastern Rite Brothers. Led by their President, Brother Brian Hayden, they exemplified a support for the event which Brother Milan Tomich, 33° would be proud, as he was a driving force in their important organization. Their Secretary, Brother Michael Mochan, delivered an eloquent biography of Bro. Tomich that left listeners wondering at Milan's energy and drive.

The 2004 recipients of the Milan M. Tomich Masonic Excellence Award were: Bros. Anthony J. Brozovich, Frank R. Kirsopp, and Joseph A. Thomson. Worshipful Master Giulio Magrini, serving as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, summoned each recipient, in turn, to the altar. Following presentation of the awards, a beautiful Masonic tapestry and an orchid corsage were bestowed upon each recipient's wife in recognition of her important role in her husband's Masonic career.

The ceremony culminated with the introduction of a plaque that will hang in perpetuity in John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743 serving as a reminder to every Brother of the purpose of the award, namely, to identify Masonic Excellence from an inspirational source to the success in action of its awardees. The Worshipful Master advised that the higher purpose of the award was to motivate members to model their actions after those whose names are inscribed thereon. ■

Brother to Brother

Proud father, Bro. Richard L. Krause, Sr. (seated) was present to see son, Bro. Jeffrey F. Krause, PM (center) Portage Lodge No. 220, Hollidaysburg, PA confer the second and third degrees upon his older brother Richard (left). Also present for the degrees was Jeff's twin, and Richard's brother, John (right) also of Portage Lodge No. 220.



Proud Time for the Taylor Family

Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, Girard, PA set a new record for members from the Taylor Family. On September 17, 2003, Jess R. Taylor, 19, son of PDDGM J. Robert Taylor, received his Master Mason degree from his father who conferred all three degrees.

Bro. Jess followed in the footsteps of several Taylors in Lake Erie Lodge. In addition to his father, his grandfather, the late Bro. John T. Taylor, PM, his great grandfather, the late Bro. Lawrence T. Taylor and his uncle Bro. Thomas Taylor.

Bro. Jess graduated, June 2003 from Fairview High School and is presently a Freshman at the Behrend Campus, Penn State University in Erie.

Bro. Kim Jefferies, PDDGM and Bro. W. Scott Stoner, RWPGM were in attendance for the conferral. ■



(l-r) J. Robert Taylor, Bro. Floyd G. Binkley, Mount Juliet Lodge No. 642, Nashville, TN; Maternal Grandfather, Bro. Jess R. Taylor, Bro. Richard B. Wheeler, WM, and Bro. Thomas Taylor.

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A Family Affair 18 Year Old Raised by Father and Three Uncles

History was made in Crafton Lodge No. 653 when William G. Johnston, Past Master Counselor of Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and became the first 18 year old to become a member of Lodge 653. The Degree was conferred by his father, Bro. William D. Johnston, PM of Crafton Lodge No. 653.



Bro. Dwain A. Johnston, Jr.; Bro. and PM James E. Johnston; Bro. William G. Johnston; Bro. and PM William D. Johnston; and Bro. Robert A. Johnston.

The station of Senior Warden was filled by Bro. James E. Johnston, PM, and uncle of the candidate. Bro. Robert A. Johnston filled the Junior Warden's station, also a member of Crafton Lodge and uncle of the candidate. Guide work was performed by Dwain A. Johnston, Jr., member of Crafton Lodge and uncle of the candidate.

Also in attendance was Bro. D. William Roberts, DDGM of the forty-seventh Masonic District and close friend of the candidate and his family. Bro. Roberts presented the candidate with a pin, courtesy of the Grand Master.

The candidate was also presented with a ring purchased by his great grandmother for his grandfather, Bro. Dwain A. Johnston, Sr., who presented it, in turn, to his son, Bro. William D. Johnston when he received his third degree and now has been presented to the third generation, Bro. William G. Johnston. ■

Ed. Note: Bro. William G. Johnston, now 19, is currently serving as Pursuivant of Crafton Lodge No. 653 and has conferred the long Entered Apprentice Masons Degree in its entirety - has learned the second degree and is currently working on the Master Masons degree.

Bro. Johnston's father, William D. Johnston, 33°, is Director of Work for the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Friend To Friend in Scouting

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 378 Pennsylvania Masons and 733 Masons from 43 other states and 4 other countries have received the award medallion, certificate, and purple and gold square knot patch that represents the BSA Community Organization Award program. The award regalia was recently upgraded to include an enameled reverse on the medallion and a blue leather casing. Earlier awards may not be traded, but a recipient may purchase one replacement for \$20. This is not a "fund-raising project" for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation or the Grand Lodge. All income is used to support promotion of the program.

Petitions and criteria for the award can be obtained through Lodge Secretaries or by visiting the Grand Lodge web site at www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/pgm/scouter.

Pennsylvania brethren who have been granted the award between September 1 and March 31, 2004, are:

Ditmer, Wendell D.	Lowther Manor	781	Camp Hill
Davis, Charles L.		408	Meadville
Brown, Jr., Robert H.	Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg
Derr, David B.	Shiloh	558	Lansdale
Weber, Dale R.	Shiloh	558	Lansdale
Cross, Calvin R.	Stichter	254	Pottstown
Troxell, Jr., John W.	Brownstone	666	Hershey
Boyd, Jr., Joseph E.	West Chester	322	West Chester
Coleman, Jr., Charles E.	Coalville	474	Sugar Notch
Kagarise, Blaire O.	Mount Moriah	300	Huntingdon
Hamby, Milo Earl	Honesdale	218	Honesdale
John, Frederick Lee	Boyertown	741	Boyertown
Stoudt, Charles Barry	Boyertown	741	Boyertown
Humphreys, III, John E.	Charles M. Howell	496	Honeybrook
Hanson, Robert D.	Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg
Hoachlander, Jeffrey L.	Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg
Kines, Stuart C.	Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg
McCann, Jr., Kenneth C.	Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg
Panza, Peter W.	Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg
Burns, Jr., James E.	Cassia Mt. Horeb	273	Ardmore
Hagaman, Frederick H.	Cassia Mt. Horeb	273	Ardmore
Kauffman, Duane K.	George Washington	143	Chambersburg
Fergus, William	Mt. Lebanon	226	Lebanon
Stewart, Andrew T.	Mt. Lebanon	226	Lebanon
Fee, Jr., Richard W.	Tacony	600	Philadelphia
Myers, Larry S.	Seneca	805	Kittanning
Errett, Homer R.	Philanthropy	225	Greensburg
Marshall, James L.	Temple	412	Tidioute
Weand, John G.	W.K. Bray	410	Hatboro
Richardson, Jr., James H.	Tyrian-Commonwealth	362	Erie
Coulter, Thomas A.	Garfield	559	DuBois
Smith, John M.	Stichter	254	Pottstown
Renneisen, Warren E.	Lansdowne	711	Lansdowne
Naska, Benjamin F.	Prosperity	567	Riegelsville
Fetterman, Sr., Thomas W.	Washington	265	Bloomsburg
Hummel, Marlin D.	Danville-Mahoning	224	Danville
Liken, Loyal L.	Washington	265	Bloomsburg
Kestler, Jr., Robert J.	Mozart	436	Philadelphia
Felsburg, Robert E.	Cressona	222	Cressona
Roberts, Jr., David Guy	Chester	236	Chester
Burley, Jr., A. Maynard	Mountain	281	Altoona

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Around The STATE Of The Craft

Charity Lodge Honored by Grand Master



Bro. Bruce L. Caster, Jr., District Attorney for Montgomery County and Member of Charity Lodge No. 190, and his staff met with Brother Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., the then R.W. Grand Master, on December 10, 2003 in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Bro. Cunningham presented to Bro. Caster his Medallion depicting Bro. Winfield Scott Hancock, who was a Civil War hero and had been a Member of Charity Lodge No. 190. A group photo was taken to commemorate the presentation of the Grand Master's Medallion to Bro. Caster.

Standing behind Brother Caster and the then R.W. Grand Master are: (l-r) Wilbur E. Harmon, Charity Lodge No. 190; John T. Harmon, Charity Lodge No. 190; Richard L. Marsh, II, Shiloh Lodge No. 558; Paul K. Price, Past Master of Fritz Lodge No. 308; Oscar P. Vance, Jr., Ambler Lodge No. 19, M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Richard L. Peffall, W. K. Bray Lodge No. 410. ■



Young and Older

Bros. Bret W. Swaney (far left) and Thomas L. Cunningham (far

right, opposite) were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Fayette Lodge No. 228. The degrees were conferred by Bro. Robin W. Beissell, SW (now Worshipful Master).

Bro. Swaney was guided by his grandfather Bro. Robert D. Miller. Bro. Cunningham is a mere 81 years old. It's never too late, to young, or to old to Share the Light of Freemasonry. ■



114 Years of Masonry



Three generations of Fannie Master Masons of Tyrian Lodge No. 644, New Kensington, PA, gather on the eve of installation of Matthew J. Fannie, (second from left) the new Worshipful Master with a total of 114 years in Tyrian Lodge. (l-r) M. Thomas Fannie, three times Past Master with 42 years; Matthew J. Fannie, WM, 7 years; M. J. Fannie, 95 years old, 56 years; and Marcus A. Fannie, Brother, 10 years. ■

Scouting Award Presented



Bro. George Mill, Doylestown Lodge No. 245 was recently honored with the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award for outstanding service to the Boy Scouts. Beard, one of the early founders of the Boy Scouts was also an active Mason. Pictured are (l-r) Bro. James Dowling, WM; Bro. George Mill; Bro. Robert D. Figuera, Jr., PM, nominator of Bro. Mill. ■

Poster Contest Winners

The Blood and Organ Donor Committee sponsors an annual poster contest. It's the eighth year of the contest. The purpose of the contest is to heighten awareness of Masons and their families to the need for Blood and Organ Donations. The contest is open to any participant of the Masonic Youth Groups.

The winners this year are:

- Sara Hoffman – First place – \$300.00
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 16
- Becky Gotshall – Second place – \$200.00
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 16

For information, contact Bro. Norman A. Fox, 610-664-0153 or Bro. E Rick Knepper at 717-263-1189. ■



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



At the Masonic Villages, we're celebrating numerous achievements and anticipating exciting opportunities.

We congratulate our Masonic Children's

Home residents who will graduate from Elizabethtown Area High School on Thursday, June 10: Alarice (Ali) Joyce, Jake Pilkerton, Tara Skidmore and Brian Smith. Ali will attend Harrisburg Area Community College this fall and major in journalism; she hopes to then transfer to a four-year college. Jake will graduate from the full-day welding program at the Mount Joy Career and Technology Center. In the fall, he will attend York Technical Institute and major in motorcycle technology. Tara's future plans include attending Lackawanna Junior College for an associate's degree in special education and continuing for her bachelor's degree. Brian will attend Thaddeus Stephens College of Technology, where he major in office administration and participate on the football team. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck as they pursue their dreams.

While our graduates prepare to leave, others prepare to come and join our family with their own dreams to fulfill. Our ability to provide a supportive home environment and to give the children a chance to receive friendship, care and guidance is made possible through generous contributions to the Masonic Village. Graduates from the program are afforded opportunities for higher education through support of the Masonic Fraternities and the Masonic

Homes/Patton School Alumni Association. Through the benevolence of our Brethren, youth are given the tools they need to become productive citizens of whom we can be proud.

As Pennsylvania Freemasons and members of Eastern Star have joined in unanimity to serve our members and their families across the Commonwealth, our need for support continues. We ask those who have supported the former Eastern Star homes, the former Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown in the past to hold up our shared mission through your gifts of time, talent and financial support. Our core mission to support our Brothers, Sisters and children regardless of their ability to pay for needed services has continued to grow, as evidenced in the expansion of our services. In 2003, the Masonic Villages provided more than \$20 million in charitable services. While this cost it great, it is impossible to measure the value of the care provided to residents. I receive numerous thank you letters from members and families praising the quality of our facilities, our staff and our services. Our ability to Share the Light has been made possible over the past century by the vision and generosity of our Family of Freemasonry.

We invite you to visit your nearest Masonic Village – in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley or Warminster -- and Share the Light through acts of friendship. Bring your family or gather Brethren in your lodge and plan a trip to tour one of our villages, and while you're there, check into the volunteer opportunities available to make a difference in the lives of residents. Attend one of the Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournaments, or sponsor a car for the Masonic Village Charity Grand Prix to show your support for our mission. Bring prospective members to Autumn Day at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, our annual open house for our Family of Freemasonry, to learn more about our many valuable services.

It's a fun-filled family day with activities, entertainment, information, food and fellowship for all ages, and an excellent opportunity to introduce folks to our Masonic family, since many Masonic groups are present. Our Villages are YOUR homes... built, maintained and strengthened through your charity. Thank you. ■

Pennsylvania Masonic License Plate Applicants Continue



Since January 1, 2004, there have been close to 1,000 applicants for the PA Masonic License Plate. This is an on-going program that was initiated during the term of PGM Samuel C. Williamson. Bro. William Slater, RWGM, considers it an integral part of the Share the Light program. To order yours, go to the Grand Lodge web page and download the application or contact the Grand Secretaries office for an application.

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Questions? Call your DDGM.



Around The
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Grand Master visits Victory Lodge No. 694



District Deputy Grand Master Roger A. Johnson invited R. W. Grand Master William Slater II to speak at Victory Lodge No. 694 in Butler, PA at the annual Fish Fry, an extremely popular event created by Bro. Raymond E. Montag, PM, over 40 years ago. Bro. Montag recently fell victim to a stroke and was unable to attend.

The Grand Master, after enjoying the food and fellowship of Victory Lodge, declared that he wished to meet Bro. Ray that evening at the Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA.

The smile that the Right Worshipful Grand Master's visit brought to Bro. Ray's face had still not disappeared several days later as he recounted every detail of the meeting. Bro. Ray took great pride in telling the Grand Master about his three sons, son in law and grandsons who have served in the chairs of Victory Lodge No. 694. ■

Brownstone Lodge No. 666 in Parade

Brownstone Lodge No. 666 in Hershey, PA participated in the Hershey Centennial Parade marking the founding of the Hershey Chocolate Co. and the beginning of the town of Hershey. The parade was almost four hours long with over 40 bands, floats and units from 17 states. The float designed by PGM Jay Ernette was used by the Lodge. On the float were the officers of Brownstone Lodge, Hershey Chapter OES, Berhel 17 Job's Daughters and members of the Pilgrim Chapter of DeMolay. ■



Pennsylvania State Senators Witness Raising

Seven Pennsylvania State Senators traveled to Elizabethtown on Monday, November 24, 2003, to participate in the Raising of Brother and Senator David J. "Chip" Brightbill in Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. Sen. Brightbill is the Senate Majority Leader and serves District 48, which includes Elizabethtown. There are now 13 PA State Senators who are Master Masons.

The Degree was conferred by Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, PM of Lodge 682, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Bro. Edward A. Dawson, PM, gave the Charge. Serving as Guide was Bro. & Former Representative Kenneth E. Brandt, House District 98, a member of Ashara Lodge 398, Mount Joy.

In attendance were Bro. Robert C. Jubelirer, Senate District 30, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, a member of Hiram Lodge 616 in Altoona; Bro. Charles D. Lemmond, Jr., Senate District 20, a member of Kingston Lodge 395, in Kingston; Bro. Roger A. Madigan, Senate District 23, a member of Union Lodge 108 in Towanda; Bro. Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Senate District 31, a member of Eureka Lodge 302 in Mechanicsburg; Bro. Jeffrey E. Piccola, Senate District 15, Majority Whip, a member of Robert Burns Lodge 464 in Harrisburg; Bro. Michael L. Waugh, Senate District 28, a member of Shrewsbury Lodge 423, Shrewsbury; and Bro. Noah W. Wenger, Senate District 36, a member of Ephrata Lodge 665, Ephrata.

Senators not present were Bro. Vincent J. Fumo, Senate District 1, a member of Shekinah Lodge 246, Chestnut Hill; Bro. Vincent J. Hughes, a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge 9, Prince Hall Affiliation; Bro. Robert D. Robbins, Senate District 50, a member of Adelpic Lodge 424 in Jamestown; Bro. J. Barry Stout, Senate District 46, a member of Beallsville Lodge 237, Beallsville; and Bro. Robert M. Tomlinson, Senate District 6, a member of Harry A. Houseman Lodge 717, Somerton. ■



Pictured (front row, l-r) Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, Jr.; Sen. David J. Brightbill; Sen. Mike Waugh; (back row, l-r) Sen. Noah W. Wenger, Sen. Harold F. Mowery, Sen. Roger A. Madigan, and Sen. Jeffrey E. Piccola.

Not pictured: Sen. Robert C. Jubelirer

Oldest Pennsylvania Mason

Bro. Homer Anderson 106 Years Old

Honored by R.W. Grand Master

Bro. Homer Anderson was born in the City of Dubois, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Eve, 1897. He was the youngest of a family of six boys and two girls. He attended the local schools and his childhood, as he recalls, was very normal for the time period.

Homer began his lifetime career as a surveyor and later a registered professional engineer when he was 18 years old by driving a team of horses for a survey group. He also drove stakes and other odd jobs for this group. His title at the time was "a survey coordinator". Since he showed an aptitude for this type of work, he was encouraged to continue his studies in this field. He received a surveyor's license from the Pennsylvania Highway Department, and later he became a registered engineer, licensed by the State of Pennsylvania. He spent most of his 45 years in this profession in western Pennsylvania. He rose through the ranks of his profession, and became the Chief Engineer, Pennsylvania Highway and Bridge Authority, headquartered at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This position he held for five years prior to his retirement. At 65, he decided it was time to retire and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to enjoy the sun, play golf and live the "good life". Golf has been a lifetime passion.

As many young men at the time, he enlisted in the Army during the World War I and was assigned to the Signal Corps. He was trained as an observer in a balloon squadron. Prior to being shipped overseas, it was determined that balloons were too easily spotted and shot down and that the airplane could do a better job. The group was disbanded and he remained in the States for the remainder of the War. At 106, he is

one of the few remaining veterans of WWI.

He met his wife Mary Ruth on a job assignment in Ridgeway, PA and was married in 1920. They established their first home in Brookville, PA. They had two daughters; one, which currently resides in Madison, Connecticut and the other, now lives in Clarrington, PA. They were blessed with a union of 68 years.



"What is your secret to longevity", is a question that is often asked of him. It is said that when this question was asked on his 100th birthday, by his fellow ushers at church, after thinking a couple of minutes, he responded, "well, I guess, just don't die". Although the question is a good one, he really does not have a good answer. He said that he did everything wrong when he was younger - he used alcohol, smoked, and loved eating cookies and cakes (he still has a sweet tooth) and other foods not considered good for longevity today. His parents and siblings did not live beyond an average lifespan, so it's not hereditary. He thinks that his job may have had something to do with it. As a surveyor, he was required to be outside, walking around in the fresh air. The game of golf is his favorite sport and he played regularly, never using a cart unless the course required it. He often

commented, "I play golf for exercise, so I pull my own cart". He played golf until he was 105, and walked the course until well past 100 years old.

Brother Homer is reluctant to give others advice on how to live, but for himself, "The Lord has led me all my life. You just have to be interested in what you are doing, and educate yourself."

He has been a member of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida since he moved to the area in 1962. He has been an active member of the church and ushered for over 30 years. Just prior to his 101 birthday, while ushering he slipped and fell, fracturing his hip. He continued to usher that day, and then went to the hospital. His doctor told him he needed to slow down and stay off his feet when he could. He limited his golf to nine holes, twice a week.

He lost his beloved wife when he was 91 and until a few months ago, lived by himself, maintaining his own home and yard. They are both neat as a pin. On his 104th birthday, Dr. D. James Kennedy, the pastor of his church asked him his secret to longevity and he responded, "TV Dinners". He has never lost his sense of humor.

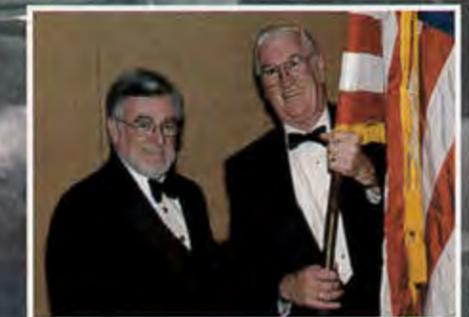
He is admired, loved and respected by all that come in contact with him. It has been an honor and a true pleasure to have the opportunity to have Masonic fellowship with such an outstanding person. ■

Our thanks to Bro. Walter D. McCollum, P.M., Deerfield Beach Lodge No. 325, Deerfield Beach, Florida for taking the time out of his busy schedule to research and write this article for the Pennsylvania Freemason.



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No, I/we will not be able to attend the Open House; however, please send a brochure.

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Address _____

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Number of persons attending _____

Treasures of the Temple

Maxwell Sommerville was born on May 1st, 1829, in Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia) to Dr. Maxwell Sommerville and Mary Fulton McAlpin Sommerville. The Sommerville family resided in Clarksburg until the death of Dr. Sommerville in 1836, after which Sommerville and his mother relocated to Philadelphia to reside with his grandfather, James McAlpin. His grandfather's collection of Greek vases instilled in him an early desire to study and acquire antiquities and works of art.

After graduating from Central High School in 1847, Sommerville moved to Bethlehem, PA, where he was employed as the editor of the local newspaper. Sommerville eventually moved back to Philadelphia, where he married his first wife Anna Julia Sherman in 1863 (died 1890, married to Annie Marie Patten in

1891), and served as the Chaplain of the Commonwealth Artillery of Pennsylvania during the Civil War. During this time, Sommerville amassed a considerable amount of wealth as a result of working at the Sherman & Company printing house (founded by his father-in-law), which enabled him to take many trips abroad. Over the course of more than thirty years, Sommerville traveled to Turkey, Syria, Egypt, China, Japan, India and other countries, and collected many gems of great antiquity and beauty.

In 1889 Dr. William Pepper, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, became interested in Sommerville's collection of engraved gems, and inquired as to whether the collection might be available for use in the school's new museum. Though the gems were loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art at the time, this marked

the beginning of Sommerville's relationship with the University of Pennsylvania. In 1894, Sommerville was made a Professor of Glyptology (the study of gem engravings) at the University, and assisted in the installation of his collection in the especially constructed Baugh Pavillion of the Free Museum of Science and Art of the University of Pennsylvania.

Sommerville was presumably introduced to the ideals and practices of Freemasonry at a young age, for his grandfather, James McAlpin, had been a member of University Lodge No. 51. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Sommerville entered Union Lodge No. 121 on February 9, 1865, and obtained memberships in the following bodies: Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, May 10, 1865; Oriental Chapter No. 183 R.A.M., June 15, 1865; Philadelphia Council No. 11, January 10, 1866; St. John's Commandery, May 22, 1866; Kadosh Commandery No. 29 K.T.; Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; and the Masonic



Veterans Association. Sommerville was also one of the Board Managers of the Art Association of the Masonic Temple, a position in which he took great pride and pleasure.

Maxwell Sommerville died on May 5th, 1904, in Paris, France, while on one of his frequent trips to Europe. His body was returned to Philadelphia and was interred at Mount

Vernon Cemetery on May 20th, with full Masonic and Grand Army honors. In his will, Sommerville made several Masonic bequests, one of whose impact is felt to this day. In addition to a fine collection of oil paintings, Sommerville left the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ten thousand dollars to be invested and used to purchase objects and works of art to be placed in the Masonic Temple. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of Maxwell Sommerville, the Masonic Temple has been able to fill its halls and corridors with beautiful works of art. To exemplify his munificence, the museum commissioned artist David Larned to paint a portrait of Sommerville. Working from period photographs, Mr. Larned successfully captured Sommerville's personality and spirit. Sommerville's kindness has come full circle, for he is now a work of art. ■

Hawaii Masons aid 'Iolani Palace Curator



King David Kalakaua was the last King of Hawaii who reigned from 1874 to 1891.

On the occasion of his 167th birthday, November 15, 2003 a group of local Honolulu Masons acquired a valuable possession of the Merrie Monarch from Sotheby's Auction House in New York and presented it to 'Iolani Palace curator Stuart Ching. The 'Friends' of 'Iolani Palace bid on a Knights Templar Masonic sword that was made for Kalakaua, and was one of five items that belonged to the King that were auctioned. Also auctioned were two other swords and two walking canes. "All of these items were connected with the King and I wish we could have gotten them all, but we're happy that we got one of the items at least," Ching said. "We just didn't have the reserves to bid successfully on all the items." The winning bid for the sword was \$13,000, said Deborah Dunn, executive director of the Friends. The sword eventually will be part of a new exhibit, the Gallery on Royal Lifestyles, which is not expected to open for at least four years, she said.

Kalakaua was proud of his status as a 32nd degree mason, and local Masons came to the aid of the Friends by offering to pay for the sword. The Masons laid the corner stone at the 'Iolani Palace in 1879 and stood guard when Kalakaua lay in state after his death.

Dunn said she hopes to some day have all of the items at the palace. "We can hope that the people who purchased them, and we don't know them, will enjoy them for now and think about us later. I'm happy for what we got and I'm mostly happy that people were affected and wanted to help." She said the palace has a photo of the king wearing a Masonic ring and holding the sword. ■

Provided by G. Fred Petry, Jr., P.M.
Drylestown Lodge No. 245

A Woman's Touch

by Deb Phillips



"...and such gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."

Rudyard Kipling,

The Glory of the Garden

Though I did not grow up on a farm, I did grow up surrounded by farms. My grandfather was a retired farmer, so we always had a HUGE garden . . . tomatoes, corn peppers, peas, green beans, strawberries, raspberries, asparagus, eggplant, pumpkins, watermelons, cantaloupe, turnips, radishes, cucumbers and zucchini. I remember afternoons spent in the garden by my grandfather's side, with the dirt squishing between my toes, learning how to distinguish weeds from the sprouting plants, how to tell when a watermelon was ripe, the sweet taste of the first strawberries, but most of all, how to nurture the garden so that it would provide for us.

So what are YOU doing to nurture the garden of our Masonic family? Have you thanked the presiding officers of the organizations you belong for taking their responsible position? Have you taken a new member under your wing, and helped them to learn and understand more about the organization they just joined? Have you reached out to an inactive member? Have you offered your assistance to a Job's Daughters Bethel, Rainbow Assembly or DeMolay Chapter?

Have you volunteered at one of the Masonic Villages? Have you helped with a group service project? We cannot sit idly in "the shade" and say "look at the great things we have done." We need to be out there doing the simple, everyday things, because it is by those simple, everyday things that we are able to accomplish the greater things.

The harvest - maybe a smile of thanks, but definitely the satisfaction

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Grand Master's Golf Tournaments Benefit Masonic Village at Sewickley, Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill and Childrens Home at Elizabethtown

Benefits The Masonic Village at Sewickley

Grand Master's 2004 Western PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 13

Diamond Run Golf Club, Sewickley



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



Fee: \$135.00 per golfer. Includes bag drop, personalized bag tag, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, social hour, dinner, skill prizes and door prizes.

- Reservation Form -

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

Name _____ Address _____
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Mail reservations by July 31, 2004, with check, to either **Richard Stemmler**, 1315 Trent Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650 (724-537-7940) or **William Hartland**, 2030 North View Dr., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642 (724-863-6469).

Benefits Masonic Childrens Home at Elizabethtown and the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

Grand Master's 2004 Eastern PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 28

LuLu Country Club, North Hills, PA



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



Fee: \$160.00 per golfer.

Prizes: \$25,000 Cash Hole-in-One. Remaining Par 3's will have a prize for Hole-in-One, Long Drive, Closest to Pin, Putting Contest and a Sporting Quiz. Special gift for every attendee.

- Reservation Form -

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Mail reservations by Aug. 15, 2004, with check, to **Dale H. Fera**, P.D.D.G.M., 1440 Buck Hill Dr., Churchville, PA 18966-4622. Questions? 215-355-7836

A Woman's Touch

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of a knowing we have helped another is only possible when we "Share the Light!"

Don't have time, or maybe space, for a big garden, but would still like to enjoy the taste of some home-grown vegetables? Then try a container garden. Vegetables with a confined growth tendency, such as salad greens, spinach, peppers, bush beans, some varieties of tomatoes, as well as herbs, do well in containers. Be sure to choose an appropriate size container for each variety of plants, use a lighter soil mix for better moisture retention, and don't forget to water your plants.

Container gardens generally need to be watered on a daily basis; if allowed to dry, the feeder roots will die and the plant will spend more energy to grow replacement roots than to flower and produce fruit. Good luck and enjoy! ■

Editors Note:

Deb Phillips is the Event Planning/Public Relations Assistant at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. She is a Past Honored Queen and Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 15 - Elizabethtown, Past Grand Guardian and Chairman of the Supreme Promotion Committee, Job's Daughters International; Past Matron of Elizabethtown Chapter No. 407, and A.G.C.C.M., Order of the Eastern Star; and Past Royal Matron of Lancaster Court No. 70, and Grand Rep. to Arizona, Order of the Amaranth.

In her spare time she enjoys traveling (she worked in the travel industry for 13 years prior to joining the Masonic Village team), scrapbooking, listening to a variety of music, crafts, shopping, walking and spending time with friends.

Deb has been invited to add "a woman's touch" to each issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason. She may be contacted at 717-367-1121.



Around The
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Education Grant Presented



The second in a series of checks from the Samuel Davis Bequest was presented by Kane Lodge No. 566, Kane, PA, to the family of the late Brother James Sowa. The \$5000 grant will be used toward the education fund established by Brother Sowa's widow, Mary Jo. Presenting the check to Matt Sowa are Brothers Richard Bence, WM and Keith Lescovec, SW. ■

Student Receives Handicap Accessible Desk



The brethren of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 recently presented Rebecca Sulitz, a fifth grade student in the Bentworth Elementary Center, a handicap accessible desk for her use. This desk is adjustable and will follow Rebecca through school for many years. Rebecca was born without the advantage of having legs, however she attends school daily and is a fine student.

Two 'nonagenarians' from Henry M. Phillips Lodge were instrumental in arranging the presentation of the gift. Bro.

Andre Bellicini, a fifty-year member, brought the matter to the attention of the Lodge and a generous contribution from Bro. Gene Evans expedited the purchase of the desk. (Bro. Andre is 92 years young and Bro. Gene is 91).

The warm smile and gratitude shown by Rebecca was the best gift the Lodge had ever received.

Others on hand for the presentation were Bro. Raymond Colosimo, Secretary; Bro. Edsel Burkholder II, JW; Bro. William A. Ball, SW; Bro. James R. Archbold, WM and Bro. Joseph F. Acton, PDDGM, 31st Masonic District. ■

The Epitaph

A Mason sat, with pen in hand,
To write about a Brother
Who'd crossed the veil, and all agreed,
Like him there was no other.

He'd been a pillar of the Lodge,
Of that there was no doubt.
When volunteers were asked for, he'd say,
"Sure, I'll help you out!"

He'd want a simple epitaph,
As plain as it could be,
For that's the kind of man he was,
No pompous windbag he.

The services he rendered
To all who were in need,
Were clothed in anonymity,
So greater was each deed.

Our writer was a simple soul,
No English Ph.D.
How could he honor such a man,
And do it properly?

He searched the tenets of the Craft
His Brother'd learned with care.
In hope of finding "just the words,"
Alas they were not there.

For the lessons there are many,
But the words he sought were few.
How could he pay this tribute
To his friend and Brother too?

At length his whole face brightened,
As the dawning from the night.
He had learned his Brother's secret,
And he knew that he was right!

His Brother earned the love of man
In deep humility.
His byword was the Golden Rule;
He'd served humanity.

This giant, in the eyes of those
Who loved him from the heart,
Received the highest accolade
A Mason can impart.

No long procession, flowery praise,
Nor crass verbosity.
Four simple words that say it all,
"He lived his Masonry!"

P. Kenneth Pfalzgraf

Past Master, Lodge 408

Sharing the Light through Fifty Years of The Pennsylvania Freemason

Part II

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1. Starting life under Editor Bro. William A. Carpenter as Volume 1 Number 1 (November 1954), *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was a four-page black-and-white newsletter. This was the only issue in 1954 and in Volume 1.

2. The first issue with a photograph, February 1962, celebrated the Installation of Grand Master W. LeRoy McKinley (December 27, 1961).

3. With the next issue, in July 1962, the title masthead, with its subtitle, "An Official Publication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," changed radically. It became what could be called "streamlined" or "modern." The map of Pennsylvania (note the county outlines!) was replaced by the word Pennsylvania, which, with its The, however, would always be smaller than the word Freemason. The Square and Compasses moved to the upper right, and a dash of color and lines across the top of the page were added.

4. The first full-color photograph ever used is on the front page of the October 1963 issue, showing the Masonic Homes' Grand Lodge Hall as seen through the formal gardens. This was a special issue, on glossy paper, featuring the Masonic Homes; color was also used in the center spread and the back page. Each November, the issue used that color format, until 1968, after which the "color issue" month varied. From November 1973 through November 1975, no color was used. Matte-finish paper and black-on-white printing were the norm. However, as of February 1976, more and more color was used. Since color prints best on glossy paper, often at least semi-gloss was used. In February 1995, the first all-glossy-paper issue appeared, and glossy paper has remained.

5. In May 1976, the masthead changed again to include an illustration of the Masonic Temple,

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Philadelphia; and the lines were eliminated.

6. The title, *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, was printed in blue for the first time in November 1976. In February 1982, the title appeared "reversed out" (white) with a narrow blue outline against the light blue background. The words, in blue with the outline in black, would appear first in February 1984. The Masonic Temple also disappeared in February 1982, but colored text boxes made their debut. By February 1993, the Square and Compasses in white with blue or black moved to the top left; and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in gold at the right was added.

7. As of May 1996, the whole front page has a background color, and the masthead words, while usually remaining bright blue, remain outlined if necessary; but sometimes they are "reversed out," and their outline is not always black, as seen below in the January 2004 issue.

For the first time in December 1997, a special inaugural edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* was published as Number 5 of the volume for that year, to celebrate the Installation of the new Grand Master. Grand Master Slater, however, chose to have Number 1 of Volume 51, published in January 2004, be his Inaugural Issue. Some other new features: the Square and Compasses and the Seal of the Grand Lodge are larger and "ghosted" behind and a little above the first and last letters of *Freemason*. A letter in the title has also become more than a phonetic symbol: the "o" of *Freemason* is a picture of the Grand Master's pin, "Sharing the Light."

As *The Pennsylvania Freemason* moves through its fifty-first year, and on toward its centennial, the changes will continue, bringing additional creative ways to document the past and present, express hope for the future, and Share the Light of the world's oldest fraternity. ■



Around The
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New DeMolay Chapter Sparks Excitement

On Saturday, January 10, 2004, nearly 200 guests attended the formal Institution of Steel City Chapter – DeMolay's newest local Chapter, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. A team of PA DeMolay State Officers and EO Leadership Team members, led by State Master Councilor Stephen L. Prazenica and Executive Officer "Dad" Tom Labagh, conducted the Institution and the Installation of the first corps of officers. The Advisory Council was also formally installed. The Chapter will meet in Bellevue, PA, and is sponsored by Avalon Lodge No. 657. ■



SMC Steve Prazenica (third from right) presents the Letters Temporary to (from left) Curtis Keyser, Master of Avalon Lodge; Ryan Davidson, Master Councilor of Steel City Chapter; "Dad" Joe Schrock, Chairman; "Dad" Chuck Bombich, Chapter Advisor; and D. William Roberts, DDGM 47th District.

Bellefonte Lodge 268 Enters 4th Generation



John F. McClellan, 18 years old, is the youngest person to become a Master Mason in Bellefonte Lodge No. 268. He is a fourth generation member of the lodge which includes his father

Jeffrey T., who acted as his guide, his grandfather James L. PM, who conferred the three degrees, and his late great-grandfather, Willis C. McClellan. Other family members, now deceased, include two great uncle's, Dr. Willis L. McClellan and Lewis D. McClellan. John, a resident of Coburn, PA is currently a senior at Penns Valley Area High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society. He will be entering Penn State University in the Eberly College of Sciences. ■



Sharing the Light

A Spectacular Holiday Gala
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Saturday
December 4, 2004

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The Child Identification Program

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

Plan to join us as we open the beautiful Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street in Philadelphia, for the first time, for all to enjoy a gala black tie dinner and holiday celebration to support children in communities across Pennsylvania.

Patrons will enjoy a reception, entertainment by the Philadelphia Boys Choir, a Quintet from the Philadelphia Orchestra, and many local talented personalities.

An educational tour of the Masonic Temple will amaze and enlighten our guests and give them a glimpse into the World of Masonry.

The overwhelming interest and early success of CHIP has created a unique opportunity for Freemasons to expand the program throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Proceeds from the Gala black-tie evening will go directly to the Masonic Foundation for Children to further the CHIP program.



Franklin D. Caltagirone
Director



The Gold Book and Philanthropic Society of the Grand Lodge has created a permanent endowment to guarantee the perpetuity of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Do your part this year in preserving our heritage at the Masonic Temple – an historic landmark.

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.

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 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.

Two societies have been formed for the purpose of receiving donations from Lodges, members and friends, businesses and groups wanting to sustain and preserve this symbol of Masonic Heritage. They are the Gold Book Society and the Philanthropic Society. Donations are tax deductible.

The Gold Book Society

recognizes those individuals and Lodges which make a contribution of \$500 or more to provide for the ongoing operational expenses of the Masonic Temple. Donors are recognized in a "Gold Book" displayed in the Temple. Every brother can begin by giving as little as \$5.00 weekly. To open a 'Pledge Account', send a donation of \$5.00 or more over a period of weeks, months, or years to Gold Book Society, One N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. When the \$500 level is reached, your name will be placed in the Gold Book for all to see that you did your part.

The Philanthropic Society

recognizes those individuals and Lodges which make a donation of \$250,000 or more to fund a permanent endowment for the restoration and preservation of the Temple. Contributions are appropriately recognized on a donor plaque within the Temple.

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

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★ Tuesday, August 10

Welcome Pig Roast

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★ Thursday, August 12

Ride with Grand Master William Slater II
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Price: \$1,495 per room, double occupancy
(transportation of bikes, extra \$495 if requested)

Contact: Tim Warco, Chairman - 724-263-1555

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Around The STATE Of The Craft

Third Generation of Freemasons



Myrtle Lodge No. 316, Clarion, PA recently raised the third generation of McCleary's. Bro. Scott A. McCleary received his three degrees from his father, Richard A. McCleary who was assisted by his father, James R. McCleary, Sr. Pictured above are (l-r) Richard A. McCleary, the father who conferred the degrees, Scott A. McCleary, newly raised Brother, and Robert Clifford of Washington Lodge No. 164, Washington, PA who was the guide for the third degree. In the second row are: James R. McCleary, Sr., the grandfather who was the guide in the first two degrees and John H. Smith, PM who assisted for the third degree. ■

A Memorable Degree Conferral



At an extra meeting of Adam's Lodge No. 319, New Bloomfield, PA, then Senior Deacon, Bro. James A. Parson, Sr., now Junior Warden, conferred the EA Degree upon his grandson, James A. Parson, Jr. and his son, Joshua M. Parson, they thereby becoming the third and fourth generation of Parsons to join Adam's Lodge. Serving as SW was Bro. Jack L. Zeigler, PM, brother-in-law of Bro. James A. Parson, Sr., and the uncle and great uncle of the two newly made Masons. (l-r) Bro. Jack L. Zeigler, PM; Bro. James A. Parson, Jr.; Bro. James A. Parson, Sr. and Bro. Joshua M. Parson. ■

An Open Letter to the Craft:

What are you doing as a Freemason to insure the future of our Fraternity? We as Freemasons have been taught, and we have learned, that we can always depend on one another – a Brother can always rely on another Brother to offer the necessary aid and assistance that might be required. Throughout our many years as a Fraternity, there have been many opportunities and programs that required our support. In most cases, this assistance could be given by the Officers of the Lodge, or through the financial efforts of our Lodge Trustees. But this year, my Brethren, we face an opportunity of positive change that will require the daily efforts of every member – every Mason in this Lodge and every Mason throughout this Jurisdiction.

The Man to Mason – One Day Class Membership Program is so important – so vital – to the future of our Fraternity, that every Mason in Pennsylvania must become an active participant in this process. Every Brother, right now, knows of three, four, or more men that would make good Masons – quality men – in your families – in your houses of worship – in your places of employment or your places of business – your neighbors or within your circle of friends – you know good men, who would continue to build and work as members of our great Fraternity.

You were asked by the Grand Master to make a list of men and to talk with them about Freemasonry. Have all of you done this? Have you had a discussion with these men about the Fraternity – or are you depending on another Brother to complete this task? Many of your Brethren throughout Pennsylvania are doing just that – **Sharing the Light of Masonry** with others. But now, Brethren, it is time for you – each of you – to personally extend the Light of Freemasonry. Without the participation and cooperation of every Mason in this Lodge and in this District, our Fraternity cannot endure. If we remain inactive, will our Fraternity even exist in twenty years? We will no longer be able to perform our great acts of goodwill and charity.

Brethren, our great country and our form of government was founded on the principles of Freemasonry. During the Constitutional Convention, our Past Grand Master and Bro. Benjamin Franklin, looked at a half-sun carved on President and Bro. Washington's chair and said that he had some confidence that it represented a rising sun, and not a setting one, for our country.

Brethren, are we looking at the setting sun of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania? Can we allow the rays of light emanating from our Great Fraternity to become extinguished? Certainly not! Each of us must do our part. Talk with men about our Fraternity and contact Brethren you haven't seen at Lodge. Introduce young people to a Masonic Youth Group. But most importantly: Live Masonry. Be an Ambassador for our Fraternity in your families, in your work place, and in your communities. Let the Light that we sought shine so intensely through you, that nothing will ever extinguish it. ■

Charles T. Graham, District Deputy Grand Master, District D



Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary

"Man to Mason" One Day Class Saturday, October 2, 2004



We are very pleased with the planning and preparation stages that are taking place for the R.W. Grand Master's "Man to Mason" One Day Class that will be held at 13 locations around the state on

Saturday, October 2, 2004.

So that all of our Candidates can better participate on this day, locations in the areas of Allentown, Altoona, Bloomsburg, Coudersport, Erie, Harrisburg, New Castle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Uniontown and Williamsport have been selected to allow balance within the state.

This event will have a very positive impact on all of the members of our lodges who are taking advantage of this opportunity to obtain petitions from friends, sons, grandsons and other relatives who haven't taken or had the time to join in the past.

In our busy world today with little time to devote to all that we desire to do, this is an excellent opportunity for a good man you know who desires to be better by becoming a Mason in a Blue Lodge and who may also choose to become a member of Scottish Rite and Shrine in one day.

Our R. W. Grand Master has planned, put in place, built partnerships with appendent bodies, and has paved the way for all of us to be part of one of the most exciting events in the history of Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Please commit yourself to be part of the Grand Master's Team by supporting all our efforts to Share the Light. ■

Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935



glass replica of the Grand Master's emblem for promoting the Man to Mason - A One-day Adventure. Bro. Angle crafted the beautiful emblem himself. ■



Grand Master presents Bro. Jeffrey W. Coy as R.W. Grand Treasurer

Following official presentation of Bro. Jeffrey W. Coy as the R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in his home Lodge – Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, on January 27, 2004, Bro. David Angle, PM and Secretary presented Bro. William Slater, II, R.W. Grand Master, with a leaded

Share the Light Polo Shirts Now Available



Introducing another new Masonic Fashion available exclusively through the Gift Shop of The Masonic Library And Museum Of Pennsylvania.

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Thomas R. Labagh
Executive Director



How do we share the light of Freemasonry with young people? As Masons, our best efforts are directed to those youth who become members of the Masonic youth groups known as DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters. These three junior and senior high school fraternities are founded on Masonic principles, and need our support. DeMolay is open for young men, aged 12-21, and Rainbow is open to young women 12-20. Job's Daughters is open to young women who are related to a Mason. All of these youth groups teach leadership and principles of good character through Rituals that have their roots in the Masonic experience.

A central part of the mission of the PA Youth Foundation is to expand the outreach of these three youth groups in Pennsylvania and to help establish new DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job's Daughter Bethels. At one time, there were Masonic youth groups meeting in all of our Masonic Districts across the state, and our goal is to help local Lodges to bring them back in order to serve the youth of their local communities.

When we reach out to young people in our cities and towns, we also reach their parents, who are favorably exposed to the leaders and builders of Freemasonry, and who learn the value of a fraternity from the experience of their children. There is no better way to spread the light of Freemasonry than by letting others experience its fellowship, its charity, and its character-building custom and ceremony.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation sponsors most of the cost of food and lodging for members of the Masonic youth 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. ■

Join the Grand Master's TGIF INTERNET LEAGUE

Every Friday, Bro. William Slater II,
R. W. Grand Master

posts his TGIF Message on the Grand Lodge Web site. If you would like to access his message and keep up with the news from Grand Lodge, send your e-mail address to the Grand Secretaries Office at:

pagrandlodge.org

History Buffs Needed

The Masonic Village Museum in Elizabethtown has a need for one or more Volunteer Curatorial Assistants for its Museum, located in the Freemasons Cultural Center.

If you have an interest in art and antiques, knowledge of Freemasonry and its attendant bodies and a talent for displaying items in a tasteful fashion, we look forward to hearing from you! Near handwriting for labeling items and knowledge in archival principals and preservation techniques would be helpful, but can be learned.

This volunteer position is flexible, requiring a few days a month at your convenience.

For more information please contact Bro. John R. McFadden at 1-800-599-6454. ■

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D. William Roberts, Editor

Masonic Village at Warminster

Where Caring is a Tradition

Since 1974, the Masonic Village at Warminster's Masonic Eastern Star Home has afforded its residents with comfort, companionship, and a life of dignity and security.

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It's Official!

Then-Grand Master Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., and Bro. Morton Lader, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the former Masonic Home of Pennsylvania at Lafayette Hill, sign the agreement bringing the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania together in unanimity on January 1, 2004.



Wave "Goodbye" to household chores...

Say "Hello" to a carefree lifestyle!

Located on 20 scenic acres in beautiful Montgomery County, the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill joined the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on January 1, 2004. The community offers retirement living apartments, assisted living and skilled nursing services.

Residents enjoy an array of recreational and social activities offered on campus, including an in-house bowling alley, putting green, computer lab, ceramics and art classes, walking path, billiards, a wellness center, woodworking shop, auditorium for live entertainment and much more. The community has a beauty/barber shop, bank, general store and gift shop, and offers transportation services to local attractions and events.

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Philadelphia, allowing residents to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities the city has to offer.

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