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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

As I have traveled to both formal and informal lodge meetings across our jurisdiction, the membership's response to the Temple Initiative appeal for the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia has been excellent! So far, more than 7,000 donors have contributed over \$120,000, which will be put to good use in restoring and preserving our treasure in Philadelphia. Those who wish to contribute to the cause may still receive the *Masons Helping Masons* Medallion Pocket Watch or the Grand Master's Lapel Pin gifts offered in return for their generosity. If you are interested, please send your check to the "Masonic Temple Initiative," One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

I am pleased to report that the front doors to our Masonic Temple have been opened - just one more physical sign that our fraternity is welcoming with open arms our friends and visitors wishing to learn more about our heritage. The Committee on Temple has developed a plan to modernize the building, which is being executed in steps to maintain its integrity. For example, we have installed air conditioning for the comfort of members and guests, which unfortunately does not control considerable spikes in humidity levels, resulting in major problems with the building's paint and plaster. Following a thorough engineering study, the Committee has secured a contract that guarantees the resolution of the heating and cooling problem by the end of the year. The Committee's efforts will preserve our magnificent Temple, as well as the invaluable artwork and volumes and volumes of books, while providing for the comfort of employees, members attending lodge meetings, visitors coming for tours and outside groups holding functions within our building.

Our new Executive Director of The Masonic Library and Museum, Andrew Zellers-Frederick, already has infused great enthusiasm into our goals for the Masonic Temple. He has initiated and implemented many excellent ideas on ways we can foster continued growth and exposure for our fraternity and your Grand Lodge.

We celebrated our Grand Lodge's 275th Anniversary in true Masonic style during the June Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Within the past six months, I have had the privilege of visiting every Grand Lodge from Maryland north to Maine, with the exception of Massachusetts, which has not met this year, and 14 other jurisdictions reciprocated by demonstrating their brotherly love and support of our Grand Lodge by sharing in this celebration. The evening concluded with a terrific performance by 12-year-old country star Aaron Kelly, who received treatment at one of our Shriners' Hospitals several years ago, and a fantastic fireworks display!

The success of this event made me wonder: if our brethren across the country and around the world can take the time to travel to Pennsylvania, should we not be willing to travel a few minutes or a few hours to visit our brethren within our own jurisdiction? This should be happening in many lodges and districts across the state, and I encourage all of our

brethren to make the extra effort to build a greater fraternalism within our Family of Freemasonry. I assure you that as you do, your pride in our fraternity and love for your brethren will grow. I recently had the pleasure of attending the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Convention, the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania's Annual Conclave, the Valley of Allentown as its honoree, Imperial Shrine Session, the Job's Daughters Pageant and Annual Session and Freedom Chapter of DeMolay's Officers' Installation, and I truly enjoyed spending quality time with the leadership and members of these Masonic bodies and their ladies. The experience reminded me that, while each appendant body has its own focus, ritual and charity, what makes us different is really just a matter of preference, much like whether we prefer to order salmon or filet. If we instead concentrate on what we have in common and how our efforts complement each other, we realize that, when each arm of our Family of Freemasonry is successful, we are stronger as a whole.

I have been pleased to receive letters and e-mails from Brethren and even some wives and widows, sharing how they have embraced and/or benefited from the fraternity implementing my vision of *Masons Helping Masons*. It has also lent itself well to explaining the strength of our Craft to those whose curiosity about the fraternity have risen either through seeing our participation in the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary events or from the recent releases of the popular "Da Vinci Code" movie.

We received a lot of positive media coverage and comments from community members on the Masonic memorial service we conducted in memory of the late Bro. Franklin in Philadelphia, much of which is due to the excellent job the Committee on Franklin Memorial did in planning and organizing the event, and the support demonstrated by the Grand Lodge officers and members who participated in great numbers. We also have had the opportunity to respond to various media requests for reaction to the depiction of Freemasons in the "Da Vinci Code," which allowed us to enlighten many about the Craft and, hopefully, will interest good men in wanting to learn more about the many benefits of membership.

You may not have started your holiday shopping yet, but you should remember to mark your calendar to attend one of the Grand Lodge Galas - either the Grand Gala in Philadelphia on Nov. 3 to benefit the Masonic Temple Initiative or the Pittsburgh Jingle and Mingle Gala on Dec. 15 to benefit the Masonic Charities. You and your lady will have a marvelous time while enjoying fellowship and raising needed funds for these worthwhile charities.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.
Right Worshipful Grand Master

Own A Piece of Pennsylvania Masonic History...

A Limited Edition Tun Tavern Sculpture!

Commissioned by R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Augst, Sr., this one-of-a-kind 275th Anniversary Masonic Commemorative model of Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pa., is available for the first time ever in our jurisdiction. This popular limited edition keepsake is certain to be a treasured collectible that all Masons will want to pass down for generations to come.

Each piece is meticulously handcrafted to comply with the all the historical and architectural details of this Colonial landmark site, which served as the first meeting place of Pennsylvania Masons and was also home to the U.S. Marine Corps and other venerable founding groups. The sculpture features hand-sculpted and painted miniature figures of Bro. Benjamin Franklin greeting the Grand Master on the steps of Tun Tavern and is further enhanced with UL-approved interior battery-powered lighting. The model rests on a separate walnut wooden base that has been hand crafted by the Rooster's Corner Workshop in the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. A special brass nameplate indicating the historical Masonic significance of Tun Tavern is affixed to the wooden base, together with a separate *Masons Helping Masons* brass emblem that can easily be affixed to the base. Plus, all Masons who are Marines or former Marines may also request, at no extra charge, a special Marine Corps logo 7/8" diameter brass adhesive-backed emblem.

You can purchase your Tun Tavern Commemorative Sculpture through the Grand Lodge Gift Shop for \$69.95 (+ tax & shipping). The cost is remarkably low when compared to retail prices for similar items. While many brethren, both within and outside our state, will wish to own this item, quantities are limited. Once sold out, no more will be made! (Families: this is an ideal gift to honor a loved one on a traditional gift-giving occasion, such as Christmas, Chanukah, birthday, anniversary, etc.)



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Special Lectures at the Masonic Temple

by Andrew Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is pleased and proud to host two wonderful historical presentations this fall as part of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council's 2006-2007 Commonwealth Speakers Program.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m., we will have a Halloween treat when American Revolutionary War General Friedrich Wilhelm August Baron von Steuben visits the Masonic Temple for An Evening with the Baron. Co-sponsored by the German Society of Pennsylvania, historian Bro. David Valuska, of Lodge No. 377, a Professor Emeritus from Kutztown State University, explores the vast contributions of Baron von Steuben to the U.S. military. In particular, participants will learn how the baron, who was also a Freemason, helped train Bro. and General Washington's Continental Army during that terrible winter at Valley Forge by introducing inspections, drills and a training manual that became the "bible" of the Army for the next 50 years. In character and uniform, Dr. Valuska will answer the audience's questions about the condition of the Army during our struggle for independence and the contributions he made to our ultimate victory.

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What is \$4,091 + 1,171 miles?

This equation is nonsense to most readers, but for Bro. William W. Crist, P.M., Lodge No. 144, and Slidell Lodge No. 311 in Louisiana, the answer is simple:

MASONS HELPING MASONS

Last September, after watching footage on television of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, Bro. Bill Crist was concerned about his fellow brethren whose lodges might have been damaged by the storm.

"In our obligation, it says, 'I will help, aid and assist,'" Bro. Bill said.

With that in mind, Bro. Bill began trying to contact his sister lodge in Louisiana, but his immediate efforts were unsuccessful, as the phone lines weren't working properly because of the storm. He then called random numbers in the area, and when someone answered the phone, he asked them if they knew a Mason. After several calls, he finally reached a woman whose neighbor was a Mason. The woman gave Bro. Bill her neighbor's phone number, and despite the twisted phone lines, his call went through correctly. The brother shared

that Louisiana's Lodge No. 144 was spared damage from the hurricane, but he promised to find another Mason who could help Bro. Bill to find a lodge in need.

"Ten minutes later, Bro. David Way, who is a District Deputy Grand Lecturer, called me, and I explained to him what I wanted to do," Bro. Bill said. "He put me in touch with Bro. Allen G. Tidwell, P.G.M., Secretary of Slidell Lodge No. 311. He told me about the lodge's damage. The first floor was completely destroyed."

In November, after getting the blessings of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Louisiana to correspond directly with each other, Bros. Bill and Allen began communicating almost every week. After seeing photographs of the

damaged 82-year-old lodge building, Pennsylvania Lodges 144, 370, 256, 404, 194, 401 and 224 began collecting funds for Slidell Lodge, which had been flooded with 5'

of water and sustained damages totaling more than \$62,000.

"I might have started this, but there are other fellows who did their part - Robert Yost, Charles Reiner, Fred Whitman and Marlin Plymette, all Past Masters," Bro. Bill said. "One person took care of the accounts, others collected money from area businesses - it was a good group effort. I thank all the

lodge officers and members who made this all possible."

In February, Bro. Bill was ready to make the donation to the Louisiana lodge, but mailing it was out of the question.

"My wife and I discussed it and agreed it would be better to present it in person than to mail it," Bro. Bill said. "We wanted the personal touch."

So on Feb. 2, 2006, Bro. Bill, his wife, Joan, and their

dog hopped aboard their motor home and embarked on the 1,171-mile journey to Slidell, La., located on the

edge of Lake Pontchartrain 30 miles north of New Orleans.

Bro. Bill and Joan arrived in Slidell on Feb. 5. They

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Bro. William Crist, P.M., Lodge No. 144, Lewisburg (fourth from left) traveled to Slidell, La., to present a check to Slidell Lodge No. 311 for the restoration of the lodge, which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Pictured with Bro. Crist are members of other lodges that collected donations (from left): Bros. Dale E. Bickhart, W.M., Lafayette Lodge No. 194; Maurice E. Clouser, P.M., Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370; Robert W. Yost, P.M., Charity Lodge No. 144; Timothy T. James, P.M., Milton Lodge No. 256; and Larry L. Roup, W.M., Watsonstown Lodge No. 401.



"...We, as a lodge, are ecstatic with your lodge's generous donation to Slidell Lodge. Your act of thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity and genuine brotherly love for your brother Masons has a reassuring effect of what we, as a fraternity, are all about.... Please extend the profound gratitude of this lodge to your lodge membership for their generous donation. We, in this time of need and distress, are eternally grateful."

Written by Allen G. Tidwell, P.G.M., Secretary, Slidell Lodge No. 311, Louisiana, to one of the lodges that contributed financially to Slidell Lodge after it was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.





Hiram Scottish Riders Raise More than *Money*; They Have a Degree Team to Raise *Masons*!

"When we're on our bikes wearing helmets, we're raising money to help children. When we're in a Blue Lodge wearing tuxedos, we're raising men to be Master Masons."

With that analogy, Michael D. Wolfe, P.M., Ephrata Lodge No. 665, explained that Hiram Scottish Riders club, already well known for their fund-raising motorcycle rides to help dyslexic children, now has a degree team made up entirely of Hiram Riders from the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading.

Bro. Wolfe, the club's Vice President, further explained, "We specialize in the Master Mason Degree and offer to confer it for Pennsylvania lodges that ask us to do so. Sometimes, the newly raised brother is a worthy man who approached a Hiram Rider to learn about the fraternity and hoped to become a Scottish Rite Mason and, ultimately, join the motorcycle club. But, that does not have to be the case; we look forward to raising any new brother in any lodge that invites us."

The Hiram Scottish Riders Degree Team is pictured after conferring the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Donald Graby (center of second row). They are (l-r): Front row - William J. Mills, P.M.; Edward R. Stein, D.D.G.M., and Thomas Gamon, IV, D.D.G.M.; Second row - Bros. Rob K. Heddens, J.W.; Victor M. Frederick III, P.M.; Graby; John K. March, P.M.; and Raymond Thompson, Jr., S.D.; Third row - Bros. Chester R. Pierce, P.M.; John D. Derfler; Gregory O. Ely; and Michael D. Wolfe, P.M. Back row - Bros. Andrew Weitzenkorn, P.M.; Robert K. Miller, J.W.; William J. Guiseppe, S.W.; and Thomas C. Keen, P.M.



Hiram Scottish Riders on the road to raise funds for charity.



He Hasn't Missed One Yet!

At a stated meeting of Lehigh Lodge No. 621 on April 6, 2006, Bro. Donald W. Weaver, District Deputy Grand Master of the 45th Masonic District, made an official visit and had the honor of presenting 50-year Masonic Service Emblems of Gold to three members of the lodge: Bro. Wilson D. Rehrig, Bro. Charles D. Uhler, Jr. and Bro. Kaye B. Leiby.

During the course of the evening, it was brought to light that Bro. Uhler holds a prestigious record in Lehigh Lodge No. 621: he has not missed a Stated or Extra meeting of Lehigh Lodge since he was initiated. On one occasion when Bro. Uhler was sick, several of the brethren went to Bro. Uhler's home and carried him to the lodge room, so he could maintain his perfect attendance (Bro. Uhler lives directly across the street from the lodge building).

Bro. Uhler has been active in the lodge and has helped by filling in most of the appointed chairs. He has served the lodge as Tyler and Steward since 2002.

Bro. Weaver had the privilege of allowing Bro. Uhler's son, Bro. Charles E. Uhler, to present his father with his Emblem of Gold (pictured to the right).



Weisser Receives Award for STATE BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR



Bro. William Weisser receives the Small Businessman of the Year Award for Pennsylvania from U.S. Congressman Rick Renzi.

"It's been a fascinating journey." Bro. William W. Weisser, Lodge No. 427, isn't just speaking about his two-day trip in April 2006 to Washington, D.C. to receive the Small Businessman of the Year Award for Pennsylvania from the National Business Advisory Council, which also honored more than 100 outstanding small business owners from the United States.

His "fascinating journey" began 44 years ago when he took over sales and community development for his parents' 15-year-old manufacturing and housing business. He then transitioned the business into his own company, Weisser Homes, Inc., a modular home builder/dealer that serves the industry in all facets. He runs the business with his wife, Geraldine, and their two sons, Scott and William, Jr.

Weisser Homes has grown steadily over the years. In the October 2005 issue of *Automated Builder*, Weisser Homes was listed the 25th largest modular home producer east of the Mississippi. In the November issue, Weisser Homes was listed as the 75th largest modular home producer in the United States.

In 2005, Bro. Weisser also received the Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal Award, which honors Republicans who demonstrate outstanding leadership in business and display commitment to President Reagan's entrepreneurial vision.

"It was a very exciting experience," Bro. Weisser said of his recent awards. "I was very proud to be able to achieve this. This was a great way to end a nice career."

Brotherly Love Crosses State Lines

The following letter was forwarded to R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., and is an excellent example of *Masons Helping Masons*:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Greetings and salutations! I am Dennis M. Williams, Past Master of **Wallace Lodge No. 49 in Gray Court, S.C.** Although I am still a member in good standing of my home lodge in South Carolina, I currently reside in Pennsylvania. Recently, my Dad, Jerry D. Williams, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. of the 13th Masonic District of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of S.C., was visiting along with my Mom. While at church at Oakmost United Methodist Church where I attend, a brother and Past Master, John Burrows, invited us to attend lodge with him on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. We graciously accepted his offer to attend **Verona Lodge No. 548 in Verona, Pa.** After being properly examined, I was passed and was proud to vouch for my Dad.

Although their opening and closing ceremonies are somewhat different, we also noticed several similarities. One of the greatest similarities, however, was the brotherly love and fellowship they extended to us. We were treated as honored guests, recognized, and showered with gifts and tokens to commemorate our visit. Also, it just so happened that Bro. Robert F. Dunkel, D.D.G.M. of the 38th District, was making his official visit that evening, and he asked my Dad, as a P.D.D.G.M., to address the brethren, and presented him with the Pennsylvania Grand Master's pin. We were overwhelmed by their kindness and proud to see that brotherly love and affection is not confined to state lines.

It is my hope, and request, that you would extend our appreciation through the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to the R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and inform him that brotherly love and fellowship are alive and well in Verona Lodge No. 548. Let him know how impressed we were with their work, but, more especially, their love and hospitality for fellow Masons. The experience is one that I will never forget. It was especially memorable because I got to share this with my Father.

Humbly yours,
Dennis M. Williams, P.M., Wallace Lodge No. 49





Bestowing Masonic Honors on Bro. Benjamin Franklin

by Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

On Saturday evening, April 17, 1790, the world and Freemasonry lost one of its greatest members, the illustrious Bro. and Dr. Benjamin Franklin, at the advanced age of 84. Known to some as simply the man who dared the lightning because of his renowned experiments with electricity (a French diplomat said, "He snatched the lightning from the skies and the scepter from the tyrants"), Bro. Franklin could also list among his many accomplishments and triumphs that he was a statesman (a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution), diplomat, government official, military leader, scientist, inventor, postmaster, author and a printer. Bro. Franklin was also a dedicated Freemason.

**Excerpts from the Eulogy for Bro. Benjamin Franklin, given by Bro. and Rev. William D. Hartman, P.M.,
Lodge No. 9, Grand Chaplain, during the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Memorial Service
on April 17, 2006, at Christ Church in Philadelphia:**

"We are gathered here this day to remember our brother, Benjamin Franklin, who was born 300 years ago. But it was on this day, 216 years ago, that Bro. Franklin entered that Grand Lodge above; that temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. As the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, we are gathered here now to memorialize our brother and to make restitution for the neglect of that duty back in 1790.

"Benjamin Franklin was an active Mason, and proud of this fraternity. He served as Grand Master and promoted Freemasonry on many occasions, often participating in Masonic meetings while abroad. Freemasonry has always been a fraternity of vision and charity; a force for good in a world that would rob us of our dignity and worth. While the forces around us in our society would denigrate personal integrity, private and public morality, friendship and brotherly love, Freemasonry has always held these to be the cement that bonds any free society together.

"Benjamin Franklin made this clear when he said, 'Freemasonry has tenants peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language and act as a passport to the attention and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has in this world; still, those credentials remain and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and have broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a brother Mason.'...

..."As we memorialize our brother, Benjamin Franklin, this day, remembering his many virtues and skills among us, may we seek to follow him by lives of virtue and benevolence, until that day when we shall rise to greet him in the celestial kingdom above."

To venerate Bro. Franklin, his adopted home of Philadelphia rendered him one of the largest funerals in the city's history. The funeral procession numbered over 20,000 people from all walks of life, and many honors were offered to his memory. They included a commemorative resolution in the House of Representatives by James Madison, with a decision that the Congressmen would wear mourning for a month; public demonstrations and eulogies were also received from the Pennsylvania Supreme Executive Council and the American Philosophical Society both in which Bro. Franklin served; and in France the Assembly declared three days of public mourning. However, Bro. Franklin did not receive Masonic honors at his death due to Bro. Franklin being a "Modern" Mason and the Grand Lodge being "Ancient," a slight that R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., decided to correct this year during the Tercentenary Celebration of Bro. Franklin's birth.

This past April 17, nearly 300 Pennsylvania Freemasons, their family members and individuals associated with Franklin-affiliated organizations, led by the Grand Master, formed a procession from the American Philosophical Society, founded in 1743 by Bro. Franklin, who served as this scientific organization's president until his death, to historic Christ Church where Bro. Franklin attended worship. During the six-block procession, the bells of Independence Hall (formerly the State House of Pennsylvania) and more than a dozen churches tolled as they did 216 years ago. Within the historic 1729 church, the Grand Master and the Rev. William D. Hartman, Grand Chaplain, conducted a special service and bestowed the Masonic tributes Bro. Franklin did not receive in 1790. Following the event, a luncheon was held at the Masonic Temple with tours conducted of this very special building. We believe Bro. Franklin would have approved of this event, as he once said, "Life should have a dramatic ending like a stage piece."



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The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

MASONIC TEMPLE UPDATE

by Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The Masonic Temple is truly one of the wonders of the Masonic world and deserves its high recognition from the U.S. Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark. Over the past six months, there has been renewed activity for making the Masonic Temple a leader in the cultural and civic community of the Greater Philadelphia Region, as well as for saving this irreplaceable building for future generations. Some of these endeavors include:

- The April 17th Masonic Memorial Service for Bro. Benjamin Franklin. Freemasons and general citizens from throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joined together to honor the man who played a vital role in shaping the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the future of America on the actual 216th Anniversary of his passing. As part of the official Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Celebration, we collaborated with many of the region's and country's venerable cultural institutions on this important venture, which was extensively covered by the news media.
- To physically protect the Masonic Temple, R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., has initiated a major preservation project to eliminate harmful humidity within the building and stabilize its climate control systems. This project will entail six months of intense studies and substantial work which is guaranteed to be completely successful.
- There have been several important documentaries on various historical subjects connected with Freemasonry filmed in the Masonic Temple over the last several months. Film companies representing the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Discovery Channel extensively used the Masonic Temple's beautiful Egyptian Hall and other sections of the building for their productions. Donations were given to the Masonic Temple for its use by these companies. The broadcasts of these productions may be sometime in 2007.



The breathtaking Oriental Hall of the Masonic Temple, which was recently the site for a special seminar conducted by the University of Pennsylvania

The Masonic Temple's utilization is also being expanded so that it can be employed to its fullest potential. In addition to the loyal use of the building by our many lodges, outside organizations now also have the opportunity to hold events and programs here. Recently, the University of Pennsylvania conducted a special seminar on cancer in Oriental Hall, and other similar functions are scheduled for the future.

On the horizon are other special programs which will attract new visitors to the Masonic Temple and also provide us with opportunities to raise needed funding for the building's preservation and restoration. Included in this list is a November 11 seminar on William Rush (the great 18th-19th century American sculptor whose works are displayed throughout the building) to honor the 250th Anniversary of his birth; the restructuring and reorganization of the Gift Shop, resulting in a traditional

historical interpretive sales center like those found in most museums and national parks; fall public lectures through the Pennsylvania Humanities Council on important Freemasons such as Benjamin Franklin and Baron von Steuben; and a wealth of collaborative events with other cultural and nonprofit organizations. However, one of our largest and most exciting undertakings to date is the daily opening of our main door on North Broad Street for all of our visitors and guests.

This physical, as well as symbolic, measure is indicating that all are welcome here to the Masonic Temple.

Each program, project and event is designed to promote the Masonic Temple and support the preservation and restoration efforts for this architectural and historic wonder. If you have never visited, or it has been a while since you have, please put the Masonic Temple on your travel plans for this summer. You will not be disappointed.



The Masonic Temple's beautiful Egyptian Hall, which several film companies plan to feature in upcoming productions

A New Book You Will Want to Have...

By Bro. Charles S. Canning, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

A Review of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry"

by S. Brent Morris, Ph.D., 33rd

Published by Alpha, a member of the Penguin Group (USA) Inc.,

2006, \$18.95

Brother S. Brent Morris is no stranger to Pennsylvania Masons. He was one of the presenters at the Academy of Masonic Knowledge several years ago and a personal friend of a number of us. He is also one of the nation's leading Masonic scholars. It was my pleasure to receive a complimentary copy of this new book. It is more than a fundamental book on Freemasonry, as it goes well beyond that scope. It is, however, a book every Master Mason could well use as a reference and guide and will also be informative to the general public.

Dr. Morris approaches the reader with a very intelligent presentation that builds on an understanding of logical elements in order to grasp the more complex issues. As the foreword by historian Steven Bullock confirms, the author has a knack for simplifying the complex and clearly distinguishing fact from fiction: "he explains it with clarity, patience and gentle good humor."

Using easily understood building blocks, Bro. Morris gives the reader a clear view of the development of Freemasonry in America. As a Pennsylvania Mason, it was exciting to read of our own jurisdiction's role in the initial formation of organized Freemasonry. The reader may be assured that what is stated as fact is, in fact, fact and can be documented. Any speculation is clearly stated as such. It is indeed refreshing to be assured that so complex a subject is

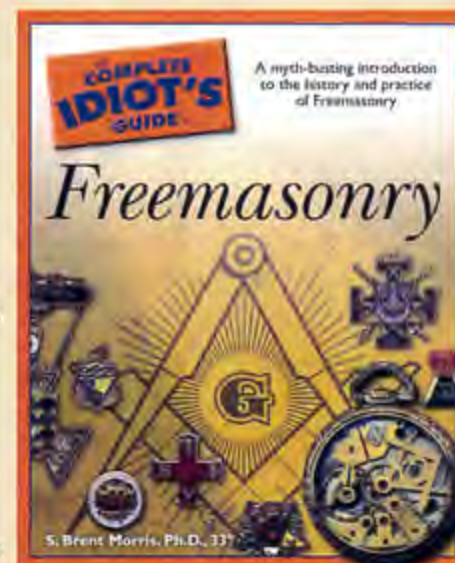
reported in the most honest fashion.

There are, however, some chapters that can be confusing to Pennsylvania Masons. One needs to understand that our Pennsylvania ritual is quite different from that of other jurisdictions.

The layout of the lodge room and the stations of the officers will not correspond. Likewise, the Masonic symbols, covered in Chapter 17, will not be entirely familiar to us.

At the end of each chapter, Dr. Morris provides a quick summary of points, titled "The Least You Need to Know." There are few texts on Freemasonry that can be classified as classics: "The Builders" by Newton, "House Undivided" by Roberts, and "Born in Blood" by Robinson. This text may well be listed among them.

The book is available through the Supreme Council, 33rd, S.J., 1733 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009, <http://www.srmason-sj.org/ucatalog/> and major bookstores. You may also borrow it from The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

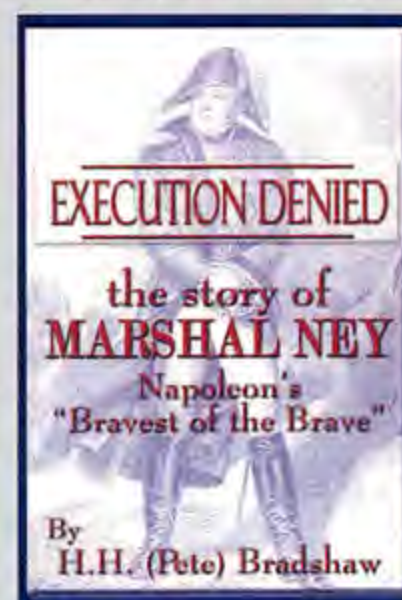


MASONIC BOOK REVIEWS TO PERUSE

by Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Biographies are a great way to learn more about the people you admire (or not), their strengths and weaknesses and what events made them into the people history remembers. The Library recently added two such books to its growing collection.

"Execution Denied: the story of Marshal Ney" by H.H. (Pete) Bradshaw (B/N5695/B8195). Marshal Michel Ney was one of Napoleon Bonaparte's "bravest of the brave," a brilliant tactician whose rise through the ranks of the French military was extraordinary and whose life and career embodied the values of the French Republic. When Napoleon was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and exiled



to St. Helena, the heroic Ney was arrested and put to death by firing squad. Or was he? Mr. Bradshaw tells an intriguing tale of betrayal, secrecy and of one Masonic brother (the Duke of Wellington) assisting another brother (Marshal Ney) in escaping France and creating a new life in the United States.

Though this is styled as historical fiction, Mr. Bradshaw has done extensive research on Ney's life before 1815 and after 1822 when a Peter S. Ney appears in North Carolina. The seven years Ney spent as a fugitive may always remain a mystery, for what records he kept were encoded and

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Celebrating Brother Mozart's 250th Birthday

By Glenys Waldman, Librarian, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The whirlwind of musical creativity that was Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart (1756-1791) is being celebrated in a small exhibition of Mozartiana: books, music scores, articles, photographs and "commemorabilia." The exhibit, mounted in the Museum at the Masonic Temple, emphasizes Mozart's brief Masonic life. Wolfgang Amadeus, as he was better known, was born Jan. 27, 1756 – 50 years and 10 days after Bro. Benjamin Franklin.

The "Wunderkind" was first taught by his father, Bro. Johann Georg Leopold Mozart (1719-1787). Two of his greatest mentors and friends were Masons: Bro. Johann Christian Bach (1735-1782, youngest son of Johann Sebastian Bach), a member of the Lodge of the Nine Muses No. 235, London; and Bro. Franz Joseph "Papa" Haydn (1732-1809) who joined in Mozart's presence. They probably never met, but Bro. Mozart (among others, including Beethoven) happily wrote several pieces of music for Bro. Franklin's mechanized version of the glass harmonica, originally invented by Richard Puckeridge, of Ireland, in 1743.

An enthusiastic Freemason, Bro. Mozart was initiated into the Lodge Zur Wohltätigkeit (Charity, Benevolence) Dec. 14, 1784; passed in the Lodge Zur Wahren Eintracht [True Harmony] Jan. 7, 1785, at the request of his Mother Lodge. A date of raising is not given; however, Mozart was a Master Mason. At Mozart's urging, his father, Leopold, and his friend, composer Joseph Haydn, became members of the fraternity: Leopold was initiated probably on Apr. 6, 1785 and passed to the second degree on Apr. 16, 1785 in Lodge Zur Wohltätigkeit. Haydn was initiated Feb. 4, 1785 in the Lodge Zur Wahren Eintracht, with Bro. Wolfgang Mozart in attendance.

Bro. Mozart died on Dec. 5, 1791, and was buried in an unknown grave in Vienna. A Lodge of Sorrows was held for him.

Mozart's Masonic music includes an Opening and Closing Ode on the occasion of the consolidation of his Lodge Zur Wohltätigkeit with two others to form the Lodge Zur Neugekrönten Hoffnung (New-Crowned Hope). Two cantatas, several songs, funeral music, the 39th symphony, and one of the greatest operas of all time, "The Magic Flute," are all Masonic.

NEWS FLASH! There are just a few Mozart nutcrackers (\$99.00) by Steinbach left. Commemorate Bro. Mozart's 250th Birthday with style. Contact the Executive Director at AZFrederick@pagrandlodge.org or by calling (215) 988-1909.

Portrait from life by Mozart's brother-in-law, Joseph Lange

MASONIC BOOK REVIEWS TO PERUSE

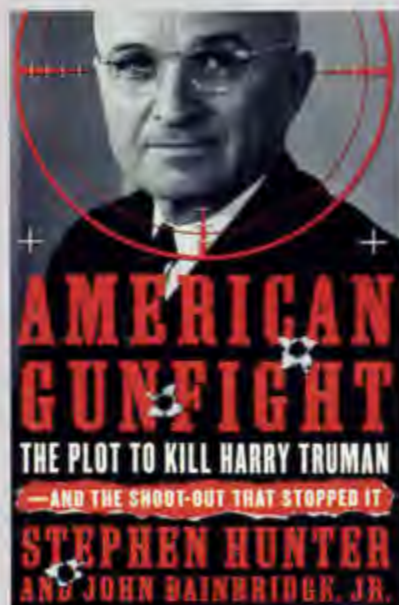
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disappeared after his death in 1846. Mr. Bradshaw has imaginatively used actual events and people to create a story as close to the truth as he could get.

"American Gunfight: the plot to kill Harry Truman" by Stephen Hunter and John Bainbridge, Jr. (B/T8675/H9475). It is doubtful that many people today remember the events that unfolded on Nov. 1, 1950. On that hot Wednesday afternoon, two Puerto Rican Nationalists, Oscar Collazo and Griselio Torresola, attempted to assassinate Bro. and President Truman while he was living in Blair House. After the shoot-out, one White House policeman lay dead, two other law enforcement officers were injured and one would-be assassin was mortally wounded.

Stephen Hunter and John Bainbridge, Jr. have written a dramatic story. Had the assassination succeeded, U.S. history would have been different. The events leading up to that fateful day and the lives that were forever changed have been investigated by the two authors. They have brought to light a much different story than was believed at the time. Not only have they written about the American side of the story, but also the events happening in Puerto Rico, as well as the ideals and politics of the two Nationalists and what led them to act as they did. As a little side note, Leslie Coffelt, the lone policeman killed in the line of duty was a proud Mason, member of Potomac Lodge No. 5, Washington, D.C.

There are many other biographies of prominent Masons available to borrow from the Library. Check the Circulating Library at www.pagrandlodge.org, or call (800) 462-0430, Ext. 1933, to see if your favorite Mason has a biography available.



GRAND MASTER'S



AWARDS PROGRAM

Two different levels have been established to qualify for the Grand Master's Awards Program. For the lodges to qualify, they will have to comply with all of the following requirements:

- ✓ Junior Warden or Senior Warden must attend a Wardens' Workshop.
- ✓ Secretary and Treasurer must attend a Secretaries' and Treasurers' Workshop.
- ✓ Be online (e-mails and submissions of Monthly Returns)
- ✓ Have the approved audit submitted electronically on time
- ✓ Participate in the Mentoring Program
- ✓ Participate in charitable activities
- ✓ Must increase their membership total by one from last year's membership total
- ✓ Submit their budget to their District Deputy Grand Master (D.D.G.M.) for approval
- ✓ A list of programs and presenters for each month, including exemplification of the funeral services and examination of a visitor, must be submitted and approved by the D.D.G.M..

For the District Deputy Grand Master to qualify for the Grand Master's Award, he will have to meet all the requirements as follows:

- ✓ Personal attendance/participation:
 - ✓ Statewide workshops
 - ✓ Regional meetings
 - ✓ Official visitations
 - ✓ Wardens' Seminar
 - ✓ Secretary's/Treasurer's Seminar
 - ✓ Timely receipt of:
 - ✓ Lodge audit and Trustees reports
 - ✓ Expense reports
 - ✓ Monthly D.D.G.M. reports (filed by the 15th of the month)
 - ✓ Lodge surveys
- ✓ 90 percent or better of the lodges in your district must have met the requirements listed above for lodges.

If you have any questions relative to these requirements by the lodge or by you, please feel free to discuss them with Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary.

WARDENS' WORKSHOPS EDUCATE 500+

"P"receding my term in office as Grand Master, one of the things I heard from the membership was that, in a significant number of lodges, there was a lack of strong leadership," said R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. "From my previous experience on the Masonic Education Committee, I knew the Wardens' Workshops would facilitate and fulfill that need."

The purpose of the Junior and Senior Warden Training Workshops is to teach Wardens how to operate a lodge, better understand the Craft, plan for interesting and quality speakers and organize strong committees. The training can provide insight, guidance and motivation to men who may be unsure of themselves and prepare them to become successful as they advance to the position of Worshipful Master within their lodges.

The Grand Master charged District Deputy Grand Masters with the responsibility of having at least one Warden from every lodge within their district, or 443⁺ wardens across the state, attend one of the seven Wardens' Workshops. More

than 500 Masons attended this year's workshops, hosted by the Committee on Masonic Education. "The workshops have been extremely positive," said Committee Chair Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M.

"It is my belief that, if we train our officers to be good leaders, they will build more productive and active lodges, which will create a snowball effect as they encourage the membership to become more enthusiastic and fruitful," the Grand Master said. "And the stronger we become by making good men better, the more adept we are at becoming *Masons Helping Masons*."

According to Bro. Weisser, planning for the 2007 workshops has begun and may include additional topics based on feedback from this year's sessions. As soon as dates and locations for the Wardens' Workshops are confirmed, all lodges will be notified.



Membership Services Update

By Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary

The restructuring of the staff within the Masonic Temple into two departments, Membership Services and The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, has provided many opportunities to improve efficiencies and, therefore, provide enhanced services to members. Under the direction of the R.W. Grand Secretary, the Membership Services department is now responsible for Masonic Education, Academy of Masonic Knowledge, Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club and correspondence for the Grand Master's Office, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.



Membership Services Staff & their Responsibilities (215) 988-1901

Front row, l-r: Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master; Marie Wambold, Senior Administrative Assistant, coordinates membership activities and works with lodge secretaries and other Grand Lodges; Sandi Saba, Administrative Assistant, plans events, such as anniversaries and Grand Lodge visits, and coordinates 50-year Emblems; and Mary Ann Austin, Administrative Assistant, coordinates educational activities and materials and prepares publications and documents. **Back row, l-r:** Russ Combs, Administrative Assistant, manages membership responsibilities and works with lodge secretaries on monthly returns, lodge notices and by-laws; Pat Descher, Administrative Assistant, maintains membership records, handles dispensation requests, processes license plate applications and assists with education questions and fulfillment; Bro. Danny Martin, assists with distribution, ordering and shipping; Olga Meczuk, Executive Assistant, coordinates the day-to-day correspondence and activities of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; Bro. John Lawler, assists with distribution, ordering and shipping; Susan Rodriguez, Auditor, performs lodge audits and trustees reports and coordinates lodge charity requests; and Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Membership Maintenance Report

by Harvey F. Fishel, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman, and Committee members

The Membership Maintenance Committee was appointed by R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst Sr., for a two-fold purpose; first, to deal with the age-old problem of dues collection and specifically suspensions for non-payment of dues (NPD). The committee dealt with this issue by standardizing the criteria which must be satisfied before a lodge could suspend a brother. Previously, it was left to the individual lodges to determine what was considered a sufficient attempt to reach a non-paid brother; often the only and ultimate attempt was a registered letter and no personal contact was ever made. This committee feels strongly that personal contact is missing in the Craft today and before brethren could be suspended, the lodge must document at least two brethren having contacted the delinquent brother. Lodges were to appoint a committee of at least three members to assume the responsibility of dividing the delinquent brethren and making the contacts, relieving the lodge secretary of some of the burden. The type of contact was left to the individual brother making the contact, such as e-mail, phone calls, letters or personal visits. This information was easily recorded on the Tracker form, developed by the committee, and distributed to the lodges through their D.D.G.M. in January of this year.

Before any lodge could suspend a brother for NPD, the D.D.G.M. had to sign off the Tracker form, further documenting his satisfaction that the committee had truly done due diligence in its inquiries of the delinquent brother. Sometimes the D.D.G.M. sent the Tracker back to the lodge unsigned, requiring further action by the lodge. Currently, insufficient data is unavailable to statistically evaluate the success of this endeavor; however, that will be addressed in the future.

Secondly, the committee was charged with the responsibility of addressing the situation of inactivity within the membership. It seems every organization suffers this malady and only those who deal with the problem succeed. As previously mentioned, personal contact is down among the brethren and as a result members grow apart. On the heels of dues collection and in an attempt to deal with this the committee is proposing the following. The specific details will be coming through your D.D.G.M., but essentially, beginning immediately, the lodges will begin a phone contact program with ALL the members of the lodge in a structured program so every member will get a personal phone call from a brother. This is NOT to be a financial call regarding dues, but rather personal. Let the brother know he is being thought about and he has been missed. Concern about his situation and circumstance is paramount. Any upcoming lodge activity should be explained and he should be made to feel wanted, welcomed and as important as any other brother. When done properly, every member will be called every three months. Too often we hear that the only time a brother gets a phone call is when he owes money. This stigma is the target of this approach and will yield returns proportional to the time and energy spent.

The committee is very dedicated to our purpose and welcomes input from the brethren. Please take a moment and contact us with your experiences and suggestions.

CHIP Program off to a GREAT Start in the 36th District

by Robert J. Bateman, D.D.G.M. for Masonic District 36

Last October, four seniors at Interboro High School in Prospect Park, Delaware County, wanted to make a difference with their Senior Class Project. Jackie Maffei, Allison Maffei, Tyler MacCrone and Kelli Buchanan saw an episode of "Extreme Home Makeover" in which a mother told about how her daughter became lost and was never returned. The students began searching for a way to provide local parents "peace of mind" through fingerprinting their children and heard about the CHIP program that was being run by Pennsylvania Freemasons.

They approached their local police chief and told him of their idea. The police chief had not heard of our program, so he approached a friend whom he knew was a Mason and asked him about it. That brother called Bro. Rich Caruth, CHIP Chairman for District 36, and arranged a meeting with the chief and the group of seniors in November.

After a lot of hard work and promotion, the group hosted the event in March 2006 at the high school. The event featured a clown who made balloon animals for the children, a raffle of items donated from local businesses and breakfast and lunch for the volunteers. The students' entire team was present, along with a student from another high school, Andrew Bannon. The program was a joy to run because of their efforts, and when it was over, all the money raised by their team, after expenses, was donated to the CHIP Program for use in Masonic District 36.

The CHIP volunteers were Bro. Richard M. Caruth, P.M., and his Lady Linda, Bro. Dean A. Spangler and his Lady Vera, Brothers James Cope, David R. Lewis, P.M., William Wigmore, John Pickering, Jim Rouke, Jack Schultz, Ron Clark, William Shaw, P.M., Orlando P. Salvatto Jr., P.M., Dick Yarnell, Gerry Stempin, Lynwood J. Dixon, Jr., William Young, P.M., Ken Svitek, Robert George, Walt Myers, Hugh McAnany and the Richard's family: Bro. Jerry Sr., P.M., and his lady Jean, and sons Jerry Jr., and Andrew, members of Chester Pike Chapter Order of DeMolay.

A Message from an Appreciative Parent

On April 29, 2006, the 36th Masonic District hosted a Masonic CHIP Program during the Multicultural Health and Wellness Fair at Highland Park Elementary School, Upper Darby, Pa. Eighty-four children were CHIP'd at the event. Later that day, the Grand Master received the following voice mail message from a grateful mother:

"I'm calling to extend thanks to some of your volunteers that I met today at Highland Park School in Upper Darby. There was an event at the school, and they did the Masonic Child Identification Program. I just wanted to let you know that I was very impressed with how professional and kind the volunteers were for that event, and I'd like you to pass that along to them that I really appreciate what they're doing for people. I think it's really great... Thank you."

CHIP Brings Brethren & Lodges Together in Western PA

by D. Michael Tanner, P.M., W.M. of Dormont Lodge No. 684

Dormont Lodge No. 684 in the 57th Masonic District in Pittsburgh has made the CHIP program its primary focus for community service and awareness of Freemasonry to the public. Worshipful Master D. Michael Tanner, P.M., said, "The CHIP program offers a wonderful opportunity to involve all our brethren, young and old, their wives, children and friends in activities outside the lodge. It serves the community, increases public knowledge of our fraternity and increases our bonds of brotherhood."

On May 6, Pennsylvania State Senator John Pippy's office sponsored a CHIP event at the Upper Saint Clair High School "Family Days" event in Pittsburgh, which was coordinated by District 57 CHIP Coordinator, Bro. David K. Graham Sr., Senior Warden of Dormont Lodge No. 684. Sen. Pippy and U.S. Congressman Timothy Murphy were impressed with the number of volunteers and overall efficiency of the CHIP team and were very enthusiastic about the involvement of the program in community affairs.

Bro. Graham organized 18 volunteers representing Dormont Lodge No. 684, South Hills Lodge No. 761, White Hall Lodge No. 791, Washington Lodge No. 164 (District 29), Templar Chapter DeMolay, White Win Hills Assembly of Rainbow and friends interested in the program. Several of the brethren's wives were in attendance and really enjoyed interacting with the kids. "This is an activity I truly feel can bring lodges together. Getting the wives, families and friends involved gives the brethren more to do than simply going to a meeting. I feel it can be the re-vitalization of lodges that put their efforts into it," says Bro. Graham.

The team identified 90 children. Parents were excited about the program and the idea that they keep all information regarding their children. Many inquired as to how they could arrange a CHIP program for organizations they belong to. And, several fathers asked that wonderful question, "What is this Freemasonry thing all about anyway?" Team members were more than happy to tell them!



Highlights

from the June Quarterly Communication in Elizabethtown



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Tour package does not include airfare. Airfare rates will be available Oct. 2006. For more information or reservations, please call (800) 377-4222 and ask for the Travel Department.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Offers New Credit Cards

Rewards for You, Benefits for Masonic Charities

The Grand Lodge is excited to announce changes to our credit card program – a new card, a new bank and a new rewards program to better serve members! What is different about this new card? It now provides an awards program that benefits the member while at the same time allowing you to support your fellow brethren and their loved ones receiving services through one of our Masonic Charities. It makes it even easier to be *Masons Helping Masons*!

You will receive a promotional mailing within a few weeks to apply for this new card. When you activate your new card with U.S. Bank, and each time you use it, a donation is made to help support Pennsylvania Masonic programs. This new card will be the only card that supports the Grand Lodge and our Masonic Charities. Please consider changing if you have a credit card under the old program, so your purchases can continue to benefit our Masonic Charities. The Grand Lodge encourages every Pennsylvania Mason to join this new partnership and to apply for and use this new card when you receive the promotional mailing.

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"I have been very excited about the opportunity the new Online Business Directory offers our membership but, honestly, have been disappointed in the relatively low number of brethren who have signed up so far for this free service," said R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. "I'm *personally* anxious to see your names listed soon, as *Masons Helping Masons*!"

Log on to www.pagrandlodge.org and click on "On-Line Business Directory."

Save these Dates!

Friday, November 3, 2006

The Grand Gala

at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia

"There's no better place to hold a Grand Gala than at the Grand Lodge!"

Benefits the Masonic Temple Initiative.

Join us in celebrating our honoree: Beverly Harper, President of Portfolio Associates, Inc. Because of her marketing expertise and vast knowledge of Philadelphia's cultural and civic communities, Ms. Harper's firm was chosen to design and build a Strategic, Organizational, Outreach and Marketing Plan for the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Her efforts have proven invaluable in shaping the future of the Masonic Temple.

For more information about The Grand Gala, contact Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick at (215) 988-1909.

Friday, December 15, 2006

The Pittsburgh Jingle & Mingle Gala

at the Shannopin Country Club in Ben Avon Heights

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Open Bar & Music beginning at 6 p.m.

Benefits the Masonic Charities.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! A great time was had by all last year, and it's sure to be sold out again this year!

Look for a reservation form in the November issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

Williamsport Lodge Supports Temple Initiative

On May 6, 2006, Williamsport Lodge No. 106 presented R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., with a check for \$6,000 for the Masonic Temple Initiative at the Lodge's 200th Anniversary celebration.

"We had always given money locally, but we decided to donate to the Grand Lodge in recognition of our 200th Anniversary," said Bro. Rick Betron, Worshipful Master of Lodge 106. "Grand Lodge is where we all came from, and we felt it was a fitting thing to do."



Bro. Gary V. Hoover, P.M. and Chairman of Lodge No. 106 Charity and Community Outreach Committee, presents the check to R.W. Grand Master Aungst.

Concordia Lodge Donates \$90,720 to Refurbish Masonic Temple

R.W. Grand Master Aungst receives the check from Worshipful Master Carl Zapf.

Concordia Lodge No. 67 presented a \$90,720 check to R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., on April 20, 2006. The funds will be used to refurbish the 77 benches in Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple, one of the needs addressed in the Masonic Temple Initiative.

According to Raymond T. George, D.D.G.M., the members of Concordia Lodge have been working toward this donation since 2003 when the project was first identified as part of the Temple Initiative. The lodge seized the opportunity to sponsor this project and pledged the funds to cover the then \$25,000 estimated cost of the project. After receiving estimates from various vendors, the cost to refurbish the benches had nearly quadrupled, threatening the successful completion of the project. Concordia Lodge, continuing its long tradition of being at the forefront of supporting Grand Lodge programs for the betterment of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, was not to be deterred. Drawing on their financial acumen and sheer willpower, and after sharpening many pencils, the lodge was able to provide the funds to cover the increased cost of the project.

The members wanted to help restore the Masonic Temple because of its historic ties to this beautiful landmark. "Concordia Lodge No. 67 used to meet in Corinthian Hall up until the early 1970s," Bro. George said. "The members of the lodge wanted to help maintain our Masonic heritage and influence restoration activities in the building, not only in a significant manner, but also in a manner that aligned with their proud Masonic heritage."

2006 Pennsylvania Miss Job's Daughter's Pageant

Move over, Gary Collins! Our own R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., took to the stage as emcee for the 2006 PA Miss Job's Daughter's Pageant. The Grand Master offered a suggestion after watching a Mason from another jurisdiction serve as emcee for the 2005 pageant. "I'm sure that there are some Pennsylvania Masons who can do this for you," he mused. Happy for the genuine interest expressed by the Grand Master, Miss Allison Stains extended the official invitation to him to host her final event as Miss Job's Daughter 2005-2006.

The Grand Master spent most of the weekend with the pageant program, participating in contestant interviews and getting to know more of the members and adult volunteers of the PA Job's Daughters program. And they couldn't have been more pleased. In addition to simply enjoying the Grand Master's company and comfortable manner with young people (his experience as an educator was certainly evident), the Job's Daughters were especially grateful for the level of commitment and support from the Masonic fraternity demonstrated by the Grand Master's presence.

At the culminating pageant event on Saturday night, the Grand Master served as co-emcee with Mrs. Sarah Stains, a Past Miss Job's Daughter of PA, and sister-in-law of retiring Miss Job's Daughter, Allison Stains.

Not only was the Grand Master there to serve as co-emcee, but all of the contestants were also escorted by District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge officers, all in full Masonic regalia. The support of the Masonic fraternity for this event was obvious to all in attendance!

The pageant itself went off without a hitch, with all contestants making Job's Daughters proud with their outstanding performance. Watching these poised, professional

All of the 2006 contestants with last year's Miss Job's Daughter, Allison Stains, and Miss Congeniality, Christi Miller.



Photography by Mike Inkrote

and courteous young ladies, it's not hard to see why we're proud of our Masonic Youth!

Lest the word "pageant" mislead you, know that this annual event is not a beauty pageant, but rather an event designed to raise funds for the Job's Daughters scholarship programs, as well as to select the annual Miss Job's Daughter and Miss Congeniality, who will serve as key leaders and public representatives for PA Job's Daughters in the coming year. Contestants compete in such areas as Ritual knowledge, etiquette and public speaking.

At the end of Saturday night's well-organized program, Miss Christy Blaisdell, of Bethel 7, Columbia, was selected as Miss Job's Daughter for 2006-2007, and Miss Lindsey Kissinger, also of Bethel 7, Columbia, was selected as Miss Congeniality. (Ed. Note: Bethel 7 is now meeting in Manheim.)

Congratulations to all participants and to our Grand Master and Grand Lodge leadership for their excellent display of support for our youth!

DeMolay Chapter Honors Parents, Grand Master



At the Parents' Day Dinner of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, on June 3, Master Councilor Michael L. Brown presented the Grand Master with a check for \$300 to support the Masonic Temple Preservation project, citing the chapter's many visits to the facility and the members' appreciation of its beauty and special significance to all Masons. During the event, the Grand Master spoke on the importance of family and the unconditional love that parents feel for their children.



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Seated, left-right: New Miss Job's Daughter, Christy Blaisdell, and Miss Congeniality, Lindsey Kissinger. Standing, left-right: Carl F. Berger, D-11; Ryan R.A. Aungst, Grand Sword Bearer; Robert S. Conway, D-1; Jay W. Smith, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Noble P. Johnson, D-60; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master; Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary; Kenneth E. Beard Jr., D-2; Merrill R. Shaffer, D-19; and Richard L. Wagner, D-34.

Pennsylvania Masonic YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation recently selected 30 students to receive \$49,450 in scholarship awards. The annual program runs from October 1 through March 15, when applications may be submitted. There were over 220 applications this year, representing students from every county in the Commonwealth, with a majority coming from Lancaster, Allegheny, Westmoreland, Berks and Dauphin counties. Many were deserving students, but the awards are limited to the income from the Educational Endowment Fund, which only grows through your contributions. The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2007 program and the 2007 application will be available October 1. The application and the scholarship summaries are always current and available on the Internet at <http://www.pagrاندlodge.org/pmyf>.

2006 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Grand Master's Scholarships (\$2,500)

Sarah Brill, Stephen Ralph Logan, Jr., Kristina E. Verdon

Dr. Raymond Allen Krome Memorial Four-year Renewing Scholarship (\$1,000 x 4 years)

Leandra Edith Logan

Dr. Raymond Allen Krome Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

Krysta Lou Brown, Sarah Connelly, Shawn Alexander Fizz, John Christopher Grover, Jr., Kelly S. LaTourette, Laura Moyer, Marie Sultana

Herman Witte Scholarships (\$1,500)

Anthony Lewis Carbone, Jr., Melissa M. Hostettler

David Bondzio Scholarships (\$1,500)

Caitlin Sarah Hirneisen, Nicholas C. Simmons, Punit Singh

Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation Scholarships (\$1,000)

Sarah Nicole Adams, Krysta Lobb, Amanda Dieffenderfer

Harry M. Ormston Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Ashley N. Ferrari

Harry M. Ormston Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Lauren Elizabeth Craley, Joshua David Eachus, Ashley Elizabeth Just, Renee L. Mendenhall

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000)

David Kirby, Daniel Mendenhall, Amber Reiner

James Booth Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

David Matthew Carroll

Clarence Uhland Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Crystal Vosburg

Theodore K. Warner Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Jeremy Bicking

Charles R. Nebel Scholarships (\$1,000)

Shawn Alexander Fizz, Justin C. Dunmire, Zachary Andrew Panitzke

Charles and Phyllis Schaeffer Scholarship (\$1,000)

Stephen Ralph Logan, Jr.

Michael H. Gotshall Memorial Scholarship (\$400)

Cassandra Lee Chillas-Squires

Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 Scholarship (\$300)

David Andrew Labagh

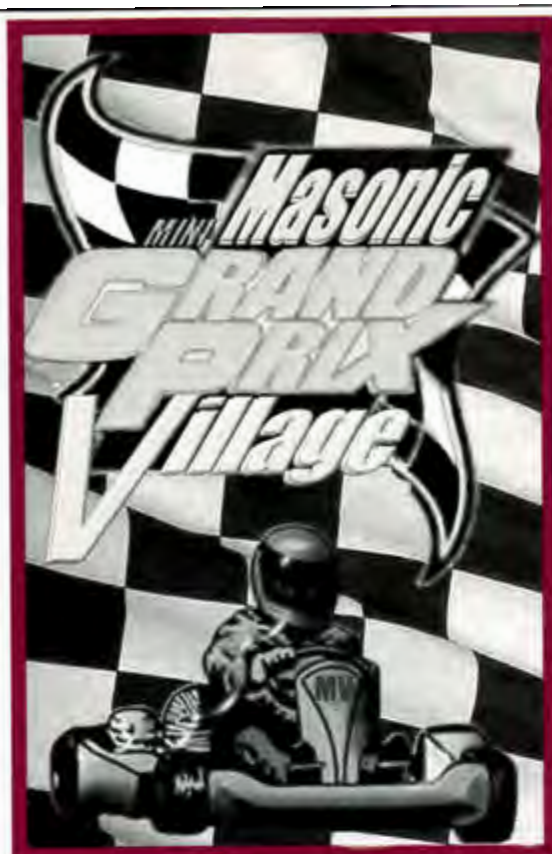
Loretta N. Scheirer Nursing Scholarship (\$250)

Linell Christianne Smith



Noble Johnson, DDGM-60, presents a \$2500.00 Grand Master's Scholarship to Kristina Verdon, of Bethel 17, Hershey. Kristina is a Senior at Marywood University, majoring in Long-Term Care Administration. This summer, she is an Student Intern with Health Care Services Administration at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation
1244 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423
(717) 367-1536



Despite the rainy start to the day, the third Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix was held on June 3, 2006. Through sponsorships and food sales, the event raised more than \$35,000 to benefit the Masonic Children's Home and the Grand Master's Charity. In addition to the excitement of the race, the Masonic CHIP program was sponsored by District 60.

Special thanks to the following individuals and groups whose efforts made the event a success: Jeff Lankes, for his special vision and support of the Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix; Masonic Children's Home residents and staff, including Tom McQuait, Masonic Children's Home sophomore who designed the cover of the 2006 Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix program; members of the Pennsylvania DeMolay, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 and Masonic Children's Home residents for setting up and tearing down the race track; Jeff and Beth Mohn of Oval Track Concepts for providing technical services; and Natalie Prazenica, Past Miss Job's Daughter, who sang the National Anthem.

And the Winners are...

Championship Race Winners:

- 1st – K.L. Harring Transportation
- 2nd – Masonic District 30
- 3rd – Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown

Most Authentic Paint Job

- 1st – Ebersole Excavating, Inc.
- 2nd – Warfel Construction Co

Most Creative Paint Job

- 1st – Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682
- 2nd – Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh

Most Authentic Uniform

- 1st – PA DeMolay
- 2nd – Masonic District 45

Most Creative Uniform

- 1st – Masonic District 30
- 2nd – Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682

Dash for Kids

- 1st – Moscow Lodge No. 504 (won a new motor)
- 2nd – K.L. Harring Transportation



*Masonic Children's Home residents
Shakira Diaz, Aries Rodriguez, Cody
Bratina and Charity Hess*



*Masonic Children's Home residents Ashley
Bratina, Michele Diaz, James Miller and
Cynthia Balmer*

The Grand Master sets the pace!

Thanks to our Mini Grand Prix Racing Teams...



Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682



K.L. Harring Transportation



Ebersole Excavating, Inc.



K.L. Harring Transportation



Masonic District D



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Masonic District 45



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Pennsylvania DeMolay



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A Legacy of Time

HOW DO I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?



Left: R.W. Grand Master Aungst and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes participate in the Tree Planting Ceremony at the Masonic Children's Home in Elizabethtown with the four graduating seniors and Masonic Children's Home staff.

"A Legacy of Time - How Do I Want to be Remembered?" The theme for this year's Youth Appreciation Day at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, held May 26, 2006, couldn't have been more fitting. Not only did the theme provide an opportunity for the youth of the Masonic Children's Home to reflect on their lives, but it also was appropriate for the unveiling of the Memorial Garden to recognize gifts to the Masonic Children's Home from generous donors.

Virginia Migrala, Director of Children's Services, presented each of the 40 youth from the children's home with medallions for their participation in various academic and extracurricular activities and plaques and certificates of achievement.

Following the awards program, the four graduating seniors (Dana Balmer, Yadira Diaz-Colon, Kisha Fields and Bro. Kenneth Henry, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682) participated in the annual Tree Planting Ceremony to commemorate the occasion and to leave a living symbol of their ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

The day's events concluded with the unveiling and dedication of the Masonic Children's Home Memorial Garden.

The Story of the Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden originated from the Advisory Committee, comprised of Bro. Alvin H. Blitz, Esq., Chief Director of Gift Planning; Gilson "Buz" Cash, former Director of Children's Services; Virginia Migrala, Director of Children's Services; Evelyn Hunter-Longdon, whose late husband, Bro. Stan, was raised at the children's home; and the following Masonic Children's Home alumni: Bro. Daniel Weller, Brenda Drawbaugh, Bro. Mason and Joy Crawford and Bro. William and Dorothy Stout.

The purpose of the garden is to recognize donations from benevolent contributors. Individuals who contribute to the Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund are recognized by the following plaques:

Child Endowment Plaque: Recognizes individuals making a commitment of \$600,000 or more to endow a child for the duration of his/her stay at the Masonic Children's Home.

Named Endowment Plaque: Recognizes those making a commitment of \$250,000 to name an available cottage in their honor or in memory of a loved one.

Major Contributor Plaque: Recognizes donors who contribute \$25,000 to benefit the Masonic Children's Home.

Thank you to the following contributors:

CHILD ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS

Quincey and Elizabeth Norwood
Daniel L. Weller

NAMED ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Dougherty
Daniel L. Weller

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

Mason and Joy Davis Crawford, Lloyd S. Gerhart, John "Jack" Harding, Stan and Evelyn Hunter-Longdon, Frank T. Kelly, Lodge No. 9, Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Richard E. and Mary Ellen K. Sheesley, William S. and Dorothy Slothower Stout and Daniel L. Weller

MEET ONE OF OUR LEGACY BUILDERS

Daniel L. Weller



The Grand Master presenting Bro. Weller with his medallion in March 2006.

Bro. Daniel L. Weller, Lodge No. 45, can easily recall the way the Masonic Village campus looked just before the onset of World War II. That was when Bro. Dan became one of nearly 100 children living in the Masonic Children's Home. Looking back upon his time at the children's home, Bro. Dan is filled with many fond memories of working in the dairy barn, planting lilies in the Formal Gardens' reflecting pool and establishing friendships that will never be forgotten.

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Right: R.W. Grand Master Aungst; Andrew Shore, great-grandson of donor Daniel L. Weller; and children who reside in the cottage named after Weller, show off the Masonic Children's Home Child Endowment Contributors Plaque.

Below: Lodge No. 9, represented by Bros. Robert Burns and Wayne Greensburg, was recognized during the dedication of the Memorial Garden for being a Major Contributor. Bros. Robert and Wayne stand with the Grand Master, residents and staff of the Masonic Children's Home in front of the two vans purchased with the \$68,000 contribution the lodge made to the children's home. The lodge also donated \$32,000 toward the Masonic CHIP program.



Left: R.W. Grand Master Aungst, major contributors and staff and children from the Masonic Children's Home unveil the Masonic Children's Home Major Contributors Plaque.



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Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill Now Marketing Phase III of Retirement Living Expansion

- ✓ Do you want to continue to live an active lifestyle and enjoy your retirement in luxury and style?
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If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, don't delay. Call the Marketing Office at the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill **today** and reserve a new apartment!

...Yes, you did read that correctly! Because of the successful response to Phase II of our construction and renovation efforts, we are now marketing Phase III, which will include 13 one-bedroom and 72 two-bedroom apartments. Construction of Phase II, which includes 15 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments, is scheduled to be completed in summer 2007. Phase II renovations also include a new retirement living dining room, as well as an improved health care unit. Also, each new deluxe apartment will include a washer and dryer.

We invite you to join us for one of our monthly presentations, which includes an informative seminar, as well as a tour of our retirement community.

Masons Helping Masons (cont. from p. 3)

stayed in the parking lot of a Sam's Club with other travelers and were met there by Bros. Allen G. Tidwell, P.G.M., Richard A. Mitchell, W.M., and Morris R. Heinzen, S.W., all of Slidell Lodge. They spent the rest of the day together, as well as the next two days, touring the devastated area.

During Slidell's lodge meeting on Feb. 6, Bro. Bill presented the check for \$4,091 to Bro. Mitchell. "They were so appreciative," Bro. Bill said. "They all applauded."

After the check presentation, Bro. Bill received something special of his own – he was made an honorary member of Slidell Lodge.

"I never expected that," Bro. Bill said. "It was pretty emotional. It was a great honor. I can't say enough about the fellas down there."

Bro. Allen and others from his lodge are grateful for the generosity of the Pennsylvania Masons.

"We probably wouldn't have been able to do some of

For more information on upcoming presentations on retirement living, please call the Marketing Office at (610) 828-5760, or complete and mail the coupon below. Or, if you prefer, call and schedule a personal tour. Just don't delay! Reserve your new home at Lafayette Hill before they are all taken!

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the things we had done without the charitable efforts of Bill Crist and his fellow Masons," Bro. Allen said. "It's just so reinforcing of how people feel about one another, especially Masonically."

On Feb. 8, Bro. Bill and his wife began their 1,171-mile journey back to their hometown of Montandon, Pa., leaving behind the destruction of the hurricane but taking with them friendships that will last a lifetime.

"My wife and I made a lot of new Masonic friends," said Bro. Bill, who still keeps in touch with Bro. Allen. "I hope to be able to visit them again, and I hope Allen will come to Pennsylvania."

The whole experience was rewarding for Bro. Bill, and he says he wouldn't hesitate to do it again.

"You just have to remember your obligation – help, aid and assist."

Pre-Marketing Efforts Expanded in Elizabethtown

Due to the overwhelming response to the first new 66-unit apartment building to be built adjacent to the Sycamore Square marketplace, the Marketing staff at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown is now pre-marketing a second 60-unit apartment building, for a total of 126 new apartments.

Future residents of the new apartments will enjoy convenient access to retail shops and other professional services planned for the marketplace. In addition, residents will enjoy access to all campus amenities, including a full array of health care services, should they ever need them.

All apartments will include wall-to-wall carpeting, sheer curtains, electric range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, emergency call system, smoke detector and individually controlled heating and air-conditioning thermostats. For additional convenience, residents will have the ability to choose from one of five different floor plans.



It's no secret that Retirement Living at the Masonic Village is one of the best lifestyles available for those seeking to enjoy life to its fullest. Residents experience true peace of mind in knowing all the worries and responsibilities

of home maintenance are now behind them. With on-campus healthcare services available, it simply doesn't get any better than this.

For additional information on Sycamore Square apartments and/or other Retirement Living accommodations at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, please call the Retirement Living Marketing Office toll-free at (800) 676-6452; or complete and return the coupon below. Don't delay any longer... they all may be reserved in the very near future!

I want to learn more about retirement living at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown!

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Address _____

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Phone (____) _____

☐ Send me a Masonic Village at Elizabethtown brochure.

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Please complete coupon and return to: Marketing Office, Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Protecting Assets through Lifecare

You have worked long and hard to be financially comfortable during your retirement years. The family "nest egg" has been secured, and you have prepared an investment plan that should protect those valuable assets. Suddenly, a health crisis changes everything! Many people are not aware of the potential costs involved in long-term care. This care can cost as much as \$100,000 a year. As medical advancements keep us living longer than ever before, more and more are facing the very real possibility of spending time in a nursing facility. In fact, numerous statistics show that more than half of us will need some amount of nursing home care during our senior years. With nearly one in five Pennsylvanians in their retirement years, it is possible that most are not as financially prepared as we think.

This is one of the reasons so many are seeking out the peace of mind that a Lifecare community can bring. As a Lifecare community, Masonic Village at Sewickley allows retirees to protect their "nest eggs" by guaranteeing that residents living in retirement living will continue paying the same monthly rate, even if they should someday need assisted living or nursing care. The key is to make the move before a pre-existing health condition prevents the possibility of a full Lifecare agreement.

Masonic Village is now over 90 percent occupied and will begin a waiting list in the near future. The demand is increasing as more people plan for their futures. Of course the lifestyle and amenities make it a great decision no matter what the reasons may be. With two restaurants, a large indoor pool and fitness center, entertainment, activities, library, computer room, educational programs and more, retirees of all ages are turning to retirement community living.

If you have not toured the village, you owe it to yourself to see what everyone is talking about.

Call (866) 872-0664 to schedule a personal tour or to make a reservation for our upcoming open houses, Aug. 29 or Sept. 21, at 10 a.m.

Only 23
apartments
remaining!
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Masonic Village at Sewickley

GET READY FOR Autumn Day 2006!

This year's Autumn Day at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. Join members and friends in celebrating the Masonic Village's annual open house with entertainment, tours, delicious food, farm market stands, children's games, Masonic family organization booths and more!

Autumn Day is the perfect time to visit family members, reunite with friends and tour the various areas of the campus. If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, please complete and mail the coupon below. The Masonic Village is unable to provide wheelchairs; so please bring your own, if needed. Handicap parking is available; however, you must advise the Masonic Village on your coupon if handicap parking is needed, so a special parking pass can be forwarded to you prior to the event.

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will be conducting a blood drive to benefit Masonic Village residents during Autumn Day. Donations will be taken at the blood bank stand from 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Anyone 17 years of age or older who is in good health and weighs at least 110 lbs. is eligible to donate blood. It is requested that persons desiring to donate blood make an appointment by calling (800) 771-0059 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please do not call the Masonic Village for these appointments.



Autumn Day - Sept. 30, 2006

Name _____ Lodge No. _____

No. of Adults _____ No. of Children _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Complete and return to: Autumn Day, Masonic Village,
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**Don't miss this great day
of fun, excitement
and fellowship!**

DONOR WELLER (cont. from p. 23)

When asked where he got his start in life, Bro. Dan's answer has unwaveringly remained, "at the Masonic Village." It was at the Masonic Children's Home where he learned the value of responsibility. During his high school years, the boys' counselor at the children's home asked him to become a monitor. It was Bro. Dan's job to look after 16 boys. He made sure they were clean, nourished and orderly on a daily basis.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if I stayed in the little town of Aristes, Pennsylvania," Bro. Dan said. As he was preparing to leave the children's home to enter the real world, the Masonic Village aided in his decision to enroll in a university. After a stint as a Paratrooper Medic in the Army, Dan returned to school and graduated.

Bro. Dan led a successful career in the business world whereby it became his privilege to aid the Masonic Children's Home in several ways - the most important being a part of the endowment to secure the Masonic Children's Home in perpetuity.

The respect and gratitude Bro. Dan has for the Masonic Children's Home has been the inspiration, through the years, to make significant contributions to benefit the children who currently reside there.

The last time Bro. Dan visited the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown was in the late 1970s. And, though the campus has seen dramatic renovations through the years, it will remain the same in Bro. Dan's mind - a village of hope, a mission of love and, most importantly, a place to call "home."

Masonic Village at Dallas

You're Invited!

We would like to extend a special invitation to update you on the latest news on the joint venture between the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Irem Shrine. Exciting changes are taking place at the Irem Country Club in Dallas, Pa., and you're invited to learn more about present and future development.

Future residents of Masonic Village at Dallas have begun to choose their individual site selections for their accommodations of choice. Residents who have chosen a cottage are able to not only select their location of choice, but also to review the tentative construction time line and plan accordingly the transition from their current home to their new home at Masonic Village at Dallas. Future residents of the apartment building are selecting the location of choice and specifying the floor plan and view they desire. *These are exciting opportunities for those who will be future residents of our new community!*

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be among the first to get a glimpse into the future of the Masonic Village at Dallas.

For your convenience, please select the date of the presentation of your choice, and return the coupon below to confirm your reservation. Each presentation begins at 10 a.m. at the Irem Country Club and is followed by a luncheon. For further information, contact Colleen Burns, Administrator, at (866) 851-4243.

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

☐ **Yes!** I/We will attend a presentation to learn the latest news on this joint venture on (circle one):

Thursday, Sept. 7

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Thursday, Nov. 2

Mail to:
Masonic Village
P.O. Box 429
Dallas, PA 18612
or call
(866) 851-4243

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

Number of persons attending _____

Supporters of Masonic Charities Recognized at Annual Dinners



Congratulating Bro. Harry Fleck (4th from the left) on his and his late wife Marcella's generous contribution to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown are, from left to right: Bro. James F. Standish, Jr., member, Committee on Masonic Homes; Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary; Stephen Gardner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master; Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Jay W. Smith, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; and Jeffrey W. Coy, R.W. Grand Treasurer.

During the month of May, three recognition dinners were held across the state to recognize those donors who have contributed \$750 or more to one or more of the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during 2005. The events were held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the Masonic Village at Sewickley and the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, and 361 guests attended.

During the recognition event in Elizabethtown, R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., had the privilege of honoring Bro. Harry Fleck and his late wife, Marcella, for their substantial gift to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, which provided them the opportunity to name the atrium in the Freemasons Cultural Center.

A 53-year member of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Bro. Harry resides in Chambersburg, Pa. After 31 years of service, Harry and Marcella retired from the Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg. Bro. Harry is also a member of Tall Cedars in Shippensburg, and he holds the title of oldest member of Grace United Church of Christ in Shippensburg, where he has been a member for 77 years.

Upon revealing the banner displaying the atrium's new name, the Grand Master said, "Because of Harry and Marcella's love for the Masonic Village and its Mission of Love values, they wanted to leave a lasting legacy through a generous gift to name the atrium the 'Harry and Marcella Fleck Atrium.'" The Grand Master also presented Bro. Harry with his medallion.

You Have the Best in Health Care Services!

Did you know that you have tremendous health care benefits at the Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania? There is no doubt the area that seems to be most important when individuals are making decisions about entering a retirement community or entering a nursing facility is the health care services.

Whether needed on a short-term or long-term basis, the Masonic Villages have health care services to meet those needs. Assisted living and nursing facility services are provided at Masonic Village locations in Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster. You have access to the best in long-term nursing care services, the best in clinical services such as rehabilitation, and the best in specialized services provided to those with Alzheimer's Disease or a terminal illness.

There are many facilities like Masonic Villages that provide good care, but where Masonic Villages stand out, where we far exceed all others, is in how the services are delivered. It is Masonic Villages' staff who place us at the top. Family and resident notes written over the last year describe staff as "empathetic, caring, dedicated people, nurturing but professional." Our Masonic Villages carefully select staff who we know are a good fit with our organization and can fulfill our Mission of Love values: to promote quality of life, respect for the individual and quality services.

Each of our locations is different in size and shape, but what is common is our desire to serve you and to be the best. For more information on the Masonic Villages' health care services, call or e-mail:

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown
(800) 422-1207
MVEadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill
(610) 828-5760
MVLHmarketing@masonicvillagespa.org

Masonic Village at Sewickley
(412) 741-1400
MVSassistentiv@masonicvillagespa.org
MVShealthcare@masonicvillagespa.org

Masonic Village at Warminster
(215) 672-2500
MVWadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org



Special Lectures at the Masonic Temple (continued from p. 2)

To bring the official Benjamin Franklin Terecentenary to a close at the Masonic Temple, a program co-sponsored with the Friends of Franklin titled, "Benjamin Franklin: Scientist, Humanist," will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Presented by Drexel University Professor of History Dr. Richard L. Rosen, the lecture will discuss Bro. Franklin's scientific ideas and how his reputation as a scientist aided his diplomatic work by gaining him access into the circles of France's and Great Britain's most prominent and powerful people.

Both programs are free-of-charge, but reservations are strongly suggested as seating may be limited. Light refreshments will be served following each program, and there will be an opportunity to individually speak with the presenters. For general information or to make reservations, please call (215) 988-1909. The Masonic Temple is convenient to all major forms of public transportation, and parking is available at nearby private lots.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) is a private, nonprofit organization that represents the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Federal-State Partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The PHC inspires individuals to enjoy and share a life of learning enriched by human experience across time and around the world. The PHC integrates the humanities into everyday life through partnerships with cultural institutions and community organizations. Support for the Commonwealth Speakers Program is primarily from: The National Endowment for the Humanities and its We the People initiative; the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts; Commonwealth Libraries; Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania; the Citizens Bank Foundation; and the Friends of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

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Widows Program

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Ladies Night Banquet

For the past 35 years, Mount Hermon Lodge No. 472 in Union Dale, Pa., has been holding an annual Ladies Night Banquet on or close to Mother's Day weekend. This year, the lodge hosted the Ladies Night Banquet on May 13, 2006, at the Belmont Fire Hall, Pleasant Mount, Pa.

The lodge always invites the Masonic Widows to come free of charge, and 14 attended this year. Bro. Thomas Butler, Past Master and Chaplain of the lodge, presented the program, where each widow was honored and then presented with a carnation boutonniere and beautiful potted flower. The female trio "The Cuban Angels" played and sang Cuban music and taught the attendees a dance.

Bro. Butler expressed gratitude for the support that wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and girlfriends give to all the Freemasons as they work in the lodge.

"This is a special event which the lodge is proud to have every year and the honored guests look forward to attending to renew old friendships and visit with each other," said Bro. Nathan A. Foster, D.D.G.M., Masonic District 15.



Above: Enjoying Mount Hermon Lodge No. 472's 35th Annual Ladies Night Banquet are (from left) Keith L. Foster, W.M., Willa Mae Mitzel, Mary F. Foster, Gary W. Foster, P.M., Charlotte Foster, Nathan A. Foster, D.D.G.M. 15, and Mary L. Foster.

D. Carl Peet Memorial Masonic Scholarship



Pictured above, from left: (front row) Sarah Davis; Cassandra Nazario; and Renee Crane; (back row) Alvin Hollister, D.D.G.M., Masonic District 14; Mrs. Jane Peet; Eric Toy; David Toy; Kelly Sledzinski; Ryan Edwards; Megan Bartle; and Paul Wentland, W.M., Waymart Lodge No. 542

On May 31, The D. Carl Peet Memorial Masonic Scholarship was awarded to eight seniors at Western Wayne High School's Senior Awards Night Program.

These scholarships are given in memory of our late Bro. D. Carl Peet, who was a Past Master of Salem Lodge No. 330 and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District. Bro. Peet had spent 35 years in the Western Wayne School District as a teacher and administrator, and his widow, Jane, maintains an active role with the lodges and this scholarship program.

Working with the members of Salem Lodge No. 330 and Waymart Lodge No. 542, Mrs. Peet recognizes the importance of educating our youth, having herself taught in the district until her recent retirement.

The officers and members of the lodges are very appreciative of her continued interest in the fraternity and the impact we have on our youth and community in general.

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