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# Angels Make Dreams Come True!



Residential Cottage residents Allen Kreiss, Deborah Bleiler, Jerry Edgerton, Susan Dale, Kevin Koch and Scott Davison enjoy their cruise vacation.



poolside on the deck.

Two of the residents chose to stay behind and keep the home fires burning until the vacationers returned.

The travelers all had a wonderful time and are grateful for the time and effort that Mrs. Bleiler put into her angel pins to be able to give the residents and staff a "heavenly" gift of a lifetime. They also extend a special thank you to Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, and Lodge No. 9, for each contributing \$500 toward the trip, as well as spending money for the cottage residents.

"Elaine has often said that our house is full of angels," said Missy Kilmer, Program Coordinator, "but *she* is an angel in our eyes!"

If you are interested in purchasing one of Elaine's beautiful angel pins, call (717) 361-3854 or look for her stand at Autumn Day.

**W**hat do you do with \$10,000 in profits from the sale of handmade angel pins?

If you're Masonic Village at Elizabethtown resident Elaine Bleiler, the answer is obvious. Do what angels would do -- make dreams come true!

On May 1, six residents and three staff of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's Residential Cottage, home for eight adults with developmental challenges, departed from the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown for the journey of a lifetime -- a cruise to Bermuda!

The vacationers enjoyed the many amenities of cruising through the Caribbean... endless buffets, music and dancing, shows, movies and, of course, lounging

## History Buffs Needed for Masonic Village Museum

**M**asonic Village at 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 appendant bodies and a talent for displaying items in a tasteful fashion, then we look forward to hearing from you!

Neat 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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# Youth Appreciation Day 2004

During the 81st annual Youth Appreciation Day on May 28 in Elizabethtown, youth from the Masonic Children's Home were honored for their academic and extracurricular achievements.

Following a luncheon, Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services, presented the 35 youth medallions and certificates for their accomplishments. He also honored the four graduating seniors: Alarice Joyce, Jake Pilkerton, Tara Skidmore and Brian Smith.

During his remarks, R.W. Grand Master William Slater II encouraged the youth to follow the "recipe for success."

"You are the most important ingredient in your own recipe for success," Grand Master Slater said. "I congratulate you on your many achievements and encourage you to reach for the stars and make your own dreams a reality."

The annual Tree Planting Ceremony with the graduates, Bro. Cash and Grand Master Slater concluded the day's events.



Grand Master William Slater II, Buz Cash and graduating seniors Alarice Joyce, Tara Skidmore, Jake Pilkerton and Brian Smith participate in the annual tree-planting ceremony.

## Pre-plan for Health Care Services

There may come a time in your life when you or someone you love needs nursing care, either on a short-term or long-term basis. When that time comes, you want a quality facility that offers an individualized approach to services. You want people who care about you and who will make the transition quick and easy.

At Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, we offer a full spectrum of health care services. Subacute care is available for people who require rehabilitation after hospitalization, with the goal of returning the patient home. Specialized care for individuals with dementia is designed to promote dignity, respect and safety. Quality of life is a priority when providing a home to someone in need of long-term care, so activities, volunteer opportunities, wellness programs, libraries, pools, various therapies and spiritual services are just a few of the opportunities that are available to our residents.

Since many times these needs arise when we least expect them to, it may be a good idea to pre-plan by keeping a Masonic Village at Elizabethtown brochure on hand for quick reference should you need immediate assistance. Call (717) 361-4552 or toll-free (800) 422-1207. Or, email your request to [MVEadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org](mailto:MVEadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org) or send a fax to (717) 361-5500. Include your name and full address, as well as information on the person interested or in need of services.

Together, we will discuss your options. Admissions counselors will assist you in completing an application. For those in a hospital seeking quick placement, applications can be faxed or e-mailed to expedite the process. Either way, we will be there to ease the transition and care for you and your loved ones.



## Masonic Village at Warminster Update

Construction began May 17, 2004, on the Masonic Village at Warminster's Assembly Room Project. Having lodge, chapter and Masonic youth group meetings held on location will allow residents to participate without needing to travel outside the facility. The assembly room also will offer a convenient location for large resident group activities. A significant portion of funds for the construction of this project were donated by Southampton Square Club.

The Annual Penny Party, organized by the village's Advisory Committee, was held on March 6 and was a big success. The committee raised over \$3,500, the highest proceeds in the three years they have held the event. The funds will go toward the purchase of a new whirlpool tub for the residents in the assisted living area of the community.



William Slater II R.W. Grand Master



## The Grand Master's Summer Message



In 1875, Bro. Matthew Webb became the first person to successfully swim across the 29-mile English Channel in just 21 hours. In 1927, Bro. Charles Lindbergh became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, in 34 hours. If these Brethren were able to accomplish these feats in a matter of hours, imagine how many candidates YOU can bring in for the Man-to-Mason One Day Adventure within the next few weeks!

I'm not asking you to exhaust your energies by swimming the English Channel or flying across the Atlantic, but to use your energy to find candidates who are just as honorable as Bro. Webb, Bro. Lindbergh and countless other Masons who are inspirational, not necessarily for their accomplishments, but for their morality and charity.

If we all do our part, this promises to be the most exciting day in your Masonic journey and a lifelong memorable experience. It is an opportunity of a lifetime to make an impact on our Fraternity and within our communities, as good men join us in bettering themselves and our society.

For 22 years, I have been proud to be a part of something as awesome as Freemasonry. Are YOU proud? Does your friend, neighbor, your coworker, and the person you sit next to at your place of worship know that you're a Mason? Does your son, uncle, nephew, grandson or father know why you are so committed to the Craft? Have you Shared the Light with respectable men in your life by telling them about October 2, 2004?

Brethren, don't just attend meetings – but talk about what Freemasons are doing in your communities and how much you

enjoy the time spent with your Brethren. Tell your friends and family about Freemasonry and how it has changed your life for the better. Explain how Masons search for opportunities for service and personal growth while being active in the community. Brethren, be proud of our accomplishments and proud to tell everyone about them! Make a difference in expanding and enhancing our Craft.

To date, there have been several men who have brought in more than 15 candidates for the One-Day Adventure, and I applaud their efforts and dedication to Freemasonry. How many Man-to-Mason ASK! brochures have YOU shared with men of integrity? As Brethren, we are all on the same team, and we cannot sit on the sidelines and watch a few men carry the burden of the success for this adventure. We must share their enthusiasm, pick up the ball and do our part to reach the goal. If several men brought in 100 candidates each, they alone may not prevail. But, if each of us brought in just one candidate, the results would be overwhelming!

My hope is that in my lifetime, our membership

will again reach great heights. I envision my son, Wes, joining a thriving fraternity and enjoying the many benefits and opportunities that Freemasonry affords.



Keep Sharing the Light Brethren,

*William Slater II*  
Grand Master

### Welcome to the New One-Day Adventure Brothers

You have earned the distinct honor of belonging to the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. Be proud of your membership – wear and display the square and compasses (see page 29 to order a license plate), and share with others why you chose to join Freemasonry.

I encourage you to read about the many programs and services highlighted within these pages, because now you and your family are eligible to participate in and benefit from them. Bring some friends to visit the Masonic Temple in all its grandeur, check out all of that is going on at our Masonic Villages or volunteer to spend your time helping one of the Masonic youth groups or with an upcoming CHIP program. Dust off your golf clubs, organize some Brethren and hit the greens at one of the Masonic Charity Golf Tournaments next month. Arrange a bus trip and bring your family to Autumn Day. The more involved you become, the more you will appreciate your membership.

I believe that you will come to love Freemasonry as I do... as more than 125,000 of your Brethren do. Share the Light of our great Fraternity through your words and your actions, and do your part in strengthening Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

Share the petition enclosed in this issue with men who you consider worthy of membership, and bring them into your Masonic family. Allow them the privilege of carrying on a centuries-old legacy, built on the principal tenets of Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth.

As you will come to experience, being a Mason is a way of life. You have joined a family whose values you honor and whose needs you embrace. The more you give of yourself, the more you will receive.

Congratulations! I am proud to call you "Brother."



# A Day of Opportunity . . .

## The Time is Now!



Thomas K. Sturgeon  
RW Junior Grand Warden

As we become closer to the date of October 2, 2004 we all need to understand that there is still work to be done. The time is truly NOW! There is still time to increase the number of new candidates for our great Fraternity. Take heed, don't look back, but rather look ahead to the most magnificent day in modern Pennsylvania Freemasonry. It is a Day of Opportunity. A day to begin the renaissance of our Fraternity in Pennsylvania.

Don't keep this great organization to yourself. Share it with worthy men whom you work with, golf with, worship with, or men of your family or friends.

What is your greatest MASONIC RESPONSIBILITY? It is without question sharing it with other men. It is making certain that the next generation of men will

have this Fraternity to enjoy. It is all of our responsibilities to carry on the traditions of over two hundred and fifty years. It is our duty to make certain for the future of our Masonic charities. We owe responsibility to our guests at our Masonic Villages, the children at our Shrine hospitals, the students at our 32nd Degree Learning Centers, and all of our other worthy charities.

All of these responsibilities and our future depends on our membership. Not only the number of members but also the quality of the men. There are more quality men in our social circles than we can imagine. Reach out and touch them, brag about what we stand for and what we are. Tell our story and share the proud Masonic light with all who will listen.

In its simplistic form, we can ensure our fraternity for ever by replacing ourselves. Think of this - if only ten percent of our members recommended only one new Mason we would accomplish the Grand Masters goal! In many cases some brothers have recommended over ten or even twenty new members. The question is, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE for the assurance that we will exist as a fraternity in another two

hundred and fifty years. I encourage you to do your share.

This one day Masonic journey, and journey of a lifetime all in one day, will be an opportunity for worthy men to become one of us regardless of their employment or personal commitments. It is for the very busy man. It is not a diminished journey - in fact it will be an enhanced trip through Freemasonry all in one day. The degree work will be the best possible, the attendance of brothers will be more than ever before, the comradery between the candidates will be great, and all candidates will leave the lodge on this day with more pride and enthusiasm than ever before.

My last thought is this. If it is our idea to keep this great organization to ourselves it will be the beginning of the end. If you have read this message to this point I suspect that you want this to continue and to be enjoyed just as we have.

Therefore, don't keep it private, don't keep it to yourself, but rather SHARE THE LIGHT and take on your Masonic RESPONSIBILITY and secure our Fraternity for generations to follow - October 2, 2004, A Day of Opportunity! \*

## Members are Invited to Attend . . .

Location	Area Coordinator	Venu	Regional Ritualistic Instructor	Grand Lodge Representative
Allentown	Larry G. Newhard	Allentown Consistory	Ralph H. Slider, Sr.	Stephen Gardner
Altoona	Dale A. DeLozier	Jaffa Shrine Center	Samuel C. Lehner	Fred D. Saintz
Bloomsburg	Luther J. Black	Bloomsburg Consistory	John W. Haines, Jr.	Robert L. Dluge, Jr.
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Erie	Kim W. Jeffreys	Zem Zem Shrine Center	William Rabbitt	Edward H. Fowler, Jr.
Harrisburg	Gary P. Wendt	Harrisburg Consistory Zembo Shrine Center	Jeff Moyer	Jeffrey W. Coy
New Castle	Fred J. Livingston	New Castle Consistory	Harvey E. McNabb	Thomas K. Sturgeon
Philadelphia	D. Michael Smith	Masonic Temple	John A. Rose	Donald L. Albert
Pittsburgh	William M. Kratzberg	Peterson Event Center	Byrl J. Johnson, Sr.	Samuel C. Williamson
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Scranton	Alfred W. Kotula, Sr.	Scranton Consistory	Walter F. Lindemuth	Edward O. Weisser
Uniontown	Jeffrey M. Wonderling	Uniontown Lodge of Perfection	Byrl J. Johnson, Sr.	James L. Ernette
Williamsport	A. James Bryden	Williamsport Consistory	Richard L. Tubo	Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.

## 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.

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## Scholarships Awarded to Seniors



John M. Read Lodge NO. 536 recently presented six Scholarships to Kimberley A. O'Donnell, Brittany N. Reiter, Bethany A. Amilavich, Kelly M. Reiter, Evan M. McAninch, and Chad K. Shenkle. Pictured with the students are Donald L. Miller, DDGM, 52nd District, Robert L. Vizza, SW; C. John Clark, JW; Bradley D. Wells, WM; Ray M. Uplinger, PM, and Buzz Johnson CPA. Scholarships are awarded on academic promise, financial need and community involvement. \*

## 80 Year Member Honored



Bro. Paul Long, 104, was recently recognized and honored by Ill. Bro. C. Frederick Harris, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Williamsport, for his 80 years of service to the Valley. The reception took place at the Ashland Regional Medical Center, Ashland, PA. Bro. Long is the oldest living WWI veteran in the Williamsport area. Pictured (l-r) are Ill Bro. Harris presenting the 80 year certificate to Bro. Long, assisting is Bro. Ron Hoover, 1st Lt. Commander. Back row: (l-r) Bros. Robert Nestor, Grandson of Bro. Long and member of Ashland Lodge No. 294 and David Bowen, PM, Frackville Lodge No. 737, Director of Medical Staff Development at the Medical Center. \*



## IN MEMORIAM



**JOSEPH EUGENE TRATE**  
Right Worshipful Grand Master 1980-1981

March 5, 1919 – May 25, 2004

The R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been saddened by the loss of one of its distinguished members, Brother Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Past Grand Master. Brother Trate passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Brother Joseph Eugene Trate was born on March 5, 1919 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and died on May 25, 2004 in Dresher, Pennsylvania. His wife Isabel, having predeceased him, he is survived by his four daughters, Tina, Sandra, Deborah and Karen, and seven grandchildren.

He attended the public schools of Williamsport and continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, Philadelphia, where he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 through 1945, Brother Trate was employed by the former Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania. He held several positions while employed by Bell Telephone and retired as Executive Engineer.

He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 28, 1954 in Lodge No. 3. Brother Trate served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1960. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District C from December 27, 1962 to December 27, 1972. He was elected and installed to serve as R.W. Junior Grand Warden in 1974 and 1975; R.W. Senior Grand Warden in 1976 and 1977, and served as R.W. Deputy Grand Master in 1978 and 1979.

Brother Trate was installed as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on December 27, 1979 in Philadelphia, PA. As R.W. Grand Master, he served as Chairman of various Grand Lodge Committees. The highlight of his term in office was being Chairman of the Grand Lodge 1981 Committee for commemorating 250 years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania when he presided over the events that took place on June 24 through June 28, 1981.

As R.W. Past Grand Master, Brother Trate had served the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a member and Chairman of various Grand Lodge Committees. He spent countless hours serving with distinction as Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Recognition from 1985 until his recent passing.

In York Rite Masonry, Brother Trate was a member of Fort Washington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 220; Cryptic Council, No. 51; Royal and Select Master Masons; Mary Commandery, No. 36; Knights Templar, and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214. In Scottish Rite Masonry, he was a Member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia and served as Sovereign Prince of the DeJoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1969 and 1970. He had also served as Master of Ceremonies of Benjamin Franklin Consistory. In 1972, he was coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Mason by the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

Brother Trate was also a member of Lu Lu Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; the Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania; the High Twelve Club, International; and Benjamin Franklin Chapter, No. 16, National Sojourners, all in the Philadelphia area.

He was a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oreland, PA, and served as a member of the Church Council and Finance Committee. He was Treasurer of the Church and served as a Sunday School teacher over the years.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has lost a valuable colleague, and we are the poorer for his passing. \*



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



Pennsylvania Freemasonry -- why is it so important today? Each of us will immediately have a different answer for this question. It might be the fellowship or the

message shared in the degrees of the Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, or one of the other wonderful appendant bodies available to us as Pennsylvania Freemasons. It might be a family tradition of several generations belonging to the same lodge. It might be an experience from your life in the military. It might be one of the stories of how we helped a child overcome an injury or restitution to be the best person possible, or through education and instruction we helped keep a child safe or teach him or her how to be a leader.

The Pennsylvania Masonic family today has created four villages across the Commonwealth to serve Masons, wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, their families and others in the community. Every day, at one of these communities, I see and hear all of the reasons shared above being demonstrated or discussed.

My personal favorite? I see and feel a true sense of family. Daily, individuals reach out and extend themselves many times for people who they did not know before moving to live at or being involved with one of the Masonic Villages. Pennsylvania Masonry has created a standard or founding principle for the Masonic Villages that striving for excellence is the only acceptable option. Do we excel every day in everything we do? Of course not, but with the help, encouragement, advice, guidance, support

and leadership of residents, families, volunteers and employees, we try to learn from every action that falls short. This team approach, built on the principles of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, generates a strong sense of community -- a sense of family.

We receive numerous letters and messages from people sharing their appreciation and gratitude for the services we are able to provide through the benevolence of Freemasonry. Oftentimes they recognize specific staff persons, because they become family. The following is an excerpt of a recent note:

Dear Mr. Murphy,

We would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation to the staff and administration of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Our father and husband, R. Arnold Fink, was admitted to Lafayette West on January 28, 2004. From the day we met with Jeanie Hammer in Admissions, we have witnessed nothing but the most kind professionalism exercised anywhere.

The staff of Lafayette West deserves whatever recognition is possible for their care and understanding of the residents. Nothing is too much trouble for them when it comes to the residents' well-being. They make sure that all the residents' needs are met. Rick Schies and his staff have kept us informed in all aspects and have gone the extra mile. The entire staff on all shifts have been "Angels of Mercy" to Arnold. He loves them and they love him; consequently his quality of life has indeed been improved.

Also, we wish to recognize Jennifer Kuntz. She, too, has gone the extra mile in helping us through the paperwork.

Thank you so much for providing our family member a quality life for his remaining years.

Sincerely,

Marilyn W. Fink and Joseph A. Fink

Why is Freemasonry so important today? Because it makes a difference in so many peoples' lives. Because Sharing the Light is not only what we do... it's who we are inside. And because there is nothing more important than family. \*

**Our vision is  
to be a center of  
EXCELLENCE!**

## Pennsylvania Masonic License Plate Applicants Continue



Since January 1, 2004, there have been over 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 II, RWGM, considers it an integral part of the Share the Light program. To order yours, use the application form on page 29 or go to the Grand Lodge web page and download the application or contact the Grand Secretary's office for an application.

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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.**





by James N. Katsounis

The Acacia Fraternity is not the oldest, or largest, or most famous college fraternity, but its origin is distinctive and its record distinguished. With nearly 46,000 initiates since its founding in 1904 and with chapters spread across the United States and Canada, the Acacia Fraternity stands out among its peer collegiate Greek-letter fraternities as being the only college fraternity that uses a Greek word as its name in place of a series of Greek letters and was founded solely by members of the Masonic Fraternity.

The Acacia Fraternity began with a simple meeting between two old friends during the fall of 1903 in the University of Michigan library when these two Masonic brothers, William J. Marshall and Charles A. Sink, began lamenting the death of the University's Masonic Club of which they were members. The Masonic Club established in 1894 had an unfortunate demise because many of its members were not dedicated enough to ensure its survival, so Marshall and 13 other members of the former Masonic Club decided to organize on a fraternity basis. Membership would be restricted to those who had already taken the Masonic obligations, and the organization was to be built upon the ideals and principles inculcated by vows already taken in the lodge room. According to Marshall, the Acacia Fraternity would "take only those who are interested and will work rather than keep it open to all Masons of the university."

#### Pennsylvania Chapters

**Franklin Chapter (Univ. of Penn)**

Chartered: May 3, 1906 • Initiates: 711  
Closed 2001

**Penn State Chapter**

Chartered: June 9, 1909 • Initiates: 1594

**Carnegie Tech Chapter**

Chartered: May 12, 1923 • Initiates: 79  
Closed 1933

**Shippensburg Chapter**

Chartered: April 17, 1966 • Initiates: 624

**Pitt-Johnstown Chapter**

Chartered: December 2, 1973 • Initiates: 440

**California of Pa. Chapter**

Chartered: April 7, 2004 • Initiates: 182

**Millersville Chapter**

Chartered: April 23, 1988 • Initiates: 159

**Bloomsburg Chapter**

Chartered: April 24, 1998 • Initiates: 141

**Indiana Univ. of Pa. Chapter**

Chartered: April 12, 1996 • Initiates: 118

**Penn State-Altoona Chapter**

Chartered: April 25, 1998 • Initiates: 141

**East Stroudsburg Colony**

Closed 2004 • Initiates: 70

**Lock Haven Colony**

Closed 2000 • Initiates: 29

Thus, the Acacia Fraternity was born.

After completing a constitution, by-laws, ritual and organization for the Acacia Fraternity, on May 12, 1904, the articles of incorporation were filed and the first official meeting of the Acacia Fraternity was held on May 14 by its 14 founding fathers.

News of the newly formed Acacia Fraternity spread quickly across America through Masonic publications, and within six months two additional chapters of Acacia were chartered at Stanford and Kansas; in 1905, Nebraska and California; and then in 1906, seven more chapters were born.

Since Acacia's founding in 1904, changes in the student enrollment of American colleges and universities have resulted in changes in membership requirements from time to time. The average age of college men began to drop below the Masonic age requirement of 21 years.

In 1931, 37 chapters had been chartered and the matter of membership requirements changed by adopting amendments making Masons and sons of Masons eligible to membership. Two years later in 1933, membership requirements were changed again to admit to membership Masons, sons and brothers of Masons, and any person recommended by two Masons. Then in 1960, after 56 chapters had been chartered, all Masonic requirements were removed.

Today, members of Acacia are no longer required to belong to the Masonic Fraternity; however, since it was founded by Masons, it still enjoys an informal and spiritual tie to Freemasonry. Many Acacians eventually join the Masonic Fraternity, and Masonic lodges and individual Masons have been of invaluable service to Acacia chapters over the century.

During Acacia's Centennial Conclave, held in Indianapolis, IN on July 21-24, the future of this great fraternity was decided by its delegates when an aggressive strategic plan was adopted to ensure the future of the Acacia Fraternity for another hundred years. Acacia's Masonic heritage was emphasized in the strategic plan, and chapters are being ever more so encouraged to reach out to their local Masonic lodges to form relationships that will be mutually beneficial.

Pennsylvania chapters began to re-strengthen their relationship under the leadership of R.W. Past Grand Master James L. Ermette in 1997 when he reached out to Acacia by visiting its chapters and opening the doors of Pennsylvania Masonic lodges for Acacia chapters to conduct its three degrees of initiation. In 1999, Pennsylvania lodges voted at a Grand Lodge Communication to endow grants for Acacians native to Pennsylvania with a gift of \$250,000 held in the Grand Lodge consolidated fund. Since 1999, the Grand Lodge has provided 125 grants for a total of more than \$60,000 to Pennsylvania Acacians.

The evolution and development of Acacia over the last 100 years has resulted in a fraternity considerably different from what the founders originally envisioned. But, each major change has been an adaptation to the needs of new conditions, and each has permitted the fraternity to grow in reputation, influence and strength. The future will undoubtedly require further change, but so long as Acacia continues to stand for high scholarship, brotherhood and human service, the intentions of the founders will be well realized.

#### 53rd Biennial Conclave Awards

Received by Pennsylvania Chapters

##### Superior Chapter Award

*Presented To Penn State For the Overall High Quality of Their Operations in Keeping with Acacia Fraternity Traditions and Ideals Through Scholarship, Leadership and Human Service*

##### Outstanding Chapter Award

*Presented To California University of Pennsylvania For Excellence in the Maintenance of Acacia Fraternity Traditions and Ideals Through Scholarship, Leadership and Human Service*

##### Human Service Event of the Biennium

*Presented To Penn State*

##### Athletic Achievement Award

*Presented To Penn State*

##### Financial Operations Award

*Presented To California University of Pennsylvania*

##### House Management Award

*Presented To California University of Pennsylvania and Penn State*

It would be appropriate to end with the words of founder William Marshall who stated in 1907, "The biological law of 'survival of the fittest' holds good with social organizations as well as with other institutions and organizations. Only those survive the test of the ages, which prove their usefulness to the human race. No organization, religious or state, social or industrial, with other principles than those which promote the best interest of all concerned can ever hope to continue its existence through the centuries to come."

The Acacia Fraternity - Celebrating A Century Of Brotherhood! To learn more about the Acacia Fraternity, visit [www.acacia.org](http://www.acacia.org). \*



**The Founding Fathers of Acacia Fraternity**

*Back Row: E.E. Gallup, R.B. Scatterday, E.R. Ringo, R.W. Banning (pledge), C.C. Van Valkenburgh (pledge), C.G. Hill, and B.E. Deroy Middle Row: H.J. Howard, H.B. Washburn, W.J. Marshall, H.P. Rowe, W.S. Wheeler, G.A. Malcolm, and J.W. Hawkins Front Row: C.A. Sink and J.M. Cooper*



James N. Katsounis joined the Ohio Chapter of Acacia Fraternity in 1994 at Ohio University, Athens. He is an Ohio and Pennsylvania Mason; former Director of Public Relations for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Past Master of Melita Lodge No. 293, Philadelphia; Most Wise Master, Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Philadelphia; Sovereign Master, Poor Richards Council, AMD, Philadelphia, and a member of numerous Masonic organizations. He is currently employed with Drexel University as Director of Communications for the Office of the Senior Vice President.



## The Legacy Continues

### Fifth Generation Mason Raised

On March 19, 2004 a Master Mason's Degree was conferred upon Adam Douglas Leichter at Ligonier Lodge No. 331. His father, Brother Douglas A. Leichter and his grandfather, Brother William L. Leichter, P.M., proudly watched as the fifth generation of their family traveled this familiar path. Bro. Adams' great, great, great grandfather Bro. William C. Knox, P.M., served as Worshipful Master in 1867, 1868, 1878, 1879, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Legend states that during several very lean economic years, Bro. Cox paid the Grand Lodge dues for the Lodge because the members could not afford them. During this time he would take the Warrant of Constitution home and store it in a safe place. If not for Bro. Cox the Warrant would have been returned to Grand Lodge and Ligonier Lodge No. 331 would have been closed, perhaps forever. Bro. William B. Graham, P.M., was a member of the same generation maternally as Bro. Knox and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1903. Bro. Adams' great grandfather, Bro. Lee R. Leichter was also a proud member of the Lodge. His grandfather, Bro. William L. Leichter served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1960 and his father Bro. Douglas A. Leichter regularly attends Lodge.



*Pictured Left to Right: (front row) Bro. James E. McCracken, P.M. Secretary, Bro. William L. Leichter, P.M., Bro. Adam D. Leichter, Bro. Douglas A. Leichter, (rear) Jeremy B. McKlveen, Senior Warden, Bro. John R. Patton, Worshipful Master.*

Bro. Adam recently completed ROTC training in the United States Navy and will soon defend his country in Iraq.

God speed Bro. Adam. \*

## Life Skills Conferees

### Champion CHIPs

For the fifth consecutive year, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation hosted a "sell-out" Life Skills Conference at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. Held from July 25th through the 30th, the conference was an active, creative, experientially-based week of learning and relationship building with other young people, ages 12 to 16, and a talented staff of professionals and volunteers. Through a variety of hands-on experiences, participants reinforced the principles that have guided the Life Skills program since its inception in 2000:

- RESPECT for yourself and others
- RESPONSIBILITY for personal actions and decisions
- RELATIONSHIPS with peers and mentors
- VALUING others and using common ground rules
- CHOOSING a personal level of CHALLENGE.



As a special part of the 2004 Life Skills Conference, the Conferees spent their free time assembling CHIPs Kits for use by the Child Identification Program sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The young people of the Conference volunteered their free time to assemble the kits. Some even started their days an hour early - at 7:00 AM - to assist with this worthwhile program. This opportunity to provide a small service to the Grand Lodge was embraced by the young people, who consistently leave the Life Skills program with a great respect and deep appreciation for the Masons of Pennsylvania.

Along with sponsorship of the program through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, many of the participating young people had their registration fees paid by Pennsylvania Blue Lodges or individual Master Masons, who understand the importance of programs like Life Skills.

For more information and a photographic look at the 2004 Life Skills Conference, please visit the PA Youth Foundation web page at [www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/). \*



## CHIP / Amber Workshop Scheduled

The CHIP program has been an overwhelming success. Over 40,000 children have participated since December 2003. The demand for the PA CHIP program has been unbelievable. It is already scheduling events for 2005. Bro Jim Howell, CHIP Project Director, has been busy visiting various Blue Lodges and asking for on site volunteers. On Friday, September 17, 2004, the Crime Prevention Association of Pennsylvania will present as part of the annual training symposium, a workshop on how to organize and conduct a CHIP event, and also the Amber Alert System.

Bro. William Slater II, Right Worshipful Grand Master will speak at the luncheon about CHIP.

All Masonic members are invited to attend the workshop and luncheon. The cost is \$25.00. Complete the reservation form below and mail prior to September 13.

### SEVENTH ANNUAL CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

Friday, September 17, 2004 - 9:00 a.m. - \$25.00

#### Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North

#### INCLUDES:

#### ★ CHIP Amber Alert Workshop Luncheon

R.W. Grand Master William Slater II speaks about CHIP at the luncheon

#### ★ How to Organize and Present A CHIP Event

Ray Brown, Executive Director, PA Masonic Foundation for Children  
Jim Howell, CPAP - CHIP Project Director  
Jessica Hetherington, CPAP - CHIP On-site Supervisor

#### ★ Amber Alert

Cpl. Wayne Sheppard - Pennsylvania State Police

Deadline for registration: September 13

#### Crime Prevention Assoc. of PA - Training Symposium

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## 7th Annual "Meeting in the Hills"

June 25, 2004

On an unbearably hot July night in 1998 the idea for a "Meeting in the Hills" was born. It is not clear if Bro. Paul E. (Sam) Truxel III, P.M. or Bro. Jeffrey M. Wonderling D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District, (then Worshipful Master), initiated the discussion addressing the possibility of moving the September Stated Meeting of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346 from the "bake oven" climate of the third floor of the Masonic Temple in Connellsville, PA. It is amazing how quickly information spreads through the network of our Fraternity. Within a few days someone mentioned that Bro. Alex Christner P.M. of James Cochran Lodge No. 614 Dawson, PA, owned a parcel of land that would be a suitable location. Bro. Alex was contacted and agreed to allow Bros. Richard J. Stemmler, P.D.D.G.M. (then D.D.G.M.) and Jeffrey M. Wonderling to tour the property. The setting was perfect, a grove surrounded by multi-floral rose located in "no-mans land". The only question was would the brethren be able to find the location? After obtaining the necessary dispensation through the efforts of Bro. Stemmler, a tradition was born. The responsibility for holding the meeting rotates yearly between King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Marion Lodge No. 562 and James Cochran Lodge No. 614. The Lodges have learned to work together in unanimity and are currently "working together" to build a Masonic Center. The attendance for this event has steadily increased as follows:

1998 - 160 King Solomon's Lodge No. 346  
1999 - 178 James Cochran Lodge No. 614  
2000 - 210 Marion Lodge No. 562  
2001 - 325 King Solomon's Lodge No. 346  
2002 - 368 James Cochran Lodge No. 614  
2003 - 436 Marion Lodge No. 562

This trend continued its course as 478 Mason's attended this year's event. It is well known that Mason's cannot attend Lodge on an empty stomach, therefore the meeting is preceded by a Steak Fry with all the "fixin's". After dinner a Special Meeting of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346 was held and the Lodge was honored to receive Bro. William Slater II, R.W.G.M. The Grand Master spoke of the Man to Mason Adventure and the CHIP Program and his message was very well received. There were blank petitions available and by the end of the evening they all had been given away.

In the unlikely event that someone was still hungry, a dessert of Apple Crisp and Cinnamon Ice Cream was served. Mark your calendar for June 24, 2005, which will be the tentative date for the 8th Annual "Meeting in the Hills". We hope to see YOU there. \*



## Concordia Lodge No. 67 donates two Vans: CHIP program & Abington Police Dept.



The drawing above is of one of two vans, with decals, donated to the CHIP program by the members of Concordia Lodge No. 67. The presentation of the vans was on April 15, 2004. One was donated to Abington Police Dept. and one to the Masonic Children's Foundation which will allow the Chip program to expand into all areas of the state. The Grand Master accepted the vans in a presentation ceremony at LuLu Country club held by Dale Fera Jr., WM, and the officers and members of Concordia Lodge.

Also present were Edward O. Weisser, PGM, Lt. Mike Webb, who accepted the second van on behalf of the Abington Police Dept., Raymond T. George, DDGM, District E and Bro. Ray Brown, Director, PA Masonic Foundation for Children.

Also presented at the event was a certificate and medallion for achievement as a Masonic Scholar in the Academy of Masonic knowledge to Bro. Herbert C. Archdeacon, Concordia Lodge No. 67. Congratulations to Bro. Archdeacon and all members of Concordia Lodge for their support for the Children's Foundation and the Grand Master's CHIP Program. \*

## Library Reading Room Dedicated

On April 19, 2004, a dedication luncheon was held in the Library of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Brother William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master; Mrs. Nancy Gordon, widow of Brother Ben W. Powdermaker, a Member of William B.



Hackenburg-Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155; and a number of friends were present when the R.W. Grand Master and Mrs. Gordon unveiled the plaque to officially dedicate and name the reading room of the library as the Ben Powdermaker Reading Room. \*

## Lodges of the 24th Masonic District donate Van to Erie Veterans Administration Hospital

The Lodges of the 24th Masonic District recently presented the keys to a new 2003 Ford, 15-passenger van to the Erie VAMC in Erie, PA. Lodge members donated funds to the Disabled American Veterans who used them to purchase the van. The van will be used by the DAV to transport veterans from northwest Pennsylvania, southwestern New York, and northeastern Ohio to Veterans Hospitals for their appointments. The van will average more than 65,000 miles and transport over 3,000 veterans yearly who have no other means to reach the hospitals.



Shown (l-r) are Brothers James E. Flynn, PM, Lawrence Lodge No. 708, District Chairman of the DAV van project, Richard N. Fitzsimmons, PM, Perry-Keystone Lodge No. 392 and Secretary of the 24th District School of Instruction, acting on behalf of DDGM Donald A. Snyder (not pictured), Mr. James Palmer, CEO of the Erie VAMC, Mrs. Darlene Bilecki, Commander DAV, Department of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Norman J. Geist, DAV Hospital Services Coordinator for the Erie VAMC.



Brothers Flynn and Fitzsimmons are shown with the donated van. Brother Michael J. Stafford, PM of Tyrian-Commonwealth Lodge No. 362, donated the van lettering. \*



## VILLAGE WORKSHOP

### COMES TO LIFE IN SEWICKLEY

When the contractors completed their work on the award-winning retirement living, assisted living and wellness center construction projects in the fall of 2003, the residents of Masonic Village took on their own construction project. What started as several individuals inquiring about a community woodshop quickly blossomed into a membership of about 30 residents, including several ladies.

The 1,200-foot Village Workshop is now buzzing with an array of bench and hand-held power tools, all donated by residents, some from the Rooster's Corner Woodshop at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. The facility provides the opportunity for numerous types of crafts, such as carving, model making, refinishing and repairs.

If you would like to see the Village Workshop, along with the many beautiful and spacious living accommodations and additional amenities at Masonic Village, such as the restaurants, computer resource center, art studio, wellness center and pool, call today for a personal tour. Open House group tours will also be held August 26 and September 21 at 10 a.m. Call for directions and to RSVP at (866) 872-0664.



Residents Bro. Dale McDonald (left) and Mary Lee (right) discuss a design for blue bird houses that will eventually be located along the walking trail. Bro. Sherwood Lennartson (center) pauses from his work at the radial saw.

## Sewickley Child Care Center Receives Grant

The Masonic Village at Sewickley recently received a \$74,095 Child Care Challenge Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development to expand its child care center. Given to non-profit organizations, the Child Care Challenge Grants are part of a multi-year Childhood Initiative designed to ensure Pennsylvania's young children are healthy, safe and ready for school.

The grant will enable the Masonic Village at Sewickley Child Care Center to expand by 816 square feet, providing a new infant room and increasing the size of the toddler rooms. The renovated center will have capacity for 62 children.

The grant also will go toward new playground equipment, new toys and supplies, a new security door and a portion of the salary and benefits for six months for three new child care workers. Expansions to the child care center are expected to be completed in summer 2004. The center offers intergenerational programming multiple times per month.



## Care. Choices. Convenience.

### Community.



Now part of the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the beautiful Lafayette Hill community, situated in Montgomery County, offers nursing, assisted living and retirement living services for up to 250 residents.

If you have personal care needs, the assisted living area offers spacious, private units with ample closet space and a conveniently equipped bathroom. Staff is available for assistance with bathing, dressing or taking medications, if needed. Three meals a day and weekly housekeeping are provided. A variety of social and recreational activities rounds out your lifestyle.

If you or a loved one has a need for nursing services, Lafayette Hill is a Medicare/Medicaid certified facility providing care for up to 75 residents. Private and semi-private accommodations offer 24-hour nursing services, dietary services, recreational and therapeutic activities, as well as social services/discharge planning. Licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists provide services on location to assist residents in achieving an optimal level of wellness.

The retirement living area offers attractive apartments where residents enjoy their carefree lifestyle amidst the convenience of numerous amenities, such as the hair care center, wellness center, woodworking shop and putting green.

Call (610) 828-5760 for more information, a brochure, an application or a tour. Or, e-mail your request to our Marketing/Admissions Office at [MVLHmarketing@masonicvillagespa.org](mailto:MVLHmarketing@masonicvillagespa.org).

## Treasures of the Temple

by Laura Libert, Curator

In 1829, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania received a very special gift from the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania: the Masonic apron of Brother and President George Washington. The apron has been in the possession of the Grand Lodge ever since, and is highly prized as an important piece of both American and Masonic history. Unfortunately, though, time has not been

kind to the apron. Over the last 175 years, the ivory silk and embroidery became increasingly fragile and brittle, and incredibly sensitive to fluctuation in temperature, humidity, and light. The staff of The Masonic Library and Museum of

Pennsylvania decided something had to be done to ensure the continued existence of the apron.

In the summer of 2003, a team of conservators headed by Nancy Love, conservator of textiles and objects, and composed of Christina Carr, Dawn Heller, and Mary T. McGinn, began addressing the numerous concerns regarding the condition of the apron and its accessories. The surface of the apron was lightly cleaned using gentle vacuum suction and a new support made of acid-free and archival materials was constructed. The existing glass within the frame was replaced with a piece of Schott glass, which is shatterproof, non-glare, and safely filters ultra violet light. The gilded frame and

reverse-painted glass mat were also cleaned and treated, as well as the original note written in 1816 by the legatees of the Washington estate concerning the apron.

Once the apron had been stabilized, the Masonic Library and Museum resolved to have a custom case constructed, utilizing the most current and up-to-date methods and materials in order to protect and exhibit the apron. Dean Khan, founder of Dean Khan Art Services, designed a case that is both functional and pleasing to the eye. The climate-sealed display case shields the apron from variations in humidity through the use of silica gel, hidden in a sealed compartment below the apron. The framed apron was placed onto a fabric covered surface at a 15-degree incline and covered with a plexi-glass vitrine, increasing overall visibility. The base of the display case sits on shock absorbing feet to minimize the effect of building vibration caused by the underground regional rail lines that run adjacent to the

Masonic Temple.

Thanks to the efforts of the conservators who worked on this project, the Washington apron will be available for the enjoyment of many generations to come. However, none of this would have been possible if it weren't for the

generosity and foresight of the Independence Foundation, a private, not-for-profit philanthropic organization serving Philadelphia and its surrounding Pennsylvania counties. Founded in 1932 by steel maker William H. Donner, the Independence Foundation's mission is to support culture and the arts, health and human services, legal aid and assistance to the aged, disabled, or impoverished, and fellowship programs in public interest legal aid and visual and performing arts. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is grateful to the conservators who worked on this project and to the Independence Foundation for providing the preservation funds necessary to undertake such an endeavor. \*



## Now on Display at The Library and Museum

**Lean on Me: Historic Walking Sticks from the Collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania**

Featuring 19th century Masonic and historic walking sticks, this exhibit focuses on the artistry and use of walking sticks as fashionable status symbols.

**Made in China: Wares for the Western Market**

Highlighting objects created with the Masonic consumer in mind, this exhibit showcases the museum's collection of 18th and 19th century export ware including an embroidered Masonic apron and various ceramic items, such as punch bowls and mugs.

**A Stitch in Time: Needlework from the Collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania**

An exhibit featuring outstanding examples of embroidery ranging from the Masonic, such as aprons and jewel pouches, to the secular, such as handkerchiefs and clothing.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is a non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Gifts and bequests are tax deductible under federal income, estate and gift law taxes. Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm; Mondays by Appointment Only. Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm (except July and August) Closed Major Holidays. Tours of the building are conducted Tuesday through Friday at 11 am; 2 pm & 3 pm and on Saturdays (except during July and August) at 10 am & 11 am. Please give advance notice for group tours.

Call 215-988-1917 for information.



The Masonic Foundation for Children invites you to participate in a special black-tie Gala celebration, "Sharing the Light," on December 4, 2004, at the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Children's Identification Program (CHIP), a safety measure designed for children, parents and families.

Since this will be the first time the Temple will be open for a Gala evening event, guests are welcome to explore and enjoy its intrigue and history. Tours of the Temple will amaze and enlighten guests and give everyone a glimpse into the Masonic World.

CHIP is the most comprehensive service of its kind anywhere. Through the use of new technology of digital imaging, a child's vital information can be recorded and packaged in a special kit for parents for safekeeping. Should the need arise, this

## A Festive Holiday Gala Sharing the Light

packet can be handed to any law enforcement agency and the information can be retrieved and shared with other agencies in an effort to locate a missing child. Demand for CHIP has been astounding! The funds raised at this event will be used to purchase the necessary materials.

The entire CHIP program is provided free of charge and all the identifying items generated during CHIP are held by the family for safekeeping. This is strictly a volunteer program and members of the Blue Lodges throughout Pennsylvania volunteer their time and services.

The PA Masonic Foundation for Children sponsors numerous programs benefiting our children. Many of you will be familiar with D.A.R.E., another program

brought into the schools with the help of the Children's Foundation. With the aid of funding raised at the "Sharing the Light Gala", it is anticipated that well over 300,000 Pennsylvania children will be able to be identified. Contributions are tax-deductible. The Gala will be spectacular! An evening of beautiful music, including a Quintet from members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and delicious food will accompany the guests as they wander through the colorful and mysterious Masonic Temple. Learn the origins of this organization and how it evolved to become one of the most prominent philanthropic organizations in the world. The magnificent Halls will be open for tours and a pre-dinner concert by the Philadelphia Boys Choir will be held in the stunning Corinthian Hall. Of course, there will be both a silent and exciting live auction.

Please call Linda August 610-660-8550 for questions or additional information. \*

### Sharing the Light – Giving Opportunities

#### \$35,000 Grand Master's Circle

- Table for Eight at Gala seated with William Slater II, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage at reception
- Private cocktail reception with Grand Lodge Officers
- Private Tour of the Temple
- Sponsor Commemorative Gift

#### \$30,000 Deputy Grand Master's Circle

- Table for Eight at Gala seated with Deputy Grand Master
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage at reception
- Private cocktail reception with Grand Lodge Officers
- Private Tour of the Temple
- Sponsor Commemorative Gift

#### \$25,000 Senior Grand Warden Circle

- Table for Eight at Gala seated with Senior Grand Warden
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage at reception
- Private cocktail reception with Grand Lodge Officers
- Sponsor Commemorative Gift

#### \$15,000 Junior Grand Warden Circle

- Table for Eight at Gala with Junior Grand Warden
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage at reception
- Private cocktail reception with Grand Lodge Officers
- Sponsor Commemorative Gift

#### \$15,000 Corinthian Hall Sponsor

- Table for Ten at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage outside Corinthian Hall
- Location of pre-dinner concert by the Philadelphia Boys Choir

#### \$12,000 Norman Hall Sponsor

- Table for Eight at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage outside Norman Hall

#### \$12,000 Ionic Hall Sponsor

- Table for Eight at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage outside Ionic Hall

#### \$12,000 Renaissance Hall Sponsor

- Table for Eight at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage outside Renaissance Hall

#### \$12,000 Egyptian Hall Sponsor

- Table for Eight at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal
- Signage outside Egyptian Hall

#### \$10,000 CHIP Sponsor

- Table for Ten at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal

#### \$ 5,000 Circle of Friends Sponsor

- Table for Eight at Gala
- Recognition in special evening souvenir journal

#### \$ 350 Individual Dinner Guest

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### Bro. Ralph C. Leh, PM, Confers Master Mason Degree at 99



Monday, March 22, 2004, marked another piece of history in Perkiomen Lodge No. 595. That evening, Bro. Ralph C. Leh, PM, conferred the Master Masons degree on Bro. John B. Markley. What makes this degree unique is that Bro. Leh is 99 years old. Bro Marvin C. Cunningham, RWPGM was in attendance along with more than 70 members. At the conclusion of the degree, Bro. Leh stated that he would be back next year when he is 100 to confer another third degree. Pictured are: Bros. Matthew F Wright, PM, WM; Marvin A. Cunningham, RWPGM; John B. Markley; Ralph C. Leh, PM; Thomas Gamon IV, DDGM; George E. Boyer, PDDGM. (back row) Bros. W. Richard Dillon, PDDGM; Robert C. Gerhart, PDDGM; John A. Rose, Regional Instructor. \*

### On A Visit to Texas



While on a recent vacation, to Belleville, Texas, Bro. Frank Derringer, PM of Duquesne-McKeesport Lodge No. 731, in the McKeesport, PA area of Pittsburgh, presented a blue Masonic plaque clock with the star of Texas on the top to Bro. Charles Olson, WM of Belleville Lodge No. 223.

The clock was made by Bro. Jack W. Marsh, WM of Duquesne-McKeesport Lodge No. 731. \*

## Zembo Shrine Celebrates 100 Years

The Zembo Shrine Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Saturday, July 24 with a two hour parade which began at 11:00 a.m.

The 1 1/2 mile parade route started at 3rd and North Streets westbound; proceeded to North 2nd Street; traveled southbound to Market Street; then eastbound to North 3rd Street; continued northbound to Walnut Street; and eastbound to Commonwealth Avenue.

All units from the Zembo Shrine participated in the gala event; Clowns, Motorcycles, Mini Cars, Sports and Antique Cars, Horses, Bagpipers, Bands, Color Guard, and Provost Guard. Other Shrines and Masonic bodies paraded which included the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Harrisburg Forest No. 43. Local Civic, Service Clubs and Fraternal Groups also participated including the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Horse Patrol and more.



R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Brother William Slater II, welcomes the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Illustrious Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. to the Zembo Shrine Center in Harrisburg, PA.

Local dignitaries were invited to review the parade and to meet the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Illustrious Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr. and his Lady Rosie and the R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Bro. William Slater II.

Other masonic dignitaries in attendance for the days activities included the Grand Master of Delaware, Bro. Wayne Mower.

A gala banquet at the Zembo Shrine Auditorium concluded the celebration events of the day. \*



## Grand Master, Future Elizabethtown Residents Gather for Groundbreaking and Get-to-Know-You Luncheon



On June 3, 2004, William Slater II, R.W.G.M. joined more than 145 future residents who plan to move into new retirement living cottages at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown for a garden lunch. The day's events included an informal groundbreaking adjacent to the construction site with Grand Master Slater; Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer; Masonic Village staff; and future residents.

The first 18 cottages are anticipated to be completed and ready for occupancy in November. The remaining 84 cottages will be completed throughout 2005 and early 2006.

If you would rather take in an exercise class, enjoy four star dining experiences, join the Walking Club and enjoy a peaceful stroll on walking paths through the woods, spend your mornings in the woodworking shop or the craft room, or catch a bus heading for a luncheon cruise or the Washington National Cathedral instead of cleaning your home, mowing the lawn or mulching and planting flowers, then perhaps Retirement Living is right for you!

This active lifestyle affords you convenience, comfort and peace of mind. You have the opportunity to participate in formal and/or informal activities while developing new friendships, as well as having the time to enjoy old friends.

Questions typically posed to visitors from our residents living the "good life" range from, "Why would you not want to live at Retirement Living at Masonic Village?" to, "Why would you not be ready for the lifestyle you deserve?"

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## A Woman's Touch

by Deb Phillips



"For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad."

— Edwin Way Teale

The approach of autumn conjures various memories... the first day of school, wearing a new outfit and carrying a new book-bag filled with notebooks and freshly sharpened pencils; drives in the country to see the changing leaves and to pick apples; Saturdays spent raking leaves, jumping into them, then repeating the process over and over and over again; and gathering with other families at Autumn Day at the Masonic Village, visiting with old friends and starting new friendships.

Autumn Day is a wonderful opportunity to introduce others to the Masonic family. Just as nature is "sowing" and "scattering abroad," we can sow the seeds of interest and scatter our knowledge by Sharing the Light with others. Not able to attend Autumn Day? You still can share your experiences in the Masonic family with others by inviting them to assist at an upcoming charity event or take part in a social gathering that your local organization is hosting.

On October 2, the Grand Lodge will gather to harvest the labors of many by hosting the Man to Mason One-Day Class, with the goal of increasing membership by 10,000! An increase of this magnitude can have a great effect on membership for all of the Masonic family organizations... and it starts with you. Even women can Share the Light by encouraging the men in their lives—husbands, brothers, fathers, friends, co-workers—to contact a Mason they know or to call the petition hotline and join one of the most generous organizations in the world.

After an afternoon of apple picking, or maybe you purchased some apples at Autumn Day, here's a quick and easy dessert idea:

Halve a large apple and remove the core. Place on an oven-safe tray or dish, cut side up, and bake at 350°F for approximately 20 minutes, or until softened. Remove from oven and place each half on a plate or in a bowl; place a small scoop of vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt on each half, and drizzle warm caramel sauce over all (heat some ready-made

If you simply tell your story, membership will grow! It's quite simple, really; once people hear about the wonderful things that Freemasonry is and does, they want to be part of it. I have heard of women who have Shared the Light with men in their lives who they wish to have join our Masonic family. I have heard of men who have joined because of services their parents received at one of the Masonic Villages, and fathers who have joined because of the opportunities their son or daughter have received through one of the Masonic Youth groups. Oftentimes we Share the Light without even knowing it, and men become interested because they see us conduct ourselves and our charities with the highest degree of quality and integrity. It may just take one Ask! brochure to give them the encouragement they need to follow through with their membership application. Isn't the little extra effort worth gaining a valuable member, a Brother?

William Slater II, Grand Master

caramel dip in the microwave for approximately 15 – 30 seconds).

Deb Phillips is the Event Planning/Public Relations Assistant at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. She is a Past Honored Queen, Past Bethel Guardian and Deputy of Bethel No. 15-Elizabethtown, Past Grand Guardian, Job's Daughters International; Past Matron of Elizabethtown Chapter No. 407, Order of the Eastern Star; and Past Royal Matron of Lancaster Court No. 70, Order of the Amaranth.

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. \*

## the Pennsylvania FREEMASON MAGAZINE

2004 Publication Dates:

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September 1, November 1

Deadline for submission of articles, features, and pictures for publication must be received by the Editor five weeks in advance of the publication date. Deadline for the next issue is:

Thursday, September 30, 2004

## Share the Light Polo Shirts Available Now

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

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## PA DeMolay Convention Highlights

On Sunday, July 18th, Justin D. Killian, a Past Master Councilor of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was installed as the 70th State Master Councilor of Pennsylvania DeMolay. He will serve in this position until his successor is elected and installed at the 2005 Pennsylvania DeMolay Convention that will be held in Bethlehem, PA.



Justin D. Killian  
State Master Councilor of PA

DeMolay Award; and numerous other awards and merit bars. He joined Elizabethtown Chapter in 1998.

The Installation of Bro. Killian, and the elected and appointed State Officers for the 2004-2005 year, brought an extremely successful Pennsylvania DeMolay Convention to a close. The 2004 Convention was headquartered at the Avalon Hotel in downtown Erie and featured four days of fun for DeMolays, Advisors, families and friends of Pennsylvania DeMolay. Along with the election and installation of new officers, the Convention featured the election and crowning of Miss Ashley Tennis, representing Pilgrim Chapter from Harrisburg, as the new state sweetheart; paintball action at Pentagon Paintball; wet and wild adventures at Splash Lagoon, the nation's premiere indoor water park; amusement park fun and food at Waldameer Park; a pig roast and picnic at Presque Isle; and pirates!

Along with being a PMC of Elizabethtown Chapter, Bro. Killian is a member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 F & AM and the Masonic Village High Twelve Club No. 629. He is attending the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he will be a junior in the fall. His DeMolay honors and awards include the Distinguished Service Award, the Chevalier, the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award, the Representative



Dad Sam Williamson with Steve Prazenica, Past State Master Councilor

Yes! Pirates! At business sessions, Presque Isle, the awards banquet and the casino night pirates of all shapes and sizes visited with the conventioners. These brightly-attired men and ladies of the pirating trade were on hand to bring to a conclusion the Membership Mutiny New Member Recruitment Program. Captain Will Gatty, more easily recognized as Deputy Executive Officer Raymond Gottschall of Reading, lead his officers for the weekend and presented membership recruitment prizes to the many DeMolays who had first-line signed new members into the



Dad Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer, named Dad Raymond Gottschall, Deputy Executive Officer, as Advisor of the Year organization.

Executive Officer Thomas R. Labagh recognized the ongoing efforts of Bro. Gottschall to instill fun and enthusiasm into the Pennsylvania DeMolay program, by naming him the Advisor of the Year and presenting him with the Guild of the Leather Apron. Over the years, Bro. Gottschall has portrayed a colonel, a king and a number of other innovative characters for a variety of Pennsylvania DeMolay programs.

Bro. Labagh also presented Stephen L. Prazenica, retiring State Master Councilor, with the DeMolay International Distinguished Service Award for his impressive service to DeMolay and the community at large. Bro. Prazenica was also presented with the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation's Service Award by RWPGM Samuel C. Williamson, Executive Officer Emeritus, for his outstanding service to Pennsylvania DeMolay as State Master Councilor.

The Order of DeMolay is a fraternal organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years of age that teaches leadership skills, public speaking, civic responsibility and the importance of family through the teachings of the principles of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. For more information on DeMolay in Pennsylvania, please contact Executive Secretary Dave Berry at (717) 367-1536 X4 or (in PA only) 1-800-266-8424 X4. \*

## Sharing the Light through Fifty Years of The Pennsylvania Freemason

### The Pennsylvania Freemason Grows and Develops

by Dr. Glenys A. Waldman, Librarian, Grand Lodge Library and Museum

After a single issue in Volume I (November 1954), The Pennsylvania Freemason Volume II (1955) became the first quarterly. August 1956 brought the first change in size -- a six-page issue. Four and six pages alternated irregularly, but whenever six pages were used, the format was a double-sided, 8-by-11-inch tri-fold. February 1962 was the last six-page issue, and the first with photographs: In addition to the front page Installation portrait of Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley as Grand Master, taken in December 1961, there were two pictures of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (the exterior, and its Watres Memorial Library), an aerial view of the Masonic Homes, and some additional "news" photos of the Brethren. As of July 1962, The Pennsylvania Freemason, grew to eight pages in the format it has today. There were only three issues that year, as happened again in 1979. The months of publication occasionally vary, but usually The Pennsylvania Freemason appears in February, May, August, and November.

As of February 1976, The Pennsylvania Freemason had 12 pages, sometimes dropping back to eight. In that issue, also, the first Grand Lodge trip (to England) was advertised.

November 1983 was the first 16-page issue found, of which the center eight were a special report on activities at the Masonic Homes (Autumn or Grand Master's Day ran for six consecutive Saturdays in July and August in 1982 and 1983).

The Pennsylvania Freemason celebrated its 30th anniversary in November 1984. In it, then Editor Bro. Melvin S. Mundie noted that, "The editor still writes and edits all the material except for the space allotted specifically to the Grand Master." Beginning at least by May 1988, the editor



officially had help, because his assistants are listed (Bros. John H. Platt, Jr., then Librarian and Curator, and Jonathan Schau). In May 1996, to the delight of the Archivist and the Librarian, running footers with the "The Pennsylvania Freemason" and the date were added.

That November 1984 30th-anniversary issue was the beginning of a period of steady growth. It was the first 20-page issue, and the most colorful up to that time. August 1999 was the first 24-page issue found. To date, the largest issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason has been 28 pages (Grand Master Slater's Inaugural issue January 2004). It includes a useful center-spread, double fold-out, containing the Grand Master's Inauguration speech and a pictorial directory of the Past Grand Masters, Line Officers, District Deputies, Grand Chaplains, appointed Officers, and Aides.

Specific features include "A Message from Our Grand Master," which occupied

the front page until 1962, but soon began to move around, and sometimes did not appear at all. To our knowledge, it did not return with obvious attribution, until August 1980, when Grand Master Joseph E. Trate told the Fraternity, in the form of a letter, about the installation of a computer for keeping Grand Lodge records and urging the completion and return of a questionnaire to help launch the program. As of May 1983, the message (which Grand Master Carpenter called "Directly from the Grand Master") began to appear on the second page. It dropped out for awhile, until Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz "reinstalled" it as "The Grand Master Speaks" (November 1988). The message has stayed there, sometimes with a title, sometimes without, but nearly always with a vignette photograph of the Grand Master, ever since. The Grand Master's Inaugural address, or excerpts from it, however, appeared regularly in the February issue starting in 1982 (or since Grand Master Ernette's Installation in December 1997, in the special Inaugural issue).

Other regular features of The Pennsylvania Freemason, have been columns written by staff members of the Masonic Charities, and the offices in Grand Lodge. From 1996 until 2001, the previous year's annual report of the Masonic Charities was in the May issue. The Grand Secretary writes informational, sometimes philosophical, sometimes hortatory articles, as does the Grand Master. The Library and Museum staff write about new acquisitions, Masonic history and personalities, as well as wonderful old books and artifacts in the collection. There are always articles about activities of the Grand Lodge (cornerstone layings, dedications, charities), events at the Masonic Villages (festivities, notable guests) and lodge news, often including personal interest stories. The Pennsylvania Freemason is not only a large newsletter, now seven times larger than at its birth, but a perfect vehicle for Sharing the Light of our great, resilient Fraternity. \*





Town Flyer Photo

Continuing with a tradition started more than five years ago by Lodge 45 member, Bro. Albert Gurtner of West Deer Township. Bro. Ronald A. Plesh, (then) DDGM of the 55th Masonic District presented the sixth annual donation to the Deer Lakes Little League. Players accepting the donation, from left to right, are Zach Butler, David Weigand, Paul Nilson and Bobby Dick. Looking on are: Albert "Pappy" Gurtner, and coaches Dan Weigand and Paul Nilson. The teams that will benefit from the donation include the Deer Lakes Orioles, Ace, and Red Socks. Missing from the photo is Lodge member Adam Siemianowski. \*

### 2003 Charity Golf Tournament Check presented to Masonic Village at Sewickley



William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master, presents Dawn Marcello, Director of Nursing, with the 2003 Grand Master's Charity Golf Proceeds amounting to \$15,729.19 as committee members (L-R) William Harland, Richard Stemmler, Chairman, and Leonard Santimyer look on. Monies were used to purchase lift equipment. 2004 proceeds will be used to purchase a defibrillator and additional lift equipment. \*



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For Gala questions and additional information, please call Linda August at 610-660-8550 or e-mail [augustl@mfnr.com](mailto:augustl@mfnr.com).

### 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 mercenary or other improper motives; 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 a Supreme Being; that I have never before Petitioned any regularly Constituted Masonic Lodge to be made a Mason and been rejected; and that, if my Petition is approved, I will 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

(State specifically and in detail the character of the occupation)

Residence

(Give Street and Number)

City

State

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County

Telephone

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Where I have continuously resided since

My Former Residences were:

at \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and

at \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

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

I plan to petition the Valley of \_\_\_\_\_ A.A.S.R.

I plan to petition the \_\_\_\_\_ Shrine Center, A.A.O.N.M.S.



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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)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_





**Franklin D. Caltagirone**  
Director

We would like to thank all the donors who have contributed in the year 2003. We have many names in the Gold Book and many names in the Ledger. We must now continue to receive your checks monthly. We would also like to hear from the rest of the brethren. As little as \$10.00 monthly will open your account. It is your responsibility to help

preserve and maintain the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia. At the June Quarterly, communications we had in the Gold Book account was \$169,610.25 and the Philanthropic Society account \$29,556.79.

Have you asked yourself what you have done to help Freemasonry? We all have an idea what it costs to operate the Grand Lodge each year. I like to think it is known as "The White House" of Freemasonry. We all know the story that this building is an icon among giants and known as the great "wonder" of the Masonic world. If you prefer, a donation can be made more than once a year to the Gold Book Society in the amount of \$500.

The Philanthropic Society is coming along nicely. We should start getting involved financially so that we can see this program achieve its goal. Remember that only the interest of the money will be used if needed, not the principle. A donor plaque will be placed within the Library and Museum. If you give \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 or more to the permanent endowment fund. To the Philanthropic Society, you may give as much as you are

able. We do have a few names in the Ledger and are hoping to put a few plaques on the wall of the Library and Museum this year.

"Success," some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard at it! Donations to the Gold Book and Philanthropic Society are both tax-deductible.

If you have any questions, please call brother Franklin D. Caltagirone at 610-777-7549 or e-mail [frankdeal@cs.com](mailto:frankdeal@cs.com) or [fdcaltagirone@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:fdcaltagirone@pagrandlodge.org).

## Join the Grand Master's TGIF INTERNET LEAGUE

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R.W. Grand Master

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## GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA MAN TO MASON PROJECT 2004

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

Signature (First Line Signer)

Print name

Phone Number

Lodge No.

Date

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

Signature (Second Line Signer)

Print name

Phone Number

Lodge No.

Date

Both recommenders must be members of a Pennsylvania Lodge and one of the above recommenders must be a member of the Lodge being petitioned.

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Full Name of Petitioner

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Committee

Chairman

X \_\_\_\_\_  
X \_\_\_\_\_  
X \_\_\_\_\_





Donald L. Albert  
R.W. Grand Secretary

### "Man to Mason" One Day Adventure



The planning is complete and the final preparations are taking place for the most exciting day in Pennsylvania Freemasonry. The "Man to Mason" One Day Adventure will be

held at the 13 locations: Allentown, Altoona, Bloomsburg, Coudersport, Erie, Harrisburg, New Castle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Uniontown

and Williamsport. These sites have been selected to allow balance within the Commonwealth.

This event is having a very positive impact within our membership and our lodges by affording friends and relatives who desire to be a Freemason, but live very busy lives, the opportunity to become a Blue Lodge Mason. The candidates may also choose to become a Scottish Rite 32° Mason and a Shriner on the same day.

This One Day Masonic Adventure will provide our lodges with new active members to bring new ideas to benefit Pennsylvania Freemasonry. It will also allow the lodges to lay the foundation to prepare these new members to become future officers.

We trust that you will assist our R. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Slater II, in making the "Man to Mason" One Day Adventure on Saturday, October 2, 2004 a great success. Together we can show the world what can be accomplished when Brethren work as a team to "Share the Light". \*

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### Gifts from the Grand Lodge Gift Shop



A must-have for any Masonic library is John J. Robinson's *Born in Blood*. Highly recommend for those interested in medieval British history and Freemasonry, Robinson's *Born in Blood* examines the early history of the fraternity and its prior incarnations. Bargain priced at \$19.95 (compare to a list price of \$24.95), this is the perfect reading material for a lazy afternoon. Interesting to note is that Robinson was not a Mason when he wrote this book, but his research on the fraternity subsequently led to him joining the craft after writing *Dungeon, Fire and Sword* in 1991 and *A Pilgrim's Path* in 1993, also available for purchase at the Gift Shop. *Born in Blood* and all Gift Shop items are available through the Grand Lodge web site [www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/giftshop) or by calling 800-336-7317. \*

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- Talk about the Scottish Rite.
- Talk about the Shrine.
- Talk about the October 2 Man to Mason Opportunity.
- Talk – it's not a secret.
- What is it?

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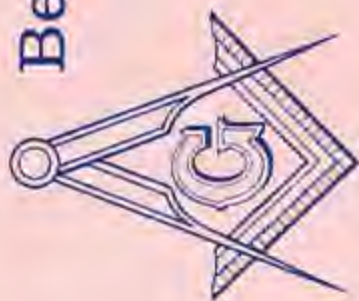
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How many extra registration cards do you want? _____									
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NAME OF ORGANIZATION: <b>THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA</b> Masonic Temple One North Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598									
TELEPHONE NUMBER 215-988-1901									
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I certify that the individual named in Section A is a member in good standing of the organization listed in Section B.									
NAME OF ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL <b>DONALD L. ALBERT</b>				TITLE <b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>				SIGNATURE x	
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I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT WHEN I CEASE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION, I WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE REGISTRATION PLATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.									
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE IN INK								DATE	

## What is Freemasonry?

The Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternal organization in the world. Volumes have been written about it. Yet, to many, Freemasonry remains a mystery. Its bonds of friendship, compassion and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military and religious conflicts through the centuries.

Though neither a forum nor a place for worship, the Fraternity is a friend of all religions which are based on the belief in a supreme being.

Some historians trace Freemasonry to the Tenth Century, B.C., during the building of King Solomon's Temple. Records reveal that Freemasonry was introduced into England in 926 A.D.

Freemasonry is directly descended from the association of operative masons, the cathedral builders of the Middle Ages, who traveled through Europe employing the secrets and skills of their crafts.

In the 17th Century, when cathedral building was on the decline, many guilds of stone masons, known as 'Operative Masons' or 'Free Masons', started to accept as members those who were not members of the Masons' craft, calling them 'speculative Masons' or 'Accepted Masons'. It was from these groups, comprised mostly of 'Adopted or Accepted Masons', that Symbolic Masonry or Freemasonry, as we know it today, had its beginning.

Today, there are more than 160 Grand Lodges in the world with a membership of more than 4.2 million.

In the United States there are 51 Grand Lodges. (including the District of Columbia) There are approximately two million Freemasons in these Jurisdictions.

## What do Masons Believe In?

Freemasonry teaches high moral ethical standards and family values. Masons come from all religious beliefs (Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, etc.) which are based on the belief in one God. They are men bonded by friendship and brotherly love in service to mankind.

Freemasonry does not pretend to take the place of religion nor serve as a substitute for the religious beliefs of its members.

- It teaches monotheism.
- It teaches the Golden Rule.
- It seeks to make good men better through its firm belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

## What do Masons Do?

The Freemasons of America contribute more than two million dollars every day to charitable causes which they, alone, have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of the humanitarian commitment and concern of this unique and honorable Fraternity.

## Freemasonry in Pennsylvania

The Freemasons of Pennsylvania founded and support the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation to build character and develop leadership skills among young men and women. Aid for education is available through several scholarship programs. They support the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) and the Child Identification Program (CHIP) in their continuing service to mankind.

The Children's Learning Centers of the 32° Masons treat children afflicted with dyslexia free of charge. Shriners hospitals are free of charge for children with orthopedic and burn problems. There are four Masonic Villages offering both independent and assisted living facilities for senior citizens. These are only a few of the services the Fraternity provides.

## Qualifications

Freemasonry is proud of its philosophy and practice of *making good men better*. Only individuals believed to be of the finest character are favorably considered for membership which is limited to adult males 18 years of age, mentally competent, and of good moral character.

One of the customs of Freemasonry is not to solicit members. One seeking admission must have a desire and ask one whom he believes to be a Mason. He must be recommended by two Master Masons, one of whom must be a member of the Lodge the petitioner wishes to join, and pass a unanimous ballot.

The basic unit of Freemasonry is the Symbolic Lodge, or 'Blue Lodge', as it is commonly known. It is the Symbolic Lodge that issues petitions for initiation and membership, acts on petitions and confers the Three Symbolic Degrees, known as the

- Entered Apprentice
- Fellow Craft
- Master Mason

There are 455 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania with a membership of nearly 130,000.

## What is Not Freemasonry

Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial society. It is not organized for profit. However, the charity and services rendered are beyond measure.

## Tenets of Freemasonry

The Tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles that are acceptable to all good men.

- It teaches tolerance toward all mankind.
- Freemasonry consists of men bound together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection.
- It dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular. It seeks no advantage for its members through business or politics.
- Freemasonry is not a forum for discussion on partisan affairs.

### Freemasonry is:

- Kindness in the home
- Honesty in business
- Courtesy in society
- Fairness in work
- Pity and concern for the unfortunate
- Resistance toward evil
- Help for the weak
- Forgiveness for the penitent
- Love for one another

and above all

- Reverence and love for God

Contrary to what many believe, Freemasonry is not a secret society. There has been no attempt to conceal the purpose, aims and principles of the Fraternity. It is an organization formed and existing on the broad basis of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Freemasonry is many things, but, most of all:

## FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE



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### Share the Light of Freemasonry



Display the Pennsylvania  
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on your vehicle.

It's as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

(Complete application on reverse side)



#### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

- Fee required with this application is \$20.00. Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". DO NOT SEND CASH.
- No special organization registration plate will be duplicated. If your plate is lost, stolen or defaced, we will reissue you the next available plate in our series for \$7.50. To apply for replacement, complete form MV-44 and submit the required fee.
- Requests for special organization registration plates are restricted to passenger vehicles, trucks and motorhomes with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 lbs. **Motorcycles and trailers do not qualify for special organization registration plates.**
- NO REFUND OF FEE will be issued when applicant cancels request after order is placed.
- Mail this application, completed in full, along with a check or money order (payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania") to: The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598, ATTN: PA-LIC for validation. The Grand Secretary's office will forward to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Harrisburg.
- When the applicant ceases to be a member in the organization as listed in Section B, the registration plate must be returned to the Department. Complete Form MV-44 and submit a fee of \$7.50 for reissue of a regular series registration plate.
- All telephone numbers will be held in confidence and used only in the event of a problem with your application.
- Special organization plates are in number sequence only and may not be personalized.
- To avoid possible problems with citations with your old registration plate, return it to: Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Return Tag Unit, P.O. Box 68597, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8597 after you have received your special organization plate.

## Join Us for Autumn Day!

Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's Annual Open House

### Enjoy Fun, Food & Fellowship...

Entertainment

Masonic information booths

Tours of the beautiful campus

Farm market stands

...and much more!



### Don't miss the First-Ever Mini Grand Prix!

Proceeds will benefit the Masonic Village and  
the Arthritis Foundation

#### Schedule of Race Day Activities

The following is a tentative schedule of events:

9:45 a.m.	Practice Heats
10:15 a.m.	Pit Stop/Time Trials/Judging/ Photos
11:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies The Parade of Cars
11:45 a.m.	Preliminary Heats
12:45 p.m.	Dash for Kids
1:00 p.m.	Consolation Race (if needed)
1:45 p.m.	Championship Race
2:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation



If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, please complete and mail the coupon below to Autumn Day, Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The Masonic Village is unable to provide wheelchairs, so please bring your own, if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must request that special tickets be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

#### Autumn Day 2004

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### Donate for the Blood Bank!

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will be at Autumn Day in Elizabethtown on Sept. 11 to conduct a blood drive for the benefit of the residents at the Masonic Village. Contributions will be taken 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Anyone 17 years of age and older who is in good health and weighs 110 lbs. or more is eligible to donate blood. The Blood Bank asks that donors be sure to eat within four hours prior to donating blood. **IF YOU DESIRE TO DONATE BLOOD, PLEASE CALL THE BLOOD BANK IN ADVANCE AT (800) 771-0059 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.** (Please do not call the Masonic Village for these appointments.)

The Blood Bank reminds everyone that every three seconds someone is in need of blood. While you're at Autumn Day, why not join the ranks of the "Quite Heroes" and give the "Gift of Life"?