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Outreach Program Seeks Attorneys to Provide Direction through Legal Assistance

A substantial number of people who contact the Masonic Outreach Program need legal advice and either are not sure how to obtain it or are not financially able to pay for counsel.

In response, the Outreach Program has teamed up with several attorneys across the state. Together, they are in the preliminary stages of coordinating a panel of attorneys who will be available to give direction to distressed Brethren, their spouses, widows and others who are unable to retain counsel. Individuals needing legal advice with the ability to retain counsel will be referred to the attorneys on the panel who may be able to be of assistance.

How Will it Work?

Calls will be received and initially screened through the Outreach Program and then referred to an attorney on the panel based on area of specialty needed and region of the state.

What Can YOU Do?

Initially, we need attorneys who are members of the fraternity, Eastern Star or family and friends of the Masonic Villages to seriously consider becoming a charter member of this new and exciting venture to serve those in need of legal assistance. Attorneys must be properly licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania to be enrolled in the program. A committee will be formed of volunteer attorneys wanting to help shape the program, including creating guidelines and operating procedures.

Which Specialties are Needed?

We are looking for general practice attorneys and attorneys in all specialties, including, but not limited to:

- Elder care • Foreclosure & Real Estate • Employment Law
- Commercial Transactions • Social Security & Disability
- Insurance & Benefits • Wills & Estates • Personal Injury

Interested in learning more or volunteering to be part of this exciting new venture? Please return the completed coupon below to: Masonic Outreach Program, Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

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

The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved the following service levels for admission to the Masonic Villages in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley, Warminster and Dallas:

Service Level 1:

PA Master Mason
PA Eastern Star
Wife of PA Master Mason
Spouse of PA Eastern Star
Widow of PA Master Mason
Mother of PA Master Mason
Daughter of PA Master Mason
Sister of PA Master Mason

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Grandmother of PA Master Mason
Grandfather of PA Master Mason
Father of PA Master Mason
Mother-in-law of PA Master Mason
Father-in-law of PA Master Mason
Son of PA Master Mason
Spouse of PA Eastern Star who is not a Mason
Service Level 1 & 2 with less than 5 years membership

Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives
Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

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Explore Retirement Living at June Open House in Elizabethtown

"We just love it here!" "I am so glad we made the decision to move here" and "Yes, we should have done it sooner." These are just a few of the comments we hear from residents who have moved into Retirement Living at Elizabethtown. Learning from residents that their experience of residing in our retirement community has exceeded their expectations is a compliment we value.

We have continued to experience growth because of our reputation as an outstanding retirement community. This growth has included the construction of 102 new cottages that began in June 2004. Since November, residents have begun moving into their new homes and enjoying "the good life."

Due to the continued interest among fraternity members for this type of housing, the new cottages will be featured for the annual June Open House event on Friday, June 10. Newly completed and furnished cottages, in addition to existing cottages and apartments, will be available for afternoon tours.

The day will begin at the Freemasons Cultural Center for an overview of Retirement Living, followed by lunch in the Brossman Ballroom. In the afternoon, tours will be available of our various Retirement Living accommodations and our beautiful Clubhouse.

Set this day aside to experience for yourself why so many other brethren and ladies are excited about the opportunity to live at the beautiful Masonic Village.

We offer spacious accommodations with second-to-none services, amenities and activities. More importantly, however, we offer you peace of mind and security because of the quality health care services available on campus.

Invest your time to reap future benefits for yourself as you plan for tomorrow. Please RSVP by completing and mailing the attached coupon or contacting the Retirement Living Marketing Office at 1-800-676-6452 by June 3. Don't miss this event!



Why Did the Blums Move to Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill?

"I don't have to cook or clean anymore," Marion Blum says with a smile. Her husband, Perry, a member of Lodge No. 9, likes to tell people that he takes his wife out to dinner every night — at the dining room, where they enjoy scrumptious chef-prepared meals.

The Blums moved to Retirement Living in January 1998 and remain very active. They both volunteer in the village's gift shop, in the recreation area and in the nursing center, and Mrs. Blum has been a volunteer at The Franklin Institute for the last 13 years. Working out in the wellness center keeps them fit, and Bro. Perry enjoys bowling at the in-house bowling alley.

A true handy man, Bro. Perry enjoys working with ham radios and is involved with a ham radio club that meets at the Masonic Village. He is also sought out by fellow residents who want help from their in-house "fix-it man," as he has a knack for repairing watches and electrical equipment.

For more than seven years, the Blums have enjoyed happy, fulfilling lives at the Masonic Village. They have the time to continue the hobbies they love, since they no longer have home maintenance concerns. They don't need to worry about health care security either, since the community offers assisted living and nursing services, should they ever need them.

Throughout the beautiful campus, residents enjoy additional amenities, such as the walking trail, billiards, putting green, computer lab, ceramics and art classes, woodworking, auditorium for live entertainment, intergenerational programs, trips and worship services.

To experience your retirement years the way they're meant to be, call the Marketing Office today at (610) 828-5760. You, too, can trade in your pots, pans and cleaning supplies for chef-prepared meals and recreation!



The Grand Master's Spring Message



Brethren! You DID make it happen!

Brethren,

There's never been a better time to show your pride in being a Pennsylvania Freemason than NOW!

Our great fraternity has never been stronger. The Man-to-Mason One Day Adventure last year was the most successful membership initiative program that the Grand Lodge has implemented in 42 years, and it showed that there are many men out there who want to be Masons.

This year, each district will choose a weekend in October or November to host a membership class. Brethren, I urge you to take advantage of these one-day opportunities to share the gift of membership with deserving men. Remember, men will join our ranks if they see someone in YOU whom they respect, admire and appreciate — someone who, by example, inspires them to want to be better.

Use the ASK! brochure, which is reprinted in this issue of the *Freemason*, on pages 29 and 30, for your use in talking about Freemasonry and passing it on to others which you feel would be an asset to our Fraternity.

When I see and hear about all of the wonderful things our Brethren are doing in their communities on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, it makes me proud to be your Grand Master and renews my commitment to this great fraternity. Your enthusiasm is contagious. If we work as a team to share our passion for Freemasonry, the possibilities are endless.

Brethren, look in the mirror. How brightly does YOUR light shine? Is it brilliant enough to change a life, impact

the world around us? For many of you, the answer is a resounding "Yes!" and I congratulate you on your commitment to Sharing the Light within your lodges, families and communities.

The Masonic CHIP program is just one example of how we are making a difference in our world. Lately it seems every time you turn on the news there is another story about another child being abducted, molested or killed. The only good news that counters these horror stories is that Pennsylvania Freemasons, along with many of our Brethren across the nation, are standing up to these predators by arming parents and children with tools that can protect the innocent should they ever become lost or abducted. In partnership with the Crime Prevention Association of Pennsylvania, we have IDed more than 100,000 youth so far, and at least that many are scheduled to be CHIP'd this year. If you want to be part of the solution, join your fellow Brethren in supporting the Masonic CHIP program with your time and your finances. To those of you who have responded to our request for volunteers to implement the program, THANK YOU! If you haven't answered the call yet, our hard-working volunteers still need more help. Together, we can make our communities safer places to live, work and play.

Do you care about the future of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, or are you relying on someone else to make it happen? Your attitude almost always determines your altitude in life. If you set your goals high, they may be more difficult to reach but you will attain greater feats than if you set your aspirations low to prevent disappointment. We thought that IDing 50,000 youth last year was a lofty goal, but through teamwork

we almost doubled it! This year, we set our goal much higher, and I am confident that we will not only reach it, but exceed it.

The success of this program shows that a positive attitude causes a reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst that creates extraordinary results and a spark that burns into a brilliant torch. Share the Light with your family and friends and begin lighting the path for others so they, too, can experience our Brotherhood of dedicated charitable men. Help make someone's life a little brighter because YOU are a Pennsylvania Freemason!

Periodically, I have the privilege of celebrating lodge anniversaries and bestowing 50-Year Emblems of Gold on our senior members. These events are such an honor because they are a testament to the strength and endurance of the Craft over hundreds of years. I also have the opportunity to meet many of the young men and women of our youth groups and the new members who have joined our ranks over the past year, who represent our promise and our future. Freemasonry will continue to grow if we maintain our strong heritage and traditions while evolving to include the interests and needs of new generations.

Brethren, I love the Fraternity, and I believe in the membership and the great things we can accomplish. Believe in yourselves! ✦



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

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Address _____

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Phone (____) _____

☐ I/We will attend the June 10 Open House.

☐ Send me a Masonic Village at Elizabethtown brochure.

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As we offer Condolences to our
Catholic Brethren in Freemasonry
on the death of

Pope John Paul II

We pause to Celebrate
the election of

Pope Benedict XVI



May he enjoy a long reign
in the quest for Peace in the world
with a Brotherhood of all men under the
Fatherhood of God!

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania
William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master



Visitation to the Quarterly Communication of The United Grand Lodge of England

R.W. Grand Master William Slater II was the guest of the United Grand Lodge of England and M.W. Pro Grand Master Lord Northampton for the March Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, March 9, 2005.



Freemasons' Hall



M.W. Pro Grand Master Lord Northampton and R.W. Grand Master William Slater II in Freemasons' Hall. On the cover picture, the two Grand Masters were superimposed in front of one of the gates to Buckingham Palace. The Queen Victoria memorial is in the background.

Grand Master Slater commented, "It was a most impressive sight to see the magnificent 1700 seat Lodge Hall filled to capacity. Business meetings of Grand Lodges are all quite the same but the outstanding part of this Communication was the honoring of the Grand Secretary of Ireland, Bro. Michael Walker, who has served in that post for over twenty-three years."

Freemasons' Hall is both the headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England and the principal

meeting place for Lodges in London.

It is an imposing art deco building, covering two and one quarter acres. It was built 1927-1933 as a memorial to the many Freemasons who died on active service in the First World War. Initially known as the Masonic Peace Memorial, it reverted to the name Freemasons' Hall at the outbreak of war in 1939.

In 1925 an international architectural competition was held. One hundred and ten schemes were submitted from which the jury - chaired by Sir Edwin Lutyens - selected ten to be fully worked up. The winning design was by the London partnership of H V Ashley and Winton Newman. The building is now Grade 2 listed internally and externally and is the only art deco building in London which has been preserved 'as built' and is still used for its original purpose.

The present Freemasons' Hall is the third to be built in Great Queen Street. In 1775 the premier Grand Lodge purchased a house fronting the street, behind which was a garden and a second house. A competition was held for the design of a Grand Hall to link the two houses. The front house was the Freemasons' Tavern, the back house was to become offices and meeting rooms. The winning design was by Thomas Sandby. In addition to Masonic uses Sandby's Hall was to be an important

centre during the 'London Season', hosting concerts, balls, play readings, literary evenings and meetings of many learned and philanthropic societies, including the Anti-Slavery Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society.

In the 1820s Sandby's Hall was extended to designs by Sir John Soane but his work, sadly, disappeared during the building of the second Freemasons' Hall. Continued on page 13.



Guests of the Pro Grand Master Lord Northampton: (in alphabetical order) Leney C. R. Barclay, Grand Lodge of Vermont; Ross Van Ness Bayer and Jack A. E. Ford, Grand Lodge of New Jersey; Arne Kaasik, Grand Lodge of Estonia; Charles W. Lashmer, Grand Lodge of New Zealand; Bruno Schultze, United Grand Lodges of Germany; William Slater II, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Arto Uusitalo, Grand Lodge of Finland.

At the December Stated Meeting of St. Alban Lodge No. 529, a historic event transpired. The Worshipful Master Elect for 2005, Joseph A. Fletcher, III was installed by his father, Joseph A. Fletcher, Jr. P.M. and Treasurer. What also made it a historic and memorable event was the fact that, in attendance were not only the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District C, Brother Gary Davis, but also in attendance were the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, Brother Ronald G. Bélanger and a contingent of both present Maryland Grand Lodge Officers and Maryland Masons.



(1st row, l-r) Gary Davis, DDGM Masonic District C; Joseph A. Fletcher, III, (then) Worshipful Master Elect St. Alban Lodge No. 529; Ronald G. Bélanger, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland; Gerald E. Pieplora, P.M., President of the Board of Grand Inspectors of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Maryland.

(2nd row, l-r) Glen B. Cary, P.M., Grand Inspector, Secretary of St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233; Edward L. Cole, Jr., (then) Worshipful Master St. Alban Lodge No. 529; Joseph A. Fletcher, Jr., P.M., Treasurer, St. Alban Lodge No. 529; Ronald A. Block, P.M., Junior Deacon St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233; Benjamin F. Dyer, P.M., Treasurer St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233.

St. Alban Lodge No. 529 has had a unique bond with the Grand Lodge of Maryland through Brother Fletcher, Jr's Brother-in Law and Brother Fletcher, III's uncle, Brother George W. "Skip" Lacey. Until his untimely death in an automobile accident a couple of years ago, Brother Lacey was the Grand Lodge of Maryland Organist and Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge No. 134 in Maryland.

Most Worshipful Brother Bélanger, Brother Gerald Pieplora, P.M., President of the Board of Grand Inspectors of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Maryland, and Brother Ronald Block, P.M., Junior Deacon of St. Alban Universal Lodge No. 233, made a surprise and emotional presentation of Brother Lacey's personal gavel to Brother Fletcher, III after his installation as Worshipful Master. It was the desire of Brother Lacey's wife, Marianne that her nephew have her late husband's gavel. ♦

Searching our Website

The website of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania now includes over 3780 pages of information about the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania. Some of the material located is of a promotional nature, and has little longevity, but the vast majority is information that can be used for years to come. Some of the material is not easily indexed or found, even though our new Home Page makes it easier to get where you want to go.

Using the small Search window on the home page is the fastest way to find something you need to know right away. This will not search the entire Internet-- it will limit results to the Pennsylvania Masonic Family of websites, including the Grand Lodge of PA, Pennsylvania DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters, and any Lodge or appendant body whose website is hosted on our server. This will return a number of relevant searches, ranked in order of their likely value to your purpose, based on the criteria you originally entered. For instance, you will find 57 references to CHIP, 25 references to Sturgis, and 14 for Mini Grand Prix. The top 5 search strings or word combinations most often entered, and the results returned, are "masonic temple" (276), "penny" (15), "masonic" (2086), "masonic lodge" (94), and "masonic village" (428.) Obviously, the more specific your search criteria, the closer you will come to what you are seeking. A recent search string that became popular after the release of the film, National Treasure, is "declaration of independence" (10).

There is another important search technique you should know. Sometimes you will end up on a very long page on a website, scanning it visually for a specific word or a phrase. You can accomplish this task much easier by pressing the Control Key and the letter "F" at the same time, and then filling in the specific word or phrase you are trying to find. If it is on the page, this search function, which is found in most software, will take you directly to the word or phrase sought.

A quick way around the website is to choose a specific area from the many links now provided on the new home page design. If you are just interested in finding what is newly posted, or has undergone major revisions, click on the WHAT'S NEW HERE link on the left. This will give you a



quick link to new stories, photos, or modules of information added within the past year.

If you still cannot find what you are looking for, you can always ask a member of the Committee on Internet Services to help you. You can find them listed under the Credits link at the bottom of the home page.

Following these simple tips can make your Masonic Internet experience more helpful and more user-friendly! Happy surfing! ♦

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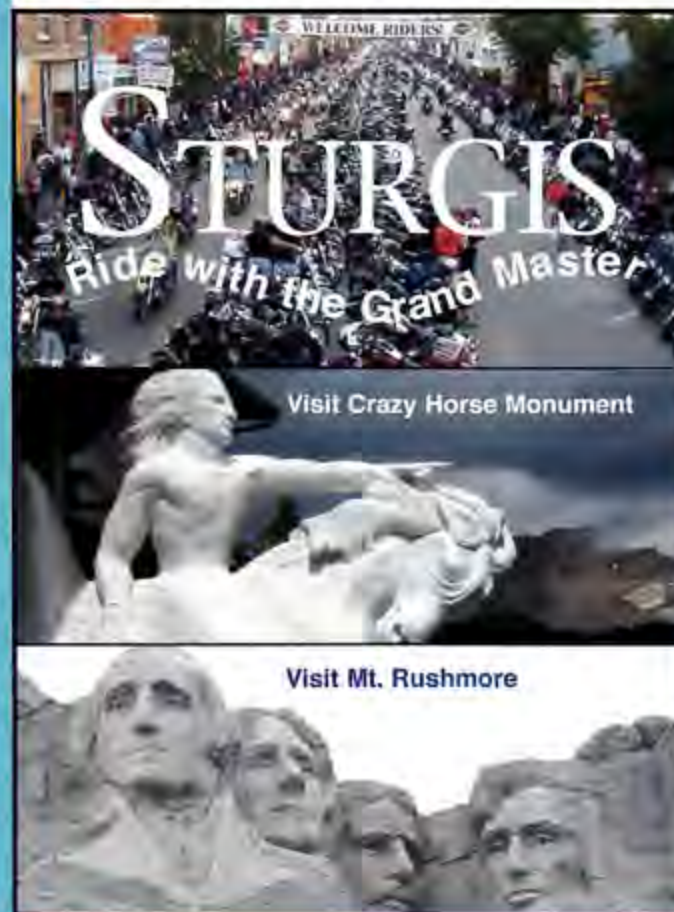
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One-Day Class Dates, Locations & Contacts

Date	City/Location	Chairman/Districts
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	Springfield-Hanby Masonic Hall	610-394-9295 B, C, D, 6, 8, 36
Oct. 1	Bradford	James D. Gustafson DDGM 22
	Masonic Hall	814-642-9929 22, 33
Oct. 8	West Reading	Mark A. Haines DDGM 7
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Oct. 8	Erie	Donald A. Snyder DDGM 24
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Around The STATE Of The Craft



Cedar Lodge No. 800 in Grove City recently conferred the third degree on the third generation of the Speer family. Pictured above is his Grandfather Bro. John B. Speer, PM who conferred the first degree; Bro. Jeffrey Allen Speer, newly raised Master Mason, and his Father Bro. Kenneth W. Speer, PM, who conferred the second degree. Not pictured is Bro. David M. Minarik, PM, who conferred the third degree. Bro. John B. Speer, PM, was initiated on March 15, 1985. Bro. Kenneth W. Speer, PM, was initiated on November 11, 1985. Bro. Jeffrey A. Speer was initiated on October 11, 2004. Cedar Lodge No. 800 has now merged with Grove City Lodge No. 603 which makes Bro. Jeffrey Speer the last member to be raised in Cedar Lodge No. 800. ♦



Oakdale Lodge No. 669 will be opening their renovated Lodge Hall on June 20 following eight months of reconstruction work due to the W. PA flood last fall which put eight feet of water in the interior of the Lodge room. The local Rainbow Assembly, White Win Hill Assembly No. 87, with eight or nine girls took up a collection at their meeting and donated \$25.00 to the Lodge to off-set repair costs. Pictured presenting the check to (then) Worshipful Master Wilson L. Sturgeon, Sr. PM, and Junior Warden John H. Petricko, PM (now Worshipful Master) is Sarah Carr, Worthy Advisor. Sarah is the daughter of Debbie Carr, Mother Advisor for the White Win Hills Assembly. ♦



Fireside Fraternity

"An informal chat"

by Martin Migliori, PDDGM



Hello Brethren. I want to thank everyone for the kind words about last month's column. Last time I talked about how Freemasonry makes a good man better. This month I would like to talk about motivation and our Fraternity. Some of you will recognize the message I am writing, but I feel strongly enough about it to say it yet again.

If you are reading this, then you should consider yourself one of the luckiest men on earth for you belong to the greatest Fraternity that ever existed. **YOU** are a Pennsylvania Freemason! You are part of an organization that works to improve the moral values of society in a day and age when morals seem to be tossed out with the trash. The Fraternity is dedicated to making good men better through the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. It uses the Volume of the Sacred Law as its Guide and Great Light. It uses the working tools of an operative mason to symbolize those principles we should strive to follow during our everyday life. It teaches us respect for Our Country, Our Fellow Man, and Ourselves. It gives us the opportunity to make ourselves better men, thereby improving the communities in which we live.

Brethren, this opportunity is only as good as the effort we put into it. I have heard many brethren complain about what they get out of the Fraternity, but I charge you to answer the following questions and then see if you are still complaining.

Do you attend your lodge, or any lodge, on a regular basis? When was the last time you sat in a lodge meeting? Did you participate in any part of the meeting or the social time afterward or were you just a grumpy old man whom no one wanted to be around?

I have said in the past and I continue to say, you will get out of the Fraternity ten times more than you put into it. However, remember that **0 times 10 is 0.**

Brethren, I want each of you to think about what motivated you to become a Mason. Was it your family or maybe a friend? Was it an upstanding man in your church or business? What really attracted you and how did you find out about the Fraternity? My wife introduced me to the Fraternity. When we lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia, she took me to the Masonic museum and lodge where George Washington was made a mason. I was so impressed and awed by what I saw and experienced there that I just had to know more. I wanted to know what was so special about an organization that so many presidents and famous men were part of. My wife sent me to talk to my father-in-law and the rest is history.

I consider myself one of the lucky ones. If my wife had not insisted on visiting that lodge hall, I probably

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



I have heard our Grand Master say that Pennsylvania Freemasonry has never been stronger. I would like to think the same of our Masonic Charities. It appears to me that as we come together as one Family of Freemasonry, our efforts strengthen our good works, and our goals are surpassed by the reality of our shared vision.

Take our Masonic Villages, for instance. Brethren came together in the Philadelphia area in the late 1800s and in the Elizabethtown area in the early 1900s to create homes to serve their families. Eastern Star members did the same in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas. Over the years we've come together to fulfill a shared Mission of Love, which is stronger than ever because our efforts are combined.

And we're still growing. If you haven't already heard the exciting news of our newest opportunity, you can read about it in detail in this issue. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Irem Shrine are working together on a joint venture which will allow us to meet our mutual goals of serving members. The Masonic Village at Dallas will be our first golf retirement community and will allow us to serve members in a beautiful setting where many have expressed an interest in retiring. We believe the Irem location and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's retirement living expertise will make this one of the premier golf retirement communities in the country. Marketing efforts for this community have begun, so to ensure your first

choice of accommodation, call today!

The cohesiveness of our Masonic family has earned us an image as an organization that truly works together for the benefit of humanity. This has gained us the respect of other reputable organizations that have partnered with us to share in the success of many of our ventures. Our mutually beneficial relationship with the Valley Care Association has strengthened our Sewickley community and the services provided to our residents. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children's partnership with the Crime Prevention Association of Pennsylvania has made the Masonic CHIP program an overwhelming success, one that has been augmented by the efforts of lodges, volunteers, schools, our Masonic Youth Groups and even our residents at the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, who have put together hundreds of packets for the program.

Thousands of men have joined our family recently, and, of course, much of our growing membership can be attributed to our enhanced membership enrichment programs and efforts, but I believe that it goes deeper than that. I believe that more and more people are seeing what Masons are able to accomplish because of our fraternal bonds, our matchless history and our commitment to philanthropy. I've heard of men who have joined Freemasonry because of services a Masonic Village has provided to a loved one, because of the lessons a son learned through DeMolay, and because a wife recommended it to him (probably one of the most compelling reasons to join!).

Every April, our Masonic Village family celebrates the volunteers who spend tens of thousands of hours enhancing the lives of our residents. Some are residents, Masons, Eastern Star members and youth group members who augment the services provided by our staff. Some, however, are those who knew of our reputation for benevolence and quality services, and who have a sincere desire to help perpetuate the care provided to the wonderful people who live in our Masonic Villages. As I celebrate these caring individuals each year, I think to myself, "How wonderful it is that everything comes full circle." Freemasons are dedicated to serving others, and when the time comes that they or their families need help, the next generation is there to volunteer to meet the need.

Who wouldn't want to be part of something so great? Let's continue to strive to grow and strengthen our Masonic family

and the Masonic Charities who support us. If you would like to Share the Light, please contact the Masonic Village closest to you to share some of your time and talent. Or, get involved with a youth group or a CHIP program in your area and truly make a difference in your community.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown:

(717) 367-1121, ext. 33175

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill:

(610) 825-6100, ext. 1325

Masonic Village at Sewickley:

(412) 741-1400, ext. 3200

Masonic Village at Warminster:

(215) 672-2500, ext. 115

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Office:

(717) 367-1536 or (800) 266-8424

Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children Office: (215) 988-1978. ♦

Join us for all the fun and excitement!

Grand Master's Charity Mini Grand Prix

June 25, 2005

(Rain date - June 26, 2005)

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Benefits the Masonic Children's Home

The course, set in the Masonic Health Care Center parking lot, is designed with a variety of hairpin turns, bends and straightaways to challenge the drivers' skills and abilities. The go-karts achieve top speeds of 25 MPH. Masonic organizations as well as companies will sponsor karts in this year's competitive race.

SCHEDULE FOR RACE DAY

(subject to change)

- 7:00 a.m. Team Registration Opens
 - 7:30 a.m. Technical Inspection Begins
 - 8:00 a.m. Race Officials Meeting
 - 8:30 a.m. Drivers Meeting (pit area)
 - 8:45 a.m. Practice Laps (12 minutes each)
 - 9:15 a.m. Pit Stop/Time Trials, Photos
 - 10:15 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
 - 10:45 p.m. Preliminary Heats Begin 15 laps, 1 tire and driver change
 - 11:45 p.m. Dash for Kids - 10 laps
 - 12:00 Noon Lunch - Food for sale by vendors
 - 1:00 p.m. Championship Race Rapto Class - 30 laps, 3 driver and tire changes
 - 1:45 p.m. Championship Race - OHV Class 30 laps, 3 driver and tire changes
 - 2:30 p.m. Awards Presentation
- Corporate sponsorships gladly accepted through June 3. To pledge your company's support, call the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454. For more information about the race please contact: Beverly Sweigart at 717-367-1121, ext. 33488
bsweigart@masonicvillagespa.org

Around The STATE Of The Craft

Raymond T. George, R.D.D.G.M. of District E, congratulates Jack W. Fenstermaker, W.M. of Hiram Lodge No. 81 for being the first line signer on the petitions of all five of his accompanying Officers: Robert J. Clark, S.W. and Peter A. Schmid, J.W. (foreground), David A. Vahey, S.D., Steven P. Ralston, Treasurer, and David W. Hirschbuhl, J.M.C. (background). ♦



Reflections!

Sharing the Light of Freemasonry

My Fellow Brethren,

Freemasonry has been good for me, and more importantly, in its fraternal philosophy, has shaped tradition on each side of my parental ancestry. In fact, to speak solely of my own appreciation of Masonic principle seems indulgent, lest I should forget to mention both my paternal and maternal lineage. Patriotic conviction and civic obedience guided two great-great grandfathers in my lineage to risk the ultimate sacrifice throughout the cataclysmic Civil War. Each and every time I travel home beneath the Mason-Dixon or view the Masonic memorial at Gettysburg, PA, many tears well up from deep inside as I consider their exemplary lives, and ultimately, their partisan views as to what "sovereignty" should constitute socially and politically, then and now, in these United States.

Benjamin Franklin Youngblood, my Confederate grandfather and brother in Wesson, Mississippi J.M. Lodge No. 317, enlisted in this state's cavalry, 4th Regiment, and founded his own mercantile and dry goods business in the postwar years. He became quite successful, and he eventually ran for public office at both the local and county levels. And while he aspired to even greater participation within the state political arena, the Reconstruction years were not always hospitable to Confederate veterans in their own home regions. Undaunted by this "carpetbagger" backlash, Benjamin Youngblood remained an active civic fixture in the life of Wesson until his crossing over in 1927, inasmuch that his children, following their father's lead, were major contributors to the founding and funding of Copiah-Lincoln Community College in this same region of southern Mississippi.

On the Union side of this great conflict stands James Hamilton Davis, my other great-great grandfather. Ironically, it is with pride that through this patriarch and his surname that my family and I are direct kin to Jefferson Davis, late president of the Confederate States of America. In the postwar years, James Hamilton was raised in Mount Moriah Lodge No. 300 near Water Street, Pennsylvania, and became active in political affairs so as to eventually hold the office of county auditor. Like B.F. Youngblood in the early years of the 20th century, he passed on a well-known and respected Mason, firm both in his adherence to promoting the common good, and as a veteran in a reunited and stronger country, "to making good men better men".

Having seen the horrors of war, both grandfathers as respected community pillars, strengthened their home environs only to endure more tragedy. Both would bury their first wives, my great-great grand mothers, and nearly all of their children to these respective marriages.

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Grand Master Made Tall Cedar at Sight



At a Class named in his honor, the R.W. Grand Master, William Slater II was made a Tall Cedar at Sight by the Supreme Tall Cedar, A. Ralph Horlbeck. The ceremonies took place in Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149 in Washington, PA. At the same class the Supreme Tall Cedar, himself, was made an Honorary member of Syria Temple. Class members are pictured with the Local, District and National officers who officiated at the Class.

1st row l-r) Christopher Clark; S. Timothy Warco II; W. Frank Pryor, Supreme Director Region 6; Habibolah K. Talebi; James W. Snider; H.L. "Sammy" Knappenberger, Jr., Grand Tall Cedar, Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149. (2nd row l-r) Donald King; Robert L. Clifford; Robert L. Clifford III; James Erlinger; Ellis P. Updegraff, Jr., Past Supreme Tall Cedar. (3rd row l-r) William Raymond Bosley, Supreme Deputy Tall Cedar; A. Ralph Horlbeck, Supreme Tall Cedar; William Slater II, R.W. Grand Master; William F. Shultz, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. ♦

Freemasons' Hall

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Hall in the 1860s, to designs by Frederic Peypys Cockerill. Property had been acquired to the west of the existing Hall and Cockerill produced a classical design, incorporating Sandby's 1775 Grand Hall - which survived until 1930 when severe structural damage resulting from a fire in 1883 led to its demolition. Cockerill's Freemasons' Hall was largely demolished to make way for the current building but its eastern end survives as part of the Connaught Rooms.

Central to the present building is the Grand Temple, meeting place for Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and the annual meetings of a number of the Home Counties Provincial Grand Lodges. Masonic bronze doors, each weighing one and a quarter tonnes, open on to a Chamber 123 feet long, 90 feet wide and 62 feet high capable of seating 1,700. The ceiling cove is of Mosaic work and in addition to figures and symbols from Masonic ritual includes, in the corner, figures representing the four cardinal virtues - Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude and Justice - and the Arms of HRH Arthur, Duke of Connaught (youngest son of Queen Victoria) Grand Master 1901-1939, at whose suggestion the Masonic Peace memorial was built. ♦

Join Grand Master William Slater II & Potentate Robert M. Flood
at the

Western Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic

Friday, August 5, 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.

KENNYWOOD PARK

- ★ Ride-All-Day
- ★ Free Gift for Kids
- ★ Senior & Youth Games
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Bring Your Picnic Baskets
- ★ Free Buttermilk & Chocolate Milk
- ★ Door Prizes
- ★ The Grand Parade

- Co-Sponsored by -

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania & Syria Shrine

In association with

The Blue Lodges of W. Pennsylvania - Valley of Pittsburgh, AASR
York Rite Bodies - The Grotto - The Tall Cedars - Order of DeMolay - Rainbow
Job's Daughters - Eastern Star - Daughters of the Nile

ALL MASONS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

Pavilions are reserved for your picnic! Plenty of Free Parking! Grand Master William Slater II and Syria Potentate Robert Flood lead the colorful parade! Need Information? Call Dom Santaguida at 412-561-1009 or William Roberts at 412-683-0359 or Valley of Pittsburgh office at 412-939-3579 or Syria Shrine office at 724-274-7000.

W. PA Masonic Family Picnic Ticket Order

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ payable to Syria Shrine for tickets below:

_____ Adults @ \$17 = \$ _____ Senior Citizen (55 & older) @ \$12 = \$ _____

Name _____ Ph _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail Ticket Order Form To:

Syria Shrine, 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024 - 724-274-7000

PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE!



Bro. Randy S. Berridge, Sr., grandson of Thomas Berridge, P.M., 2nd from left, received his Master Masons degree on March 9, 2005 in W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410 which was witnessed by the best attended extra meeting the lodge has had in years. Also pictured above are Bro. Wayne F. Birster, Sr., P.M., Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th District, Bro. William E. Wetterau, P.M. ♦

Bro. Scott D. Slezak, P.M. of Pollock Lodge No. 502 in Tarentum, PA installed his Father Bro. Norbert F. Slezak as Worshipful Master of Victory Lodge No. 694 in Butler, PA. The unique side of that event was Bro. Scott conferred the 1st and 2nd degrees on his Father on May 2, 1997 and Sept. 19 respectively. Bro. Slezak (Sr.) commented that it was a very emotionally charged time for both Father and Son. ♦





Donald L. Albert
R.W. Grand Secretary

Brethren, we are sure that all of you reviewed the February 2005 issue of the *Freemason* and saw that 26 of our Masonic Lodges met the R. W. Grand Master's 10% increase Membership Goal for 2004. Please remember that this was established by the membership total of each Masonic Lodge as of the beginning of the 2004 Masonic Year.

When all our lodge statistics were presented for publishing in the 2004 Grand Lodge Proceedings (to be distributed during the month of July), a review of these statistics determined that, although not meeting the 10% Goal, 176 Masonic Lodges had a gain in membership, and 29 lodges equaled their membership from the previous year. Many of our Masonic Lodges narrowed the gap between Initiations and Deaths of its members, but as we all know deaths of our members are currently taking their toll. Many of the recent deceased members were part of the influx membership increase we experienced just after World War II and unfortunately we are experiencing our Brethren being called to their reward by God.

As we are all looking forward to the Man to Mason II One Day class and hope that you will support and participate on the dates during October and November. Your District Deputy Grand Master and Lodge Officers selected the dates because this year the One Day Class is being conducted at the District level. We are providing these dates for the One Day Class with this issue of the *Freemason*. If your candidate cannot attend one class, he may elect to receive the degrees in another class.

Please do your best to make this "Sharing the Light" event a success as only you can make this happen. ♦

Petition Hotline
1-800-990-1935

You're invited to attend the JUNE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

of the
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Saturday, June 4, 2005 - 10:00 a.m.

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

**TICKETS NOW FOR SPECIAL
GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY EVENTS**

Friday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh Pirates
vs
Atlanta Braves

at the state-of-the art PNC PARK

\$24.95 per person

FIREWORKS FOLLOWING GAME

Saturday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner/Dance Cruise on the Three Rivers

ABOARD THE GATEWAY CLIPPER FLEET

\$39.95 per person

SEE PITTSBURGH FROM ITS RIVERS

June Quarterly Event Coupon

Please send me tickets for the following June Quarterly events:

[] _____ ticket/s for the June Quarterly at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

[] _____ ticket/s for the Pirate Baseball Game @ \$24.95 each = \$ _____

[] _____ ticket/s for the Dinner/Dance Cruise @ \$39.95 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to the Grand Lodge of PA Total \$ _____

I have enclosed a self-addressed/stamped envelope for return of tickets.

Name _____ Ph _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Joan Patterson, Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19107



On June 9, 2003, Christopher J. Metzger, at age 18 became the youngest member of MacCalla Lodge 596, Souderton, Pa. His father, C. Lee Metzger, Jr., who was the Master of MacCalla Lodge, raised him. Also present was Chris's grandfather, Charles L. Metzger, Sr., a member of West Chester Lodge No. 322, West Chester, Pa., and a resident of the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pa. Pictured above are the three generations of Masons, Charles, Lee and Christopher Metzger. ♦



Bro. Paul Riffle of Mapleton, IA, a member of Isaac Heister Lodge No. 660 in Reading, PA recently served as Grand Tyler for the Grand Lodge of Iowa during a cornerstone laying ceremony at the new Maple Valley High School where Bro. Riffle is a Substitute Teacher and Assistant Football Coach. ♦



All three of the elected officers of Parker City-Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 521 are members of the same family (father and two sons). Pictured above (l-r) W. Thomas Marlowe, Jr. PDDGM, brother-in-law of Master Hazlet, W. David Hazlet IV, Senior Warden, W. David Hazlet III, Worshipful Master, Wade D. Hazlet, Junior Warden, Donald L. Miller, DDGM 52. Back row, Jon A. Fair, Grand Marshal, Mark E. Viertel, PDDGM 52, Richard A. Slaughenhoupt, PDDGM 52, and James D. Oberlin PDDGM 52. ♦

Lodges Named St. Albans Gather in Philadelphia

The weekend of October 8, 9, and 10, 2004, marked a singular occasion for the members of St. Alban Lodge No. 529, when they hosted the 51st annual *Gathering of the International Lodges Named St. Albans*. One hundred and fifty-nine brethren and their guests from Masonic Lodges either named for, or associated with St. Alban from nations around the world converged on Philadelphia, for a weekend of fellowship and brotherhood. Brethren from as far away as Great Britain and Northern Canada attended. Special guests included Worshipful Bro. Ronald Bélanger, Deputy Grand Master of Maryland, and his wife Karen and Bro. Gary Davis, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "C", and his wife Cheryl.



The 51st Gathering began with a cocktail party on Friday evening at the Philadelphia Marriott Courtyard Hotel where the attendees were registered by Brothers Benjamin Franklin and George Washington assisted by members of the Pennsylvania DeMolay. Later in the evening Bro. George Washington addressed the guests and charged them with developing and educating our young people.

Saturday morning, after breakfast in the Temple, Bro. Daniel Hinds, Superintendent of the Masonic Temple and his staff conducted tours of the Masonic Temple for the attendees. Following lunch in the Grand Banquet Room, the brethren gathered in the Ben Franklin Room where they assembled for a grand procession up the stairs and into Renaissance Hall - led by the Philadelphia Police and Fire, Pipes and Drums brigade, for a Special Meeting while the women were treated to trolley rides and shopping opportunities around historic Philadelphia.

At the special meeting, Bro. Edward L. Cole, Jr., W.M., St. Alban Lodge No. 529 conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Stephen Dunn assisted by Past Masters from the lodge who filled all of the chairs. The candidate is the son-in-law of Bro. David Klauder, Sr., P.M. and Pursuivant who also participated in the Raising.

On Saturday evening the attendees were treated to dinner and dancing until the wee hours with a 17 piece orchestra providing the music and a special visit by members of the Kensington String Band Mummies Group led by Past Grand Master Bro. Edward O. Weisser.

After Brunch on Sunday morning the attendees headed home happily anticipating the 52nd Annual Gathering in Marshall, MI in October 2005. ♦

Examples of Rules for the Governance of Masonic Behavior

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

Since May of this year there is a small exhibit in the Museum on rules for the governance of human behavior.

Ever since people have lived in groups, they have had some kind of government. Rules, no matter how rudimentary, were, and still are, necessary to ensure survival. Secondly they should make life more harmonious. Most organizations, therefore, have rules to govern them. They may or may not be codified, that is written out. Some small groups have common-sense unwritten rules, even as simple as "If you can't come, let someone know." Families have many rules to gov-

ern the behavior of their members, whose ages, functions, and needs vary greatly. Most would laugh at the idea of writing out these rules.

However, other kinds of groups, even relatively small ones, like Masonic lodges, need codified rules, so that everyone can be, literally, "on the same page." These rules are grouped together into documents usually referred to as by-laws, rules and regulations, or constitutions. Of these, the classic example is the United States Constitution written in 1787; with only 27 amendments, it is still serving the country and its representative democracy

well. The Constitution was inspired at least indirectly by the Magna Charta (1215), and presumably also by the Treaty of the Union of Utrecht (1579), the treaties of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy in northeastern North America; Brother Benjamin Franklin's Albany Plan (1754); and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1780), the oldest written, still-functioning constitution in the world. Possibly the fact that Great Britain has no written constitution inspired our Founding Fathers to draft one for the fledgling United States.

One form of governance is the Masonic constitution. Freemasonry is rooted in the British Isles around the time of the "Glorious" Revolution of 1688 which deposed the Stuart King, James II, and instituted constitutional monarchy and parliamentary government. Self-government was a new concept in the western world after 1688, and the Masonic Lodges offered the first local proof in practice that it works. There were documentable lodges in the British Isles at least by 1690; and the first grand lodge dates from 1717, when four London lodges came together and formed the Grand Lodge of England.

Individual lodges usually call their constitutions "by-laws;" grand lodges use either the title "Constitution" (as did Dr. James Anderson for the "Modern" Freemasons), or "Ahiman Rezon," meaning "a help to a brother" (Laurence Dermott for the "Ancient" Freemasons). When Benjamin Franklin published, that is, reprinted, Anderson's work, he used the same name "Constitutions," because he was a member of the "Modern" school of Freemasonry. It was the first Masonic book published in America. After Laurence Dermott, the Grand Secretary of the "Ancients" Grand Lodge of England, signed the charter forming what became the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the name *Ahiman Rezon* was used. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania published its constitution, based on Dermott's, in 1783.

Freemasonry was first established in Pennsylvania by "Moderns, one of two Masonic groups in the British Isles. The "Moderns," to which Benjamin Franklin belonged, was actually the older one, made up of men from the privileged classes. "Ancient" Freemasonry, on the other hand wanted, to appeal to men from a broader spectrum. As Margaret Jacob says in her *Living the Enlightenment: Freemasonry and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Europe*, "They wanted the lodge

to be a place where the virtues of middling men are practiced and rewarded." The American Revolution over, the "Ancients" Grand Lodge declared itself independent of Great Britain's "Ancients" Grand Lodge. The "Ancients" and "Moderns" in Britain were reconciled into the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, and use the term "Constitution(s)," as do most other jurisdictions the world over. The "Ancients," Pennsylvania among them, had used the term "Ahiman Rezon," thus the different names.

Of the words *Ahiman Rezon*, Coil says in his Encyclopedia, "only half-tongue-in-cheek, that Dermott 'could have done nothing better to perpetuate his Book of Constitutions for the Ancient Grand Lodge of England than to name it *Ahiman Rezon*, for scholars have been arguing about the meaning thereof for two centuries..." Some Masonic scholars say that the words *Ahiman Rezon* are Hebrew meaning roughly "secrets or will of a true, or prepared, brother." Others contend that they are Spanish for "There is a full account of the law."

"The 1783, or first Pennsylvania Grand Lodge edition subtitle reads: *Ahiman Rezon abridged and digested as a Help to all that are, or would be Free and Accepted Masons*. Note the "or would be:" anyone is free to read it, and anything else that is printed.

*Coil, Henry Wilson. Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia, rev. by Allen E. Roberts, et al. Richmond, VA: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc. 1995, p. 19-21.

Did you know?

The Constitutions of Freemasonry precede the governance codes of the countries in which it developed. ♦

Grand Master's Charity Golf – East Region

Mark your calendar and save the date of September 26, 2005, for a fun-filled day of golf.

This year's outing will be held at the beautiful Lulu Country Club in North Hills, PA which boasts an outstanding course designed by Donald Ross.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Children's Identification Program (CHIP), a safety measure designed for children and their families.

This program addresses the alarming fact that over one million children are reported missing in the United States each year.

Items to assist in the positive identification of a child are collected and given

to the child's family for safekeeping.

We want to make sure that every parent has the tools they need in the event their child is missing.

CHIP is the most comprehensive service of its kind and is provided free of charge to the public.

Space is limited, so make your reservations early. (Use Reservation Form below) The day includes golf with cart, refreshments on the course, lunch, social hour, dinner, prizes, and more.

For additional information about the Grand Master's Charity Golf – East Region, please call Bro. William J. Greet at (215) 887-4915. ♦

Benefits The Masonic Village at Sewickley

Grand Master's 2005 Western PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 19

Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley



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



Fee: \$150.00 per golfer. Includes bag drop, personalized bag tag, 22" duffel bag, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, social hour, dinner, skill prizes and door prizes.

- Reservation Form -

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

Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____

Mail reservations by **July 31, 2005**, with check, to either **Richard Stemmler**, 1315 Trent Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650 (724-537-7940) or **William Hartland**, 2030 North View Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 (724-863-6469).

Benefits the CHIP program

Grand Master's 2005 Eastern PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 26

LuLu Country Club, North Hills, PA



Registration: 10:30 a.m.
Buffet Lunch: 11:00 a.m.
Shotgun start: 12:00 noon
Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards: 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$160.00 per golfer.



Prizes: 2005 Auto for Hole-in-One, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Closest to Pin on all par 3's, gifts for all participants, skill prizes and door prizes.

- Reservation Form -

Enclosed is my check, payable to **Grand Master's Charities** in the amount of \$_____ for the following golfers:

Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____
Name _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Lodge Number _____

Mail reservations by August 15, 2005, with check, to Joyce Michelfelder, *Director of Gift Planning*, 801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799. Questions? 215-887-4915

✓ MARK THE DATE

Friday, November 11, 2005

The Western Pennsylvania
Black Tie Holiday

GALA

Heinz History Center

Light-Up Night in Pittsburgh
Heralding the Holiday Season

Details in September Issue of
The Pennsylvania Freemason

Allison Stains crowned Miss Job's Daughter



The Thirty-Sixth Annual Miss Job's Daughter Pageant was held on Saturday, April 2nd at the Freemasons Cultural Center in Elizabethtown, PA. There were 16 candidates competing for the title and the responsibility to represent the organization for the next 12 months. A panel of judges conducts extensive interviews, and the girls complete a variety of tests to determine who is best prepared to speak in public and lead their peers in promoting Job's Daughters.

In the photograph, Allison Stains of Chambersburg, wearing

the crown, sash and red cape of Miss Job's Daughter, and Christi Miller of Elizabethtown, Miss Congeniality, stand with an honor guard consisting of nine District Deputy Grand Masters who escorted all of the girls during the ceremonies. Miss Stains is the daughter of Bro. John Stains, DDGM of District 3, standing at the far right in the photograph. This pageant raises money for a scholarship fund to assist the academic achievement of members of Pennsylvania Job's Daughter Bethels. ♦



Annual Eastern Pennsylvania MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC

DORNEY PARK (10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)
WILDWATER KINGDOM (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Rain or Shine - Saturday, June 11, 2005

"All You Can Eat"

Menu served 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Reflections!

Sharing the Light of Freemasonry

Continued from page 12.

Yet, neither man withdrew from society, neither man became too cynical, brash or egocentric. While it could easily be said that each of these men had differing points of view and that nationally it came to blows, their mutual goals as Masons were honed by the same extremes and were intrinsically similar. In the final analysis, theirs is a dignity of character I could only hope to possess; theirs is a Masonic legacy I am blessed to know and be akin to.

I am honored - so mote it be! ♦

— Kevin G. Young

St. John's Lodge No. 260, F. & A.M.
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Ed Note: Reflections! will be a regular feature of the Pennsylvania Freemason. If you would like to reflect on how Freemasonry has affected your life and family, or if you would like to reflect on a Brother of the Craft, please write to: Editor, The Pennsylvania Freemason, 5415 Fifth Ave., Suite 102B, Pittsburgh, PA 15232-2256.



Franklin D. Caltagirone, Director



The best kept secret of Freemasonry is located at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Experience the mysteries of the Masonic Temple with the magnificent architecture. Every detail was

designed and is maintained to preserve our ancient heritage as builders — once of grand structures — now of high character.

ART

Walk through the splendid corridors and majestic Lodge Halls and be awed by their grandeur. An impressive collection of oil paintings. Statuary stained glass, murals and exquisite furnishings enhance the richness of the interior.

HISTORY

Many of the items found in the museum are as much a part of American History as they are Masonic History. Notable pieces in the collection include the 'apron' of Brother & General George Washington. The sash of Brother Benjamin Franklin, who served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the portrait of Brother & General Andrew Jackson.

LODGE ROOMS

The seven elegant halls in the Masonic Temple are, Egyptian, Renaissance, Oriental, Corinthian, Ionic, Norman and Gothic. The Grand entrance gate to the temple is formed by wide portals from North Broad Street opening into a Norman porch. The imposing doors of the Grand entrance gate are each seventeen feet high, seven feet wide and six inches thick. The doors are ornamented with beautiful Norman decorations in keeping with the porch.

This is why we must continue to support the Gold Book and Philanthropic Societies by being very generous. Donations from both individuals and Lodges are welcome. You can donate yearly, monthly or weekly. Please call me if you have any questions at 610-777-7549 or e-mail me at frankdcal@cs.com. ♦



A Woman's Touch

by Deb Phillips

"Summer afternoon — summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

— Henry James

Ah! Lazy summer afternoons and evenings spent climbing trees, splashing in the nearby creek, riding my bike for miles, blowing soap bubbles, catching fireflies or gliding through the air on the porch swing... that was the way to spend a summer.

Now, I can't wait to get from my air-conditioned office to my air-conditioned car to my air-conditioned house. And I don't think I'm alone. Besides being older and having more responsibilities, what has changed? More importantly, how can I get some of that youthful "carefree-ness" back?

Sometimes the same phenomena is true of our involvement in our Masonic family organizations. We begin the "youth" of our membership enthusiastic, wanting to learn and explore the all there is to see and do in the "world" of this new organization. And then, as time goes by, we grow more "mature" in our membership, forgetting or losing that original enthusiasm. How do we get that enthusiasm back?

I'm sure the leaders of many

organizations ask themselves that same question quite often, unfortunately. But the true answer lies in each member... because each person has a different reason as to why they joined.

Start your journey to a more enthusiastic membership by attending meetings, getting involved on committees, invite a friend (or two) to join your organization and share their "youthful" membership enthusiasm! It all begins with YOU, as you "Share the Light" with others.

And maybe spend an evening catching fireflies!

After an evening of catching fireflies, cool down with a refreshing Watermelon Cooler—

Watermelon Cooler

1 1/2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
Juice of one lime
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
Mint sprigs (for garnish)

Place watermelon, lime juice and sugar in a blender and process at high speed until smooth. Fill a 12-ounce glass with ice cubes; pour watermelon mixture over the ice and garnish with mint. Makes 1 serving. ♦

Sam R. Aungst, W.M. Ivy Lodge No. 397

Country Community Freemasonry Family



The 'S' in Sam also stands for Service. Sam's adult life has been dedicated to Service to Country, Community, Freemasonry and Family.

- He has served two 1-year terms in service to our Country with the Air National Guard: 2001-2 in Oman, also in 2003-4 in Iraq.
- His daily job is in service to his Community as a Firefighter for the City of Williamsport.
- He now serves Freemasonry as Worshipful Master of Ivy Lodge No. 397 in Williamsport.
- He and his wife Sara are the proud parents of their 6 year old son Warren.

Ed Note: Bro. Aungst was inadvertently omitted from District 18 listing of Lodges and Worshipful Masters in the last issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason. We apologize to Ivy Lodge No. 397 and to Bro. Aungst. ♦

YOUTH NEWS

ὁδηγος HODEGOS Awards

Recognizing the outstanding efforts of volunteers for the Masonic Youth Groups in Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the creation of the HODEGOS Award. Administered by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, the HODEGOS Award, (pronounced HAH-DAY-GOSS) will recognize truly outstanding adult leaders of the youth programs, and will create further awareness of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's extensive support of our Masonic Youth.

The award takes its name from a Greek word hodegos, meaning "a leader, a guide and an instructor of the inexperienced." It will be awarded to volunteers who have a minimum of seven years of service to a Rainbow Girl Assembly, a Job's Daughter Bethel or a DeMolay Chapter in Pennsylvania. The Masonic Youth Leader Recognition Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation to develop the criteria and regalia for this award, and to select the Charter Class of youth volunteers who set the standard for all future nominations.

The award consists of a solid gold oval pin, or necklace charm drop, bearing the word, hodegos, written in Greek. It's simplicity and uniqueness is designed to be elegant and eye-catching, so that recipients will wear it in their daily activities. It is intended that they will have the opportunity to explain the youth program sponsored by the Grand Lodge when the inevitable question about it comes.

The Committee, made up of representatives of each youth group, recommended five volunteers from each group, distinguished for their long years and high quality of service to Masonic Youth. These were enthusiastically approved by vote of the entire Board of Directors. It should be no surprise that some of these recipients are members of that Board-- they were appointed to it by the Grand Master for good reason. The Board then unanimously voted to add its own selection to the list. The 2005 Charter Class for the Hodegos Award is:

Bro. David W. Berry, DeMolay
Mrs. Dolores Ehrenfeld, Rainbow
Bro. Robert L. Engel, DeMolay
Bro. William M. Glose, III, DeMolay
Bro. Richard Hall, Job's Daughters
Mrs. Sara Hall, Job's Daughters
Mrs. Eugenia Harcar, Rainbow
Mrs. Ruth Hodge, Rainbow
Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Rainbow
Mrs. Rebecca Hubley, Job's Daughters
Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Pa. Youth Foundation
Mrs. Nancy Morris, Job's Daughters
Mr. Joseph Preletz, DeMolay
Mrs. Donna Salazar, Rainbow
Mrs. Donna Taylor, Job's Daughters
Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, DeMolay

Beginning in July, nominations will be accepted from the youth groups for the 2006 Class. A maximum of two volunteers per organization will be selected annually. The Masonic Youth Leader Recognition Committee will review the nominations. Their selection will be based upon the record of service provided by the nominees to the youth groups, and testimonial letters submitted as part of the nomination process. At least one of these letters must come from the youth members themselves. Full details on the nomination procedure will be given to the youth groups in June. ♦

DeMolays Attend Presidential Inauguration



Where were you on January 20th? The Presidential Inauguration was the destination for over 200 Pennsylvania DeMolays, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, family and friends on January 20, 2005. Four full buses left Elizabethtown for this "once in a lifetime" trip to Washington, DC, and the Inauguration activities. The attendees, clad in embroidered blue souvenir hats sponsored by Lodge 9,

Philadelphia, stopped by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria for a group photo, and continued via the Metro system to the downtown Mall to see the ceremonies, parade, and plenty of security. This is the fifth Inaugural Trip that Pennsylvania DeMolay has organized, and plans are already in motion for 2009. ♦

Valley of Pittsburgh, AASR Sponsors DeMolay Class



The Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix, A.A.S.R. invests both money and time in helping the Order of DeMolay grow. On March 12, 2005, they sponsored a class of new members for Pennsylvania DeMolay at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. Most Wise Master, John Turkovsky, and several officers were in attendance.

The DeMolay program facilitates youth-led activities and 17-year-old David Labagh, State Scribe, took the

responsibility of organizing this program. He chose the degree teams, which had never before worked together. The teams represented ALL the Chapters in Western Pennsylvania. By being prepared in advance they were able to perform with just one brief rehearsal in the morning. Candidates and their parents attended the afternoon conferral of the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees, which were performed in impressive fashion. The memorized ritual work earned high praise from all of the Masons present. The formal ceremonies

were concluded with the presentation of commemorative certificates and Pennsylvania DeMolay pins to the fourteen new members who were inducted. After the ceremonies nearly 200 participants enjoyed a meatloaf dinner, and the evening ended with music and a fun social activity. The Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix once again covered the food costs and the use of the Masonic Center, and has been the proud sponsor of this class for more than 20 years. ♦

Donation honors RWPGM

As a part of the January 20th Inaugural trip, the selected state officers of Pennsylvania DeMolay presented a donation of \$1000.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in honor of RWPGM W. Scott Stoner who became President



of the Association in February of this year.

"Dad" Stoner has been a longtime supporter of Pennsylvania DeMolay, served many years as Chapter Advisor for Lancaster Chapter and is an Honorary Member of DeMolay International. In the photo, Bro. George Seghers, (far right) Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Memorial, received the check from (l-r) State Scribe David Labagh, State Treasurer Zachary Kahley, State Master Councilor Justin Killian, and State Senior Councilor Seth Anthony. A plaque at the Memorial, and a certificate recognizing Pennsylvania DeMolay as a Twenty-First Century Member of the Association, acknowledged the donation. ♦

Youth Leading Lodges

The year 2005 has been an exciting one for young Master Masons under the age of twenty-one. State Master Councilor Justin Killian was given the unique opportunity to confer the Master Mason's Degree on his father, Robert, on January 22, 2005. Justin joined Elizabethtown DeMolay in 1999, and shortly thereafter his father became an Advisor for the Chapter. When he reached his 18th birthday in 2003, Justin joined the Chapter's sponsoring body, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682. By conferring this degree, Justin fulfilled a wish he shared with us when interviewed for the Masonic Heritage video shown to participants in the Man To Mason One Day Adventure. The Lodge officers were impressed with his conferral, but were stunned when it was announced that he learned it in just 10 days. His ritual coaches were Thomas R. Labagh, PM, Brent D. Richards, SW, and Samuel C. Williamson, RWPGM.

At another unusual event in January, Master Mason Kurt Chillas, II, was installed as Master Councilor of Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Kurt may be the first Master Mason in Pennsylvania to hold that office in DeMolay. Kurt began his DeMolay career when he joined Riverside Chapter in Columbia in 1999, where he served as Master Councilor. He became a Master Mason in 2004 in Lamberton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster, PA.

And, speaking of unusual twists, Master Mason Gerald Miller, who joined Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 in 2004, became interested in the activities of the local DeMolay Chapter. As an active Mason, he recognized the important charitable activities of the Chapter and he also realized how much fun the members were having, so on March 13, 2005 he was inducted into Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, becoming one of only a few Master Masons in Pennsylvania who joined a DeMolay Chapter after becoming a Mason. ♦



Coming Soon: Masonic Village at Dallas!

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Irem Shrine, R.W.G.M. William Slater II and Potentate William A. Patton announce a joint venture — Masonic Village at Dallas.

Irem leadership has been interested in developing an active golf course community to benefit their current and future members. At the same time, the Masonic Villages recognize that the Irem area is an underserved part of our Commonwealth, as it is more than two hours from a Masonic retirement community. By working together as Brethren, we hope to accomplish both goals at this time.

On March 9, 2005, members of the Irem Shrine in Dallas, Pa., unanimously voted to approve pre-marketing of 97 apartment and cottage homes by the Masonic Villages. These newest proposed retirement living accommodations will include various floor plans to be constructed on the grounds of the beautiful Irem Country Club in Dallas.

Residents of our newest community would have an opportunity to live in one of the premier golf retirement communities in the country. They would enjoy the same peace of mind and security in knowing quality healthcare services would be available, should they ever need them, through preferred access to regional skilled and assisted living providers along with access to any of our Masonic Village healthcare facilities in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster.

You are encouraged to complete a priority interest application for an accommodation of your choice as soon as possible due to the limited number of units being planned for construction. Following approval of the community by governmental authorities, a \$1,000 deposit will be required and, at that time, your name will be prioritized in the order in which we received your priority interest application.

If you want to enjoy a dynamic lifestyle, peace of mind and security, high atop the endless mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Masonic Village at Dallas is for you! To add your name to the priority interest list or learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please call the Marketing office at 1-866-851-4243 or complete and mail the coupon below.



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Recommended Reading from the Gift Shop



Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian

Every Freemason should try to build his own personal Masonic library. The Gift Shop offers a variety of Masonic-related books, one being *Freemasonry in American History* by Allen E. Roberts. Mr. Roberts was a distinguished and prolific Masonic author whose love for the Fraternity is obvious in his writings.

Freemasonry in American History is a one-volume book that weaves the story of American Freemasonry into the history of the United States. It begins with a chapter on 18th century Masonry in England and some theories on its early beginnings. From there Mr. Roberts examines early colonial Freemasonry and proceeds to take the reader on a historic march through the American Revolution, the Anti-Masonic period, the westward expansion of this country, the Civil War and the ups and downs of the 20th Century ending in the early 1980's, as he introduces to the reader (to Masons and non-Masons) those who were an important part of our history.

Allen E. Roberts has written a book that is both readable and a valuable resource to any Freemason who is interested in history. ♦



The library has many books on the subject of Knights Templar from *The Knights Templar* (C.G. Addison), *Dungeon, Fire and Sword* (John J. Robinson) to the popular *The Da Vinci Code* (Dan Brown). A book entitled *The Knights Templar Chronology* by George Smart has recently been published, which will help readers understand Templar History.

Mr. Smart has written a helpful resource in the form of a timeline of three centuries of the rise and fall of the Knights Templar. He has included maps of the areas in Europe and the Middle East where important Templar events occurred. Each chapter has a synopsis of the year's events starting with "Prelude to war" when Europe emerged from the Dark Ages and prepared for the Crusades, and concluding with chapter five, "Downfall," the Knights Templars' fall from grace and eventual demise. It is very informative to see what is taking place in the same year in different parts of the world.

The history of the Knights Templar will continue to intrigue and fascinate, and *The Knights Templar Chronology* will help with our understanding of events that took place centuries ago. This book and others are available in the circulating library. Request, read, enjoy! ♦



Treasures of the Temple

Historic Preservation

We have a tendency to record the history of our lodges in terms of who was or is a member, when and where we meet, what activities the lodge has been engaged in and other Masonic events that involved the members.

Although this information is of great importance, we need to ask ourselves, "Have we spent any time in recording the detailed history of the inanimate objects within our lodge rooms?"

Through the years the Grand Lodge has been cognizant of the importance of keeping records of the various lodge rooms within the Temple. The Master's chair in Gothic hall serves as an excellent example of records kept within our archives. Upon entering Gothic Hall you are immediately taken by the grandeur of the room. Your eyes fall upon the beautifully carved seats and sofas reproduced in the English "late perpendicular style." You look at the many portraits of past R.E. Grand Commanders and, as you continue to survey the hall, you cannot but notice the large American mid-Victorian Gothic carved oak throne chair that sits in the East.

The cathedral style chair is a copy of the one used by the Archbishop of

Canterbury and was made in 1855 for the Grand Lodge Room of the New Masonic Hall located in Philadelphia (Chestnut Street between 7th and 8th). This Master's chair, along with the other furniture in the Lodge rooms of the New Masonic Hall, was conceived and carved in a Gothic motif according to specifications of the architect Samuel Slone.

Crafted in sensitive detail with cricketing, scrollwork, tracery and other Gothic devices, this chair has a tall back with open grillwork and is punctuated with a row of cusp-and-foil roundels carved between uprights supporting a steep canopy. The chair is 115 inches high, 41 1/2 inches wide and 37 inches deep. It is a magnificent piece of furniture and truly unparalleled in its splendor.

What makes this chair even more unique is that Joseph Bailly and Charles Buschor carved it. These are the same sculptors who carved the figures Strength, Wisdom, Beauty, Hope and Faith, which adorn the second floor hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.



The Grand Lodge has been fortunate over the years to have people who took the time and effort to record, not only the fraternal activities of the Grand lodge, but also the details of inanimate objects which provide such a rich and vivid history of our past.

Considering the importance that people through the years have placed upon detailed records within the Temple, perhaps you might do research to determine how much information your Blue Lodge minutes or archives contain regarding the furniture in your lodge room. Is there an accurate record of their appearance, age, manufacture,

or other detailed description of the pieces? If not, consider putting together a report for your lodge detailing the many pieces of Masonic history that adorn your meeting room. This information, entered as a committee report into your minutes or placed with your lodge history/archives will then be recorded for posterity and some-

one in the future will be very appreciative of your dedication to the history of your lodge. ♦

Ken McCarty
Director,
Masonic Library and Museum

Fireside Fraternity

Continued from page 10.

would not be in the Fraternity today. Think about where you would be today if no one was there to assist you and lead you on the path.

I have heard a great deal of talk about history and tradition being ignored or put on a shelf. But are you willing to do something about preserving those traditions and the history of the Fraternity? Our forefathers gave us a great organization, yet all we want to do is talk about what is wrong with it. I ask each of you to take time from your busy life for one hour this month and talk to someone about the Fraternity. I don't care if it's your wife, your neighbor, a brother, or even your dog. Talk about why you joined the Fraternity and what made it special for you. Renew your Masonic spirit. Recommit yourself to your lodge and the Fraternity. Those good men who have gone before us are counting on us to preserve the Fraternity. All I ask you to do is look inside yourself and make sure you are doing your part. Keep the faith and Keep Sharing the Light. See you in Lodge.

Keep *Sharing the Light* and I'll talk to you next time. ♦

Fraternally, Marty



Ed. Note: Bro. Migliori is a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th Masonic District and a Past Master of Factoryville Lodge No. 341. His column *Fireside Fraternity* will be appearing regularly in the *Pennsylvania Freemason*. Bro. Migliori is a graduate of the US Naval Academy; class of 1985. You may contact him via the internet at: mkmigs@ptd.net



Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

by Ed Miles, DDGM at Large

It is my pleasure to update you on the progress of one of the most exciting programs that has ever been launched by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Brother William Slater II, R. W. Grand Master, has provided every member of this fraternity, their family, friends, and neighbors the opportunity to protect every child in Pennsylvania.

Thirty thousand kids were protected in the first three months of this year alone. Demand is increasing and we are working hard to address the issues of this growth. We ask you to invite others to go to the Grand Lodge website and see the **CHIP** section. All **CHIP** events for the state are listed there. We are adding new information to help you hold successful events.

The Foundation is working hard to insure the quality of the program. On April 20, 2005, a meeting was held with our partners, the Crime Prevention Association of Pennsylvania, and a representative of the Pennsylvania State Police, who is involved in the Amber Alert system. Our approach in this review was to make sure we were producing an effective kit – useful for the recovery of children while meeting our obligation of cost control.

During this meeting, the kit was reviewed. Improvements were discussed. We received valuable insight from the Pennsylvania State Police. The recommendations offered are being reviewed right now for implementation. Please continue to use the current process until we finalize the improvements. The process we use is very good but we are going to make it BETTER.

On April 29, 2005, Brother Raymond Brown, Executive Director, and I met with the faculty at the College of Communications at Boston University.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

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Boston University has an award winning Communications program and is one of the top ranked schools in the nation. Their PR lab group and advertising lab group produce professional work used by major corporations which is seen everyday on television, heard on radio, and seen on billboards and newsprint.

The Communications Department faculty has offered to review **CHIP** with us. If they accept us as a project, they will provide the same professional level of PR and advertising for which major corporations pay large sums of money. The difference being that their talent will be provided to us for free. Work on

our program would begin in the fall for the next semester. Their expertise covers a broad range of mediums.

The success of this program, in the format that we have produced in Pennsylvania, is recognized by Grand Lodges outside of our jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Washington D.C. and other Grand Lodges are discussing with us about using our system to protect children in their areas. We talk about how good our program is but our talk cannot compare to the acceptance by others outside our jurisdiction.

Thank you Brethren for working with us to make this program successful. ♦

Grand Master William Slater II

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- ★ **Friday 09** – Take a ride aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train. A 4 course luncheon is included. From 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.
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Approximate cost is \$1280 per double occupancy. (singles \$950). Price includes room at the Napa Valley Marriott Resort and Spa, a lunch, tour, and tasting at the Chateau Potelle Winery, a trip aboard the Wine Train with a 4-course luncheon and a tour and tasting at the Niebaum-Coppola Winery. Round trip airfare from nearest departure city arranged at time of booking at an additional cost. A rental car is recommended, as there will be ample time to tour other wineries and nearby attractions. Reservations must be made prior to July 1, 2005! Space is limited as we will be traveling during the heart of crushing season.

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and

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Thomas W. Jackson, RWPGS
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A Meeting of the Minds



It is a meeting of the
minds when the
Academy of Masonic
Knowledge gathers for
its semi-annual meet-
ings, and not all are
like-minded, but you
can be sure on one
thing-- the minds are
challenged! At the

meeting on March 19th at the Freemasons
Cultural Center in the Masonic Village at
Elizabethtown, nearly 150 members of the
Academy heard two excellent papers on
the state of the Craft.

In the morning, Bro. William J. Mollere,
Past Grand Master and Past Grand
Secretary of the International Supreme
Council of the Order
of DeMolay, as well as
Deputy for the
Supreme Council of
the Scottish Rite,
Southern Jurisdiction,
for the State of
Louisiana, spoke on
Freemasonry in
Louisiana. He
informed the audience
about the diverse his-
tory of Freemasonry
in Louisiana, where
some of the early
Lodges were char-
tered by the Grand

Lodge of Pennsylvania. Even today, the
ritual varies from Lodge to Lodge across
the state.

In the afternoon session, Brother and
Doctor John L. Cooper III, Right Worshipful
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of
California, spoke on *The Garbage Can*

Theory of Masonic History. He suggest-
ed that there are plenty of books avail-
able about Freemasonry, but that some
are just a collection of ridiculous
unproven theories, without any founda-
tion or scholarly
basis. Responding to
a question about the
customs and laws of
the Grand Lodge of
California, and how
they differ from
Pennsylvania, he
stated, (somewhat
tongue-in-cheek) that
there is "nothing in
our law that prohibits
a one-day-class -- as
long as a man can
return his obligation
in open Lodge
between the
degrees."

The traditional
question and answer
session followed
each presentation,
with the usual thoughtful queries and
insightful comments from the speakers
and the panel.

It was reported that over 350
Pennsylvania Masons had attended at
least one meeting of the Academy, over
200 had signed up to participate in the
Masonic Scholar Program and that over
25% are actively pursuing certification by
having already submitted at least one
paper. Since the Academy began, there
have been 38 articles for publication and
over 80 Lodge presentations and talks



Bros. William J. Mollere and Thomas W. Jackson

given as a result of the Academy's work.

Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R. W.
Deputy Grand Master, presented certi-
ficates to those who had achieved the
Level One Masonic Scholar status. To be
recognized as a Level 1, 2 or 3 Masonic
Scholar, a man must acquire Masonic

Education Credits by reviewing approved
Masonic books, presenting Masonic edu-
cational papers and writing articles for
publication. At present there are 15
Master Masonic Scholars who have



Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., presented a Level 1 Masonic Scholar
certificate to Bro. Paul D. Balzer, Eureka Lodge No. 302,
Mechanicsburg.

completed all three levels of reading and
research required for that designation.
Details can be found at www.pagrand-lodge.org/programs/academy.

The next meeting of the Academy of
Masonic Knowledge will be at the
Freemasons Cultural Center on October
8, 2005. Any Master Mason may attend.
Registration is necessary, but there is no
cost for the program or the luncheon. To
register contact Bro. Jim Standish at
stdsh@comcast.net or at 1 Pierce
Court, Glen Mills, PA 19342-1787. Be
sure to provide your name, address,
Lodge number, telephone number, and
e-mail address. ♦

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Bro. Michael Shawn Hardy received all three degrees by special dispensation from the RWGM Bro. William Slater II on January 15, 2005. Brother Hardy was leaving for his tour of duty with the US Army in Iraq the following week. (l-r) Bro. Kevin J. Leondi, P.M., who conferred the EA Masons degree, Bro. Michael Shawn Hardy, Bro. Mark A. Burrowbridge, W.M. who conferred the Master Masons Degree, Bro. Shawn A. Fuller, P.M., who conferred the Fellowcraft Masons degree. Back row: Bro. Elwood E. Davidson, P.M., S.W., Bro. Peter R. Treinble, P.M., Guide and Bro. David M. Troutman, J.W. ♦

Potpourri

Washington Lodge No. 164 and **Blue Knights Chapter XVI** are jointly sponsoring the annual motorcycle **Blue Ride for Charity** on Sunday, July 31. Cost is \$15 (single) \$25 (double). Make checks payable to **Blue Ride Fund, PO Box 422, Eighty Four, PA 15330**. For more information, contact **Bro. David Richards, PM** by e-mail wddr@bentcom.net or by phone at 724-746-8474. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn, Meadowlands, PA – call 724-222-6200 or by e-mail at hollday-inn.com/washpa – ask for the **Blue Knights Blue Ride** special rate. ♦ Lodges of Masonic District D, **Charles T. Graham, DDGM**, are hosting the members of DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters as well as the Youth from the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, with complimentary tickets to the **14th Annual E. Pennsylvania Masonic Family Picnic** at Dorney Park/Wildwater Kingdom on Saturday, June 11. See page 18 to order tickets for you and your family. ♦ **District 57 Youth Chairman, Bro. Clyde W. Zimmerman, Jr.**'s niece Natalie Blake, a ninth-grade visual arts major at Pittsburgh's High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, has completed her term as worthy advisor for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She will receive her Silver Award in Girl Scouting and she helps out at "Brentwood Cares" meetings and is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who in Poetry. She recently attended the inauguration of President Bush and sat in the VIP section thanks to a pass given to her by U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy and donated by councilman Ed Haney of Brentwood. ♦ **Bro. George M. Barclay** of York Lodge No. 266 writes, "In reading this issue (February 2005) I was struck by the article and photo on page 13. In November 1917, my late Father, Captain Milton R. Barclay received his three degrees in one evening in Marion Lodge under special dispensation from the Grand Master. He was under overseas shipping orders for France where he served with the Third Division. ♦



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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 free countries of 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 the 51 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 D.A.R.E. Program 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 more than 400 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania with a membership of nearly 130,000.

What is Not Freemasonry

Freemasonry is not organized for profit. However, the charity and services rendered are beyond measure. It is not an insurance or beneficial society. It is not a religion but religious in nature.

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:

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Residents of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown do not face those worries. When they move on campus, they know that whatever health issues may arise, we are able to assist them. A good example is of a woman living in the Residential Living area enjoying her time at craft classes and day trips. One day, she wakes up with a tightness in her chest. Concerned, she pulls the emergency cord conveniently located on her floor. This alerts the emergency response team, which is dispatched to her suite. An ambulance is called, and she is admitted to the local hospital, where it is determined she suffered a heart attack. When ready for discharge, she is transported to the Masonic Health Care Center for a rehabilitation stay. After completion of her rehab stay, she transitions back to her residential suite.

That sounds so easy, doesn't it? However, for the person living alone in a house or apartment, this scenario can be a nightmare. Many times, much time is lost in getting the ambulance to the home and then transporting to the hospital. Nearing the end of the hospital stay, a social worker tries to assist the patient in locating a nursing home for rehabilitation. That social worker will find the first open room and arrange transport for the rehabilitation stay. While at rehab, the patient is often not able to go directly back home because he or she needs some support services to finish the path to complete wellness. Then in-home care or family assistance must be arranged.

If you find yourself in the hospital in need of rehabilitation, Masonic Village can be the place to come to get back on the road to wellness. A full range of subacute care is available, with an interdisciplinary team establishing a treatment process for each patient. Care management will follow the patient from hospitalization to discharge. Most of all, you are cared about as a person as well as a patient.

We also offer nursing services on a long-term basis. If someone has progressed to the point in life where these services are needed, our nursing neighborhoods are ideal. Staffed with caring doctors, nurses and aides, we can make life comfortable and worry free.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown offers a full range of services. Opting to move into one of our active areas, such as the Residential Living area, can alleviate worries about future care needs. When you need care, we are there for you.

A completed application is a good first step to take. The information we receive allows us to offer options. If you or someone you care about is interested in Residential Living or Assisted Living or may need nursing care, call **1-800-422-1207** to obtain an application or to ask questions. There is no fee to apply, and applications can be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or picked up. Call today and learn more about how we can make your life easier.

Building on Faith & a Vision Masonic Village at Sewickley

When prospective residents visited Masonic Village back in 2001, all they could see was a lot of mud, a couple of fields and some trees. "It was difficult to visualize back then, since all we could look at were a few drawings," said Ed Beaman, who, along with his wife, Catherine, reside at Masonic Village. "Since I have been involved in construction projects, I may have had an advantage."



What a difference a few years can make! Now Masonic Village stands as one of the premier retirement communities in Western Pennsylvania. Nearing full capacity, the community has been nationally recognized for its architectural design and construction technique.

When the Beamans help lead tours at the village's monthly open houses, they like to share that coming to Masonic Village was originally a gift to their children. "We plan to live long, happy and healthy lives at Masonic Village, but if something does happen to our health down the road, our children are never going to be burdened with searching for quality care—it's all here!" Catherine said. "We view it as taking responsibility for our lives." The Beamans know about quality care since Catherine's mother, Agnes Combs, spent her final years living at the community's nursing facility, Valley Care Masonic Center.

Now, as the beautifully landscaped campus greets new prospects daily, the ability to envision the future is no longer necessary. The future is here, and those early pioneers who visited the construction trailer could not be more pleased. "We knew that we had to plan for our futures, and we had faith in the Masonic Villages organization," Ed added. "The fact that this is a lifecare community is just icing on the cake."

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