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MASONIC VILLAGE AT ELIZABETHTOWN WINS NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown has been selected to receive the 2004 Community Service Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). Masonic Village is recognized for extensive services to the community through positive relationships with the Elizabethtown Area School District and numerous community groups.

Masonic Village makes its facilities available to the school district and awards scholarships to teen volunteers, hosts the school's prom, provides tutoring and mentoring and opens its pool to swim teams. Music therapy services and fitness classes are also extended to the community.

Model Railroad Club Slates Open House Schedule

The Masonic Village and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club will hold **FREE** open houses on the following dates and times:

- November 6 and 7, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- December 4 and 5, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- December 18, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come see the club's O-gauge, HO-gauge, N-gauge, standard gauge trains and trolleys! Once at the Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, follow directional signs.



Marketplace in Planning Stages

The Masonic Village at Elizabethtown is working in conjunction with Wagman Construction, Inc., to possibly develop a marketplace at the main entrance to the campus, as part of its 20-year master plan. The project could involve renovating four of the historic stone buildings, and building on adjacent property in that area to accommodate some convenient services for Masonic Village residents and staff, as well as the Elizabethtown community.

In addition to relocating the farm market to this more convenient location, this marketplace would be an ideal location for a mixed-use commercial, retail and office development for such amenities as a restaurant, dry cleaner, retail shop, bank, hotel or medical or other business offices. Initial occupancy is projected for 2005.

Wagman Construction Inc., is conducting a marketing feasibility study for developing this project. For more information and to discuss lease opportunities, contact Lisa Wagman Glezer at 717-577-4252 or lisawagman@wagman.com.



If you ask most people where they would like to spend their retirement years, they will respond, "I want to stay right here."

"Home" represents security and independence, but with age, it becomes more and more difficult to maintain - while also driving to doctor appointments, shopping, cooking and doing household chores.

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The Residential Living area at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown combines an active lifestyle and convenience in one place. Studio, suite and double units are offered furnished, at no extra charge, but you can bring your own furnishings if you wish. Dining is not just about food, but also offers a social time for many. Three meals a day are included with the Residential Living package. On-site health care services take care of your medical needs. Shuttle service transports you to on-campus and off-campus sites.

For more information, please call 1-800-422-1207. Why not make Masonic Village your new home?

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Elizabethtown Cottages Take Shape

Cottage construction is in full swing at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown! With 102 cottages to be built on the site, the first 18 units are scheduled for completion and occupancy in November. Construction for the remaining cottages will continue throughout 2005 and 2006.

Within a neighborhood-type setting, cottages will feature stone, brick or stucco exteriors with some of the units offering two-car garages and basements. Inside, standard features will include sunrooms, cathedral ceilings with skylights, spacious living accommodations and other finishing touches. New residents have 30+ additional options from which to choose.

The cottages are being built in response to the tremendous demand for this type of retirement living option. Many people, who previously may have moved to other types of adult retirement communities, are recognizing the value and benefits of living on a campus where quality health care services are available if needed in the future.

Even with the new construction, the waiting list for all units including apartments and cottages continues to grow. Therefore, if you are considering a move to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown some time in the future, we encourage you to place your name on our Priority List NOW. If you are at least age 55, you may place your name on the waiting list, and at age 65 you are eligible to move to Retirement Living. One spouse, in the case of a couple, needs to meet the aforementioned criteria.

Call today! 1-800-676-6452



Get Ready for Masonic Village at Sewickley!

If you were to survey the more than 230 retirement living residents at Masonic Village at Sewickley, about 90 percent of them likely will tell you they wish they would have moved sooner. And yet each day the marketing team hears the phrase, "I'm just not ready yet," from those who have not yet decided to make the move.

So, what is it that they're not ready for? Health care security? Eliminating home maintenance? Developing friendships? Spending more free time pursuing interests?

While younger retirees are now choosing retirement community living, there are still some who feel they need to wait until some type of health change limits their mobility. The reality is that the sooner they join a community, the

sooner they can enjoy the many benefits.

Masonic Village at Sewickley offers two restaurants, a large indoor pool, jacuzzi, fitness center, woodworking shop, computer center, art studio and miles of walking trails. Life that is as active or serene as you want it to be.

Masonic Village at Sewickley provides a full lifecare agreement, which allows residents to continue paying at the same monthly rate structure even if they should some day need assisted living or nursing care services.

If you think you are "just not ready," you owe it to yourself to see what retirement community living has to offer. For information or a personal tour, contact the marketing team at (866) 872-0664 or return the coupon below.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Together we've made history by successfully orchestrating the largest One Day Man to Mason Adventure to date. The 3,000 of you who have joined our Masonic family on October 2, as well as the 2,500 additional candidates who have chosen the traditional process, have embarked on one of the most important and rewarding journeys you will ever experience. Brethren, our membership has grown by five percent already this year, and it's not over yet!

The top location for the One Day Adventure was Pittsburgh with 738 new members, including 700 raised to the 32nd degree with approximately 800 who became Shrine Masons. The second was Harrisburg with 621 new members, including 437 achieving the 32nd degree and 229 continuing on to the Shrine. The top five Districts with new members are Masonic Districts 12, 60, 47, 55 and 20.

You should be proud! If your lodge has not reached its goal yet, the good news is



that the initiative continues through December 31, 2004. Keep membership on the forefront of your minds as we rejuvenate and strengthen this great Fraternity with new members, new ideas and new leaders.

We were honored to be joined by Shrine dignitaries such as the Imperial Recorder, who visited many sites around the Commonwealth on October 2.



Brethren! You DID make it happen!

The past few months have been jam-packed with opportunities to Share the Light and show friends, relatives, neighbors and coworkers what Freemasonry is all about.

Turning prospects into petitions is really that simple. Men will join our ranks if they see someone in YOU who they respect, admire and appreciate – someone who, by their example, inspires them to want to be better.

The Sturgis trip this summer was an experience of a lifetime! Dozens of

and friendships made during this trip were what truly made it a spectacular journey. As a result, seven men petitioned the Fraternity. We are already planning next year's trip – you won't want to miss out! For more information turn to page 27. We especially enjoyed the hospitality extended to us by William A Coffield, Jr., Grand Master of South Dakota, and members of Deadwood Lodge No. 7, where we attended an open meeting with more than 100 South Dakota Brethren.

More than \$50,000 was raised for the Masonic Village-Elizabethtown and the Arthritis Foundation through the first-ever Wachovia Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix held during Autumn Day. The



Bros. Bruce Gaston, Vic Frederick, G.M. William Slater II, Carson Freeman, Rob Heddens, Verne Hauck

Pennsylvania Masons, along with their family members and friends, enjoyed the beauty of nature as we viewed the magnificent blend of God's majestic creations and breathtaking man-made monuments, including Mount Rushmore (two of the four depicted men were Masons - George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt), Crazy Horse Memorial, Spearfish Canyon, Needles Highway in Custer State Park and Badlands National Park. The camaraderie

15 teams who participated demonstrated excellent skill and sportsmanship. Next year's race will be held on June 25, 2005. Plans will be announced in future issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* – I can't wait to take my kart for another spin!

In September, the Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournaments raised over \$25,000 to benefit Masonic Village-Sewickley, Masonic Children's Home and Masonic Village-Lafayette Hill. The teamwork that goes into coordinating these charitable events is commendable, and they bring Brethren and friends together to enjoy their favorite pastime while supporting our Masonic Charities.

Please join me in celebrating the holiday season at the **Sharing the Light** Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 4th,

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Yes! I want to learn more about Retirement Living at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown!

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**One-Day Man to Mason Adventure
Pittsburgh – October 2, 2004
724 Candidates**



Grand Master's Message

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showcasing the magnificent Masonic Temple. Proceeds from this spectacular event will support the Masonic CHIP program in its efforts to protect youth across the Commonwealth from abductions. Our



goal is to raise \$200,000 to continue our already successful efforts. This year, so far, over 70,000 youth have participated in the school program, Masonic Temples and other locations, and in doing so have **Shared the Light** with countless fathers, grand-

fathers and uncles who have witnessed first-hand how Freemasons are working together to make our communities safer places to live, work and play. See the ad in this issue for more details on the first-class entertainment planned for this black tie event. *(please turn to page 10.)*

One of the most fascinating aspects of Freemasonry is how so many men, from so many walks of life, can meet together in peace, always conducting their affairs in harmony and friendship. I've seen this in my visits around the country but particularly here in Pennsylvania. October 2nd was the epitome of teamwork, brotherhood, outreach and cooperation. Let us sustain and intensify the spirit of that day as we look ahead to what we can accomplish together in 2005.

Our early Brethren came together to build strong and beautiful buildings, and in the process developed lasting relationships, relief efforts and thriving communities.

For centuries, Freemasons have been moving the world in a better direction. This is our heritage and our charge. This year we have grown our Fraternity considerably, and increased our ability to impact our society that much more. Together, we **CAN** continue to make a difference – in our lodges, in our communities and in the world around us.

To our new Brethren: I urge you to take advantage of the many benefits that

Governor Rendell Receives 32°, AASR



R.W. Grand Master Slater, Gov. Edward Rendell & Sovereign Grand Commander, Walter Webber

On Thursday, September 23, 2004, an entourage of Scottish Rite 33° Masons, and Grand Lodge Officers, accompanied the R.W. Grand Master, William Slater II, 33°, and Walter E. Webber, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, to the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania, Bro. Edward G. Rendell.

The purpose of the visit was a pleasant one.

The Sovereign Grand Commander conducted a brief ceremony with the aid

of those present, thereby making Governor Rendell a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Bro. Slater congratulated him for his many years of faithful public service both as Mayor of Philadelphia, and currently as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Following the presentation by the Sovereign Grand Commander, the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William Slater II, presented the Governor with his 2004 Grand Master's medallion. A luncheon followed the ceremony.

Governor Rendell was initiated in Athelstan Lodge No. 482 on September 6, 1983 and is the 32nd Governor to be a Freemason. *



membership in this great Fraternity offers. Become active in your lodge; get involved and make your mark! Now that you have experienced the ritual and learned the principles of Freemasonry, boldly **Share the Light** with your friends and family.

During my first year as Grand Master, I have urgently emphasized membership enrichment because membership has enriched MY life and I want to extend that gift to as many deserving men as possible.

This holiday season, as you gather with loved ones, is the perfect time to share what Masons are doing to improve our communities and our world. It may be the best gift you can give – that of brotherly love, relief and truth – found in the true bonds of Freemasonry.

Brethren, enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, and make a resolution that in 2005, you will play an even more active role in **Sharing the Light!** *

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Seamus P. McCaffery – the Mason, Judge, Military Man, Police Officer, Husband, and Father

by James N. Katsaounis, P.M.

Pennsylvania Freemasonry is proud to have as one of its members, Hon. Bro. Seamus P. McCaffery. Known to many as the judge who brought justice to Veterans Stadium, former home of the Philadelphia Eagles, he has exemplified his life and career as a true Freemason. Today Bro. McCaffery has a seat on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, a position he was elected to in November 2003, following a career of law enforcement that began some 36 years ago when as a young high school graduate he entered the United States Marine Corps.

The paths taken and the accomplishments achieved by Bro. McCaffery is the fulfillment of a true American dream. He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the second of seven children born to Seamus and Rita McCaffery. After immigrating to America, he completed his high school education from the well-known

Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia. His career path to serving his new country began when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a private after graduating high school in 1968. On completion of his active duty service, he continued to serve his country in the Marine Corps Reserve, rising to the rank of Captain. In 1985, Bro. McCaffery transferred into the U.S. Air Force Reserve, where he took over as the Commanding Officer of the 913th Security Police Squadron. He continued to serve in the Air Force Reserve, rising to the rank of Colonel. During his assignment to Air Combat Command Headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, VA, he was mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle after our country was attacked on September 11, 2001. Today he continues to defend our country as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for Homeland Defense to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Bro. McCaffery's career in defending our country didn't stop with his unyielding dedication to military service, but continued on the home front locally when in 1970 he joined the Philadelphia Police Department. For the next 20 years, before ultimately retiring as a highly-decorated veteran from

Philadelphia Police, he distinguished himself as a patrolman, a plainclothes Vice/Narcotics investigator, a detective in the Homicide and Major Crimes Division and rose to the rank of Supervisor. While working fulltime for Philadelphia Police, Bro. McCaffery pursued his education, earning a Bachelor's degree from LaSalle University, and then his Juris Doctor degree from Temple University School of Law.

Bro. McCaffery became one of the first, if not the only, former Philadelphia Police officers to become an attorney while working fulltime. He became a member of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. bars and worked as a litigation associate. He went on to become the first retired Philadelphia Police officer ever elected as a trial judge in Philadelphia County.

While serving as a trial judge, Bro. McCaffery distinguished himself again with his innovation of the Nuisance Night Court and the creation of the National Football League's first and only Court, conducted during each Philadelphia Eagles football home games. His progressive style won him national recognition, appearing on ESPN, Dateline, Inside Edition, MSNBC, Good Morning America and on every major radio talk show and newspaper across the country. A major Philadelphia newspaper labeled him "Philadelphia's Quality of Life Judge." His hard work, innovative programs, and outstanding ability to exercise the law didn't go unnoticed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, when they appointed him in October 2001 as Administrative Judge of the 4th largest court in America, the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

Bro. McCaffery is happily married to Lise Rapaport, Esquire, and has three sons, Sean, Jim and Brian.

What made you first take interest in Freemasonry?

"As a student of both American History and Philadelphia History, I would visit the cemeteries of some of America's greatest leaders and while visiting some of the monuments, I noticed that there was a significant connection between these great Americans and Freemasonry."

How did you come to join Freemasonry?

"After learning that the square and compasses was a symbol of Freemasonry, I saw two fellow Homicide detectives I was working with on the Philadelphia Police Department wearing the square and compasses on their lapels so I asked how I could become a part of it." He was entered into Freemasonry on Apr. 18, 1985 in Gothic Lodge No. 519. He is currently a member of Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe No. 384, Philadelphia – a member of the Valley of Philadelphia, AASR, and was coroneted a 33° Mason in 2000 at the Supreme Council Meeting in Pittsburgh.

What do you enjoy most about Freemasonry?

"You can be a bricklayer, a carpenter, a bus driver, a medical doctor, or you can be a political leader, a great military leader, or you can be a Superior Court Judge, but at the end of the day everyone is a brother within the lodge."

Where do you see the future of Pennsylvania Freemasonry?

"I have much respect for the current leadership in the Grand Lodge and its future leaders, for their desire to bring in more youthful members that will bring more energy into the lodges and for their efforts in making lodges more attractive for these new men. Men join Freemasonry to give, not to take. Like President John Kennedy's saying: 'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.' The same should apply to Freemasonry."

Why should a man join Freemasonry?

"One day we are all going to die and when we are lying on our death bed, what do you want to be known as? What do you want to leave? What's that legacy we have out there? To me a lot of that has to do with what good we [Freemasons] have given back to our community, to our state, to our country. That's why I'm a Mason." *



Rode with the Grand Master in South Dakota



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



September 11th, Patriot Day. It is always an enjoyable time to meet and greet individuals from across the Commonwealth, and some visiting from as far away as Florida, to view first-hand the Mission of Love that the Family of Freemasonry accomplishes through our Masonic Villages.

The skies were clear and the food was great – but it's the fellowship that makes this day spectacular. Everywhere you turned, you could feel the excitement of the entertainment, as faces delighted, toes tapped and hands clapped with the many bands playing. Young eyes marveled at the model railroad club, the clowns' antics and the jugglers' stunts. Shoppers delighted in the many goods and wares offered at the gift, craft, woodworking and farm market stands.

The Wachovia Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix created additional excitement this year, as 15 Masonic and community racing teams came together to Share the Light of Freemasonry by combining friendly competition, skill and fun to raise charitable funds.

Thanks to all of you for being a part of this special day. If you were unable to join us, I encourage you to mark your calendar for next year's Autumn Day: Saturday, September 24th.

For many of us, Autumn Day is almost like a regular holiday, with all of the

preparations to gather with our Family of Freemasonry and enjoy fellowship. This holiday season, I invite you to share your time and talents with our residents at the Masonic Village nearest you. Come by yourself, with your family or with one of the many Masonic groups to which you may belong. Bring holiday cheer, a smile, a handshake or a hug to someone who may not have family nearby to make the season extra special. You may find that you'll enjoy yourself so much that you'll want to make a regular commitment. For more information on the various volunteer opportunities and needs at each of our locations, please contact the community nearest you at the phone number or e-mail address indicated below.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown:

(717) 367-1121, ext. 33175, or e-mail MVEvolunteers@masonicvillagespa.org

Volunteer needs: assistance with Saturday afternoon programs; escort wheelchair residents to/from Sunday afternoon church service; donations of prizes/gifts for activities.

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill:

(610) 825-6100 or e-mail MVLHvolunteers@masonicvillagespa.org

Needs: one-on-one visitation; musicians, storytellers and entertainers; carpenters and craftsmen to construct games and other items to be used by the Recreation Department; letter writers to assist residents with correspondence to friends and loved ones; computer teachers to assist residents in our computer lab; activity facilitators to provide a special program for residents; pet visitation – bring your friendly pet for a visit.

Masonic Village at Sewickley:

(412) 741-1400, ext. 3200, or e-mail MVSvolunteers@masonicvillagespa.org

Needs: assist in the gift shop; escorts for group outings; one-on-one visitation with residents; share a special interest, hobby or collection; entertainment, such as playing the piano, storytelling or showing slides; lead or assist with craft projects; assist with manicures.

Masonic Village at Warminster:

(215) 672-2500 or e-mail MWVvolunteers@masonicvillagespa.org

Needs: trip escorts; provide entertainment programs; assist with craft projects; one-on-one visitation.

May you and your loved ones be blessed for your service to our residents and others in need this holiday season.

Keep Sharing the Light *

State Police Degree Team Confers Master Mason Degree

by Robert F. Lynch, Secretary
Azalea Fellowship Lodge No. 687

On April 20, area Freemasons gathered at the Masonic Temple on Wyoming Street as Corporal Michael T. Sniscak III of



Troop N, Pennsylvania State Police, Hazleton, received the Master Masons degree in Freemasonry and became a full

member of Azalea Fellowship Lodge No. 687.

The Pennsylvania State Troopers degree team (bearing no official affiliation with the Pennsylvania State Police) consisted of Cpl. John Madison, P.M., of Quakertown, conferring Master; Sgt. Homer Jones, P.M. of Pocono Lodge No. 780, Senior Warden, and Trooper Dean Deem of Tamaqua Lodge No. 238, Junior Warden. Cpl. John Richards, who coordinated the event, was Cpl. Sniscak's Guide.

The other State Police who assisted in the Degree Work were Troopers Dick Armbrust, Robert Caprari, Mark Michael, and Thomas Getz. The Troopers conducted themselves with characteristic dignity, respect, aplomb, and professionalism, as was particularly conveyed by Bro. Homer Jones when he delivered The Charge at Raising.

Several of the degree team members journeyed from as far as the Allentown, Bethlehem, Quakertown, and Wilkes-Barre areas.

The solemnity and profundity associated with conferring a Master Mason Degree was underscored in the closing ceremony as Cpl. John Richards presented a Bible to the newly made Master Mason. The soliloquy, threaded with State Police themes, was delivered with eloquence and passion by Cpl. Richards.

Thus was Cpl. Michael T. Sniscak welcomed as a Master Mason that night. *



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For Gala questions and additional information, please call Linda August at
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A Festive Holiday Gala Sharing the Light

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 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.

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 and is provided free of charge. 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 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.

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 though 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.

Get a group together from your Lodge and call for reservations. Charter a bus and solicit Community leaders for ticket sales. It will be a great evening!

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

Florida Hurricane victims helped by District 36 Lodge Members

by Robert J. Bateman
District Deputy Grand Master, 36th Masonic District

*This is what Freemasonry is all
about - helping those in need!*

On August 15, 2004 I received a phone call from Bro. Jonathan Riley inquiring how we could help the hurricane victims in Florida. Having contacted Bro. Stephen Gardner, RWSGW, concerning this matter I contacted Bro. Robert Green, District Instructor in Moore Haven, Florida.

I spoke to Bro. Green about helping and he told me he would find out and get back to me. About an hour later I received a phone call from Bro. Kenneth Johnson a Master Mason of Eagle Lodge No. 19 in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Bro. Johnson and I spoke concerning the hurricane victims and how we could help. I told Bro. Johnson that there will be four of us going to Florida and he asked if he could join us. Bro. Johnson then invited Bro. Jonathan Riley an Entered Apprentice Mason and Bro. Robert Jordan, Senior Warden, both from Prospect Lodge No. 578, Bro. Vincent Gaudini Sr., Senior Master of Ceremonies from Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767 and me to be guests at his home the first night of travel. Bro. Johnson and his family did not know us from Adam and yet fed us and put us up for the night. *This is what Freemasonry is all about.*

That evening we made many phone calls to Florida trying to find out where we could help and finally got through to the Red Cross. At that time they could not answer our questions and had to get back to us. Not hearing from them Monday evening we called back on Tuesday morning and finally found out we were needed in Arcadia, Florida, a small town about 70 miles from the Gulf Coast. Due to a health problem Bro. Jordan had to return home from North Carolina and was unable to continue the trip.

We arrived in Arcadia Wednesday, August 16, and found this town to be in great need of help. Telephone poles were snapped like toothpicks, wires down, fields flooded, homes and businesses destroyed, and many people homeless. Their only possessions were the clothes on their backs.

Having signed in at the American Legion Post we were sent to a Middle School where we worked for the Salvation Army in food services. Our duties were to receive food, water, and clothing and to distribute the same when needed. We also served as security, trash, and clean up men. We unloaded trailers of water, which was very scarce, and in great demand.

The School opened its door to the Gym and set up a shelter for all who needed it.

The National Guard was present protecting the people and the properties that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Charley.

ABC interviewed us and when asked where we were from we told them we were Pennsylvania Freemasons. When asked why we came all the way down there to help, we told them -

*this is what Freemasonry is all about,
helping those in need. **

Arnie Welcomes the President

Brother Arnold Palmer played host to President George W. Bush on Wednesday, September 22, when he came to Arnold Palmer Regional Airport at Latrobe to make a campaign appearance. Brother Palmer introduced President Bush to a crowd of many thousands that waited through a hot afternoon for his arrival

by helicopter from a tour of flood-stricken areas in the Pittsburgh area.

Brother Palmer and Lynn Swann, Hall of Fame wide receiver of the Pittsburgh Steelers, spoke to the large gathering prior to the President's arrival. *

Photos by
Bro. Joseph P. Bleehash,
Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275



Grand Lodge Officers Elected to Receive the 33° at Grand Rapids in 2005



Congratulations Brethren!



Jon A. Fair
Grand Marshal



Norman E. Flaherty
DDGM 38



Stephen Gardner
R.W. Senior Grand Warden



Byrl J. Johnson
Regional Instructor



Harold L. Knappenberger
Grand Chaplain



Walter F. Lindemuth
Regional Instructor



Richard J. Stemmler
Comm. on Masonic Homes



Robert J. Taylor
DDGM "B"



S. Timothy Warco
Aide to Grand Master



Washington Lodge No. 164 / Blue Knights Ride Benefits Masonic Charities



On July 25, Washington Lodge No. 164 co-sponsored the First Annual Blue Ride with Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Chapter, PA XVI. Money raised went to support local charities. There were 185 bikes and 275 individuals in attendance. Pictured are the R.W. Grand Master William Slater II, David Richards, President BK, PA XVI and P.M. of Washington Lodge No. 164 and David Pellegrini member of BK, PA VII and Tri-State Conference Representative and member of Franklin St. Johns Trinity Lodge No. 221.



Pictured L-R Doc Jones, P.M.; Tim Warco, P.M. Lodge 164; Jay McElravy, President, 32° Child Learning Center; Maria Paluselli, Learning Center Administrator; Jack Farrell, Potentate, Syria Temple; Dan Martin; David Richards, P.M. Lodge 164 and President of the Blue Knights. Both Charities, 32° Learning Center for Children and Shriners Hospital in Erie received \$500 checks from the Blue Knight/Washington Lodge No. 164 Motorcycle ride for charity. *

A Woman's Touch

by Deb Phillips



"The Navy has both a tradition and a future--and we look with pride and confidence in both directions."

— Admiral George Anderson

What is tradition? Merriam-Webster defines it as "an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior." In our everyday lives, we are faced with tradition in many places - home, work, church and organizations, including our Masonic family - often with the explanation, "that's the way we've always done it." But does that make tradition right? Is tradition always guiding us to advancement for the future?

In our own families, traditions guide our memories—maybe a weekly game night, an annual pilgrimage to the beach, or generations of family members getting together one day a year to cook and can a special family sauce or bake holiday cookies.

As we grow older, we consider our own memories created by traditions, and try to decide what traditions we would like to establish for our children and grandchildren . . . something that says, "this is special and unique to our family."

Consider our Masonic family organizations—we need to look in both directions . . . back at tradition, and ahead for the future generations of members. Only by doing so can we preserve what is important—generous charitable endeavors and fellowship and friendship with those who share common values—while making the changes needed to keep pace with society and guarantee the place of our organizations in the future. Bylaws can be changed without changing principles.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania took a huge step into the future in October with the Man to Mason One-Day Adventure. By trying something new, Pennsylvania Freemasonry welcomed many new members who may have found it difficult to receive their degrees in the traditional manner.

As we draw closer to the holidays and a new year, let each of us give ourselves to listening to new ideas, and resolve to receive those ideas with an open mind. Only then can we truly look with pride and confidence in both directions.

Start a new family tradition this holiday season, looking in "both directions"—during a family get-together start a journal, with each person writing something they were thankful for in the present year, and a hope or goal for the coming year. This journal will chronicle growing families, growing children mastering handwriting, as well as achievements and accomplishments, perpetuating pride and confidence in those things that your family values. *



Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary

A Great Day for Freemasonry!

What a great success our Man to Mason One Day Adventure has been, and our program is not over yet – it continues until the end of December. You still have time to make a difference by **Sharing the Light** with one whom you believe possesses the qualities for membership.

Remember, that for membership in our Fraternity the man must ask you to be part of this great organization. Please use the **ASK!** or Friend to Friend brochures when you believe that he is a good man who wants to be better.

Our 13 site locations were swelled with new Candidates that we can now all call Brothers.

All of the site locations were supported from our membership by participation as Mentors and observers of this great event.

As with all of us, our Fraternity has always been proud that our membership comes from all walks of life with different political and religious beliefs still meeting together in harmony as friends.

The addition of these new members will provide us with future officers and new ideas needed within our lodges for the benefit of Freemasonry.

We ask you to continue to Share the Light by supporting Brother William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master, with his continued endeavors to strengthen Pennsylvania Freemasonry. *

Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935

What a Ride with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania

William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania

STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA



Mario DeBlasio, Ride Chairman



G.M. William Slater II, Tim Warco, General Chairman



G.M. Slater; William A. Coffield, Jr., Grand Master of South Dakota; Wayne D. Mower, III, Grand Master of Delaware; Lowell Holmgren, Past Grand Master of South Dakota; Thomas Kennerly, PM, Lodge 781; Calvin Stevens, Lodge 781; Fred Sattazahn, Past Potentate of Zembo Temple



Deadwood Lodge No. 7

STURGIS



AUGUST
10 - 15
2004



Sturgis
South Dakota



Jay Brossman



Grand Master Slater at Mt. Rushmore



Pat DeBlasio, Doug Heinz, Grand Master, Jim Johnston, Bob Slater, Bill Johnston

Mt. Rushmore Ride with the Grand Master

Departed 9:00 am Returned 6:30 pm
154 miles 62 Bikes 1 Van 92 people

See page 27 for 2005
Sturgis Ride Information.



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Masonic Village at Warminster Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On August 21, the residents, family, friends, Advisory Council members, volunteers and staff gathered to celebrate the facility's 75th Anniversary with a Hawaiian Luau, featuring entertainment, food and fun.

The home, originally located in Germantown, was dedicated on June 1, 1929, as the Eastern Pennsylvania Eastern Star Home. The Grand Chapter built a new home in Warminster in 1972 at its current location. In 1999, the facility became part of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The name of the home was changed to reflect the tradition of both organizations - the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East - and now is known as the Masonic Village at Warminster.

Thanks to generous donations, the Warminster home has gone through extensive renovations over the past year, enhancing its function and beauty.

The new Assembly Room, named the Frey-Southampton Masonic Center, was completed in September. Lodge, Eastern Star and other Masonic group meetings, as well as large group resident activities, can now be held at the village. A significant portion of funds for this project was provided by Southampton Square Club and through the estate of John Frey Jr.

Masonic Village at Warminster provides assisted living and nursing services to 62 residents. The home's mission includes providing services to individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients. For more information, call (215) 672-2500. Top photo: Anne Maher, Administrator; Clara Schmitt, PGM PA-O.E.S.; and Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., Chief Operating Officer-Health Care Services, enjoy the Hawaiian Luau Anniversary celebration. Bottom photo: Frey-Southampton Masonic Center



Grand Chapter Presents Donation to Masonic Villages

In June, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, presented a contribution of \$100,050.81 to the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as well as an additional \$10,000 for the Warminster Initiative.

Since the union of our homes in 1998, the Grand Chapter has provided numerous contributions to provide a quality of life for residents who may otherwise not be able to pay for their care. Some examples of items which donations received from Grand Chapter have provided include:

- Christmas gifts for residents at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, as well as the renovation of the underground resident passageway system for total handicapped accessibility.
- New window treatments for the renovated nursing care resident rooms at the Masonic Village at Sewickley; an acoustic piano; a rehab cycle; a bifocal reminiscing program; and a Q-Chord instrument for activities programming.
- New window treatments; more attractive, useable courtyards, including a gas rotisserie grill for cook-outs; new patio furniture; a state-of-the-art security system; and a large tent which is used for various activities such as picnics and outdoor celebrations, including a visiting petting zoo in the summer.

The Masonic Villages serve more than 2,150 residents in four locations. The more than \$20 million in fraternal services makes a significant impact on the residents' lives.

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by Laura Libert, Contributing Curator

Made in China: Masonic export items for the Western market

During the 18th and 19th centuries there was an extraordinary demand for Chinese-made items in England, Europe and America. Silks and teas were the primary basis of trade, but westerners also desired "exotic" items such as porcelain, lacquerware, ivories, fans and clothing. A great number of these items were made specifically with the Western market in mind, and could be personalized depending on the buyer's taste and fancy, including and not limited to coats-of-arms, biblical scenes, and Masonic symbols.

Affluent and metropolitan Masons of the 18th and 19th centuries desired these custom-decorated items because they displayed not only their fraternal membership, but also their social standing and good taste.

One example of such an item is the

set is decorated with an elaborate coat-of-arms and crest flanked by iron-red foliage, Dutch sailing ships, Masonic working tools such as the square and compass, and scattered floral sprigs.

During the early 19th century, many Chinese items produced for export were decorated with symbols that acknowledged many American's newfound sense of identity and patriotism. Displaying both personal pride and national pride, this 5" diameter cup plate, c. 1795, is decorated with a central crest featuring an eagle with spread wings, holding arrows in its right talon and an olive branch in its left talon, all within an area formed by the recognizable square and compasses.

The shield on the breast of the eagle is inscribed with the initials of the owner.

It is known that many items of clothing were produced for export to the west, but most have not survived due to their perishable nature. Men's satin breeches and waistcoats as well as ladies silk dresses and slippers were made to order in China but were worn out in America. Fortunately, a Masonic apron, with a history of being made in Canton, China, exists today. John Flagg Fry, member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Providence, Rhode Island, had the apron made in 1799. His son, John William Fry, the first Worshipful Master of Doylestown Lodge No. 245, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, inherited the apron and presented it to the lodge in 1859. The silk apron is embroi-



Masonic Chinese items, such as punch bowls, toddy jugs, reverse-paintings-on-glass and mugs, are currently on display at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is grateful to Doylestown Lodge No. 245 for loaning the wonderful and rare John Flagg Fry apron for exhibition. *



Brothers and Sons are Made Brothers

On June 14, 2004, at a Stated Meeting of University Lodge No. 51, W.M. Allan W. Stitzer, P.M., conferred the three degrees of Freemasonry upon his two sons, Allan W. and B. Jordan Stitzer in Ionic Hall of the Masonic Temple. Their uncles, J. David Stitzer, P.M. and Arthur B. Stitzer, III, P.M., in the stations of Senior and Junior Wardens. The Guides were Bros. Harold Lampe, III, P.M. and Jeffery A. Lobb.

Freemasonry is a tradition in the Stitzer family. Allan Jr. and his brother Jordan are fourth generation Masons. Their grandfather served as DDGM for eight years and before that, as W.M. of Lodge No. 51 in 1958. During that year, the Masters of District A forged life-long relationships and it was that group as Past Masters who conferred all three degrees on the new Masons' father, Allan and his brothers. Allan, serving Lodge No. 51 as Worshipful Master in 1973, was the youngest Worshipful Master in the history of University Lodge.

The new Brethren are both attending Lehigh University. It is hoped that after graduation they will follow their ancestors in serving University Lodge No. 51. *



partial tea and coffee service, c. 1760, which the museum was fortunate to add to its collection earlier this year. Consisting of a coffee pot, teapot, tea caddy, spoon tray, saucer dish, coffee cup and two saucers, this handsome

dered with many Masonic symbols, such as the all-seeing eye, beehive and hourglass and is further embellished with metallic thread and spangles.

If you would like to learn more about the China trade, these and several other

DEMOLAY NEWS PENNSYLVANIA

Preparing to See History in the Making

No matter the outcome of the election on November 2, Pennsylvania DeMolay will be making their "once-every-four-year" sojourn to the Inauguration of the President on January 20, 2005.

This trip will be the fifth time for Pennsylvania DeMolays to attend the Inaugural. The first year was in 1989 when a contingent of PA DeMolay State Officers attended the inauguration of George H.W. Bush. This grew into a 1993 trip sponsored by PA DeMolay for the inauguration of William J. Clinton, attended by two busloads of DeMolays, advisors and families. In 1997, this grew into a five-bus trip for DeMolays, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and their families. This was repeated four years later for the George W.

Bush Inauguration. Lodge No. 9 of Pennsylvania has generously sponsored a part of the trip each year since 1993. The 2005 trip will start with departure from the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus in Elizabethtown; a boxed lunch in the dining room of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial; and then travel by Metro to the heart of Washington D.C. for groups to take their places along the parade route. Trip cost, including bus fare, lunch and metro pass is \$30 per person.

Invitations have been mailed to the Masonic-related youth groups in Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact Dave Berry, Executive Secretary, at 1-800-266-8424 x 4 (in PA) or 717-367-1536 x 4. *

Pennsylvania DeMolay Set to Honor the R.W. Grand Master

On Saturday, December 4, Pennsylvania DeMolay will be honoring William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master, with the conferral of the degrees of the Order of DeMolay on a class named in his honor. The conferral will start promptly at 9:00 AM in the Brossman Ball Room at the Freemason Cultural Center at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. Following the conferral of the Initiatory Degree, the first section of the DeMolay Degree, depicting the final trial of Jacques DeMolay before the Inquisition, will be performed on the stage in Brossman Ball Room 1. The fourth section of the DeMolay Degree and presentations will bring the program to a conclusion.

The fun and fellowship of the

weekend will continue at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus with a Human Risk Game, Naval Missions in the pool, a mess-style dinner, served by the State Officers and a USO-themed dance. The theme of the weekend is patterned after the board game RISK, which is the current membership recruitment program for Pennsylvania DeMolay.

If you know of a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 years who would benefit from membership in the Order of DeMolay, please contact Executive Secretary Dave Berry at 1-800-266-8424 x 4 (in PA) or at 717-367-1536 x 4 for an application and details on the PA DeMolay Grand Master's Class. *

DeMolay's Visit National Capital



On Wednesday, September 29, members of George Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay, which meets in Chambersburg, PA went to Washington, DC to visit U.S. Congressman Bill Shuster. Chapter Master Councilor Chad Reichard teamed up with Congressman Shuster early in the morning at the Longworth House Office Building and shadowed the Congressman through-out the day.

The event included a tour of the U.S. Capitol by George Washington Chapter's own Senior DeMolay Chris Gindlesperger, a staffer to Congressman Shuster whose father, Bud Shuster, held the congressional seat before his son. He is a Senior DeMolay from al-Akka Chapter that met in Altoona, PA.

George Washington Chapter's Alexia McCarl received an American flag from the Congressman to welcome him to the United States of America. Shuster helped Alexia's parents, Tim and Sue McCarl, adopt him from Russia. Alexia joined his brother Colin, who became a member of the McCarl Family in the 1990's.

The group, including Reichard, McCarl, Adam Miley, and Eric Bailey, also toured the new Native American Museum and took a quick metro ride to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. *

2005 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide Available

The 2005 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, listing scholarship, grant and loan opportunities primarily for Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren and members of the Masonic-related youth groups, is hot off the press and ready for distribution! The booklet, published by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lists nearly 60 scholarships, a brief description of each and the contact information needed to request an application. The Guide has been sent to all Lodges, all Lodge Youth Representatives, Youth Group Adult Leaders and each school district in Pennsylvania. You can request your copy by contacting the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at 1-800-266-8424 (in Pennsylvania) or at (717) 367-1536. *

Around The STATE Of The Craft

Victorian Funeral Reinactment Honors 150 year old Allentown Cemetery



On August 28, an 1857 Masonic Funeral Service was reenacted by Jordan-Martin Lodge No. 673 at the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Union & West End Cemetery in Allentown. The service was part of a Victorian Funeral complete with horse-drawn hearse and Civil War reenactors and mourners. The Lodge was dressed in the required dress of the period and wearing Barger Lodge No. 333 aprons, as that was the only Lodge in Allentown in the 1860's. Bro. James A. Stewart, P.M., exemplified the service. Bro. Carl J. Willis, W.M., is in profile on the left. To his right is Bro. Charles S. Canning, P.M., President of the Cemetery and organizer of the event. The casket was on loan from the Valley of Allentown and the pall bearers hailed from Allentown DeMolay and Boy Scout Troop 25, Emmaus. *

Father and Daughter in the East



Bro. Michael S. Kasyan and his daughter Charlene Kasyan have the unique opportunity of presiding over their respective bodies at the same time. Charlene is a second time Worthy Advisor of White Win Hills Assembly No. 87 and Grand Representative to Alaska. Currently she is considering a third term.

Michael is a first time Worshipful Master of South Gate-Marshall Lodge No. 808.

Additionally, Michael is the Scribe in Zerubbabel Duquesne Royal Arch Chapter No. 162 and Senior Warden in Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. *

Bro. Eugene K. Mansdoerfer, 92, receives prestigious Daniel Beard Masonic Scouting Award

In June, at the last meeting of Covenant-Excelsior Lodge No. 456, (now William L. Elkins Lodge 271) Bro. Eugene K. Mansdoerfer was awarded the Daniel Beard Masonic Scouting Award for serving scouting for over 80 years. The award was presented by Bro. Robert J. Taylor, DDGM, District "B".



Bro. Mansdoerfer's daughter writes: On August 4, my dad celebrated his 92nd Birthday. He has been active in Scouting for over 80 years. He was a Scoutmaster for about 42 years - served on troop committees and is still the Scout I.R. for the Widener Memorial Boy Scout Troop. The only fully disabled Scout troop in the Cradle of Liberty District. He has received various Scouting Awards including the Silver Beaver Scouting Medal, member of the Order of the Arrow for life, and honored by the Widener Memorial school in Philadelphia as "Man of the Year." His grandson David Vogler is an Eagle Scout, his Grandson Ronald Pleis, Jr. is Scoutmaster of St. William Boy Scout Troop No. 563 in Philadelphia. His son-in-law Ronald Pleis, Sr. was Scout Master of former Troop No. 23 which was Eugene's Troop and his great grandson, Kyle Pleis will be receiving Eagle Scout this year.

So you can see why I am so proud of him. My mother, Elizabeth (Betty) recently passed away on August 1, 2004 after they had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2004. She was always there by his side in Scouting even though they never had sons only two daughters. *

Uniontown Initiates 178 Candidates



Newly raised Bro. Brian S. Winfield was the 3rd Degree Exemplar for the Class of 178 in Uniontown PA on October 2. He is the son of Bro. Blaine Winfield, Sr., P.M. of Monongahela Valley Lodge No. 461.

A former Marine, Bro. Winfield is a graduate of California University with a

Masters degree in Business & Finance and is employed by Northwestern Mutual Finance. He is now a member of Westmoreland Lodge No. 518 in Greensburg where he resides with his wife. Bro. Winfield recently celebrated his 26th birthday. *

Sharing the Light through Fifty Years of The Pennsylvania Freemason

Editors of The Pennsylvania Freemason

Bro. William A. Carpenter (1915-1990), the first editor, was eminently qualified for this task. He studied graphic arts, management, and labor relations in college, after which he entered the newspaper business. At first Bro. Carpenter was a printer's apprentice with the *Chester Times*. Upon completion of his apprenticeship, he joined the staff of the *Journal-Every Evening* in Wilmington (New-Journal Company, Wilmington, DE), and advanced to type-setter, compositor, and composing room superintendent. Retiring from the newspaper in 1961 to become a full-time employee of Grand Lodge, Bro. Carpenter continued as Librarian and Curator (1961-1969) as well as editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, thus fulfilling Grand Master Lehr's goal of having the "Editor of Publications... serve as a Director of the Library and Museum." Bro. Carpenter's years at the helm were: 1954-1962, 1964-1969, 1980-1981. He subsequently became a member of the Grand Master's staff (1970-1973), Grand Secretary (1973-1979), then traveled through the Grand Lodge Line to become Grand Master (1984-1985). Bro. Carpenter was second to only one other man in number of Grand Lodge Offices held: Bro. John Thomson (1799-1889; Grand Master 1861-1862) is the only man known to have held every Line Office in Grand Lodge, but he was never Librarian and Curator!

Past Grand Master Charles H. Nitsch (1891-1975, Grand Master 1956-1957), chairman of the reorganized Committee on Masonic Culture, became Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* for Volumes 9 and 10 (1962-1963), after which Bro. Carpenter returned (Volumes 11-16, 1964-1969). In February 1970 (Volume 17, No. 1) **Bro. John L. McCain**, who had just been installed as R.W. Junior Grand Warden, became Editor and remained so for that year. After that, however, for the next 20 years, the masthead lists only the Grand Lodge officers, in addition to "Approved and Authorized to be Printed by The Grand Master" (with the Grand Master's



Brother Carpenter, the first editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, featured on the issue celebrating his Installation as Right Worshipful Grand Master, December 27, 1983.

name.) This imprimatur was used from Volume 1, No. 1 to the end of Volume 28 (1981). The other "imprimatur," the subtitle "An official publication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," also in use from the very first, disappeared in February 1996. It seems that for those two decades, whoever held the post of Assistant to the Grand Master was the Editor, assisted by the Committee on Masonic Culture. According to Past Grand Master McCain (with whom the author spoke on May 3, 2002), Bros. Carpenter and Arthur Thomas Moore, who had been a reporter-editor for *The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph* and editor of *The Voice of Syria* (Shrine) before becoming Assistant to the Grand Master, were charged with the editorship for most of that time. Bro. Carpenter held the reins alone from 1980 until the end of 1981. The Editor was not designated in the masthead again until November 1983, when **Bro. Melvin S. Mundie's** name appears. Bro. Mundie stepped

down after the issue of May 1987, and was succeeded by **Bro. Robert A. Pote**, who stayed through 1991, then **Bro. Robert G. Boone** until 1992. At the end of 1992, in time for the November issue of Volume 39, the editorial offices were moved from the Grand Master's office to the then Masonic Homes, and **Bro. William J. Prazenica** took over the reins, holding them until the end of Volume 42 (November 1995).

Bro. Blaine F. Fabian, 33°, assumed the Editorship in 1996, bringing years of experience to the helm of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, where he remained until the end of 2003 (Volumes 43-50). The Editor Emeritus, a Navy journalist from 1950 to 1954, had held reporting and editing positions for *The Ephrata Review* and the *Lancaster Sunday News*. He then moved into public relations, and worked for 30 years for the Metropolitan Edison Electric Company, before retiring in 1991 and working as a freelance public relations consultant. Bro. Fabian has served Grand Lodge, also in other capacities, for four decades, for which he was awarded the Franklin Medal in 1999 and the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2002.

Bro. D. William Roberts, 33°, appointed Editor in 2004 (Volume 51, No. 1), has also served Grand Lodge in many ways, most notably and currently as District Deputy Grand Master for the 47th Masonic District. The Korean War veteran holds a journalism degree from Duquesne University, and brings to the position of Editor of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* a wealth of experience from a 36-year career in promotion and public relations for such diverse companies as (among others) the Pittsburgh Symphony Society, Universal Pictures, Gulf Oil Corporation, and prior to his retirement, was Marketing Director of Station Square, an office, shopping, and entertainment center in Pittsburgh. He was also managing editor for two community papers in the Pittsburgh area. May he prosper as *The Pennsylvania Freemason* continues to be one of the best vehicles for Sharing the Light of Freemasonry! *



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Brethren: Reacquaint yourself with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by visiting it again or for the first time. Bring family, relatives and friends. See the Masonic Temple of today standing in grandeur on a corner of Philadelphia once occupied by a coal yard with cobblestone streets. You will then know why it has been called one of the great wonders of the Masonic World.

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Autumn Day = Food, Fun, Fellowship

On September 11, Patriot Day, more than 7,000 Masons, their family and friends attended Autumn Day at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. The annual open house featured its traditional fare, and attendees consumed a whopping 15,756 sandwiches (hot dog and sausage), 225 gallons of bean soup, 940 vegetable plates, 18,076 drinks and 11,952 ice cream novelties! It just goes to show that fun, fellowship and food go hand-in hand!

The featured entertainment included



Bro. Bill Kingsbury & family with PGM Marvin Cunningham & Rosalie



Jim Katsaounis, PM and Matt Dulcey Lodge 295 enjoyed the hot sausage sandwiches.



the Greater Kensington String Band; children's games, provided by Elizabethtown Job's Daughters; roaming jugglers; clowns; tours of the 1,400 acre campus; and farm market, woodworking, crafts, food and Masonic information stands. Turn page for more on Autumn Day activities.



The Kensington String Band was fantastic as usual!

Wachovia Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix



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This year's highlight was the first-ever Wachovia Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix. Fifteen teams participated in the event: Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Beck and Associates, Inc., K. L. Harring Transportation, Grand Lodge Floor Officers, Masonic District D, Masonic District 10, Masonic District 30, Masonic District 36, Masonic District 45, Masonic District 55, M & T Investment Group, Moscow Lodge No. 504, Pennsylvania DeMolay, Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh and Warfel Construction Company. Grand Master William Slater II was honored with a custom-designed kart, which he drove during the opening ceremonies.

Grand Master Slater commended the participants on their efforts: "Before and since that dreadful day, (9-11) Americans have come together to help others, contribute to relief efforts and volunteer their time to aid those in need. This spirit of service is exemplified in today's mini grand prix race, which we are proud to host here at the Masonic Village to benefit both this caring community and the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation." He honored the veterans and families with loved ones in the military, and asked the crowd to observe a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The Rev. and Bro. A. Preston Van Deursen led attendees in prayer.

Through sponsorships for the event, more than \$50,000 was raised to benefit the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown and the Arthritis Foundation, Central Pennsylvania Chapter. Sponsors included: Presenting Sponsor - Wachovia; Dash for Kids Sponsor - Phoenix Investment Counsel; Brandywine Asset Management; Causeway Capital Management; Beard Miller Company,

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Thanks to Pennsylvania DeMolay and Abraham C. Treichler Lodge for assisting in the set-up of the grand prix; Jeff and Beth

Mohn, of Oval Track Concepts, for providing technical services; Jeff Lankes, technical advisor for the mini grand prix and painting the Grand Master's pace kart; and Scott Gunn at West Mifflin Collision and Doug Heinz for painting the Grand Master's pace kart.

Grand Prix Winners:

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District 45 |
| 2nd Place - Raptor Class
Beck & Associates | 2nd Place - OHV Class
Moscow Lodge No. 504 |
| 3rd Place - Raptor Class
District 10 | 3rd Place - OHV Class
Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh |
| 1st Place - Pit Stop - Moscow Lodge No. 504 | |
| 2nd Place - Pit Stop - Beck & Associates | |
| 3rd Place - Pit Stop - K. L. Harring | |

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| 1st Place - Dash for Kids - Raptor Class - K. L. Harring |
| 1st Place - Dash for Kids - OHV Class - Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 |
| Hard Charger Award - District 45 |

Judging Contests:

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| 2nd Place - Most Authentic Paint Job - Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 | |
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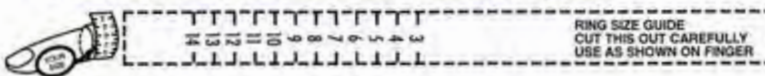
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Brockman earned a bachelor of science degree from York College of Pennsylvania. She has extensive experience in the long-term care field and in training and development.

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For more information about the Masonic Outreach Program, call (717) 361-5080 or toll-free at (800) 462-7664 or email outreach@masonicvillagespa.org.



Lafayette Hill Residents and Local Lodge Members Assemble Kits for Masonic CHIP Program



In July and August, staff from The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, Members of Concordia Lodge No. 67 and Lafayette Hill Resident Council members (pictured) assembled more than 1,000 DNA identification kits for the Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP).