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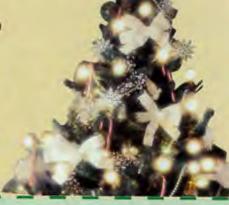
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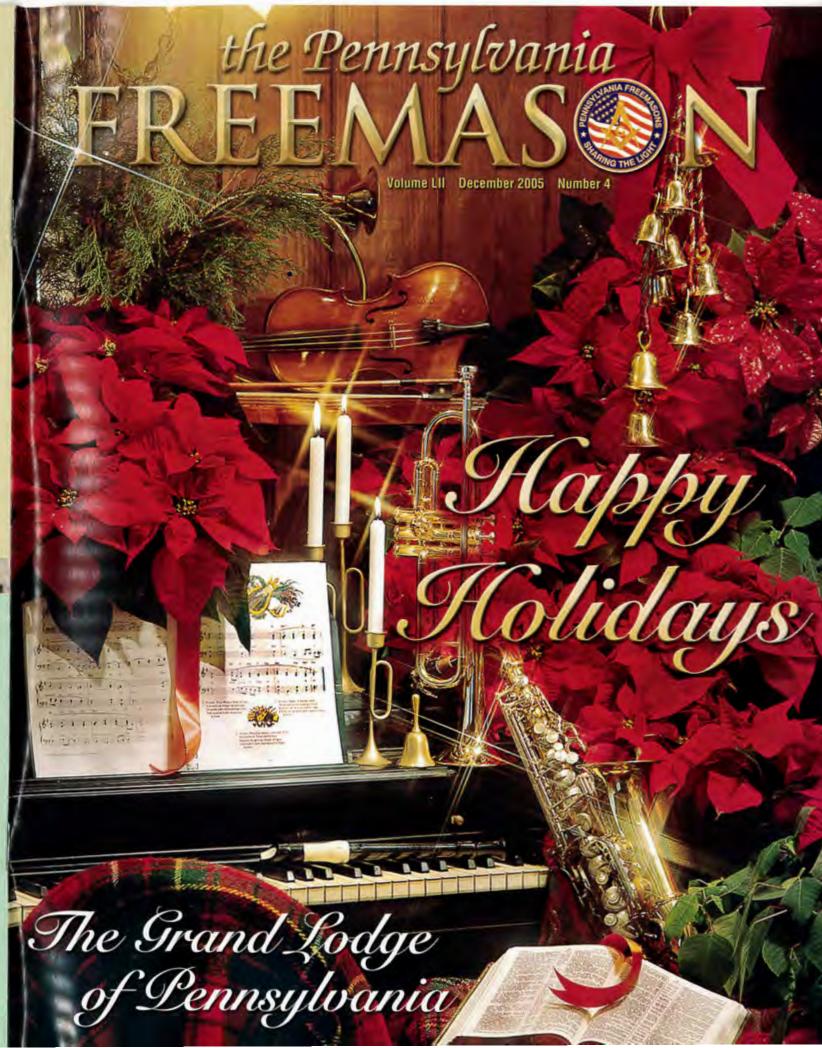
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It's Been A Very Good Two Years!

. It's been 23 months since I took office as your Grand Master, and together we have accomplished many exciting and significant ventures that have strengthened Pennsylvania Freemasonry and our outreach into our communities.

The Man to Mason classes were successful because of the involvement, commitment and teamwork from our membership, and the response from those who joined us during these one day classes. They sparked excitement and a new commitment to reaching out to good men and Sharing the Light. Through your efforts, we gained thousands of new members and leaders who have brought new ideas and enthusiasm into our lodges. Even though only 5 percent of the membership actually was a first line signer on a petition in 2004, it was still the most successful membership initiative program that the Grand Lodge implemented in 42 years, and it showed that there are many men out there who still want to be Masons.

Whether you signed a petition, mentor a candidate, worked on a degree team, served on a reception committee or in any way took part in any of the Man to Mason classes, you should feel proud as you did your part to build-up our fraternity with quality men who will perpetuate our traditions and Share the Light within their own families, friends and communities.

Whether you are a new member or a third generation Mason who has earned your 50-year Emblem of Gold, I encourage you to make the most of your membership. Be sure to get your money's worth out of Freemasonry:

- Visit your Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and see for yourself why it is considered an architectural wonder. Take a tour into the past among the treasures

that form our history and our heritage.

Villages - they are growing and thriving in another 200,000 kids by the end of 2005. response to interest and needs demonstrated by our members and their families. and now the fraternity has 60 in operation Take the time to meet some of the resi- across the state, along with the use of two dents and staff providing services to over CHIP vans. In two years alone, we have 2,400 Masons and their families through- held CHIP events in about 20 percent of out Pennsylvania. Call ahead and tour some of the recently renovated areas in Warminster, Lafayette Hill and Sewickley and the newly constructed cottages in events. Elizabethtown. The upcoming Dallas community is 70 percent reserved, and if approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes, construction will begin in 2006.

- · Help to strengthen our fraternity for tomorrow by starting with our youth of today. Get involved with one or more of our Masonic youth groups, which present opportunities to enrich young lives and share our Masonic principles so young men want to become Masons as soon as they are eligible.
- · Mentor a candidate. We must continue to quide our newly raised members so their pride in our Masonic heritage grows along with their commitment and involve-
- · Take a leadership position within your blue lodge or appendant body (Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, etc.)
- · Become more involved by learning to confer ritualistic degree work.
- · Bring Freemasonry full-circle by sponsoring a new candidate, and giving him the same gift of membership that you enjoy!

The Masonic CHIP Program that started with a single generous donation of \$50,000 and an aggressive goal to ID 50,000 children throughout 2004, grew reaching out to through the enthusiasm and support of help others in our members, their families and lodges into a communities. So tremendously successful outreach. We Mote it Be! . almost doubled that original goal last year,

CHIPing about 98,000 children in 2004, · Visit one, if not all, of the Masonic and this year are well on our way to IDing

The program began with two cameras the state's school districts, as well as numerous others in lodges, centers of worship, shopping malls and at community

I extend my sincere thanks to all of the districts, lodges and appendant bodies that volunteered with the Masonic CHIP Program to make our local communities

Two organized motorcycle rides to Sturgis, SD were a wonderful experience and opportunity for over 100 masonic motorcyclist to enjoy, explore and appreciate the beautiful country that we live in. The camaraderie between the "bikers" from across Pennsylvania has led to the establishment of two masonic motorcycle clubs in the Pittsburgh and Reading areas. Under the auspices of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. these clubs, known as Hiram's Scottish Rite Riders, are dedicated to raising lunds for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children which provides free treatment for children with dyslexia.

Brethren, Pennsylvania Freemasonry has never been stronger. Let's continue to work together to Share the Light of Freemasonry by keeping membership at the forefront in our

minds, caring for our Brethren, and their families, and



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#### Scholarship Presentation



Donald R. Shaffer, Master of Hnydman Lodge No. 589, presents a \$750 check to Blake Coughenour of Hyndman. Blake is recipient of the 2005 Hyndman Masonic Lodge Scholarship awarded each year to a graduating senior from Hyndman Middle-Senior High

school. Applicants must demonstrate high academic achievement and exhibit character, which is required of Masons. Blake was the valendictorian of his class and is attending Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He is majoring in Physics and aspiring to become an Astrophysicist. He is the son of Mike and Deanna Coughenour of Hyndman, PA.

#### Masonic Men's Club Started



Joe Manzinger, Bethel Lodge No. 761; John W. Haught, Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783; Howard I. M. Graham, PM, Wilmington Lodge No. 804; Ralph R. Dukstein, PM, Dormont Lodge No. 684.

The Masonic Village at Sewickley (Pittsburgh) Masonic Men's Club was established in December 2004. At the monthly meeting in September, the club was renamed the William Slater II Master Mason's Club in honor of Grand Master Slater's service to Masonry in general and Western Pennsylvania in particular. The club has upward of eighty members, all residents at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. Monthly guest speakers include D. William Roberts, DDGM 47 in January; Bro. Joseph Murphy CEO, Masonic Villages, in March. Pete Countouris, Food Services Director, in April; H. William DeWeese, State Representative in May; William Slater II, RWGM in September. Activities have included 'Barbecue in The Courtyard', Lodge meetings at Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 (Bro. William Hanwell, Worshipful Master of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 is a resident at the Village) bus excursions, evenings at the Civic Light Opera, as well as other Masonic events at Lodges, the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, and special events at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. The club is very informal with the emphasis on fellowship. Officers (without titles) of the club are pictured above. jnohau@aol.com



**East Central AAA Elects** Brother Ellsworth T. Bowser

#### Chairman of the Board

Brother and Dr. Ellsworth T. Bowser was recently elected Chairman of the Board of the East Central AAA.



The service territory of the East Central AAA extends from Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia to South Central Ohio. It has recently merged with Cleveland and Western Kentucky with a total membership of 2.2 million.

Dr. Bowser maintains a general restorative dental practice in downtown Pittsburgh and is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he is a Member of Distinction. He is a Master in the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, the Pittsburgh Academy of Dentistry, a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists. Among his many community activities, Dr. Bowser is a Past President of the Alumni council for the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, served on the University Board of Visitors for the dental school, Past President of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh and a board member of the National Aviary. Brother Bowser is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. A member of the AAA East Central board since 1984, Dr. Bowser has served on the Executive, Ad Hoc Merger and Long Range Planning Committees and as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Brother Bowser and his wife have two daughters, one with whom he practices, who live in Pittsburgh and six grand children. Their son was a U.S. Marine Fighter Pilot who was killed in 1995 while on maneuvers. A stained glass window at Syria Shrine Temple was donated in his memory by the AAA. He was a member of Infinity Lodge No. 546 and the Valley of Pittsburgh, AASR.

Brother Bowser has been a member of Infinity Lodge No. 546 since 1958 and of the Valley of Pittsburgh and Syria Shrine Temple since 1959. .

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The Masonic Villages' Outreach Program hears every day from individuals and families looking for ways to meet their

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#### Scholarship Presentations



John M. Read Lodge No. 536 of Reynoldsville presented \$2,500 scholarships to Charles Stormer, Michelle Robinson, Mary Quashnock, Kathryn Bobal, Joshua McGarvey, and Maria Duttry. Participating in the awards were: Rev. Steven Hendrickson, Chaplain; C. John Clark, SW; Donald L. Miller, DDGM of the 52nd District; Robert L. Vizza, WM; Homer Broscious, Jr.; Bradley Wells, and Norman Smith, Past Masters.

#### Presentation of Awards



At a meeting of Rural Amity lodge No. 70 of Athens PA, awards were pesented to four brothers, repesenting 190 years of Masonry. Pictured: John R. McHenry, DDGM of the 16th District presented a 50-year Emblem to Bro. James W. McCloe. Bro. J. Clayton Loushay received a 65 year certificate from Gerald H. Laninger, WM. Bro. Dieter A. Kedrowitsch received his 25 year pin.

#### Convoy Commander Decorated in Iraq

Bro. Adam Tack is serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. While serving in Iraq, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat V device. Participating in a direct firefight, while under fire, he conducted an ammunition blocking position east of the city of Hit, Iraq. He also countered a complex ambush on route mobile outside of Fallujah, assisting the Jump Command Post in extricating itself from a complex ambush. He is a member of Butler Lodge No. 272.



## Lodge 45 Celebrates 220th Anniversary

odge No. 45, F.& A.M., located in Pittsburgh, PA, is the oldest per-

manent Masonic Lodge west of the Allegheny Mountains. It received its first warrant on December 27, 1785, from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. After the establishment of the independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 45 received a "new" warrant, dated March 26, 1787, under which it works to this day.

In its early years, the Lodge met in a public house, or inn, on Water Street. The Lodge built its own Masonic Hall at the corner of Wood Street and Fifth Avenue, where it met from 1811 to 1830, when the Lodge moved into the New Masonic Hall at the corner of Smithfield Street and Third Avenue, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1845. For the next six years, the Lodge met at various places, including the private homes of Lodge members, the Odd Fellows Hall, and in rented rooms. The several Lodges of Pittsburgh then moved into the newly erected Masonic Hall on Fifth Avenue, between Smithfield and Wood Streets, in 1851, and continued to meet there until the building was destroyed by fire in 1887. The Lodge then found temporary refuge in the Renshaw Building (Liberty Ave. at Ninth Street) from 1887 to 1889, when the Lodge moved into the new Freemasons Hall, built on the site of the previous Hall. Twenty-six years later, the Craft left downtown and moved into the Masonic Temple in Oakland (Fifth Avenue between Tennyson and Lytton Streets), where Lodge 45 held the first meeting on February 26, 1915. That magnificent structure housed the Lodge until 1996, when it was purchased by the University of Pittsburgh and converted to what is now Alumni Hall. Lodge 45 now meets at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Cemetery Lane in Ross Township (North Hills), where it had the honor of holding the first meeting on April 24, 1996.

On Saturday evening, September 17, Lodge 45 celebrated its 220th anniversary with a gala banquet held in the Club House of the Masonic Village at Sewickley, PA. A total of 89 officers, members, ladies, and guests of the Lodge attended the historic occasion. Among the guests were Bro. William Slater II, R.W.G.M. (and a P.M. of Lodge 45), Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W.J.G.W., Bro. Raymond T. Dietz, D.D.G.M. of the 55th Masonic District, and other Grand Lodge officers.

After enjoying elegant hors d'oeuvres, including buckwheat blintz with creme fraiche and sevruga caviar, the W.M., Bro. Daniel G. Conway, Jr., gave welcoming remarks, and the toast was given by Bro. Richard G. Johnson, P.M. The guests then enjoyed a multi-course gourmet meal prepared by the Masonic Village's Executive Chef, James Bereksazi. First was the appetizer, a charlotte (pastry puff) stuffed with lobster and crabmeat, followed by a cranberry cashew salad with poppy seed dressing, then a delightful intermezzo of pink grapefruit sherbet in a

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## Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Grand Master's 2005 Golf Tournaments raised over \$32,000 for Masonic Charities

Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley, PA Monday, September 19

LuLu Country Club, North Hills, PA Monday, September 26



Pittsburgh Golf Committee members: Jane Binley, William Moisey, Raymond T. Dietz, Randy L. Hobaugh, William Slater II, RWGM, Norman E. Flaherty, Richard J. Stemmler, William H. Hartland, Samuel W. Spanos.



Bill DeWeese, Tom Labagh, Sam Williamson, RWPGM, Jay Ernette, RWPGM.



Masonic Village at Sewickley Golf Volunteers: Front (I-r) Petey Carlson, William Nelson, Bea Faux. Second row: Mary Sardello, William Freeman, Dorothy Moore. Third row: Delwin Toy, Marlene Moisey, Nancy Garcia. Fourth row: Catherine Beaman, Austin McGrath, Shirley Rowley. Fifth row: Ed Beaman, Gilbert Anderson.



Williamson, Russ Bosler, and Bob Wentz.



Foursome players, Michael Epstein, JimDeLuca, Bill Kingsbury, and John Graham.



Thomas F. Toscani, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., RWPGM, and William J. Greet, Tournament Committee Member.

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#### Three Generations of Madenford's



Bro. Ray Madenford recently received his 50-year Emblem of Gold in Huguenot Lodge No. 377. In attendance was his son, Jeffrey R. Madenford and two grandsons, Steven R. and Douglas J. Madenford who became masons on their 18th birthdays.

#### Father & Sons Serve as Lodge Officers



Elysburg Lodge No. 414 Officers are all members of the same family. From Left - Marlin A. Paul (father) Junior Warden, Michael R. Paul (son) Worshipful Master, Gregory A. Paul (son) Senior Warden. Back row - Lee Paul, Past Master, and Robert G. Krick, PM, Treasurer.

#### Three Generations of Boy Scouts



Bro. Luther J. Black, DDGM 35th District, assisted in the presentation of two Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Awards to John C. Liken, PM and Loyal Lee Liken, both members of Washington Lodge No. 265. Also assisting were Ryan and Ben Liken. Ryan is a Life Scout and earned the Order of the Arrow. Ben is an Eagle Scout and also earned the Order of the Arrow.

# Fireside Fraternity

"An informal chat" by Martin Migliori, PDDGM

Hello Brethren,



I hope everything has been going well for you.

Today I would like to talk to you about the perpetuity of the fraternity. I want each of you to think about this one question. Will the fraternity be alive and strong ten years from now and if so, am I doing my part to make it happen? Too many times we live in our own little shell and do not think about the consequences of our

actions. Just this week I was told by another brother about an incident that occurred on his way to work. He was coming up on an intersection. The light was just turning red. The car in front of him ran the red light, cutting off cars that had the green light and narrowly avoided an accident. Now here is the worst part, the car had three Masonic emblems on the trunk. What kind of message does that send to people about the members of the fraternity? Can you imagine the reaction that this incident caused? It has been scientifically proven that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Therefore, if we keep these types of reactions going that are causing our membership to decrease and our Fraternity to be inactive or ineffective, then eventually our Fratemity will flounder and cease to exist. It is our distinct obligation to our forefathers and our duty as a Mason to do something to cause a positive reaction in the Fraternity and our communities.

Brethren, something very special occurs within you when you join the Masonic Fraternity that is unlike any other organization you belong to now, or may join in the future. When you become a Mason, you obligate yourself to a life of service to your fellow man and to set the example in your community. When people know that you are a Mason, they expect more from you than they do other people. Your attitude, manners, dress, speech and actions need to be a cut above the norm. You are a marked man and must act as such. Doing anything less brings dishonor to your family, your community, your brethren, and the Fraternity.

Too often we sit idle and do nothing. This type of action results in a zero reaction.

Is this the type of Mason you unknowingly are? Do you just sit there and watch the world go by? Are you afraid to take a chance? Would you rather have someone else do the work and you just reap the benefits? If so, then maybe it is time for you to change. Do something for your lodge or the Fraternity to have a positive effect. Talk to a man about the fraternity, introduce a young man or woman to our youth groups, show your Masonic pride by living up to your obligations. With YOUR help our Fraternity can flourish.

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



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yet..." Across the
state, this is probably the most often
heard phrase by all
of our marketing and
admissions staff.
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"Is my (accommodation) ready yet?"

Ultimately, our

goal at all of our Masonic Villages is to serve our Family of Freemasonry when the time is right for each individual or couple. However, the best way for prospective residents to ensure that their desired cottage, apartment or room is available is by planning as far in advance as possible. Our retirement and residential living areas in Elizabethtown and retirement living area at Lafayette Hill will accept priority applications from individuals age 65 and above since these communities have waiting lists. However, all retirement living locations, including our Sewickley and Dallas villages, will accept pre-age priority applications from individuals beginning at age 55. While residents must be 65 (in the case of two spouses, one has to be at least 65) to live at one of our villages, going through the process early allows you to choose your desired home type, discuss finances and pre-plan so that when your name reaches the top of the priority list, you will be in a position to make a move to an existing accommodation or even new construction as it becomes available. Many individuals who walt to complete an application until they are ready to move are disappointed to discover that in some locations, the waiting list is extensive.

This situation occurs in our assisted living and nursing areas as well. While oftentimes these areas are filled internally by residents from retirement or residential areas, we have many people who come to our villages when they need assistance in their tasks of daily living, require rehabilitation or need care after a sudden change in their health. Sometimes these needs come up unexpectedly, but other times they are gradual or even planned. If, for example, a family member is in the beginning stages of Parkinson's disease or dementia, it is a good idea to pre-plan for future needs in case inhome care becomes too difficult. Or, if a loved one requires surgery for a hip or knee replacement, it is best to plan for recovery at the same time that you schedule the surgery. That way, we can work with you to plan an easy transition during the rehabilitation process and avoid the stress that comes with attempting to quickly secure a quality place to receive those services. Of course, we will always try to accommodate you should emergency needs arise, but planning in advance, when possible, brings peace of mind during troubled times.

We are **YOUR** Masonic Villages. Our success and growth is built upon your needs and your generosity. In order to best serve you, we need to know what your needs are. Call us today and let us know how we can help you prepare for your future.

Masonic Village at Dallas Marketing for Retirement Living: 570-675-1866 or toll-free 866-851-4243

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown Admissions for Residential Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Services: 800-422-1207 Marketing for Retirement Living:

800-676-6452

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill Retirement Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Services: 610-828-5760, ext.

Masonic Village at Sewickley
Retirement Living: 412-741-1400, ext.
3530, or toll-free 866-872-0664
Assisted Living: 412-741-1400, ext.
3600

Nursing Services: 412-741-1400, ext. 3020

Masonic Village at Warminster
Assisted Living and Nursing Services:
215-672-2500, ext. 116

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