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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

### Brethren:

Since we opened the front doors to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia in December, we have seen a great increase in the number of visitors interested in touring our National Historic Monument. This flow has generated increased revenue and has allowed us to add an additional tour guide and a receptionist to welcome our members, as well as the public, during the day. In fact, this year we plan to stay open on Saturdays in July and August, so keep this in mind as you plan your summer vacations!

One of my goals for the Masonic Temple is to make it a meeting place where lodges want to come for both social and fraternal functions. For many years, we have used the same caterer for all of our events; now, we are entertaining contract proposals from numerous caterers so we can offer services on numerous levels. We also are making some dynamic changes to our Temple Treasures gift shop under the leadership of Mrs. Carol Alfe, our new gift shop manager, such as a new computerized system for the cash register which allows us to process credit cards and maintain better inventory. We also are analyzing our merchandise to ensure it is of interest to various individuals. Much of the success in this transition also can be attributed to the efforts of Andrew Zellers-Frederick, executive director of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

In my role, I am fortunate to meet many outstanding brethren who give generously of their time and resources, not only to our fraternity but to the betterment of our communities. One brother who stands out in my mind as an extraordinary example is Brother and Superior Court of Pennsylvania Judge Seamus McCaffery, who is well known for his selfless community service. Recognizing the strong feelings caused by the legislative pay increases for judges in July 2005, and yet believing strongly that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's rulings must be respected, Bro. McCaffery accepted his new salary. Instead of benefiting personally, however, he has donated his net pay increase to several charitable organizations for children, including a generous contribution to the Masonic Children's Home in Elizabethtown. He embodies my vision for *Masons Helping Masons*, and exemplifies our fraternal benevolence and commitment to helping others in need through his dedication to community service.

We have many exciting events coming up in the next few months, which are featured in this issue. The June Quarterly Communication will be held on June 30 in Pittsburgh, and I am looking forward to a great attendance. During my term I have held the Quarterly Communication in eastern, central and now western Pennsylvania so members across the state have the opportunity to attend at a nearby venue.

The Grand Master's Charity Mini Grand Prix will benefit the Masonic Children's Home, as well as the Grand Master's Charity. Held again this year at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown on June 2, this is always an exciting event full of fraternal and family fun. Autumn Day is scheduled for Sept. 15, and this year the highlight will be the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial, which will provide us an opportunity to honor all veterans, past and present. Also in September and October, the Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournaments will be held in the eastern, central and western parts of the state to benefit our various Masonic Charities. Fore!

I strongly encourage all lodges to make a donation to the Temple Initiative by the June Quarterly Communication or soon thereafter, so we can continue our restoration efforts and other enhancements as I've described above. While some lodges can afford to give more than others, I believe that every lodge can contribute something through the proceeds from a pancake breakfast, a pie sale, chicken BBQ or other fund raising event. This magnificent Temple belongs to all of us, and therefore we must take ownership to ensure its future.

*How can YOU be creative in supporting our Masonic Temple?*

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.*

Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.  
R.W. Grand Master



Bro. and Judge Seamus McCaffery presents a donation for the Masonic Children's Home to Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master





## Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Announces the June 2007 Quarterly Communication

The June Quarterly Communication, open to all Master Masons, will be held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Saturday, June 30, at 10 a.m. An outdoor picnic-style luncheon will follow on the grounds. Masonic dress is required. Friday prior to the event, members may wish to attend the annual...

### Outdoor Meeting in the Hills!

The 2007 Outdoor Meeting in the Hills will be held on Friday, June 29, 2007, at Christner's Grove, Dawson, Pa. Dinner starts promptly at 6 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Appropriate dress is long pants (no jeans) and a shirt with a collar.

The menu includes salad, 12 oz. N.Y. strip steak, baked potato, vegetable, roll and butter, iced tea/lemonade/water and dessert (after the meeting). Chairs and tables will be provided.

This event is sponsored by, and benefits, the Cochran-Dawson-Solomon Building Corporation as they work to fund a new regional Masonic center. The 2007 presiding lodge is King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Joshua L. Miller, W.M., hosting the event in cooperation with Marion Lodge No. 562 and James Cochran Lodge No. 614.

Reservations are required by Friday, June 22, 2007. Send your \$20.00 check payable to CDS Building Corporation to: Martin L. Miller, P.M., Secretary, 1122 Mount Nebo Church Road, P.O. Box 55, Champion, PA 15622-0055. Phone (724) 455-2124.

### MAN to MASON to SHRINER... a One-Day Adventure!

A Region One, multi-district, one-day class will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007. The event is being hosted by, and will be held at, Lu Lu Shrine in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Participating candidates may receive all three symbolic degrees by attending this class and, if they choose, go on to become a Shriner – all in one day.

The Shrine center will open at 7 a.m., for registration. Frankford Lodge No. 292 will host the Blue Lodge portion, with the Entered Apprentice degree presented by the Sixth District School. The Fellow Craft degree will follow, presented by the Tacony School and the Master Mason degree presented by the Eighth District School. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., followed by the Shrine Ceremonial at 2:30 p.m.

Petitions must be processed and approved no later than the May stated meetings of participating lodges. Each lodge must provide its Deputy with a final count by June 1, 2007. No walk-ins will be allowed. All dues and fees must be collected in full by respective lodges prior to the event, with a certification letter issued to the candidate as proof of payment. Lodge secretaries should have received the appropriate forms and information for candidate participation in this event from their District Deputy Grand Master.

Additional information will be available on the Lu Lu Web site at [www.lulushriners.org](http://www.lulushriners.org) or by contacting your District Deputy Grand Master.

Photo: Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master, makes the joint announcement for the One-Day Adventure with Richard J. Lamontagne, Potentate for the Lu Lu Shrine.



### Corrections from the February 2007 issue:

- The Grand Master's Charity Golf Tournament-Eastern Region will be held at the Lu Lu Country Club.
- Lodge No. 652's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated on May 5.
- Fernwood Lodge No. 543 was listed in the wrong category for its contribution to the Masonic Temple Initiative. The lodge made contributions at the \$500-\$999.99 level.
- George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 contributed \$1,000.00 to the Masonic Temple Initiative.

## First Brethren Awarded Grand Master's New Service Awards



Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, presented new 60 and 70-year Masonic Service Awards to the brethren of the 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District pictured above on Feb. 24, 2007, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle. The recipients are:

Front row, left-right: Brothers John R. Nagel and Harold N. Offutt, Ellwood Lodge No. 599; Franklin J. Sherman, Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; Dale E. Hamilton, Harmony Lodge No. 429; George H. Getty, Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; Wilbert H. Householder, Harmony Lodge No. 429; Russel Brodbeck, Ellwood Lodge No. 599; Louis J. Walls, Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master; G. William Blank, Ellwood Lodge No. 599; William E. Jarrett and Rudolf "Rudy" Schunk, Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; and Paul V. McKinley, Lodge of the Craft No. 433.

Back row, left-right: Brothers Leroy S. Grimm, Frank Zoltani, Charles E. Patterson and Richard B. Burgess, all of Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; James C. McFarland and James W. Martin, Lodge of the Craft No. 433; David L. McNicholas and George A. Ward, Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243; and Howard A. Gaston and Marvin S. Leiby, Lodge of the Craft No. 433.



Bro. George E. Boyer of Stichter Lodge No. 254, P.D.D.G.M. of the 40<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, was the first recipient of the 60-Year Masonic Service Award presented by Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, on Dec. 19, 2006, at the anniversary banquet of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. He was Initiated on April 25, 1945.



Bro. Edward R. Hollywood of Lodge No. 152, Easton, Pa., was the first recipient of the 75-year Masonic Service Award from Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, on Feb. 7, 2007, in Bethlehem, Pa. Bro. Hollywood was Initiated on Nov. 15, 1926. His son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Joan Hollywood, were present for the honor.



# Masons Helping Masons ...and Others



## Finding Comfort & Hope at the Masonic Temple

Upon returning to the Grand Lodge from a meeting one evening, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, and Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary, were approached by Bros. Joseph Schreiber and Thomas Waite, who were assisting an elderly gentleman. The man recently had been released from the hospital, but appeared disoriented and had nowhere to go. He was a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, yet he innately knew where he could turn when he needed help.

Grand Master Aungst immediately called the Courtyard Marriot and reserved the brother a room for the night. He then called the Masonic Outreach Program to arrange further assistance. Outreach staff called the Corporation of Aging in Philadelphia, an agency that has worked collaboratively with Outreach in the past. The Philadelphia Corporation of Aging provided Outreach with information on options to assist the brother in need. Within a relatively short time, an investigator was assigned to assist in the brother's case. The agency found emergency shelter for the brother and assured the Outreach staff that the brother would be assisted. Due to confidentiality concerns when the brother's case was turned over to the Older Adult Protective Services through the Philadelphia Corporation of Aging, the Outreach staff could no longer receive information about his situation.

Throughout the situation, the general manager of the Courtyard Marriott was very helpful. She assisted the brother in contacting the Outreach staff throughout the day, relaying messages and ensuring his comfort until the protective services staff came to pick him up. She reported that our elderly brother felt a sense of relief knowing he had support from the Grand Lodge and the Outreach staff.

## Hiram Lodge Masons Making a Difference in the Community

It's a cold January evening, one of the coldest nights of the season in the historic Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia. Bro. David Vahey, Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 81, has called a meeting of the Past Masters at the Chestnut Hill Masonic Hall, where the lodge has been meeting since the 1800s, to discuss strategic issues for the lodge.

During the meeting, one of the Past Masters excuses himself to go upstairs and fix a small plumbing item. Suddenly there is a loud shriek, a call for assistance from the third floor. Bro. Vahey, thinking three steps ahead, as usual, sees visions of water flowing across the floor and runs up the stairs. But instead, there, in the ante room outside the lodge room, was a young lady curled up on the floor, sound asleep. The young lady turned out to be the cleaning lady. She had recently lost her apartment and took refuge in the comforting confines of the Lodge Hall.

The good members of Hiram Lodge, demonstrating the wonderful tenets of Freemasonry, took action, doing what Masons do best: help others. Bro. Vahey arranged for the woman to stay at a nearby hotel that evening and arranged for a longer-term stay at a local shelter. But the lodge didn't stop there. They have continued to work to help this woman get back on her feet. Members of the lodge have found additional work for the woman and are looking for long-term shared living arrangements for her.

Did this woman just make a lucky choice, or did she know she would find comfort and assistance in the Masonic fraternity? Either way, she received more help than she had hoped for, from brethren ready and willing to extend a helping hand.

## Want to be featured in a future issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason?

We're always looking for good story ideas. Possible future articles are being considered on the following topics:

- Has your lodge planned an interesting and meaningful event including our Masonic widows?
- Have you joined the fraternity at a young age, 18-21, or at an advanced age, 80+? If so, what made you join in this stage of your life?
- How does your lodge encourage regular attendance to meetings? Has your lodge had some especially interesting and/or unique programs? Have you held any successful, creative fund raisers?
- How do you involve other bodies of our Family of Freemasonry in your lodge's activities?
- Do you, or one of your lodge brothers, have an interesting and/or unique talent?
- If you are a recipient of the prestigious Daniel Beard Masonic Scouting Award, tell us how your scouting experience led you toward Freemasonry.

If you have a related story to tell, e-mail it to [pafreemason@masonicvillagespa.org](mailto:pafreemason@masonicvillagespa.org) by May 16, 2007.

## New Marine Corps Museum Presented with Commemorative Tun Tavern

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was pleased and honored to present the new National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va., with one of its limited edition commemorative Tun Tavern models. Philadelphia's Tun Tavern is very significant to both the U.S. Marine Corps and Pennsylvania Freemasonry, as each of these institutions had its 18<sup>th</sup> century origins within this famous structure. Pictured, left, with the displayed Tun Tavern model, is the president of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Lieutenant General Ron Christmas (retired) with costumed museum docent Robert La Chance.

Last fall, another Tun Tavern model was presented by Ronald Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, accompanied by the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania's executive director Andrew Zellers-Frederick and curator, Bro. Dennis Buttleman, Jr., to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General Michael W. Hagee, at the Pentagon.

Individuals interested in this special commemorative item are encouraged to call the Temple Treasures Gift Shop at (215) 988-1973 very soon, as there are few remaining in stock.



## Identity Theft: It Could Happen to You

When it comes to protecting your identity, you can never be too safe. As fast as experts ascertain ways to prevent identity theft, criminals think up innovative methods of stealing your most personal information.

Luckily, a new state law was passed enabling consumers to place a freeze on their credit file in the event your identity is stolen. A freeze stops anyone from opening any new accounts under your name or Social Security number. Just send a written request via certified mail to each of the three major credit bureaus (listed below). The request will cost you \$10.

This new law adds a little bit of comfort, but there is more you can do before and after you become a victim of identity theft. Here are some tips, courtesy of Bro. William H. Humphries III, Esq., a member of our Outreach Program's COMPASS Panel of Attorneys, and the Federal Trade Commission's Web site, [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov):

**1** When you are writing checks to pay credit card bills, do not include the complete account number on the memo line. Writing just the last four digits is enough for the company to match with your name and properly apply. This technique will prevent anyone who may handle your check along the processing channels from accessing your entire account number. Do not have your Social Security number printed on your checks.

**2** If you believe your purse, wallet or credit cards were stolen, file a police report and call the Social Security Administration fraud line at (800) 269-0271. You can also contact the three credit card bureaus: Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241, (800) 525-6285; Experian, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013, (888) 397-3742; and TransUnion, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790, (800) 680-7289. A call alone will not freeze your file. They will place a fraud alert on your name, which means any company checking your credit will know your information was stolen.

**3** Make a photocopy of all credit cards and licenses in your wallet or purse; front and back. Keep the photocopy in a secure location. In the event anything is stolen, you'll have the phone numbers to call in order to cancel your credit cards, and your account numbers will be easily accessible. You'll want to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles also, as someone who steals your driver's license may try to have your records changed.

**4** Merchants should check the back of your credit card for a signature every time you make a purchase, so for extra protection you can write "Photo ID Required" instead of signing it.



## 6 Master Masons Raised at Masonic Temple

Doylestown Lodge No. 245 is growing each year and had a backlog of Master Mason degrees to confer. In 2006, 18 new members were entered and 60 degrees had to be conferred, requiring a lot of work in mentoring, degree preparation and conferral.

Randolph A. Scott, W.M., worked with District Deputy Grand Master William A. Wetterau, District 8, to acquire a special dispensation to hold extra meetings at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On Dec. 2, 2006, the officers set up the Egyptian and Ionic halls as two lodge rooms with officers to complete the raising of three Master Masons in each of the two rooms. One team served under the direction of Bro. Scott in one room, with conferring masters Hurely McBrierty, P.M., and James A. Dowling. Another team served with Bro. Charles J. Hollowell, S.W., as acting Worshipful Master in the second room with conferring masters Joseph Tolen, P.M., and Benjamin T. Hanbicki, P.M. All had been trained by Bro. Ralph Wagner, P.M. At the end of the day, Doylestown Lodge No. 245 had six new Master Masons: Joseph F. Flynn, Brian D. Carilli, Charles D. McHenry, Nicholas Sucic, Charles Sucic and Stephen Ferraguti.

These men experienced a very special and moving day. After all was completed, they had a delightful dinner at the Vesper Club and celebrated a remarkable occasion. All of these new Master Masons expressed the same sentiment: "What a great day! So this is what being a Mason is about: coming together, working together, and moving mountains!"



## From Man to Mason in One Day



Left-right: Brothers Jason Shade, grandson; Clayton Shade; Marlin Shade, son; and William Shade, son.

At Valley Lodge 797, Valley View Pa., on Nov. 26, 2006, Clayton William Shade IV, age 79, thanks to a dispensation, received all three degrees in one day. His son, Bro. Marlin R. Shade P.M., was the Worshipful Master for the Entered Apprentice degree and his other son, William Shade, was the Guide. His grandson, Jason Shade, was his Guide for the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. Clayton is looking forward to finally sitting among his family in lodge.



On Feb. 17, 2007, members of Perry-Keystone Lodge No. 392 were pleased to confer the three degrees of Freemasonry on Andrew Richard Langer-Williamson by special dispensation granted by Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Langer-Williamson was home on leave from Iraq where he is serving with the U.S. Army and was scheduled to return there on Feb. 22, 2007. Among the brethren pictured with him are Bro. Richard N. Fitzsimmons, District Deputy Grand Master for District 24 and Bro. Robert R. Schofield, Worshipful Master.

## U.S. Army Major Receives Degrees & Meaningful Gift

Franklin Lodge No. 263, Laceyville, Pa., held an extra meeting on Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, when U.S. Army Major Russell James Hampsey, serving at McDill Air Force Base, Fla., was Entered, Passed and Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, under dispensation by Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master. Conferring masters were Bro. Kenneth R. Wintermute, P.M., Entered Apprentice degree; Bro. Wayne A. Sherwood, P.M., Fellow Craft degree; and Bro. Henry C. Rahm, Jr., P.M., Master Mason degree. Brothers Robert E. Lee, P.M., served as Guide; Robert E. Clapper, P.M., as Senior Warden; and Edward J. Burke as Junior Warden. Charges for all degrees were delivered by Bro. George L. Laird, P.M.

After the conferrals, the newly raised Master Mason received a special gift donated by Mrs. Howard C. Bond. This gift to Franklin Lodge was to be given to the next Master Mason in the lodge, a Masonic ring that she intended to give to her husband on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Unfortunately, Bro. Bond passed



Bro. Howard Bond, during his term as Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge No. 263 in 1982



Front row, left-right: Brothers Robert E. Clapper; Wayne A. Sherwood; Major Russell James Hampsey; Raymond G. Bagley, Jr., D.D.G.M., 16<sup>th</sup> Masonic District; Henry C. Rahm, Jr. and Robert M. Innamorati. Back row, left-right: Bros. Robert E. Lee, Jr., Kenneth R. Wintermute and Edward J. Burke.

away before he could receive this honorable gift. The couple's daughter, Karen Bond, said of her father, "He lived for the Masonic lodge. We felt that his legacy would live on through another lodge brother... and it has." The family was pleased that, by chance, the ring was given to a fellow Army veteran, as Bro. Bond had served as a medic in World War II.

## Man to Mason One-Day Class Member Installed as Worshipful Master



Bro. Raymond George, District Deputy Grand Master for District E, was present to witness the installation of Bro. David Vahey as Worshipful Master for Hiram Lodge No. 81, which meets in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Bro. David Vahey was Entered, Passed and Raised as a One Day Mason on Oct. 2, 2004. The sight of the ritual ignited a passion within him, and with the help of able mentors, he quickly became certified in all three degrees. He now serves as Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 81.

Bro. Dave had the pleasure to serve as Worshipful Master in the Entered Apprentice degree for the sectional school in April 2006 with a team that exemplified a nearly perfect degree.

A member of Lu Lu Shrine and Temple Melita Royal Arch Chapter, Bro. Dave is also active in The Valley of Philadelphia Scottish Rite. He actively researches Masonic topics and is listed on the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau. He has been a guest speaker at several lodges and appendant bodies in the Philadelphia area.

Bro. Dave says he has benefited from the many mentors who have dedicated their time and hard work to our ritual. "I am proof that mentoring our new members will yield great rewards for our fraternity," Bro. Dave said.



## New Kite & Key Lodge No. 811 F.&A.M. CONSTITUTED

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers held a Special Communication in Egyptian Hall at the Masonic Temple, Allentown. The purpose of the Communication was to constitute Kite & Key Lodge No. 811, the first lodge to be constituted in almost 29 years, and to install the officers.

The Kite & Key Lodge represents a historic event in our Grand Lodge, as it is the first Traditional Observance Lodge to be instituted in Pennsylvania. The Charter Members of the lodge have been meeting for the last eight months to become familiar with the philosophy and procedure of this European Concept lodge. Among the charter members are Grand Master Aungst and Ralph Slider, District Deputy Grand Master for District 10.

A large turnout witnessed the ancient ceremony, administered by the Grand Officers. The warrant officers are Aaron R. White, W.M.; Mark E. Bober, S.W.; James E. Green, J.W.; Daniel E. Tarafas, Treasurer, and Charles S. Canning, Secretary. The new lodge was dedicated with the traditional blessing of corn, wine and oil.

Traditional Observance lodges are similar to European Concept lodges in that they incorporate higher dues; festive boards, called Agape; and strict dress codes – all members will meet in tails. There is also a higher standard of ritual. The thrust of the initiation is to develop knowledgeable and proficient members before advancing. But the real difference is in the initiatic elements, with a Chamber of Reflection prior to the first degree, and the presentation of papers. The process of advancement likely will be longer.

The lodge will be limited to 50 members. Business of the lodge will be minimal. The atmosphere of the lodge will be for serious reflection and enlightenment. The presentation of papers is an essential aspect and promotes continued study of our Masonic lessons. Topics of a more esoteric nature will be the focus of discussion at dinner, which also is held with ceremony.



## A Mathematical Marathon

If you ask Bro. Marc Umile, of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135, for the phone number to his insurance company, he won't have a clue. But if you ask him to list 12,887 digits of pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, he'll start rattling off numbers as if it is second nature.

The task, which took him three hours and 40 minutes, set a Northern American record. Bros. C. Scott Meyer, of Melita Lodge No. 295; Warren Nelson, of Harmony Lodge No. 52 and a former security guard at the Masonic Temple; and Harry Rutter, of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 and Grand Lodge Controller, witnessed the achievement. The Guinness World Records lists the record as 67,890 digits held by a man in China.

Pi, which most people know simply as 3.14, calculates out to many billions of digits. Web sites enable fanatics to search for patterns, like their Social Security number, within the mathematical constant. To the acclaim of anyone who has memorized even a few hundred digits, there are no repeating patterns throughout pi.

Bro. Umile received lots of media recognition for his efforts, including *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the Associated Press, which has run the article in newspapers all over the country, and NPR (National Public Radio), which aired his interview on March 14, known as Pi Day (3/14). "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno requested a tape of him typing out the digits.

He has been practicing for that record-setting moment on and off since 1995, first attempting the record at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia last December. In fact, he knows the numbers so well, he couldn't forget them if he tried, he says.

Bro. Umile did most of his research in private, sharing it only with people who know he "has all his marbles together."

"People tend to discredit what they don't understand," he said.

He is intrigued, not specifically by mathematics, but by patterns of numbers. He has found many unique and personal patterns within pi. At one point, his name is spelled numerically. There are also quirks, like at the 360<sup>th</sup> decimal place (a circle has 360 degrees), the numbers 3, 6 and 0 appear in that order. He has written about 18 pages of these discoveries.

"Pi has a historical, mystical meaning," he said. "It's close to using your imagination. For me, it satisfies my limitless hunger to explore and find patterns. By nature, I always want to go higher."



He was inspired by the movie *Rain Man*, in which a man with Asperger's Disorder is able to quickly and accurately calculate complicated mathematical problems in his head.

"I did a lot of research to see if I could tap into that ability," he said. "It's a lot of fun trying to memorize things."

Bro. Umile is considered an auditory memorizer compared to someone with a photographic memory. He previously worked at a concert hall in Philadelphia and this has given him an ear for rhythms. When he is recalling the digits of pi, which he breaks up into stanzas, it is almost like music to his ears, he said. He even made a tape of himself, which he played on his commute to work to help him study.

"As we get older, our minds and brains become set," he said. "We need to learn to use more than 10 percent of our brain. Don't just be content and let your mind go. Use your time to your best advantage."

He currently works as a Medicare Part B biller. While this vocation involves numbers, it doesn't utilize his memory skills.

"Who welcomes memory?" he asked.

"It's fairly unheard of and few people in the world can do it, but do you put it on a resume?"

He gave a lecture to residents of a retirement community explaining what inspired his numerical marathon and how he had a goal, different from the everyday humdrum, and worked hard at it. He hopes to give more talks in the future.

Bro. Umile has been a Mason since 1990. He also spent six and a half years as a tour guide at the Masonic Temple. His auditory memory skills came in handy when he became a member of the fraternity.

"It's a ritual that requires memory work," he said. "It goes from mouth to ear, unwritten. You hear it so often that naturally you remember it."

He would like his accomplishment to inspire others to believe in themselves and find a passion, and perhaps lead to some new opportunities for him.

"I hope people find a goal and develop their own technique and ability," he said. "Even if people think it's strange, then keep it a secret. When you succeed, you'll know your dedication was worth it."

EASY AS PI

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# Meet Your Newly-Appointed District Deputy Grand Masters!



**District C**  
William L. Kingsbury



**District 5**  
Gary L. Dukeman



**District 9**  
Donald H. Masters



**District 26**  
Mark R. Nord



**District 29**  
James R. Flanigan



**District 42**  
Teddy D. Sizemore



**District 47**  
Samuel W. Spanos



**District 54**  
Paul J. Roup

Brother William L. Kingsbury, Past Master of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District C. Bill is married to Maureen H. Kingsbury and is a partner in the law firm Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP. Bro. Kingsbury is pleased to be associated with "a great Masonic district of gracious, warm and welcoming Masons." He is "proud to work with the great people in this organization" and wants everyone to know that he is "seriously interested in serving the lodges of District C, and helping them to develop long-term strategies for growth and success."

Brother Gary L. Dukeman, Past Master of Howell Lodge No. 405, Narvon, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 5. Gary is married to Andrea Dukeman and he owns and operates Gary Dukeman Auto Service. With over 190 people attending, Bro. Dukeman remembers his official presentation as an unbelievable, mind-boggling evening. He was delighted to have all his children and many family members in attendance and has been well-received by his district. He's looking forward to working with the lodges in District 5 and is gratified that he has "been given their respect as their brother and also as their District Deputy Grand Master."

Brother Donald H. Masters, Past Master of H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 9. Don is married to Jane A. Masters and is the facility manager for the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. Bro. Masters was in awe at his official presentation that was attended by nearly 200 people. He hopes that his service as District Deputy Grand Master will be one in which "the lodges and members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Masonic District will be a part of the Masonic family, feeling comfortable coming to me to discuss things, realizing that the purple (apron) shouldn't be an intimidation."

Brother Mark R. Nord, Past Master of Mahoning New Castle Lodge No. 243, New Castle, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 26. Mark is married to Kelly Nord and is a nursing home administrator. Bro. Nord was overwhelmed to see so many people attend his official presentation, especially a number of 50, 60 and 70 year members who attended and received their emblems. "To represent the Right Worshipful Grand Master is an honor, and it has been great to meet all the brethren in the other lodges. They have been very welcoming."

Brother James R. Flanigan, Past Master of Claysville Lodge No. 447, Claysville, has been appointed District Deputy Grand

Master for District 29. Jim is married to Ellen Flanigan and is a retired English teacher with the McGuffey School District. The number of people attending Bro. Flanigan's presentation was way beyond his expectation, and the evening brought back memories of when he received his Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree that was conferred by his father. He understands that he is "a very visible symbol of the fraternity in this community" and as a role model for the leaders in the district, he remarked that, "if I talk the talk, I'd better walk the walk."

Brother Teddy D. Sizemore, Past Master of Friendship Lodge No. 663, Delta, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 42. Ted is married to Jennifer Sizemore and is a Senior Network Administrator for LifeLogics. Even though the weather was inclement, over 130 people "packed the house" for his presentation and he remembers that night as "one of the highlights of my life." He also noted that his "wife, Jennifer, accompanies me to many of the family and youth events. She doesn't mind the time it takes, and just the other night she told me, 'I'm so proud of you and the fraternity you are involved in.'"

Brother Samuel W. Spanos, Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 630, Sewickley, and Rochester Lodge No. 229, Rochester, has

been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 47. Sam is married to Judith Spanos and is First Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor for Merrill Lynch. At the presentation, he was inspired by the oration on the history of the position of District Deputy Grand Master, and the dynamic charge presented by Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W.S.G.W. To help him remember the presentation, his Worshipful Master's children video-recorded the evening and created a DVD of it for him. Calling on his 27 years with Merrill Lynch, Bro. Spanos looks forward to bringing some of his professional practices to his duties.

Brother Paul J. Roup, Past Master of Plum Creek-Monroeville No. 799, Pittsburgh, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 54. "P.J." is married to Gail Roup and is owner of The Roup Insurance Agency and Dreamscape Video Productions. Bro. Roup, in remembering his presentation, recalls that, "it took me a week to come down from the high" and noted that in his installation remarks he thanked his wife Gail for "allowing me to dream without limits." He also explained the Craft to non-members present by noting that, "As Freemasons, we seek to make this room and hundreds like it around the globe, an island of tolerance in an intolerant world."

## District Deputy Grand Masters Workshop is Informative & Fun!



The annual District Deputy Workshop was held Jan. 5-7, 2007, at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown, Pa. The purpose of the event is to educate and update District Deputy Grand Masters about Grand Lodge policies and procedures and Membership Services, as well as the services offered through the Masonic Villages, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, the Masonic Temple/ The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Charities Fund.

The deputies' ladies were invited to be part of the program so they could better understand what role they can play in providing support.

In addition to the extensive informative sessions, the attendees enjoyed some social time, including square dancing and/or entertainment after dinner, and a special program and activities for the ladies.

Left - Bro. John D. Ream, District Deputy Grand Master for District 41, and his wife, Barbara, listen during the presentations.



Left - Bro. Edward R. Stein, District Deputy Grand Master for District 7, and his wife, Lorna, dance while Bro. Glenn R. Krugle, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for District 37, and his wife, Marsha, clap along.

Right - Bro. Jeff A. Biddle, District Deputy Grand Master for District 49, and his wife, Susan, dance alongside Bro. David W. Morgans, District Deputy Grand Master for District 57, and his wife, Leslie.





## Brother George Washington, Alexandria Lodge No. 22 (39) and The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

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

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has had the privilege of warranting many new lodges in its long history. While most of these lodges were within the state boundaries, some early lodges were located out of state, and in some instances, out of the country. One of these early lodges has a rather interesting history, as we shall see.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Feb. 3, 1783, a petition was being considered to warrant a lodge in Alexandria, Va. The petition had been submitted the previous September but the proposed Master, Robert Adam, was found to be a clandestine Mason. He subsequently received his Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees from Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, in January 1783. With that obstacle out of the way, the petition was approved and Bro. Adam was presented "with a warrant to hold a lodge of Ancient Masons in Alexandria, in Virginia, to be numbered 39" and he became the first Master of this new lodge.

Up until Sept. 26, 1786, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. In August of that year, Alexandria Lodge No. 39 received a circular letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania requesting their presence in some form at a Quarterly meeting being held in Philadelphia that September to determine their independence. The brothers of this lodge sent a letter of regrets by way of Bro. Dennis Ramsay, Secretary, owing to the great distance between Alexandria and Philadelphia, but hoped to be informed to their decision. They next received another circular letter dated Feb. 23, 1787, requesting their old warrant back to receive a new one from the now independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This letter, in turn, made the brothers consider aligning themselves with the Grand Lodge of Virginia (est. 1778) in Richmond that would be much closer, and therefore make it easier to attend Masonic functions. (Though there is no official reason for the original request to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it is thought that the Grand Lodge of Virginia was not meeting at the time since there are no records from that date).

Bro. Col. Michael Ryan is chosen to make an inquiry of James Mercer, Past Grand Master of Virginia, and the Masonic workings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Col. Bro. Ryan reports back at the March meeting that the Grand Lodge works within the strictest Masonic guidelines and recommends that they should go forward and come under the leadership of the Grand Lodge in Richmond. Alexandria Lodge then recommends George Washington, Esq., Master; Robert McCrea, Deputy Master; William Hunter, Jr., Senior Warden and John Allison, Junior Warden, as their new lodge officers. The latter three men and lodge member Bro. William H. Powell are given the duty to wait upon Bro. George Washington to see if he would be willing to be named in the charter. In the meantime, Bros. Allison and Hunter also make an application to the Grand Lodge of Virginia requesting a new charter.

Once Bro. Washington agrees, Alexandria Lodge No. 39 sends its official application with a letter dated Oct. 25, 1788, to the Grand Lodge of Virginia seeking a charter under their jurisdiction, "having found it inconvenient to attend the different communications of that honorable society in Philadelphia, and as a Grand Lodge is established in our own State, at Richmond [and] have, at sundry preceding meetings resolved to ask your honorable society for a new warrant, which has already been communicated to by letter, and also by our Bro. Hunter, personally, who hath obtained an entry of the Lodge on your minutes."

"At the next regular Communication [December 1788] of the Grand Lodge, the petition of this lodge was granted and its registry number changed from No. 39 of Pennsylvania to No. 22, Virginia." The new Alexandria Lodge No. 22 received its warrant with the date of April 28, 1788, and had its last meeting as Alexandria Lodge No. 39 on Jan. 20, 1789.

Bro. George Washington served his first term as Charter Master from April 28 to Dec. 27, 1788, and was re-elected as Master for a second term on Dec. 20, 1788. Thus it was during these few months of transition from one Grand Lodge to another that Bro. Washington was Master of his lodge while it was still under Pennsylvania jurisdiction.

Not only did he have the privilege of serving as the first Master of Alexandria No. 22, but he also began his term as first President of the United States on April 30, 1789.

Sources: Grand Lodge of Penna. Proceedings, 1730 to 1809, Freemasonry in Pennsylvania 1727-1907, v. 2, Freemasonry in Virginia, (1733-1936) and The Lodge of Washington



## 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Masons Honor Worshipful Masters



Front row, left-right: Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master; Allen L. Smith, W.M., Muncy Lodge No. 299; David V. Shipton, W.M., Eureka Lodge No. 335; Robert L. Zetzmeyer, II, W.M., Watertown Lodge No. 401; Scott A. Miller, W.M., Lodge No. 106; Michael A. Slack, W.M., Lafayette Lodge No. 199 and Kenneth W. McClintock, D.D.G.M., 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. Second Row: left to right - Robert D. Ross, W.M., John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707; Donald H. Metzger, W.M., Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755; Paul J. Zell, Jr., LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232 and Robert T. Welter, W.M., Ivy Lodge No. 397.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. John's Day Banquet was held at the Scottish Rite facilities in Williamsport, Pa., on Dec. 28, 2006. This event is held to recognize and honor brethren who have served their respective lodges as Worshipful Master for the past year and to announce and welcome the brethren who have been chosen to lead their lodge in the upcoming year.

The banquet and ceremonies were attended by more than 160 area Masons, wives and friends representing the nine lodges that comprise the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, delivered the keynote address for the evening.

### Brethren:

I have been approached by a few of our members who have expressed an interest in performing Masonic work in a language other than English, such as Spanish or Polish. We already have two German-speaking lodges within our jurisdiction who have formed a strong bond of brotherhood through their shared heritage. If you would be interested in forming a similar club or lodge of brethren, please contact the Membership Services Office at (215) 988-1901 or e-mail [gsoffice@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:gsoffice@pagrandlodge.org) so we can determine the level of interest and possibly help brethren of similar heritage connect with one another.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.*

Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.  
R.W. Grand Master

## Erie Brethren Attend Emergency Training

Having recently installed two AED units at the Masonic Temple in Erie, the Temple Association arranged to have participants from the five owner bodies and the building managers trained in CPR/AED by the American Red Cross.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, 12 brethren, including Richard N. Fitzsimmons, District Deputy Grand Master for District 24, assembled in the Lodge Room to receive the training from Bro. Norman A. Schlosser, Junior Warden of Lawrence Lodge No. 708, a certified Red Cross Instructor.

This cross section of members will now afford the lodges, appendant bodies, and others attending functions held in the building, a dozen brethren who have been trained to respond in the event of an emergency.



Erie-area brethren watch intently during CPR/AED training.





## Olympian Visits Lodge

Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767 was pleased to welcome World and Olympic swimming champion, Brendan Hansen, as a guest speaker to the lodge on Nov. 21, 2006. In addition to his inspirational speech on hard work and sacrifice, Brendan brought with him his gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals for viewing. He was even gracious enough to let those in attendance try on his medals. The lodge also invited all brethren from the 36<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and their families, as well as the Springfield High School swim team, to enjoy his visit.

## A GROUP EFFORT



Masonic Village at Elizabethtown resident, Elaine Bleiler, presents a check on behalf of Lodge No. 9 to Bros. John Good and Ralph Clare to pay for the materials used in two cabinets (in the background). Lodge No. 9 donated the money and members of the Rooster's Corner Woodworking Shop at the Elizabethtown campus, including Bros. Clare, Good, Jim Perotti and Wally Wright, built and installed the cabinets. The cabinets were given to the Bleiler Caring Cottage for the residents' use.

## Make Your Final Wishes Known

The letter excerpt below depicts very clearly how meaningful a Masonic funeral service can be to a loved one left behind, especially when the deceased brother was active in the Craft or has a lineage of Masons in the family. Yet many brethren do not make their wishes for a Masonic funeral known, or do not make their family aware of how to go about arranging one. In some cases, family members have expressed disappointment or regret at not having had the Masonic Order represented at a brother's funeral, not understanding that the lodge must be notified to make the arrangements.

Masonic funeral requests can be arranged a number of ways, but the first call should be made to the secretary of the lodge. Or, family members may call the Grand Lodge at (215) 988-1900, or download a funeral request from the Web site at [www.pagrandlodge.org](http://www.pagrandlodge.org), which can be faxed to (215) 988-1951.

Many of us are diligent about creating and updating a will, but it is also important and helpful to make our final wishes known so our loved ones can have peace of mind.

*On Jan. 31, 2007, my father, Henry C. Timms, a 67-year member of Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall, Pa., was given a Masonic funeral service performed by brothers from Greenleaf Lodge No. 561, Allentown, Pa. The four officers were Bros. Robert A. Nagle, P.M., Arthur R. Laudenslager, P.M., Robert H. Hoffman, III, P.M., and James A. Barbour, S.W. Five other brothers also honored my father with their presence at the funeral services.*

*After the services, the funeral procession was led by two fire trucks from the Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Company, Lehigh County, Pa., where Dad was a founding member.*

*I shall be forever grateful to my Greenleaf Lodge brothers for the solemn and dignified Masonic funeral service.*

*-Brian S. Timms, Worshipful Master, Greenleaf Lodge No. 561*



Left-right: Fireman Kevin Borman, Deputy Chief Jim Young, Chief Steve Schneider, Fireman Jerry Royer, Asst. Chief Josh Wells, and Brian S. Timms, Worshipful Master, Greenleaf Lodge No. 561.

## Brethren from Scotland Visit Philly

From across the pond they came! Brothers of Caledonia Lodge No. 254, Dundee, Scotland, were hosted by Pilgrim Lodge No. 712, Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 7, 2006. During their visit, they exemplified the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees – the Scottish way!

Our Scottish brethren were treated to a tour of Old Philadelphia and, at their request, visited Amish country in Lancaster, Pa., where they had a taste of home-style cooking at the Shady Maple Buffet. At the conclusion of their stay, our Scottish brethren returned home full of good food and, hopefully, with fond memories of Philadelphia Masonic hospitality.



## Prince Hall Members Visit



Front row, left-right: Brothers Joseph Randall; Edsel Burkholder, W.M.; D.J. Kearns, S.W.; and Timothy Kearns, J.W.

Back row, left-right: Brothers Charles Bolden; Larry Horath, Chaplain; Mark Morgan, J.D.; John D. Boyce, Pur.; Ray Steinhauer, S.D.; Don Morgan, S.M.C.; and Joseph F. Acton, P.D.D.G.M., Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Treasurer.

At the November stated meeting of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M., Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, were the honored guests by invitation of Bro. Edsel Burkholder, Worshipful Master. The speaker for the evening was Bro. Joseph Randall, Worshipful Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 126, of Clairton, Pa. Bro. Randall is also the Commander of the Mon Valley Disabled American Veterans Chapter and provided information to our Masonic veterans on their rights. Bro. Randall was accompanied on the visit by Bro. Charles Bolden, Worshipful Master of Monessen Lodge No. 79.

There was a warm exchange of Masonic information among the brethren and many similarities were noted in our Masonic work.

## Brethren Honor Brother Visiting from Spain

At the February stated meeting of Jerusalem Lodge No. 506, Bro. Vicente Carro, Worshipful Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 133 in Madrid, Spain, was received and honored as a very special visitor by Bro. Charles T. Graham, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District D. In his address to the brethren, Bro. Carro brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Spain, and spoke about the overwhelming feelings of friendship and fraternity he was experiencing on his first visit to an American lodge.

Bro. Gregory S. Stewart, Worshipful Master of Pennsylvania's Jerusalem Lodge No. 506, presented gifts to Bro. Carro, who was on a business trip in Philadelphia for several days.



Left-right: Bro. Vicente Carro, Worshipful Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 133 of Madrid, Spain; Bro. Charles T. Graham, D.D.G.M.; and Bro. Gregory S. Stewart, Worshipful Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 506 of Pennsylvania.



## Son Raises Father... with a Little Help from his Friends

Bro. Bryan P. Irish, Junior Warden of Thomson Lodge No. 340 and a fourth year graduate student at Drexel University College of Medicine, was Raised on Jan. 18, 2006. He credits a combination of excellent mentorship from senior members of his lodge, in particular Bro. John Law, P.M., and his own strong desire to learn the ritualistic work with enabling him to learn all three degrees, including charges, within his first year of membership.

When his father, Norbert C. Irish, petitioned Perseverance Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg, Pa., Bro. Bryan was privileged to sign his petition and confer both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, with the assistance of Bro. Law, Bro. Jeffery P. Lees, R.W. Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New York, and members of other lodges including Bro. Winton Hewitt, P.M., Cassia-Mount Horeb Lodge No. 273.

Bro. Norbert's Raising took place at Perseverance Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg, Pa., on March 13, 2007. Bro. Bryan, members of Thomson Lodge No. 340, a member of Cassia-Mount Horeb Lodge No. 273, as well as some members of Bro. Bryan's church traveled to Perseverance Lodge No. 21 to perform the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

"It is truly a unique opportunity for a son to Enter, Pass, and Raise his father, and the leadership of Perseverance Lodge No. 21 have gone well above and beyond the call of duty in assisting us in our efforts," Bro. Bryan said. He also praises the leadership of the 5<sup>th</sup> Masonic District: Bro. Harry E. Hackman, P.D.D.G.M., Bro. Gary L. Dukeman, D.D.G.M., and the district school of instruction, under the direction of Bro. Fred Pettit, P.M., principal, and Bro. David Tatum, P.M., assistant principal.



### Masons Helping Masons!

Members of the team which conferred the third degree were, left-right: Brothers John B. Law, Jr., P.M., as the Guide, Jorge E. Bruniard, S.W., as Senior Warden, Ray Riale, W.M., as Pursuivant, Bryan P. Irish, J.W., as Conferring Degree Master, and Richard E. Ciccotelli, P.M., as Junior Master of Ceremonies, all of Thomson Lodge No. 340; Bro. Norbert C. Irish, of Perseverance Lodge No. 21; Bro. Winton Hewitt, P.M., of Cassia-Mount Horeb Lodge No. 273, as Junior Warden; Bro. Gary L. Dukeman, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5<sup>th</sup> Masonic District; Right Worshipful Jeffery P. Lees, P.M., Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New York, as Organist; and Bro. J. Allen Cox, S.D., of Thomson Lodge No. 340, as Senior Deacon.

## Lodge Supports Brethren & Friends Serving Overseas

During 2006, George Washington Masonic Lodge No. 143 shipped four care packages to separate locations in the Middle East for soldiers from Franklin and Adams counties. The recipients included Bro. and SSG James Powers Jr., serving in the 324<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, Bro. SSG John F. Tucker, serving in the 113<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron and Bro. and Sgt. Richard J. Tieman, serving in the 54<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, all of George Washington Lodge No. 143; and PFC Terry Young, serving in the 549<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company. Lodge members Richard L. Hileman II, Richard L. Tieman, John F. Tucker and Gary L. Heckman Sr., Charity Committee Chairman, assisted the lodge in obtaining unit mailing addresses for these brethren.



Left-right: Bros. John F. Tucker; Gary L. Johnson, Charity Committee Photographer; Gary L. Heckman Jr., Assistant Charity Committee Chairman; Richard L. Tieman; and Richard L. Hileman II.



Masonic District 11 led off the totally Masonic Division in the celebration of the City of Pottsville's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade. The parade consisted of 28 units of clubs and almost every appendant body of Freemasonry was represented. A true picture of working hand in hand! The division was the largest by far, and was well received from start to finish. Pulaski Lodge No. 216, which celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a month prior, held an open house during and after the event.

## A Grand Day at the Grand Lodge

On June 24, 2006, Bluestone Lodge No. 338 of Hallstead, Pa., held an extra meeting in the Egyptian Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, to confer the Master Mason's degree on Bro. Joseph L. Carlson and on Bro. Samuel H. Whitney, who is a student at Temple University.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas L. Roe, made arrangements for the members, wives, children and friends to travel by bus to Philadelphia, tour the magnificent Masonic Temple, have lunch served by Vitorelli's Restaurant and use the Egyptian Room for the degrees. The wives and non-Masons had an opportunity to check out central Philadelphia shopping during the meeting.

Bro. Samuel H. Whitney was guided by his father, Bro. James R. Whitney; his grandfather, Bro. Robert M. Whitney conferred his Master Mason's degree; and his other grandfather, Bro. William Herbert, was there to witness the degree.



Front row, left-right: Bros. Thomas L. Roe, W.M., Samuel H. Whitney, James R. Whitney and Robert M. Whitney, P.M. Back row, left-right: Bros. William Herbert and Nathan A. Foster, District Deputy Grand Master for District 15.

## Open for the Season! Masonic Village Farm Market



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## District-wide CHIP Events Show Continued Success

### District 40

The District 40 CHIP team held an event on Jan. 13, 2007, at the Bechtelsville Wal-Mart and CHIP'd 98 children. Some participants waited in line for up to 20 minutes, but there were no complaints, and all of the participating families were very grateful for the program. During a lull in the action, Wal-Mart presented the team with a check for the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation in the amount of \$1,750 to help fund this and future events in the district.

Under the supervision of Bro. Andy Weitzenkorn, P.M., Stichter Lodge No. 254, and his dedicated group of volunteers, the program is in its third year. Several benefits are evident as a result of the CHIP program:

- Since 2005, the CHIP volunteers have distributed over 2,600 kits in the local communities, providing peace of mind to parents and providing the opportunity for them to talk about personal safety with their children.
- Working with the CHIP program brought together a diverse group of individuals working for the common good and has built friendships that will last a lifetime. These relationships extend across district boundaries due to participation in events with the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic districts.
- Retirees from several local retirement homes, such as the Frederick Mennonite Community, participate in the preparation of the CHIP kits. Even though they are unable to attend an event, it gives them a chance to contribute to their community, while providing fellowship and an introduction to Freemasonry.



- CHIP events in the 40<sup>th</sup> District are family events. Fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers all come out to participate. Several of our younger CHIP volunteers became members of our Masonic family after participating in a CHIP event.

On the surface, CHIP is a Child Identification Program unlike any other in the country because it is provided FREE OF CHARGE to all parents who seek it out. But internally, Freemasonry receives a greater benefit by uniting brethren, families, neighbors and others in the community to work for this common cause.

### District 46



On Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, the lodges of the 46<sup>th</sup> Masonic District CHIP'd 283 children. The district-wide CHIP event was held in conjunction with the Susquehanna Council of Boy Scouts Winter Jamboree at the Susquehanna Valley Mall in Selinsgrove.

Prior to this day, lodge members approached businesses in their communities and the mall to be sponsors for the event, collecting over \$2,000 to fund the CHIP program.

On the day of the event, the district was given space in the center walkway of the mall for registration and fingerprinting, as well as access to the community room for the camera area.

Media coverage in the local newspapers advertised the program. On the day of the event, WNEP-TV News for the Wilkes

Barre-Scranton area reported on the event during their broadcast by showing the identification process.

As a result of this day, the Girl Scouts requested a CHIP program to be held in conjunction with their scheduled day at the mall.

There were 75 volunteers, representing all eight lodges in the district, helping with this event. Several off-duty law enforcement officers from State Police, local police departments, fire police and the Northumberland County Sheriff's office, donated their time to this event. Some of these individuals are not Masons, but since this involvement with the CHIP program, they have inquired about membership in the fraternity.

## CHIPing Away at Crimes Against Children



The 24<sup>th</sup> District held its first CHIP event on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at Lake Erie Lodge No. 347 in Girard, Pa. 100 children were CHIP'd. The event was held in conjunction with "Dan Rice Days," an annual celebration of a local "town clown" from many years ago.



Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. R.W. Grand Master, and Lady Norma, were present for a CHIP program held at Ossea Lodge No. 317 in Wellsboro, where the Grand Master spoke with Pennsylvania Representative Matt Baker about the CHIP program. Pictured with the Grand Master are Meghan and Shawn McConnell, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Tim McConnell, District Deputy Grand Master of District 17 (seated) who is holding granddaughters Abigail and Emma.

## 12 Steps to Planning a Successful Event

1. The Worshipful Master appoints a committee of lodge members to conduct a CHIP event.
2. The committee selects a group of children to be CHIP'd, and estimates quantity.
3. The committee discusses funding and determines how to support the program by contributing enough to at least cover the cost of supplies, at a rate of \$2.00 per child. Funds may be forwarded before or after the event.
4. The committee selects the date and location of the event, considering the need for quiet rooms for video interviews. Dates must be scheduled at least six weeks in advance.
5. The committee determines the source of equipment and supplies, consulting with the District Deputy Grand Master (D.D.G.M.) or District CHIP Chairman.
6. The committee files a CHIP Event Request Form with their D.D.G.M. He verifies that cameras are available in his district or through arrangements with a neighboring D.D.G.M. If he approves, he forwards it to the Grand Lodge CHIP Coordinator, Bro. Chuck Lankert, at [pa.masonic.chip@gmail.com](mailto:pa.masonic.chip@gmail.com), who will assure that supplies will be available. If all is in order, he will add the event to the CHIP web page, schedule press releases and notify the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation (PMYF) staff.
7. The committee will begin a fund-raising program, if needed, by planning an event, soliciting businesses, designating charity funds or encouraging members to donate toward the event.
8. The committee will begin local publicity efforts to promote attendance at the event. The Public Relations Office of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown will issue a news release to appropriate media outlets.
9. The committee will arrange for training, if needed, through the D.D.G.M. or District CHIP Chairman.
10. The committee will execute the event, according to plan. The District CHIP Chairman will help you with your first event to review the setup and processing details discussed at training.
11. At the conclusion of the event, the committee will gather all Parental Permission Forms and arrange to have them sent to the PMYF office, with a CHIP Event Summary Form.
12. The Worshipful Master will see that all cash contributions received are processed and paid to the PMYF by lodge check. Checks from sponsors may be tax deductible if paid directly to the PMYF and designated for CHIP.





# The Masonic Temple's Own Support Our Constitution Flag

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

On Flag Day last year, the prestigious auction house Sotheby's in New York City, sold four rare American Revolutionary War battle flags for a record-setting \$17,392,000. These flags, with unquestionable provenance, had been originally captured from American Patriot forces by British Lieutenant-Colonel Banastre Tarleton, who held the infamous title of "Bloody Ban" among his adversaries because of his displays of cruelty. They had been taken back to Great Britain following the British surrender at Yorktown where they remained in Tarleton's family for 225 years until they were offered to Sotheby's to sell at auction. It is documented that "Revolutionary War flags are extremely rare," with only about 30 or so of this era currently existing within the United States.

The significance of this auction and the focus placed on American flags of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century era did not go unnoticed. Brothers Frank Bell and Michael G. Comfort of St. Alban Lodge No. 529 approached Bro. Dennis Buttleman, curator for the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, about a flag currently on display on the lower floor of the Masonic Temple and its well-known need for stabilization, preservation and conservation. The beautiful 4' x 6' white silk flag has the painted image of the early American federal eagle with 17 eight-pointed stars spaced around its top and sides. Symbolically emblazoned across the flag are the inspirational words *Support Our Constitution* which help to indicate that the flag is from the early days of the American Federal Republic. Brothers Bell and Comfort thought it would be a wonderful project for St. Alban Lodge to support these efforts for the flag.

Recognizing that the *Support Our Constitution* flag is important both to our institution and the nation, Bro. Buttleman researched more of the flag's history and obtained an estimate for the cost of its needed work. The respected firm of Philadelphia Textile & Object Conservation, under conservator Nancy K. Love, was commissioned to analyze the flag and prepare a detailed report outlining the careful treatment it requires. In addition, Dean Kahn, a renowned conservator whose firm also has previously accomplished projects for our museum, was consulted about creating a handsome new case, to protect and properly display the flag for enjoyment by current and future generations.

Our records indicate that the flag was donated to the Masonic Temple by Washington Lodge No. 59 in 1885. It had been a gift to the lodge, along with a musket of the same era, bequeathed by Bro. William J. Fulton. In a letter dated 12 December 1885, it was stated the flag was carried throughout



The *Support Our Constitution* flag

the American Revolution and later the War of 1812. However, the report provided by Nancy Love indicated the flag's date was closer to around 1790-1800 and the various physical items depicted on it identify the period immediately following the 1787 adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

We researched other existing late 18<sup>th</sup> century flags owned by organizations and institutions throughout the country to learn the methods these flags received for conservation and exhibition. Surprisingly, many of the surviving flags of this era are available for public viewing in various institutions with the majority on the east coast. We contacted the various owners of these flags and, in addition to information on their flags, each owner has sent The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania a letter of support that may be included with grant applications requesting funds for the needed work on our flag.

To help match the funds offered by St. Alban Lodge and those of possible government grants, patriotic and historical organizations throughout the nation have been contacted for financial support. Already, generous donations have been received from five local chapters of the National Society-Daughters of the American Revolution. The entire project carries a total estimated price tag of nearly \$30,000. When all is completed, a site has been selected for the placement of the conserved *Support Our Constitution* flag within its new climate-controlled display case near the Benjamin Franklin Room on the National Historic Landmark Masonic Temple's first floor. The flag will then be in place near other historically important and irreplaceable objects such as Bro. George Washington's Masonic Apron and Masonic items belonging to Bro. Benjamin Franklin.

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## MASONIC BOOK REVIEWS TO PERUSE

### "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism"

by John R. Heisner

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

One of the better-known hallmarks of Freemasonry is its symbolism. "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism" by Bro. John R. Heisner is a small thoughtful book reflecting on their meanings and importance.

Bro. Heisner, Past Master of Blackmer Lodge No. 442 of San Diego, originally wrote these essays for his lodge's monthly bulletin. Each meditation, only 2-3 pages in length, contemplates such questions as "What is a Mason?" and "The Principles of Brotherhood." He also touches upon some of the lessons taught in each of the Masonic degrees like justice, the mystic tie and the 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid.

Each chapter serves as a reminder of some facet of Freemasonry that is as relevant today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as it was during the early years of Freemasonry's formation. It is also hoped that by reading this book you remember what attracted you to Freemasonry in the first place.

To borrow this book, you may contact the Library at (800) 462-0430, ext. 1933. Or, visit the Circulating Library Web site at [www.pagrandlodge.org](http://www.pagrandlodge.org) to find more books on this subject.



### "The Pagan Dream of the Renaissance"

by Joscelyn Godwin, Weiser Books, Boston, MA

Reviewed by Bro. Charles S. Canning, Academy of Musonic Knowledge

Godwin presents a very detailed picture of the Renaissance and draws us into the fantasy. The richness of our own Masonic journey permits us a parallel experience to be both participant and observer and to withdraw from the dream with a richer understanding.

It is a book about that period of history which preceded the Enlightenment. The Renaissance of the 15<sup>th</sup> century was a time of rebirth of the pagan Greek and Roman gods that become the subject matter of art and architecture. Godwin develops an understanding of the social psyche of the period that was enriched by the mythical pagan imagination and the soul's longing for beauty.

The classical art of Greece and Rome was given new interpretation, and out of the reevaluating of old assumptions came the basic ideas that influenced the social history of the Enlightenment that followed and, along with it, its stepchild, Freemasonry.

One of the key elements of the "dream" is in the private microcosm of the "studiolo," a small, richly decorated study representing a "place of retreat from the public world that reinforced the dream in a "historical, moral, Hermetic and cosmic context." We are reminded that the Masonic lodge is also an oasis for meditation. Godwin illustrates the art and architecture in hundreds of detailed illustrations. The text concludes beyond Italy with the French buildings and gardens of Versailles and illustrates the Masonic theme of Mozart's "Magic Flute."

When reading "The Pagan Dream," with the gods, the seasons, the Zodiac, the muses, the spheres, the liberal arts and the classical virtues, one can see an influence in the frontispiece of "Anderson's Constitutions" with Apollo riding in the heavens, and in other early Masonic thought.

Freemasonry borrowed from the classical architecture with its temples and halls. The motif of its ritual even echoes historical figures and allegories of the pagan Renaissance. Buildings like the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, with its art and architecture, allow us to dream. They inspire as well as awe, an aspiration for knowledge and an appreciation for beauty. Freemasonry has built its own "Sun Palaces" for enlightenment.

I enjoyed "The Pagan Dream of the Renaissance," not only as a study of art history, but also an understanding of the collective unconscious and its influence on social history, and ultimately our own fraternity. It is a fascinating reference text that imparts an understanding of the milieu that influenced Freemasonry.





# Experience Ancient Egypt while Visiting Philadelphia!

For any aspiring Egyptologist enthralled with the wonders of Ancient Egypt, a trip to Philadelphia would not be complete unless a visit is made to one of the architectural wonders of the Masonic World: Philadelphia's Masonic Temple! On Fridays, from now through the end of September, a special tour of this National Historic Landmark's Egyptian Treasures will be conducted each week at noon. If you are fascinated by the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty boy-king Tutankhamun, you will be impressed by the splendor of the Masonic Temple's Egyptian Hall and the building's other treasures. Completed in 1889, the room is decorated in the style of the Nile Valley with 12 massive columns copied from Egyptian temples. The detailed hieroglyphics were authenticated for accuracy by Egyptologists and represent scenes taken from sepulchral chambers of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Dynasties.

"A visitor can experience the wonders of Ancient Egypt without traveling thousands of miles to do so," said The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Executive Director Andrew Zellers-Frederick. "This hall, as well as the other remarkable architectural features of the Masonic Temple, make this a must-see destination for Masons and non-Masons alike."

The special Masonic Temple Egyptian Tour is included in the price of regular admission. Admission begins at \$8.00 with individual and group discounts offered. The Masonic Temple is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with regular tours at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.; and on Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-noon with tours at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. For general information, please call (215) 988-1900 or visit [www.pagrandlodge.org](http://www.pagrandlodge.org).



## Meet Carole Alfe... the Temple Treasures Gift Shop's New Manager

Mrs. Carole Alfe joined the Grand Lodge staff during the December 2006 Quarterly Communication, bringing with her an extensive non-profit background. Her experience includes serving as the director of The Elder Craftsmen Shop, a Philadelphia non-profit shop of handmade American crafts made by senior artisans from across the United States. She also worked for Cadbury Retirement Community as a newsletter editor and special events coordinator, and for Samaritan Hospice in Marlton, N.J., as a planned giving officer and corporate/foundation grant writer, also assisting with special events and fund raising.

Eager to return to the arts and non-profit retail within her native city of Philadelphia, Carole found the perfect opportunity in an advertisement for a gift shop manager for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. "I feel energized and inspired every day as I walk through the front doors of the Masonic Temple to come to work," she said. "There is such a varied group of people working hard for the same mission of the Temple, for education and preservation of its rich history. The fact that this magnificent National Historic Landmark is a 'working museum' as well as a tourist destination adds to its interest." Carole reveals that there's never a dull moment; in fact, within her first three months she had already met visitors from 12 different countries!

Carole enjoys the challenges of creating an expanded museum gift shop, which recently re-opened on Dec. 4, 2006, after being closed for over a year for reassessment. In addition to Masonic items, the gift shop will also feature museum reproduction items and Philadelphia merchandise. One recent highlight was discovering a Polish glass ornament company that created a large hand-blown ball of the Temple, each one hand painted in a very "Old-world" style, which will be available by May. She has brought back the Cat's Meow Village reproduction of the Temple that was available several years ago. She also plans to offer for sale framed antique postcards of the Temple, Bro. Benjamin Franklin and other local landmarks.

Carole enjoys working with the Grand Master and Executive Director Andrew Zellers-Frederick, whom she claims are very open-minded to new concepts for expanding the gift shop. Recently named "Temple Treasures" through a staff naming contest, the Gift Shop provides Carole the chance to use her creativity toward a mission that warms her heart.

A self-proclaimed gardener and "This Old House" aficionado, Carole resides with her husband, David, a therapist. Their daughter, Amy, attends the New School University in New York City, where she also works as a film editor.

Carole invites you to plan a trip to explore the Temple Treasures. "You won't go home empty handed!" she says with a smile.



### Grand Master's 2007 Western PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 24 Shannopin Country Club Benefits the Masonic Village at Sewickley



Registration Begins: 10:00 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: Noon  
Boxed Lunch  
Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards: 6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$175 per golfer  
Includes golfer gift, bag drop, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, lunch, social hour, dinner, skill prizes & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Aug. 1, 2007, with check, to: Masonic Village, c/o Sam Spanos, 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

#### Reservation Form

##### Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing

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

Name _____	Lodge No. _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
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City _____	State _____ Zip _____

### Grand Master's 2007 Eastern PA Charity Golf Tournament - Oct. 29 Lu Lu Country Club - North Hills, PA Benefits the Masonic Villages (Lafayette Hill & Warminster communities)



Practice Range Opens: 9-11 a.m.  
Registration: 9-11 a.m.  
Full Buffet Brunch: 9-11 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: 11 a.m.  
Social Hour & Putting Contest: 4 p.m.  
Dinner and Awards: 6 p.m.  
Fee: \$650 per foursome or \$175 per golfer. Includes bag drop, greens fees, cart, use of practice ranges, brunch, dinner, skill prizes & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Oct. 19, 2007, with check, to: Joyce Michelfelder, Masonic Charities, 801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 (610) 825-6100, ext. 1348

#### Reservation Form

##### Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing

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

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City _____	State _____ Zip _____

### Grand Master's 2007 Central PA Charity Golf Tournament - Sept. 19 Irem Shriners Country Club Benefits 50% Masonic Children's Home & 50% Grand Master's Charity of Choice

Lunch: 11 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: Noon  
Social Hour: 5 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards: 6:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$110 per golfer. Includes greens fees, cart, lunch, social hour, dinner & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Aug. 24, 2007, with check, to: Irem Country Club, 397 Country Club Road, P.O. Box 307, Dallas, PA 18612 (570) 675-4465, Ext. 223



#### Reservation Form

##### Grand Master's Charity Golf Outing

Enclosed is my check payable to Irem Country Club in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following golfers:

Name _____	Lodge No. _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Name _____	Lodge No. _____
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City _____	State _____ Zip _____



## Installations of District Deputy Grand Masters Attract Masonic Youth

Did you attend the Installation of your new District Deputy Grand Master? If not, the members of our Masonic youth groups want you to know that you missed some outstanding programs! Masonic youth are naturally fascinated by the ceremonies of our Craft, where they might gain some insight into the origins of their own rituals. Seeing the new District Deputy Grand Master of District 5, Bro. Gary Dukeman, recite his obligation from memory in front of a "full house" at Howell Lodge No. 405, Honeybrook, on Jan. 22, left a lasting impression on the Job's Daughters of Bethel 14, Quarryville, and the DeMolays of Freedom Chapter, Christiana. They also noted R.W. Junior Grand Warden Jay W. Smith's remarks, encouraging members of our fraternity to visit the youth groups at their meetings or other events, and expressed their hope that some of the Masons present were listening. They were equally impressed with the interest and welcoming attention they received from Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, and from all the Masons present.

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 1, York, attended the Installation of Bro. Teddy D. Sizemore, on Jan. 25, at Friendship Lodge No. 663, Fawn Grove, in District 42, where they provided a choir to sing and enhance the ceremony with beautiful hymns (see photo, below). They also took the opportunity to pass out their new "JDI" pins, which represent the new logo of "Job's Daughters International." The Bethel, and DeMolay members of Riverside Chapter in Wrightsville, each presented Grand Master Aungst with a check to assist with the Masonic Temple Initiative (see photo at lower left).

Bro. Sizemore, in a letter thanking them for their attendance, wrote, "All of you have my support in the future, and I am going to do everything in my power to make your organization stronger. I believe with the CHIP program and awareness in the communities, we can get some new members in your clubs and possibly even start a new chapter in the southern part of the district."

The youth group members and leaders agreed that this is exactly the kind of Masonic support they need to grow!



## Support Our Constitution Flag

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If any lodge, individual or organization wishes to offer financial support at any level, please contact Executive Director Andrew Zellers-Frederick at (215) 988-1909. For information about the flag and its treatment, please call Bro. Buttleman at (215) 988-1485.

This project is what we hope will be one of many such efforts to preserve objects from throughout the Masonic Temple and place them on improved public display. If you

or your lodge have any suggestions or recommendations for any objects, such as paintings, sculpture, china, furnishings, archival materials, books or maps, and wish to be part of an effort to conserve these irreplaceable items, contact either the executive director or the curator of the Masonic Temple. Your support will be most welcome and appreciated. All contributions, from any individual, group or institution to the flag will receive proper recognition at a future re-dedication ceremony.

## Whose Life will **YOUR** Lodge Change this Summer?

In its eighth highly successful year, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation's (PMYF) LifeSkills Conference is scheduled for July 22-27, 2007. It's a week of fun, new friends and challenging new experiences, and it's far from just your average summer camp.

Through a variety of fun, adventure-based problem solving and team-building experiences designed by Bro. Thom Stecher and Associates, participants will discover the power of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RELATIONSHIPS in building a successful life. Bro. Stecher is one of the designers of the nationally recognized Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. Among the week's highlights is a trip to a high ropes course.

The conference is open to young people, ages 12-16, who are members of a Masonic-sponsored youth group, a relative of a Pennsylvania Mason or sponsored by a Pennsylvania Masonic lodge. In the past, a number of lodges have taken up the challenge to find a local youth to sponsor to the conference, and they've been glad they did. Conference "graduates" volunteer to make a presentation to their sponsoring lodges after the program, and they often say the lodge provided them with nothing less than a life-changing experience.

This year, the PMYF is challenging the lodges of Pennsylvania to widen the influence of this great conference by sponsoring one conferee from each Masonic district. We've already sent brochures and applications to all Pennsylvania lodges and District Deputies, complete with suggestions on where to find a youth to sponsor.

As always, the conference will be held at our fantastic Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, Pa. After subsidies by the PMYF, the registration cost for participants, or their lodge sponsors, is only \$250 for first-time attendees, or \$400 for those returning for a second conference. Complete details of the conference, along with registration materials, are available online at [www.pagrandlodge.org/pmyf](http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pmyf) or by calling the PMYF offices directly at (800) 266-8424.



## DeMolay Returning to West Branch Valley

In late 2005, a small group of brothers from the 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District were discussing the future of the Craft and the Order of DeMolay was brought up. After determining there would be enough interest in a DeMolay chapter to serve the area, a small committee began the process of organizing and training new DeMolay advisors.

On Jan. 17, 2007, the newly named Lycoming Chapter's Advisory Council held its first formal meeting. Assisting the eight members of the Council present were Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania, and his son, Bro. David Labagh, a sophomore at Lycoming College in Williamsport.

Brothers Wilmer Hall, Sam Aungst, H.G. Thomas, Jim Stroup, Fred Ripka and Ken McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18, were elected Chairman, Chapter Advisor, Assistant Chapter Advisor, Council Secretary, Treasurer and Masonic Liaison respectively.

The chapter will meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 7:30 p.m., in the Howard Memorial Cathedral. The Advisory Council will meet on the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m., in the Armory of the Williamsport

Masonic Temple.

Active recruitment of new members for the chapter has begun, and the first Induction ceremony is planned for Sunday, April 29 at the Howard Memorial Cathedral.

The chapter is generously sponsored by all of the lodges in the district, and the local York and Scottish Rite bodies including Lafayette Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven; La Belle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore; Muncy Lodge No. 299, Muncy; Eureka Lodge No. 335, Montoursville; Watons town Lodge No. 401, Watons town; and these Williamsport bodies: Lodge No. 106, Ivy Lodge No. 397, John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755, Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, Adoniram Council No. 26, Baldwin II Commandery No. 22, and the Valley of Williamsport, A.A.S.R.

If you would like to get involved in the Lycoming Chapter or would like to learn more about DeMolay or any of the other Masonic youth groups, call the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation at (717) 367-1536 locally, or toll-free, in Pennsylvania only, at (800) 266-8424.



## Pennsylvania Rainbow Begins a New Era!

Some people spend a lot of time looking *beyond* the Rainbow for something better, but the leaders of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania are looking *at* the Rainbow for some answers to questions about their future.

In November 2006, Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue resigned after seven years of dedicated service as Supreme Deputy and 29 years as Supreme Inspector for Rainbow in PA. Recognizing the need for immediate leadership, the Supreme Worthy Advisor appointed Miss Barbara Carson, Past Grand Matron of Eastern Star in PA, to serve as the liaison to the Supreme Assembly with the authority to conduct the normal business of PA Rainbow.

On Jan. 26-28, 2007, the Mother Advisors and Grand Deputies met at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus to review all the programs, customs and rules governing PA Rainbow. Using the discussion model of "Open Space Technology," they quickly found that their opinions and ideas were valued and essential to the overall growth and success of PA Rainbow. Groups and topics were self-managed. Leaders were encouraged to propose topics they felt strongly about, and they became session leaders for those topics. All ideas were recorded and shared by way of flip chart pages taped in the hallway. The "principle of two feet" encouraged participants to enter and leave discussion groups when they were satisfied or had heard enough. It permitted open and honest discussion without authoritarian direction imposed on any topic. At the end of the conference, all of the discussion items were compiled and distributed to each participant so they could think about and review all the ideas presented.

Additionally, plans for Grand Assembly in July were solidified and an all-Assembly workshop program for the girls was planned for March 10, when the youth themselves would be given similar topics and opportunities to shape the future of their organization. It's just the beginning of a new era of growth for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Pennsylvania, and for the individual growth and success of each of its members.



Miss Barbara Carson, P.G.M., 97-'98, and Liaison to the Supreme Assembly

## Now a Tax-Exempt Charity!

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls recently announced the finalization of their status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. That means that all three of the Masonic-sponsored youth groups in Pennsylvania now hold that charitable status from the IRS. The national organizations of the Order of DeMolay and the Order of Job's Daughters had both obtained that status previously.

So what does that mean? As charitable organizations, all contributions to these groups are deductible for tax purposes, including gifts to a local, state and national/international organization. It also means that lodges may now contribute to any of these groups from lodge charity funds, and that the groups may use charitable contributions for any of their program's expenses, including conventions, travel, membership drives, conference scholarships and so on.

Of course, lodges may still contribute to Masonic youth groups from lodge general funds as well, as provided for by the Digest of Decisions. And, naturally, tax deductions for contributions to Masonic youth groups may also be available to individual Masons who choose to give directly to these wonderful programs. Of course, supporting the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation also helps these youth groups thrive. For more details on 501(c)(3) organizations and tax-deductible contributions, consult your tax professional or the Office of Gift Planning for the Masonic Charities, toll-free at (800) 599-6454.

## Jobies Cook Up Goodwill at Lodge



Knowing that all Masons enjoy good food, the Daughters of Bethel 7 of Columbia and Bethel 14 of Quarryville prepared a delicious chicken potpie dinner and served the meal prior to the February stated meeting of Lamberton Lodge No. 476. To show their appreciation, the brethren collected \$261 for the girls' scholarship program.

Our Newest Venture to Expand Retirement Services Across the Commonwealth...

## Masonic Village at Erie!



Over the past few months, the Masonic Villages have developed a site plan for a proposed Masonic Village at Erie that would be built on the 46-acre Zem Zem Shrine Center campus. This vision, depicted above, would center around the existing shrine center (the central building with a light green roof), which would be renovated to provide additional services for Zem Zem members and residents of the Masonic Village at Erie, such as an event hall, dining room, bistro, lounge, fitness center, library, ceramics and art rooms, hair care studios, convenience store, meeting rooms and administrative offices.

Depending on interest, up to 100 apartments would be built adjacent to the Shrine center, and 90 villas would be constructed as duplexes in a neighborhood setting. Five different floor plans would be offered for the apartments, such as one-bedroom apartments, two-bedroom apartments and two-bedroom apartments with a den and balcony, providing up to 1,650 sq. ft. of living space, depending on options selected. Three different floor plans would be offered for the villas, featuring two bedrooms or two bedrooms with a den, providing up to 2,123 sq. ft. of living space.

The Masonic Villages will negotiate preferred provider agreements with local healthcare providers to ensure residents access to quality services either in the Erie area or at any of the other Masonic Villages in Pennsylvania.

Living at the Masonic Village at Erie would provide future residents countless recreational opportunities within five miles: Lake Erie, Edinboro University, Erie Zoo, the Warner Theatre, Erie Art Museum, Milcreek Mall, Jerry Uht Ballpark and Tullio Arena!

Presentations have been scheduled to determine interest in this new community. If you would like to be among the first to hear more, complete and mail in the coupon to the right indicating which presentation you would like to attend. Or, call toll-free (800) 676-6452.

The presentations will be held at the Zem Zem Shrine Center, 2525 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16506. Presentations will be held at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Mail coupon to: Marketing Office, Masonic Village,  
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
or call toll-free (800) 676-6452

**Yes!** I/we want to learn more about  
Masonic Village at Erie!

- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on May 23 (please respond by May 16)
- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on June 29 (please respond by June 22)
- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on July 31 (please respond by July 24)
- ☐ No, I/We will not be able to attend; however, please send a brochure.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_



## Irem Shrine & Masonic Villages Partner on Brand New Clubhouse!

In March, both the Irem Shrine membership and the Committee on Masonic Homes agreed to construct a new clubhouse on the grounds of the Irem Country Club in lieu of renovating the existing clubhouse, which was part of an original plan. Irem Shrine members and residents of the Masonic Village at Dallas would be served by this new clubhouse. A rendering of the future clubhouse is featured on the bottom of the front cover of this issue.

The new 26,868 sq. ft. Irem Shrine Center and Country Club will include offices, storage space and meeting rooms for Irem Shrine members and units, locker rooms, a game room and potentially a wellness center and a bank on the first floor. The second floor will feature a restaurant and a bistro/bar with deck space, a private dining room, a ballroom for special events, lobby area, central kitchen and restrooms.

The new clubhouse will be built behind the existing clubhouse, so that operations can continue throughout the construction process, without interrupting the restaurant services, wedding receptions or other events scheduled at the facility. Expected to open in summer 2008 at the earliest, the clubhouse will offer the same spectacular views to the south of the #1 tee and 18<sup>th</sup> hole and to the north of the 11<sup>th</sup> green and 12<sup>th</sup> tee. The building will be handicap accessible to both floors from the outside, and an elevator will provide access between floors. Parking and road improvements will be included in the plan. Also part of the current improvements for the site is a new driving range, which could be ready for use this fall, as well as a new maintenance building.

"This project is a wonderful way to build upon the excellent reputation the Irem Shrine Country Club has in the community by enhancing their quality services," said Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, CEO for the Masonic Villages. "We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to grow our partnership in such a mutually beneficial way."

Irem Shrine Potentate Harry L. Wood, III, agrees. "I think it's a great move. I'm glad we voted to move forward with this partnership between the Masonic Villages and the Irem Shrine. I'm anxious to see it get started because it will be a real benefit to both of our bodies."

"Here's a prime example of our Family of Freemasonry working together to create an ideal outcome that benefits many of our brethren and their families," said Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master. "As Masons Helping Masons, we can and will always accomplish bigger and better things."

## The First Residents at Masonic

If you've always wanted interesting neighbors, look no farther than the Masonic Village at Dallas.

If there's one thing that all of the first three brethren who have moved into the new community have in common, it's an exemplary record of military service. In addition, all of the first five residents (including two of the brethren's wives) have traveled extensively throughout the world. And yet, when the time came to decide where to retire, all of them chose a cottage overlooking the breathtaking golf course of the Irem Shrine Country Club.

Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.P.G.M., said, "People think we're crazy doing this so young, but we wanted to do it while we have years of quality of life. Lots of people move (into a retirement community) when they can't enjoy their homes." He and his wife, Rosalie, would know this from experience, as they had spent a lot of time at the various other Masonic Villages locations during his years of service on the Committee on Masonic Homes and then as Grand Master. But what sold them on Dallas was a combination of their favorite things: the beautiful and peaceful mountains, the concept of living in a smaller community with the opportunity to get to know people more personally, and of course – golf!

Moving for the Cunninghams was not an easy task, as they had to pack up and sell two homes before moving into their new cottage. Now that they're settled in, they are thrilled with their new two-bedroom, two-bath cottage, which Mrs. Cunningham describes as comfortable and reminiscent of where she grew up. Their view of the golf course from their lovely sunroom is a major highlight, and Bro. Cunningham's eyes light up when he thinks of teeing off this spring.

"In another year you won't know this place," Bro. Cunningham says from experience as he looks out the window at the construction continuing on the new cottages in his neighborhood.

The Cunninghams look forward to using the walking paths at nearby College Misericordia, as well as their indoor track, and taking in some of the activities offered on the campus year 'round. They've also staked out the Frances Slocum State Park, and plan to take advantage of the many recreational activities in the nearby Wilkes Barre/Scranton areas, which offer everything from cultural centers and theaters to concerts and restaurants.

Bro. Cunningham is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, having served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years before retiring as a Chief Dental Technician in 1977. He then worked in management capacities for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections until his retirement in 1995.

If anyone knows his way around the Irem Country Club grounds, it's Masonic Village at Dallas resident Bro. Russel Havey. After checking out a number of other local retirement communities, he decided on the Masonic Village at Dallas, a location that brings back fond childhood memories of golfing with his parents. He sold the home which he custom-designed to his daughter, Deirdre, which keeps his two grandsons less than three miles away and allows for frequent visits. He also has a son, Sean, daughter-in-law, Sally, and a granddaughter in California.

Even at first glance, it would not take a rocket scientist to see that the Masonic Village is a prime retirement location – but a rocket scientist,

## Move into their Homes Village at Dallas!

indeed, has deemed it as such. Bro. Havey designed rockets for the Air Force, and spent eight years as a pilot and has been a carbon engineer, a marketing professional, a manufacturing manager and finally a professor at Wilkes University. His work sent him on travels around the world, including to Australia, Tokyo, Tasmania, Italy, Germany, England, Sweden, and yes, even on a flight over the North Pole, although he admits not having taken the time to pay a visit to Santa.

A Mason and an Irem Shriner since 1962, Bro. Havey was "raised" at the country club, where his father belonged and his mother was a three-time golf champion. In fact, there is a bench honoring her on the fifth tee, which he sponsored with his stepfather. Bro. Havey remembers working as a lifeguard in the summers and watching the mounted patrol that once paraded on the old horse show grounds.

Bro. Havey and his "boss," Dusty the cat, enjoy their two-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath cottage. "From my bedroom window I can line up putts on the 15<sup>th</sup> green, the easiest hole on the golf course," Bro. Havey says. "It's an ideal location."

Bro. Jack and Virginia Haas originally had their names on a waiting list to come to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, but did not want to wait any longer. When an Irem Shrine friend showed them a postcard he received announcing the Masonic Village at Dallas, they signed up immediately.

The couple has lived in homes throughout Pennsylvania and traveled all over the world, except for Australia, Africa and China, during Bro. Jack's career with Nationwide Insurance. "You name it, we've been there, except for the moon," says Mrs. Haas, a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star's Kutztown Chapter.

Now, they love their new two-bedroom cottage, which is the same model they had toured in Elizabethtown. From their sunroom, they have a fabulous view of the pond and the fairway, and from their eat-in kitchen they overlook the woods. "I love it here, it's beautiful," Mrs. Haas said. "All the staff are wonderful."

Bro. Haas is a highly decorated veteran. He modestly displays an impressive collection of medals, culminating in the Distinguished Flying Cross, the highest Air Force award for valor that a soldier can achieve, which he earned while flying B17s during World War II. An avid trout fisherman, Bro. Haas volunteered with the game commission for years and also donated numerous hours to public service with the VA Hospital.

Another couple who have expressed interest in the community are Clayton and Terese Karembeles. "Brother Clayton actually was my first contact in the area," said Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, CEO for the Masonic Villages. "He set up the first meeting that brought Grand Lodge, Irem Shrine and Masonic Village representatives to the table to discuss his vision for what is now the Masonic Village at Dallas."

Retired business owners and avid volunteers, the Karembeles are active in causes that benefit their community. "The Masonic Order always runs first class operations," Bro. Karembeles said. "This is a win-win for everybody – it's an opportunity to showcase the Masonic Order and the Shrine. It's refreshing to see it get off the ground."

For more information on how you can get in on this ground-breaking opportunity, call the Masonic Village at Dallas Administrative Office at (866) 851-4243 today!



Bro. Marvin Cunningham, R.W.P.G.M., and his wife, Rosalie, enjoy their sunroom at the onset of spring.



Bro. Russell Havey takes orders from Dusty the cat, who seems to be saying, "See, if you line it up just right, you can hit a birdie on the 15<sup>th</sup> green..."



Bro. Jack and Virginia Haas treasure their wall of family memories, which they proudly display in their home.



# New Sycamore Apartments Take Shape at Elizabethtown

The latest Elizabethtown Retirement Living project, 126 new apartments to be located in two new state-of-the-art buildings, is beginning to take shape and will soon become the homes of many persons on the Retirement Living Priority (waiting) list. These apartment homes will feature a variety of floor plans including one, two and two-bedroom/den apartments with up to 1,650 square feet of living area. All apartments will also include balconies.

Services to be provided to future residents will include one meal per day (a modified meal plan is available), twice monthly housekeeping, snow removal, trash removal, maintenance of furnished appliances, necessary maintenance and repairs in the living unit, water, electric, sewer, real estate taxes, security, housekeeping of common areas, storage area, grounds maintenance, scheduled transportation, varied recreational and leisure programming and access to quality healthcare services should one ever need them. Many residents suggest the peace of mind knowing quality healthcare is available is the most important determining factor in choosing to reside at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

Future residents will also enjoy access to the new Sycamore Square marketplace, where a variety of services will be accessible within convenient walking distance.

While most apartments in this newest phase of Retirement Living have been reserved, there are a few apartment homes still available for immediate reservation. Completion of these new units is scheduled for late 2007/early 2008. Please call the Retirement Living Marketing Office at (800) 676-6452 to learn how you, too, can become a resident of the beautiful Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.



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Pittsburgh  
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# Living the Dream at Masonic Village at Sewickley

Masonic Village at Sewickley is one of western Pennsylvania's newest retirement communities and offers a lifestyle and security that are almost too good to be true. While many prospective residents begin considering a retirement community for their future health and financial security, after the move, the focus quickly changes to lifestyle.

Just look at examples from one month's activity calendar: the Pittsburgh Symphony, personal journaling class, movies on the big screen, ventriloquist, Leonard Bernstein program, computer classes, Bible study, bowling, mystery tour, health education series, world affairs series, swing/jazz concert, book club, card club, luncheons, museum tours and much more.

The lifestyle at Sewickley is not only busy, but it promotes lasting friendships and so many opportunities to grow and explore. For the many who now make the move while they are young enough to get involved, the options are almost endless. And all of this on a 55-acre, beautifully landscaped campus.

If it is security you want, then that is exactly what you get, since Masonic Village at Sewickley is a Lifecare community. Even if you should someday need assisted living services or nursing care, you are assured that the monthly fee remains the same as it was in retirement living. This is the ultimate protection for your estate from the cost of a long-term care situation.

Masonic Village at Sewickley is almost full and is currently accepting Pre-age Applications for those who are not yet 65 and desiring to be on a waiting list for the future. Applications require that you are at least 55.

If you have not toured the Masonic Village at Sewickley, then you have not experienced what it is like to live the dream. Call our Marketing Office at (866) 872-0664 to schedule a personal tour or to make a reservation for our upcoming open house on May 24 or our Lifecare Seminar on June 28.

# Close to the Action, Far Above the Crowd

Enjoy the culture and recreational opportunities that historic downtown Philadelphia has to offer and return to your luxurious apartment located in the suburbs of Montgomery County. At the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, residents can take advantage of an array of recreational activities from trips to Cape May to bowling in our in-house bowling alley. You can work out in our state-of-the-art wellness center or build something in our woodworking shop. We are full of choices, and the choice is yours!

If you visited our Village in the past, you may want to think about re-visiting. As our renovation efforts continue, you will be pleasantly surprised by all the changes that have taken place.

Phase I, which was completed in November 2006, included a complete remodeling of the nursing center and addition of more private rooms. Also included was the relocation of assisted living to the second floor, with a new dining room.

Phase II of our renovations, which is presently underway, will include 21 new deluxe apartments. All but a few have been reserved. New residents will be moving in as early as spring! Also to be completed during Phase II is a new retirement living dining room and a bistro.

Phase III will include construction of 85 new deluxe apartments connected to the existing building, which could be ready for occupancy as soon as fall 2008. These apartments, available in various floor plans, will include a balcony or patio, washer and dryer in each unit, walk-in closets and many more amenities. You may want a one-bedroom apartment, or perhaps the extra space of a two-bedroom apartment with a den. The choice is yours! We are currently taking reservations for these new apartments, so don't wait until they are all gone to make a decision. You can reserve one of these units for just \$2,000, which is refundable should you change your mind.

If you are interested in coming for a personal tour or finding out about our monthly open houses, please complete and mail the coupon to the left or give us a call at (610) 828-5760.



*I want to learn more about Retirement Living  
at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send me a Masonic Village brochure.

☐ Call me to arrange a personal tour.

Please return coupon to:  
Marketing Office, Masonic Village,  
801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

# What is Residential Living?

Unique to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown campus, Residential Living offers an apartment living setting without the hassles of meal preparation, but with all the comforts of home. At this time, interested applicants may choose from three room selections including studio, double, and deluxe room accommodations. Single persons may choose between a studio and deluxe unit, while married couples may choose between double and deluxe units. Financial requirements must be met to qualify for a deluxe room selection.

Residential Living's deluxe rooms were, at one time, two studio units that we combined and remodeled to build one larger apartment. This renovated unit includes a living room, bedroom, bathroom, and, in select units, a kitchenette (linoleum floor, sink, cabinet or shelving).

Residents enjoy three meals daily, including a buffet breakfast,



as well as a restaurant-style lunch and dinner. Residents benefit from a variety of modern conveniences included in the daily room rate: twice monthly housekeeping services, all utilities (except phone and cable), on-campus shuttle transportation, a wide variety of activities and social events and emergency assistance available 24 hours a day. If a resident should require additional medical care in the future, the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown offers both assisted living and nursing care options. Medical services are available on an outpatient basis for those residing in the Residential Living area.

If you have any questions regarding the above, or would be interested in a tour or application, please contact the Admissions Office at (800) 422-1207.

We look forward to hearing from you!



# Helping Where It Is Needed Most

Bro. Charlie Ross wanted to make a donation somewhere that would benefit the most amount of people, or "the whole ball of wax," as he put it. He selected the Masonic Villages as the recipient of his three charitable gift annuities because "they take care of the children, the elderly residents and the community."

"I felt giving to the Masonic Villages would be the best approach," he said. "I thought a charitable gift annuity was a good way to give because it affords me income for life." He appreciated the Masonic Charities staff who made the entire process very understandable.

A charitable gift annuity allows Bro. Charlie to receive a fixed rate of return on his contribution, with a payment made directly into his personal account. He also received a federal income tax charitable deduction. Upon his death, the remainder will go to the Masonic Villages.

Bro. Charlie resides in Sun City Center, Fla., but spent most of his life in Reading, Pa. He has made several visits to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, which led to his decision to make a contribution.

He had his own business, Ross Distributing Co., and was very active in Freemasonry within his hometown. Bro. Charlie belongs to Chandler Lodge No. 227 and the Rajah Temple in Reading and is a former Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite - Valley of Reading tiler. He recently earned his 25-Year Service Award. He feels Freemasonry has made him a better person.

"I appreciate the work they do," he said, "and their outlook on life."

This "Masonic outlook" explains his commitment as a dispatcher for an emergency squad in Sun City Center. He previously volunteered for one 24 hour shift per week. His other activities include a men's chorus, which entertains the citizens of his community.

Sun City Center is located east of the gulf coast, about 25 miles from Tampa, and is surrounded by 162 holes for golfing, although Bro. Charlie no longer golfs. He involves himself with the Sun City Center Shrine Club, attending lunch meetings and helping with the twice annual pancake brunch.

Bro. Charlie's support will surely touch many within the Masonic Village's "ball of wax." The effects of Freemasonry on his life are helping to ensure others feel the same effects for years to come.

See the back cover for more information on how you can give to the Masonic Charities through a charitable gift annuity.



## Join Your Brethren!

### Use the NEW Masonic Credit Card and Benefit Our Masonic Charities

Have you joined your brethren in using the new Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Visa credit card? This new card is the only card that supports the Grand Lodge and our Masonic Charities. U.S. Bank is the new bank. It has a new rewards program that benefits members and allows you to support your fellow brethren, their loved ones and others who receive services through our Masonic Charities.

When you activate your new card and each time you use it, a donation is made to help support Pennsylvania Masonic Charities programs. In addition to great benefits, which include no annual fee, your choice of rewards and 1,000 bonus points with your first purchase, U.S. Bank is pleased to provide a special introductory offer of 0% APR for 6 months on all purchases and balance transfers.

Apply today using the Visa applications that are available at your lodge, or call U.S. Bank at (800) 853-5576, ext. 8878.



The card is also available with a picture of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, a group of famous Masons or a circle of children.

Remember, the old Visa card previously issued on behalf of the Grand Lodge stopped providing funds to Pennsylvania Charities in September of last year. Thank you in advance for using your purchases to support our Masonic Charities.

The creditor and issuer of the Visa Platinum card is the U.S. Bank National Association ND.

## On Your Mark... Get Set... Join in the Fun!

### Grand Master's Charity Mini Grand Prix

Benefits the Masonic Children's Home  
& Grand Master's Charity

June 2, 2007 (Rain date-June 3)  
Opening Ceremonies 10:00 a.m.

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown



Attention all Veterans,  
Service Men and Women and  
Family Members...

This is an Autumn Day you  
won't want to miss!

On Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, the  
Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of  
Pennsylvania will honor all veterans, past  
and present, during the dedication of the  
new Veterans Memorial.

Mark the date and plan to attend as we  
honor YOU for your service and sacrifice  
to preserve our FREEDOM!



## Admissions Policy

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

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

### Service Level 1:

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

### Service Level 2:

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

### Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives  
Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

### Service Level 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania  
Freemasonry

