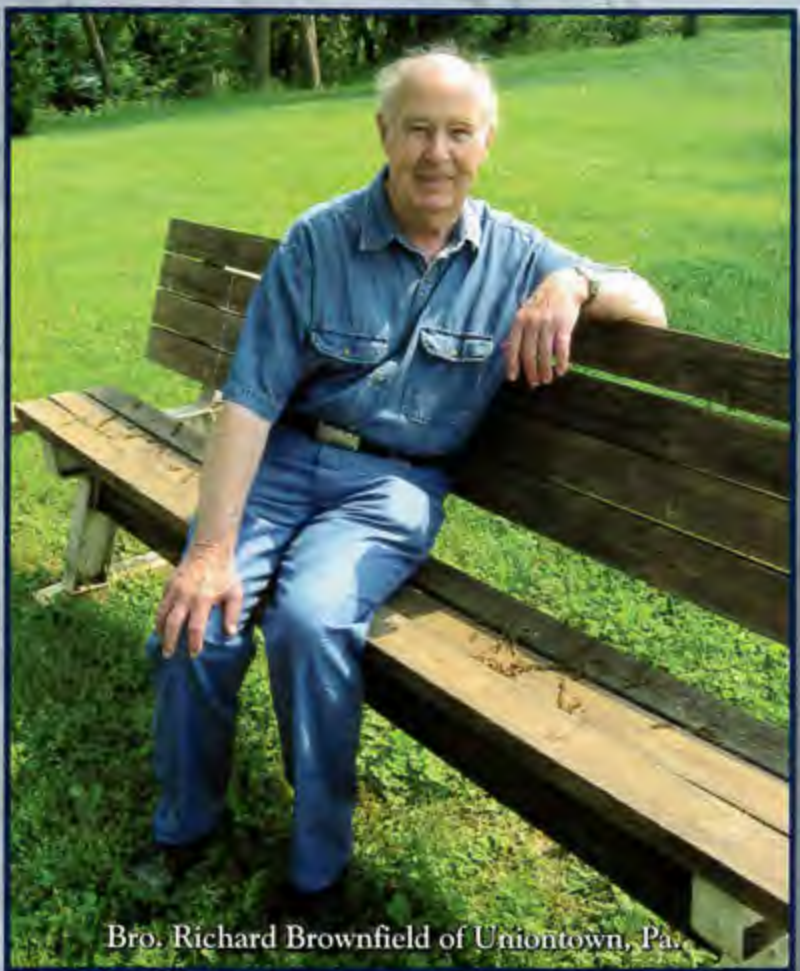


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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

Throughout this issue, you will see and read examples about what I've
found to be a wonderful trend in Pennsylvania – growth! Not only have we
approved the formation of another Traditional Observance lodge, but our youth
have shown a renewed enthusiasm with the recent addition of two Rainbow
Assemblies, a new DeMolay Chapter and a new Job's Daughters Bethel. I believe that as a result of
Masons Helping Masons, our commitment to Freemasonry and to each other has yielded a greater
interest in the bonds we share within our Masonic family.

These bonds are strong, and have lasted for many generations. I am pleased to report that so far,
Grand Lodge has presented approximately 1,700 50-year emblems, 2,300 60-year emblems, 400
70-year emblems, and 50 75-year Diamond Jubilee Awards to deserving brethren. I have had the
honor of granting many of these awards personally, and remain in awe of the dedicated, admirable
men I have the privilege to call "brother."

Another interesting and positive trend is that since 2002, the average age of our new members has
steadily declined. Five years ago, the average age of a new member was 44; in 2006, it was 40, and
so far this year, it has been 39! This demonstrates a new era of interest in our fraternity by younger
generations, who are recognizing the many benefits our brotherhood provides. Our challenge is to
maintain our members' interest in the traditions, ritual and service opportunities we present in order to
continuously strengthen these bonds as brethren. This heritage of strong tradition and selfless service
was recently recognized by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with a resolution this spring (see
p. 4).

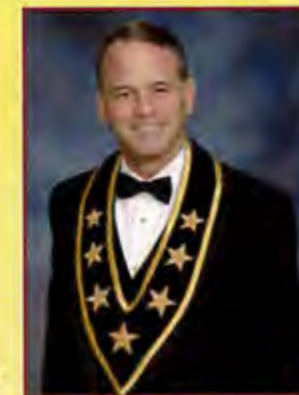
While we are still planning changes to this publication based on the survey responses we received
from the May issue, you will notice that we have taken your comments to heart and made some
modifications already. Many of the ratings and comments were extremely positive, but we strive to
continually improve our services to our members. Some of you mentioned that you would like to learn
more about the present and future of Pennsylvania Freemasonry. I am pleased to report that at the end
of 2006 and in the first quarter of this year, the Grand Lodge and its entities, including the various
Masonic Charities, were under the budget recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved
by the membership. I believe this demonstrates a commitment to fiscal responsibility while providing
high quality fraternal and charitable services as **Masons Helping Masons**.

Some exciting and significant events are planned throughout this year, including the Grand Master's
Charity Golf tournaments, the galas in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Autumn Day at the Masonic
Village at Elizabethtown, where we will pay tribute to all veterans, Masonic and non-Masonic, who
have made significant sacrifices to preserve the freedom we enjoy every day. If you are a veteran,
please be sure to attend this meaningful ceremony and give us the opportunity to thank you for your
service to our country as we dedicate the new Veterans Grove in your honor.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.

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R.W. Grand Master



PA House Passes Resolution Honoring the Masonic Fraternity

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania adopted House Resolution No. 202, "recognizing the many Freemasons resident throughout this Commonwealth and honoring them for their many contributions to the nation and this Commonwealth."

The resolution was introduced by 64 State Representatives on Friday, April 13, 2007. Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Jay W. Smith, R. W. Junior



Grand Warden, were present on the floor of the House to witness the passage of the resolution by the impressive vote of 197 Yea, 0 Nay, 7 members on leave, and 0 not voting.

To read the complete text of Resolution No. 202, go to www.legis.state.pa.us and click on the "House" tab. Under "House Information," click on "Daily Session Report" and select "April 18, 2007." Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "HR202."



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Stephen Gardner,
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and his lady, Patricia

Join us as we welcome
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as our 117th Grand Master
and

Celebrate the successful administration of
Brother Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.,
and thank him for his dedicated service
to Pennsylvania Freemasonry.



Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.,
R.W. Grand Master
and his lady, Norma

The Grand Master's Banquet will begin with a social reception at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., and concluding with entertainment by John Bressler.

John Bressler is a contemporary troubadour, a high-energy dedicated musical artist whose greatest passion is entertaining and motivating audiences. He's performed on television's MTV, VH-1, the Grand Ole Opry and all over North America. Famous for his unique presentation including a rotating "Phantom Grand Piano," this singer/songwriter/comedian/musician has nine critically acclaimed albums to his credit. He has shared stages with Willy Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Alan Jackson, Ray Charles, Alabama, Leann Rimes, Gloria Estefan and many others. As a multi-talented piano player and keyboardist known for his exuberant stage presence, he has been compared to Liberace, Victor Borge, Yanni, Elton John style much like Rod Stewart or Louis Armstrong, spontaneous wry observations and insights, and a show featuring the sublime as often as the ridiculous. The John Bressler Show is celebrating over a quarter century of making people extremely happy. It's a must-see show that's totally unique, and that audiences from around the world truly love.



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Masonic Mentoring

Becoming a Mason; committing to joining a fraternity with hundreds of years of history, symbolism and tradition, can be both fulfilling and overwhelming. The road to Freemasonry, however, is not one that is traveled alone.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Mentor Program introduces new members to the fundamentals of the Craft and increases the likelihood they'll remain active in the fraternity. Often, candidates interested in becoming a Mason have the desire to give back to their community and help others, but knowing only the two men who signed their petition, aren't sure where to start. The Mentor Program assists with directing these men in finding a comfort zone and enabling them to get out of the fraternity what they put into it.

The program consists of taking a man who just joined a large organization and assigning a person to him as a mentor for one year. The mentor takes him to visit other lodges, educates him about the history of the fraternity and teaches him how to become an officer and about the other Masonic organizations. It gives him an overview; everything he needs to know, but wouldn't otherwise know to ask.

The program stands as an excellent guide for lodges who are striving to keep membership numbers up, but find the task becomes a lower priority as other operations issues arise.

"Ideals can get lost in the day-to-day operations of a lodge; paying the bills, fixing the roof, etc." said Bro. George Mason, W.M., J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628, Stroudsburg. "New members, who feel as if they're alone, can become discouraged and fall by the wayside."

Bro. Mason, whose lodge has run the Mentor Program for the last several years, realizes mentoring is one of the keys to membership retention. He discovered that while the lodge is able to recruit new members, almost 60 percent quickly lose interest and discontinue membership.

"Every new member adds a new dynamic," Bro. Mason said. "It's important to express to them that they're part of the outcome, part of something great."

The Mentor Program is not intended to take the place of instructors within the lodge who prepare an individual for advancement through the degrees. A mentor should be a friend, a listener and a coach during a member's first year.

Bro. Lee Leonard, also of J. Simpson Africa Lodge No. 628, knows first-hand the benefits of being on both ends of mentoring. Less than a year ago, he was an aspirant considering membership within the fraternity, but felt a little overwhelmed at the magnitude of history and ritual. Today, he is a Junior Deacon and a mentor, sharing his "fresh" knowledge with new brethren.

"I wasn't sure, at first, if this was something I wanted to do," Bro. Leonard said. "Thanks to my mentor, there was always someone there to answer my questions. He taught me about the history and how it plays into today's society. It was very enlightening and made me want more."

Bro. Leonard jumped right into organizing community events and has no plans to slow down. Freemasonry is a platform for him to make a difference. It gives him the resources and able bodies to achieve great things for both his lodge and his community. He doesn't just look at what he can do, though; he wants to help build an active, cohesive membership within the lodge. This led him to become a mentor.

"Freemasonry has given me a purpose," he said. "If I was touched like this, I want someone else to be equally excited. There's a lot to offer here." Being a mentor isn't about having all the answers, but knowing where to find them and making new brethren feel comfortable in fielding their questions. If a mentor takes the time to research a question, it demonstrates the level in which he wants to accommodate the new member.

Bro. Mason considers the chance to act as a mentor a great honor. A newly-made Mason has often been thought of as the most important in the official line of Masonry, so the preservation of these members is essential to the longevity of the lodge and the fraternity.

Mentoring new members requires time and effort, but in the long run, assists lodges with meeting membership growth and retention goals. While the Mentor Program is designed to take place over the course of a year, each candidate is to be treated as an individual and allowed to learn at his own pace. With more members to serve as mentors, the duties can be doled out.

"If a lodge doesn't feel they have time to organize a Mentor Program, they need it more than anyone else," Bro. Mason said. "In just a year's time, they'll see the impact and find more time created due to the extra members."

He knows from experience what active members can bring to a lodge: a fluid, last-minute transition to Worshipful Master. When the incoming Worshipful Master had to step down due to extenuating circumstances, Bro. Mason willingly accepted the appointment. He had no trouble filling his officer positions on short notice.

Even a lodge with a large membership and a continual influx of candidates understands the importance of mentoring. Bro. Larry Bingeman, a retired Sergeant Major in the U.S. Marine Corps, has directed the Mentor Program at Abraham C. Treichler Lodge

No. 682, Elizabethtown, since 2000. Some months, the lodge sees up to 10 petitioners.

Bro. Bingeman considers the program worthwhile. Welcoming a stranger and making him comfortable should be a given in an organization referred to as brotherhood and a fraternity.

"It's human nature to want to find a familiar face," he said. "If left to flounder on his own in an organization full of men he has nothing in common with, other than being a Mason, he's likely not to come back."

Mentoring new members is not a new concept, but certainly a widely-practiced one, with similar goals across all Grand Lodges. According to the Masonic Service Association's *The Short Talk Bulletin* (April, 1995), "The Mentoring Program is based on consideration, respect and cooperation. It is a team program aimed at developing each Brother to his fullest potential... failure to properly prepare the candidate for his new duties and privileges is both a failure on the part of the Craft to discharge its full obligations to him and a weakness in the fundamental system of Initiation."

Bro. Mason encourages any lodges looking for assistance with the Mentor Program to visit District 50's Web site at www.50thdistrict.com, where they can find a copy of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Mentor Program, as well as tips on conducting a successful program.



"Freemasonry has given me a purpose," he said. "If I was touched like this, I want someone else to be equally excited. There's a lot to offer here."

Brethren Awarded for Years of Service

Masonic District 36 Honors 50, 60 & 75-Year Members

The 36th Masonic District, comprised of Chester Lodge No. 236; George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, Media; Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park; Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville; Penn Lodge No. 709, Concordville; and Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767, Springfield, recently honored 38 members



who have served in the ranks of the fraternity for 50, 60 and 75 years. The honorees were welcomed at a dinner hosted by Lodge No. 298 at the Springfield Masonic Lodge Hall.

In addition to the honorees, the 150 dinner attendees included Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master; Robert Bateman, District Deputy Grand Master for District 36; along with Masons of the district and their ladies and guests. Following the dinner, more than 220 people gathered in the lodge hall for the

presentation of the Masonic Emblem of Gold Service awards by Grand Master Aungst, accompanied by Bro. Timothy T. Nowell, Worshipful Master of George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge.

Bro. Walter M. Strine, noted entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist from Media, Past Master of Lodge No. 298, was singularly recognized by the Grand Master for his 75 years of service to the Masonic fraternity, as shown in the photograph above, while Bro. Walter M. Strine, Jr. (center) looks on.

Bro. Reidler Honored for 75 Years



Bro. Paul George Reidler, of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg, was presented his well-deserved 75-Year Diamond Jubilee Award by Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master. A 78-year veteran of the Craft, he was initiated on April 29, 1929. Taking part in the presentation were, left to right: Brothers Carl F. Berger, District Deputy Grand Master of District 11; Grand Master Aungst; Leroy Coleman, S.W.; Raymond Moyer, S.D.; Gary Reager, W.M.; and Earl Deibert, former trustee of Schuylkill Lodge. Following the brief ceremony, a fine luncheon was enjoyed in the dining room with his supportive wife, Helen, joining in the celebration.

75 Year Presentation to Bro. Hayes

Bro. H. Conley Hayes, a 75-year member of Deitrick Lamade Lodge No. 755, Williamsport, was recently awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award at a ceremony held at Nightengales Assisted Living facility in Mill Hall, where he lives with his wife, Virginia. Bro. Kenneth W. McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master of District 18, was assisted in presentation by Bro. Donald H. Metzger, Worshipful Master, and William K. Person, Chaplain.

Bro. Hayes, 97, is a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy as a Lt. Commander and retired with that rank after serving 20 years in the Naval Reserve.

Attending Bro. Hayes' Award Ceremony were, front row, left to right: Bro. William K. Person; daughter Ann Sherwood, Hughesville, Virginia and Bro. H. Conley Hayes; Bro. Kenneth W. McClintock; daughter Ruth McRae, Forsyth, MT; and granddaughter Allison Williams, Tacoma, WA; and back row, left to right: Nephew Fred Nicholson, Enterprise, AL; and Bro. Donald H. Metzger.



Bro. Reider Honored for 75 Years

Bro. Wilson C. Reider of Sylvania Lodge No. 354, Shickshinny, was recently awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award honoring 75 years of membership. Bro. Reider jogs and lifts weights daily. When asked to give remarks, Bro. Reider humbly replied that he has enjoyed his years with the fraternity.



Front row, left to right: Brothers Johnny Hasty, Secretary; Earl D. Mordam, Jr., D.D.G.M.; Wilson C. Reider; Fred E. Houseweart, W.M.; and Don Hargraves Jr., Treasurer

Back Row: Brothers Gary Davenport, S.W.; and Rich Stepanski, J.W.



Serve Those Who Have Served Our Country



The Masonic Service Association (MSA) and Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, have appointed Bro. Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M., as the Pennsylvania state coordinator for volunteers at the Pennsylvania Veterans' Hospitals. The Grand Master is also hoping to enlist a few good Masons as volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for everyday tasks including transportation of veterans, Masons and non-Masons, to

appointments and supplying comfort items, such as toothpaste or playing cards.

"Their biggest job is to be a friend," Bro. Weisser said, "and have a good ear to listen. A lot of the veterans don't have family in the area, especially the new ones, returning from war."

Bro. Weisser has appointed nine chairmen in charge of finding volunteers for each hospital, and is looking for four additional ones. Pennsylvania has 13 veterans hospitals located throughout the state, including facilities in Coatesville, Erie, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre.

If anyone is interested in sharing their time with men and women who have given distinguished service for their country, please contact Bro. Weisser at (215) 355-4805.

The MSA of North America, in existence since 1919, enables its member Grand Lodges to work together and offer services they wouldn't otherwise be able to provide. Services include collecting and forwarding funds for Disaster Relief; Education/Information Publications; the Masonic Information Center, which imparts information on Freemasonry to Masons and non-Masons alike and responds to critics of Freemasonry; and the Hospital Visitation Program, which provides assistance and service to sick or wounded veterans.

Basking in a Sea of Masons

Over 700 brethren assembled for 10th Annual Meeting in the Hills

This year's Meeting in the Hills was held on Friday, June 29 and was attended by 761 Masons representing 140 Pennsylvania lodges, 17 states and even the country of India. After the traditional steak dinner was enjoyed by attendees, Bro. Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master of District 30, offered a hearty welcome to all the brethren and congratulated the officers and members of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connellsville, and the CDS Corporation on another great job organizing and hosting the event. He also announced upcoming district events, including a golf outing and sporting clays shoot, all benefitting the youth programs of the 30th Masonic District.

Bro. Joshua L. Miller, W.M., King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connellsville, presided. Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, began his comments by climbing a stepladder and greeting the brethren with enthusiasm.

Highlights of the event included several prestigious honors awarded by the Grand Master (shown below). Eight lodges of the 30th Masonic District, including Philanthropy Lodge No. 255; Ligonier Lodge No. 331; King Solomon's Lodge No. 346;



Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, ascends high atop a stepladder to address the "Sea of Masons."

Westmoreland Lodge No. 518; Marion Lodge No. 562; LaMonte Lodge No. 568; Shidle Lodge No. 601; and Jeannette Lodge No. 750, donated a total of \$5,005.00 to Grand Master Aungst in support of the Masonic Temple Initiative.

Grand Master Aungst then addressed the brethren and spoke about his pride in the fraternity, the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, *Masons Helping Masons* and this historic gathering of Masons.

Plan for Your Continuing Retirement

Planning for retirement is crucial to your quality of life in your senior years. Of special importance is having your estate planning and long term care plans in order to assure that you are prepared in the event you should become ill. Finally, there is the need to have estate plans reviewed on a regular basis to make sure you are taken care of should you become incompetent, and for the orderly distribution of your assets upon your death.

Bro. Alvin Blitz, Esq., a Pennsylvania Licensed Attorney with private practice experience in the field of estate and trust law, has conducted numerous workshops for residents at the Masonic Villages on many topics pertaining to elder law and estate planning. He has worked with many fellow brethren on advising them where to obtain professional advice to prepare a proper estate plan or to answer questions concerning continuing care, whether it be at one of the Masonic Village campuses or elsewhere.

"Meeting with our fellow brethren and their wives or widows to advise them on how to plan for their senior years is an

important and valuable service offered by our office," Bro. Blitz said. "I have found that many seniors have outlived their friends and advisors and are not sure where to turn for help. That is where the Masonic Charities can be a resource."

Recently, Bro. Blitz was contacted by Bro. Richard Brownfield, Orient Lodge No. 683, Penn Hills, from Uniontown about purchasing a Charitable Gift Annuity from the Masonic Charities. After much discussion by phone about his situation, Bro. Blitz sent information on funding an annuity with stock along with other valuable estate planning articles on living trusts, wills, powers of attorney and living wills, including a comprehensive guide for personal planning for seniors.

Subsequently, Bro. Blitz traveled to Uniontown to meet Bro. Brownfield at his home to discuss his particular circumstance. With Bro. Blitz's guidance, Bro. Brownfield was able to update his estate plan and better understand how to handle his financial affairs.

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District Deputy Grand Masters and Appointed Officers from across the Commonwealth attended the record-setting event.

Brothers completed the buffet line once they picked up their delectably grilled 12 oz. New York Strip Steak.

A "Sea of Masons," likely the largest gathering of Masons since 1993, gather for a memorable evening!



Grand Master Aungst lends a helping hand to Bro. Theodore L. Hay, P.M., King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, as Bro. Paul E. (Sam) Truxel, P.M., King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, (center) looks on. Bro. Truxel was later honored with the Grand Master's medallion in recognition of his contribution as the cook for the past 10 years.

Grand Master Aungst presents Bro. Charles E. Priest, P.M., King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, with his 50-year Emblem of Gold.

An emotional moment: Grand Master Aungst presents his medallion to Bro. Matthew A. Christner, P.M., and his son, Bro. David M. Christner, J.W., members of James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson, in recognition of their father and grandfather, Bro. Ellis H. (Alex) Christner, P.M., who was the owner of the property for the Annual Meeting in the Hills and passed away suddenly in April.



The Pennsylvania Freemason

Grand Master Presents Awards During Florida Masonic Reunion

At the Masonic Reunions in Palm Beach Gardens, Tampa and Sarasota, Fla., almost 1,000 brethren and their guests attended the events, at which they received warm greetings from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers, as well as updates on the Masonic Villages and the Outreach Program. The Grand Master also awarded qualifying brethren their 50, 60 and 70-year service emblems. Pictured here is Bro. William Hodge of Lodge 504 in Moscow, Pa., receiving his 70-year service emblem from the Grand Master at the Palm Beach Gardens Masonic Reunion.



June Quarterly Communication

June 30, 2007

Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center



The Grand Lodge officers and their ladies enjoy watching the sunset behind downtown Pittsburgh.



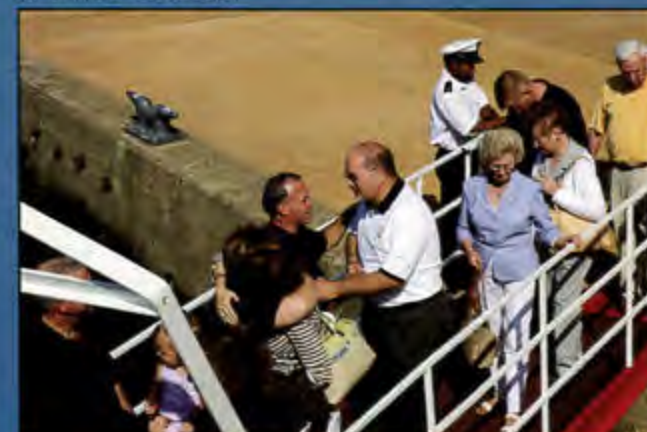
Brethren enjoyed lunch outdoors after the June Quarterly Communication.



Grand Master Aungst congratulates his son, Dr. Ronald Jr., Grand Sword Bearer, after Bro. Jeffrey Coy, R.W. Grand Treasurer, so eloquently recognized him for completing his doctorate program, specializing in organic chemistry at Penn State University.



Grand Master Aungst addresses the brethren personally as he delivers his remarks "on the level."



Grand Lodge Officers greeted guests as they boarded a Gateway Clipper Cruise for an evening of dinner and relaxation.



Bro. Jeff Biddle, D.D.G.M. for the 49th District, and his wife, Susan, surprise First Lady Norma Aungst with a set of earrings made from a tea pot, similar to her pin.



Bro. Daniel Hinds is congratulated by Grand Master Aungst on receiving the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal for his years of selfless, dedicated service as Superintendent of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.



Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, stands with Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, in the East at the opening of lodge.



Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, stands with other appointed Grand Lodge Officers in the West.



Brethren and their ladies enjoy a delightful evening on the cruise.





Bro. Cox Honored for His Service to District 30



At the first Retiring Masters Dinner for Masonic District 30, Bro. Rexford F. Cox, P.D.D.G.M., was honored for his 20 years as principal of the 30th Masonic District School of Instruction, 1987-2007. A certificate and a beautiful keepsake box were

presented to Bro. Cox by Bro. John D. "Jack" Copeland, P.M., and Bro. Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master of District 30 (pictured on left).

Bro. Cox became a Mason in 1952 in Shidle Lodge No. 601, Irwin, and served as Master in 1963. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 30 from 1970 to 1979.

Although brief in his remarks, Bro. Cox said, "I started my activity in the lodge in 1957 and I have loved every minute of it!" In an emotional and touching moment, Bro. Cox also said, "The reason I got involved in the School of Instruction... is that my wife died... and I needed something to do."

With that, the assembled brethren and ladies gave Bro. Cox a standing ovation in token of their appreciation for all his work for Freemasonry over the years. Bro. Cox is another shining example of *Masons Helping Masons* in two ways—he helped countless officers learn the ritual work over the past 20 years—and all the while, he was helped by having a purpose and a place to go after a loss that obviously still grieves him to this day. Freemasons supporting and helping one another... the way it always has been, is the way it always should be!

High Frequency Help

Part of the appeal of amateur, or Ham, radio is the opportunity to connect with friends and strangers across the country and even the world. Even though most people may never meet "the voices" they hear, using a Ham radio builds a unique relationship based on a shared hobby.

For Bro. Joe Shuey (NE3H), Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, the connections he made over the airwaves came in handy when he needed some mechanical assistance with the mast of his Ham radio antenna. After his antenna tower sustained damage from a wind storm this past spring, he sent out a call for help. Five friends quickly responded. Although the call was sent to many individuals, when they met to work on the repairs on April 28, they discovered themselves in the middle of another example of *Masons Helping Masons*.

"It's always good to get together with other Ham radio enthusiasts, as we spend most of our time communicating over the air," Bro. Glenn Kurzenkabe (K3SWZ), Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, said. "This particular time, we were coincidentally all Masons."

In addition to Bro. Glenn, the fellow operators were Bro. Steve Cutshall (K3TZV), Lewistown Lodge No. 203; and Bros. Dusty Chapman (K3WC), Chuck Greiner (N3WL) and Dave Smith (W3SOX), all of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464.

"It's a complex system and there's no way you can fix it by yourself," Bro. Joe said. "We've known each other for years and help each other with this sort of thing whenever we can."

The repair was no easy task, requiring the better part of a day to complete. Removing a 20' mast, located 70' in the air, requires several people on the roof and on the ground. After the repairs were made, everything had to be put back up on the roof. The weight of the mast made things difficult and the tall trees surrounding Bro. Joe's house did not facilitate the process, either.

Despite its challenges, the effort was a success and Bro. Shuey is back on the air talking to fellow brothers and the world.

*The alpha-numeric codes after each brother's name are their Ham radio call letters, used on the air to legally identify themselves during communications.

Brother Receives Award in Hospital



On Thursday, May 10, Brothers Joseph Wareham and Gene Hlavac, Worshipful Master and Secretary respectively of Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek, accompanied by Bro. R.J. Roup, District Deputy Grand Master of District 54, visited Bro. Edward S. Peters in UPMC Braddock Hospital to present him with his 50-Year Service Emblem.

Bro. Peters had intended to receive his pin at the District Deputy's official visit to Valley Lodge in February, but that meeting was rescheduled due to a snow storm.

Bro. Peters was then hospitalized and unable to attend the rescheduled visitation. His wife, Lillian, called the secretary and within 48 hours, the lodge responded by presenting him with his emblem in the hospital. The presentation was attended by family and friends and exemplified the spirit of *Masons Helping Masons*.

Left to right: Bro. Roup; Bro. Peters and his wife, Lillian; and Bro. Wareham

Brethren Honored for Law Enforcement Careers

On Wednesday, May 16, members of Centre County law enforcement agencies and the communities that they serve gathered at the Centre County Court House in Bellefonte to honor those brave men and women of law enforcement who sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties during 2006. During this past year, 146 such dedicated individuals nationally paid the ultimate price for choosing law enforcement as a career; three of them were from Pennsylvania. This year's ceremony was the 10th consecutive one, and despite the inclement weather, it was well attended. Pictured are some Masonic brethren who took part in this year's event.

Left to right: Brothers Chief Shawn Weaver, Bellefonte Police Dept.; Officer Tom Snyder, Patton Township Police Dept. and Cpl. Bill Muse, State College Police Dept., all of Bellefonte Lodge No. 268, Bellefonte; Chief John Petrick, Patton Township Police Dept., State College Lodge No. 700; First Assistant D.A. Mark Smith, Centre County District Attorney's Office, Indiana-Franklin Lodge No. 313, Indiana; G. Edward Dyke, P.M., Bellefonte Lodge No. 268; Tony Ghaffari, Centre County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team; and Dan Barrett, SART, both of State College Lodge No. 700.



Officers Show Support for Masonic Unity

Royal Arch Masons from Susquehanna Chapter No. 276, Eureka Chapter No. 179, Warren Chapter No. 180 and a Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of New York, met in the Susquehanna Masonic Hall for an "official visit" of John P. Zickler,

District Deputy Grand High Priest. Nine blue lodges, from four Masonic districts, were also represented. Companion Robert Whitney, of Susquehanna Chapter No. 276, was awarded his 25-year chapter emblem that evening as well.



Front row, left to right: Benjamin Beynon, KYCH, MEHP No. 179 Eureka, Waymart; Maurice Sweitzer, KYCH, Grand Rep. to Oklahoma for the Grand Chapter of NY and member of Windsor NY Chapter; Dieter Dauber, P.D.D.G.M. for District 15; John Zickler, KYCH, DDGHP 7th Capital District; Jared Horn, MEHP No. 180 Warren, Montrose; F. Dean Lewis, KYCH, P.D.D.G.M. 6th Cryptic District; and W. Meredith Golden III, KYCH, MPPGM, Grand Council

Middle row, left to right: Barney Wilkins, MEHP No. 276, Susquehanna; Keith Foster; Erwin Herman, PHP; Richard Klem Sr., Scribe No. 276; William Hand, PHP; Eugene R. Graves, KYCH; Gary Baker; Edward F. Collins, PHP; Richard Allen, KYCH; Robert H. Benson, KYCH; and Howard Gray. Back row, left to right: Robert Whitney; David Lewis, PHP, PGS for Grand Council; Daniel Rupakus, PHP; Robert Page, PHP; Gerald Parks, PHP; Fred Baker, KYCH; Jeff Burman; Robert DiPalma; and Anthony S. Gerchman, KYCH

Brothers Become Masons in One Day

Douglas C. DeLaMater always wanted to become a Mason; however, his U.S. Air Force career, which included three deployments to the Middle East, prevented his joining. Bro. Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of District 2, made an inquiry to Grand Lodge about the possibility of conferring all three degrees in one day. After a positive response, Douglas submitted a petition to Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, for membership. When his brother, Paul M. DeLaMater, learned of his plans to become a Mason, he, too, submitted a petition to Robert Burns Lodge so that they might receive their degrees on the same day.

On Saturday, April 28, by a dispensation from the Grand Master, an Extra Meeting of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 was held and Douglas and Paul were entered, passed and raised to the degree of a Master Mason. The Entered Apprentice Mason degrees were conferred by Bro. Carl E. Karstetter, J.W., and Bro. Michael P. McGinnis, S.D. The Fellow Craft Mason Degrees were conferred by Bro. Richard L. Cooper, J.D., and Bro. Shawn E. Fabian, W.M. The Master Mason degrees were conferred by Bro. Michael P. McGinnis, S.D., and Bro. Carl E. Karstetter, J.W.

Both new Masons are the stepsons of Bro. Robert M. Spicer, Jr., P.M., Robert Burns Lodge No. 464.



Left to right: Brothers Patrick R. Grill, S.M.C.; Ramon J. Lacomba, S.W.; P. Matthew DeLaMater; Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., D.D.G.M., District 2; Robert M. Spicer, Jr., P.M.; Shawn E. Fabian, W.M.; Carl E. Karstetter, J.W.; Major Douglas C. DeLaMater; Michael P. McGinnis, S.D.; and George T. Davis, J.M.C.

Brethren Deployed to Iraq

More of our brothers are headed for the Iraq war zone. On April 26, about 200 citizen-soldiers, members of the 213th Area Support Group, rolled from the Curtis Armory in Allentown, headed to Fort Bragg, N.C., for final training before being deployed to Iraq to provide support and supplies to fighting field units. This is the second time the 213th has been sent into a war zone in the last four years. The unit deployed to Afghanistan in 2003.

These citizen-soldiers also have been deployed to assist hurricane Katrina victims as well as recently helping motorists stranded along Interstate 78 in Pennsylvania when the highway was closed for two days during a winter ice storm.



Left to right: Brothers Captain Keith McKeon, P.M., Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy; Major Timothy Brooks, H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem; Master Sergeant David Gassert, P.M., and Specialist First Class Bruce Kosack, P.M., both from Pine Grove Lodge No. 409, Pine Grove. Missing from the photo are Major Thomas Cannariato, Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, and Sergeant Major Stephen Moyer, Pine Grove Lodge No. 409.

Honoring Our Brothers and Sisters Who Gave All for Freedom

Memorial Services are held every Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Philadelphia's Washington Square Revolutionary War, Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials in Center City.

Representing Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia, at the Veterans' Day Services on Nov. 11, 2006, at the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans War Memorial are Brothers John A. McGrail, John J. Kline and Charles Holloway, P.M., shown in the photograph below.



Brothers Holloway and Kline also placed lodge wreaths at the rededication ceremonies of the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial on Oct. 7, 2006. The Korean War Memorial's landscaping had to be redesigned and renovated to remove damage created by skateboarders.

Lodge Preserves Masonic Monuments

Each year, the brothers of St. Alban Lodge No. 529, Waynesburg, work together to clean up the Mount Moriah Cemetery in Southwest Philadelphia and preserve its Masonic monuments honoring past brothers.

The cemetery, featuring an elaborate Romanesque entrance and brownstone gatehouse designed by noted Philadelphia architect Stephen D. Button, was built at a time when the city was on the verge of a renaissance. Philadelphia, once known for its small church-side graveyards within city blocks, was making its mark on the world, with large Paris-inspired pastoral cemeteries indicative of its progress. Laurel Hill Cemetery, built in 1836, was among the first of its kind, followed by Monument Cemetery, the Woodlands Cemetery and eventually Mount Moriah Cemetery in 1855.

Through the years, Mount Moriah Cemetery grew from 54 acres to span 380 acres, straddling Cobbs Creek into Delaware County. Its vastness allowed the cemetery to become the final resting place for all classes of Philadelphians, both prominent and average, as well as to apportion land to churches, institutions and fraternal organizations, such as the Freemasons.

Unfortunately, the latter half of the 20th century saw the gradual deterioration of Mount Moriah Cemetery, deemed a National Historical Landmark, and many other Philadelphia cemeteries. This neglect was the focal point of an article in the Sunday edition of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on May 25, 2003. A recently raised brother of St. Alban Lodge read the article and immediately made the connection between the name Mount Moriah and the possibility of a Masonic link, since it figures prominently in Masonic ritual and is reflected in the names of many other lodges.

The brother decided to travel to the site to make his own assessment of the situation. His effort disclosed that there was terrible overgrowth and conditions were truly as bad as depicted



in *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* story, but more significantly to St. Alban Lodge. he confirmed a substantial Masonic presence in the cemetery. Making an initial foray into the brush, he discovered an imposing monument with definite Masonic symbolism. As it turned out, it marked the final resting place of Past Grand Tyler William B. Schnider. Further inspection of the surrounding area disclosed many other monuments and vaults testifying to Masonic burials and making reference to Royal Arch and other Masonic organizations.

After a great deal of effort and judicious application of a machete, weed whacker and mower, it became evident that there had been a great deal of planning given to the location. The primary burial monument was oriented so Bro. Schnider's sculpted bas relief bust faces the East. It was situated at the apex of the highest ground in the cemetery and is central to two concentric paths, making it "A Point Within A Circle." Furthermore, the inscription states:

**DEDICATED BY THE GRAND OFFICERS
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PA.
JUNE 24th, A.D. 1871 A.L. 5871**

The brothers of St. Alban Lodge have made a number of trips since 2003 and continue a great effort to restore the grounds in this vicinity to the "harmony and good order" befitting the brethren and their families who have traveled to that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Those efforts have expanded from just a physical cleanup of the area to working with the City of Philadelphia and exploring legal options to assure this venerable place is maintained properly.

Aside from this ongoing project, in September, the lodge will sponsor and host the annual International Gathering of Lodges Named St. Alban, an event that will welcome Masons from all over the globe to the United States and Philadelphia.

Credits: Brothers R.D. Kerr, Waynesburg Lodge No. 153, and Robert Stauffer, P.M., St. Alban Lodge No. 529, Waynesburg

Warren Lodge Dedicates Library to Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr.

On May 5, at a stated meeting of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville, the members dedicated a library to Bro. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.P.G.M., for his Masonic achievements and the prestige he has brought to his lodge.



Left to right: Brothers Edward H. Bisbee, S.W.; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.P.G.M., and his wife, Rosalie; Jeffrey R. Skelton, W.M.; George K. Staub, Jr., J.W.; and Alexander J. Hall II, P.M., Secretary

Freedom Lodge Pays Respect to Bro. Seeley

Members of Freedom Lodge No. 328, Thompson, traveled to Arlington National Cemetery, Va., to pay respect and honor their brother, Master Sergeant Robert J. Seeley, who had served his country for 20 years in the United States, Europe, Korea and Iceland, with a Masonic Funeral Service. Bro. Seeley was laid to rest with full military honors. The Masonic service was conducted at the niche in the columbarium following the military service.



Left to right: Brothers Robert Benson, P.M.; Nathan A. Foster, D.D.G.M. 15; Elson R. Stone, P.M.; Charles S. Welch, P.M.; Erwin Hermann, P.M.; Gary A. Gray, P.M.; Eugene R. Graves, P.M.; and Timothy C. Burke.



Second Pennsylvania Traditional Observance Lodge Presented at June Quarterly Communication

The day after Kite & Key Lodge No. 811 was constituted on Feb. 28, Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, asked Bro. P.J. Roup, District Deputy Grand Master for District 54, if he felt there would be any interest in a Traditional Observance (T.O.) lodge in the western part of the state. The answer? An emphatic "Yes!" This was something Bro. Roup had been passionate about for quite some time. He knew a number of other brethren in his district were, too, including Bro. Erastus Allen, Duquesne-McKeesport Lodge No. 731, Duquesne, who had approached the Grand Master with the concept a few years ago. On March 10, eight interested brethren conducted their first organizational meeting. "It just picked up steam from there," Bro. Roup said.



Left to right: Brothers Paul J. Roup, D.D.G.M.-54; Rodney Boyce, D.D.G.M.-30; Jeffrey Wonderling, P.D.D.G.M.; Bob Addleman, P.D.D.G.M.; and Bob Marietti, P.M., Warrant Senior Warden

At a later meeting, the group met under the name Western Pennsylvania Traditional Observance Masonry Club. The 28 Warrant Members signed the Petition for Warrant for Lodge Ad Lucem No. 812 on April 30, and it was presented to the Grand Lodge at the June Quarterly Communication.

Lodge Ad Lucem No. 812, meeting in Pittsburgh, will become the second T.O. Lodge to be constituted in Pennsylvania on Sept. 25, 2007. Ad Lucem means "to the Light," signifying a Mason's journey and quest for the eternal truths. The lodge will meet at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association on the fourth Monday of each month. The Warrant Officers are Robert T. Addleman, Jr., W.M., Pleasant Hills-Guthrie Lodge No. 509, Pleasant Hills; Robert P. Marietti, S.W., Bethel Lodge No. 789, Lower Burrell; and Robert B. Kording, J.W., Plum Creek-Monroeville Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh.

For Lodge Ad Lucem, membership is open to all Master Masons, but it is capped at 60. The membership is kept intimate to encourage deeper bonding and relationships within the lodge. As such, the brethren are expected to attend at least seven of the ten stated meetings each year.

Each stated meeting is followed by an Agape feast in the tradition of the ancient lodges, who would retire from lodge to eat and drink with their brothers.

A few other notable differences are that the candidates are expected not only to understand the ritual, but also to research the symbolism and meaning of each degree and present a paper to the lodge before advancement to the next degree. It is expected that at least six months may elapse between degrees. Therefore, to allow all brothers to be a part of the experience throughout their journey, it may be necessary for the lodge to meet in the first degree.

T.O. Masonry is a unique North American approach to Freemasonry. According to the Masonic Restoration Foundation, there are only six recognized T.O. lodges, including Kite & Key, and five recognized T.O. clubs, including the Western PA T.O. Club, organized for the purpose of eventually becoming a T.O. lodge. More information on Traditional Observance Freemasonry can be found at www.masonicrestoration.com.

Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 Celebrates 50 Years

Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781 of Camp Hill, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on April 18, with a special meeting to receive Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, followed by a banquet at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Harrisburg.

The Grand Master presented certificates and 50-year Emblems of Gold to four members of the lodge: Brothers George E. Eichelberger, Jon F. Lafaver, Rodney N. Tolbert and Meade R. Wilt. He also presented certificates and 60-year Service Wreaths to five members of the lodge: Brothers Robert K. Rhodes, Robert E. Hazen, Edwin A. Julius, P.M., Leonard W. Sorensen and Eugene H. Steffy.

The Grand Master then presented the lodge with his *Masons Helping Masons* Medallion and a copy of the lodge's history. To show the lodge's appreciation, Bro. Douglas E. Mickey, Worshipful Master, presented the Grand Master with a \$5,000 contribution for the Temple Initiative.

Afterward, a delicious filet mignon dinner was served to over 400 brethren in the Banquet Hall. Following dinner, a Table Lodge was held. The brethren then proceeded to the Scottish Rite Auditorium where they were entertained by a well-known award-winning group of 50 singers, the Keystone Capital Chorus. At the completion of the performance, the benediction was given

by Bro. James R. Richwine, Grand Chaplain, and the brethren joined hands for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."



Left to right: Bro. Douglas E. Mickey, Worshipful Master, with three 60-year members of Lowther Manor Lodge: Leonard W. Sorensen, Edwin A. Julius, P.M., and Eugene H. Steffy.

H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge Continues "Living" Heritage of Brother John Philip Sousa

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



H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648, Bethlehem, commemorated their Centennial Anniversary in 2006 by bringing together the Masonic community of friends, family and brethren and hosting a concert of the music of Brother John Philip Sousa. The concert was performed by the Liberty High School (LHS) alumni band under the direction of Ronald Sherry.

Continuing the success of the 2006 Sousa concert, the lodge hosted a similar Sousa concert on Feb. 18, 2007, in the lodge grand hall. The concert was offered gratis to the brethren, friends and families of the lodge, as well as the general community of Bethlehem. This year's concert was highlighted by a once-only occurrence: Ronald Sherry had the distinct honor of conducting the LHS alumni band with the actual baton used by Bro. Sousa himself while conducting his last rehearsal in Reading, Pa., on March 6, 1932. The last piece Bro. Sousa conducted was "The Stars and Stripes Forever," the official U.S. march, which he wrote and first conducted on Dec. 25, 1896.

After the rehearsal, Bro. Sousa retired to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, where he died. According to information provided by Bro. Mark Filbert, P.M., his baton was found that day by a band member and was given to his daughter, Maryanne Werner of Reading, Pa. Later, the baton was given to her friend, Shannon Sunday, who, with a performing musical background herself, has kept the baton until it was used to conduct this year's Sousa concert, 75 years after his death.

With the continuing success of the Sousa concert, Bro. Jack Fliter, W.M., and the brethren are now considering making this concert an annual event.

Bro. Sousa, known as the "March King," ranks among the most famous American composers and conductors, having written 136 marches, as well as operettas, waltzes

and hundreds of other pieces. He also was the inventor of the sousaphone.

Born in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 6, 1854, Sousa began studying music around age 6, including voice, violin, piano, flute, cornet, baritone, trombone and alto horn. His father enlisted him in the Marines at age 13 as an apprentice after he attempted to run away to join a circus band.

Bro. Sousa began composing in 1872 and in 1875, was discharged from the Marines. He began performing on violin, touring and eventually conducting theater orchestras and on Broadway. In September 1880, he returned to Washington to assume leadership of the U.S. Marine Band, a post he held until 1892, when he left to form his own band. The first Sousa Band concert was performed on Sept. 26, 1892, at Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

After three European tours, Bro. Sousa's band became the first American musical organization to go on world tour in 1910, traveling more than a million miles and performing for more than a million people including performances in New York, Great Britain, Canary Islands, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Hawaii and Canada. The band even had its own baseball team.

During World War I, Bro. Sousa joined the U.S. Naval Reserve at age 62. Assigned the rank of lieutenant, he was paid a salary of \$1 per month. After the war, Sousa continued to tour with his band. He was an advocate for the cause of music education and fought for composers' rights, testifying before Congress in 1927 and 1928.

Bro. Sousa was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D.C., on Nov. 18, 1881. He was also a member of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 4; Columbia Commandery No. 2; and Almas Shrine, all in Washington, D.C.

Scouting and Freemasonry

How Scouting Ideals Led Me to Freemasonry

by Bro. Dennis R. Malcolm, of Ames, New York, member of Indiana-Franklin Lodge No. 313, Indiana, PA

My Scouting experience predates my becoming a Master Mason by many years. I would say Scouting led me to becoming a Mason.

Scouting has been part of my life for well over 37 years. Starting as a Bobcat and continuing to the rank of Eagle, the basics of Scouting were laid out by leaders who were truly mighty men in my life. From using electricity to knowing tree names without using the leaves; from cooking to learning how to become a Troop administrator, these men molded my thoughts, words and deeds. They introduced me to the outdoors, culminating with a back country trip to Algonquin Park in Ontario, Canada, in 1965.

Scouting teaches ideals through the 12 laws and the Scout Oath. The most important three ideals: 1) God, 2) Country, 3) Others, are always visible. I remember these three ideals being mounted above the fireplace in the dining hall of the Scout camp.

Now, after over 37 years and obtaining many great memories as a Scout Leader myself, I feel I have passed on my Scout knowledge to a younger generation. I am an Eagle Scout, recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Award and the Celtic Cross from The Presbyterian Church. But I am most proud of helping 132 young men obtain the Eagle Scout award.

So, how does this tie Scouting to Masonry? I came to be a Mason through my father's guidance; he was one of those mighty men I mentioned before. The first thing I noticed was like Scouting. Masonry has an older generation passing on the ideals to a younger generation. Many of these men have just as much patience as a Scoutmaster. Secondly, ideals are of the most importance. These happen to be the same ideals as Scouting: 1) God, 2) Country, 3) Others. Masons use the same leadership principals from the Worshipful Master down to the Tyler. Each works with others and all work for the same goals. This is the same as in Scouting. Scouting goes from Scoutmaster down to the boy leaders, and through leader guidance, all work for the same goal!

Freemasonry and Scouting share the same ideals through oaths and laws. If the three shared ideals were followed by others in America today, our greatness would be assured of continuing for future generations!



A Few Recent Recipients of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award:

Bro. Richard W. Shevalier, III, was presented with the award at the April Stated Meeting of Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy, on April 10, 2006. A moving presentation was made by Bro. Michael J. Febbo, District Deputy Grand Master for District 50, after a "Boy Scouts of America" presentation by Bro. Bryan L. Hill, P.M., Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg. Dispensation was received for all awardees from districts 9, 10 and 50 to attend in their Boy Scout uniforms, shown in the photo below.



Front row, left to right: Brothers Wayne H. Sandt, Easton Lodge No. 152; Richard W. Shevalier, III, awardee; Michael J. Febbo, D.D.G.M. for District 50; Bryan L. Hill, P.M.; and Claude Jay Rutan, Easton Lodge No. 152

Back row, left to right: Brothers George W. Young, P.M., Porter Lodge No. 284, North Catasauqua; Paul B. Kichline, Easton Lodge No. 152; Ralph H. Slider, D.D.G.M. for District 10; Jody C. Pysher and Kenneth J. Rutt, P.M., both of Portland Lodge No. 311; and Frederick J. Ritter, Jr., Prosperity Lodge No. 567, Riegsville

In September 2006, Bro. Jack E. Flaugh, P.M., District Deputy Grand Master for District 25, presented Bro. Terry L. Barton, Sr., of Lodge No. 304, Albion, with his Daniel Carter Beard Award. He, along with Bro. Dennis L. Palo, who also was presented his Daniel Carter Beard Award in 2004 by Bro. Flaugh, are shown to the left with Dennis Palo's sons, James Palo and Jacob Palo. Bro. Flaugh presented these young men their Eagle Scout Awards, along with the Grand Master's Appreciation Awards for attaining the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. These two fine youth also have both served as leaders of Erie Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Jake is a Past Master Councilor, and James is presently the Junior Councilor.

For more information on the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award, log on to www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/pgm/scouter.

Left to right: Bro. Terry L. Barton, Sr., Jacob Palo, Bro. Jack E. Flaugh, D.D.G.M., James Palo and Bro. Dennis Palo

My Father's Ring

Written by: George R. Haynes, P.M., Columbia Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia



The other day, a salesman was making delivery on a piece of equipment to my employer at a job site. He was wearing a rather large Masonic ring on his left ring-finger. I am not sure if it was the unusual finger on which he wore the ring or its size that attracted my attention.

I have been a Mason for 15 years, and am used to seeing other men, in all walks of life, wear Masonic rings and lapel pins. Sometimes I make a point of introducing myself as a brother, sometimes I don't. Often the other man will notice my ring or lapel pin and take the opportunity to introduce himself to me. I have often made good friends through these random exchanges.

Because I was with my employer, who is not a Mason, I was not going to mention the salesman's ring so as not to enter a private conversation that could possibly exclude him. As luck would have it, the salesman noticed my ring. He said, "Where did you get that?" I replied that it had been a gift when I became a Mason and asked about his lodge. He surprised me by saying, "I'm not a member. It was my father's ring. I loved him and when he died it was the only thing I took. I wear it to remember him. I'll never take it off."

Before I could respond, the salesman launched into a story about how one day, soon after his father had died years ago, one of his coworkers had noticed the ring and asked him if he was a Mason. In his brief but animated retelling of the incident, he told me how his coworker had demanded that he remove the ring, how he had refused, how they almost came to fisticuffs, and ultimately how his coworker had been fired for the altercation. Then he said, "I know you probably don't approve of me wearing it, but it is my memory of my father. I wear it for him." I replied,

"I don't mind."

As I sat with him finishing the delivery paperwork, I thought about giving him information on Freemasonry. I thought about explaining what the lodge is and the history of the organization of which his father had been a member. I considered telling him about how much his father's ring means to other Masons - his father's brothers. I thought about apologizing for his co-worker's - my brother's - reaction. I sat silent, thinking about what a Masonic ring is and what mine means to me.

A ring, or a lapel pin, is simply that. It holds no magic, no sacrament, no inherent meaning - even to Freemasons. These items only hold meaning inasmuch as they speak to and for the wearer and, through the wearer, about our fraternity.

For this man, his father's ring is a living symbol of the man who had raised him. It is his memory of his father's character, of a good man who had loved his son. It is a symbol of all that Freemasonry hopes to be and portray to the world. It is his symbol of his own love and respect for his father.

It occurs to me that this man had every right to wear his father's ring and he wears it for exactly the right reasons. His father's ring says more good about Freemasonry than I have heard in 15 years. That the man who wears it is not a Mason says even more.

DDGM's Son Becomes Mason at Age 18



First row, left to right: Brothers Donald Dukstein, Zack Morgans and David Morgans

Second row, left to right: Brothers David Rasch, P.M.; Larry French; Jeff Biddle, D.D.G.M. 49; P.J. Roup, D.D.G.M. 54; Bob Dunkel, D.D.G.M. 38; Tim Templeton, D.D.G.M. 53; Keith McKnight, P.D.D.G.M. 53; and Greg Vaslowski

Third row, left to right: Brothers Joe Mancheski; Joe Dickey; Bill Weischel, P.D.D.G.M. 37; Bob Addleman, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. 57; Rodney Boyce, D.D.G.M. 30; Mike Tanner, P.M.; Sam Sponas, D.D.G.M. 47; Jeff Wonderling,

Zack Samuel Morgans, 18, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Dormont Lodge No. 684, Pittsburgh, on April 16. The degree was conferred by his father, Bro. David W. Morgans, District Deputy Grand Master of District 57. His guide was his grandfather, Donald E. Dukstein, P.M. The degree team consisted of current and past District Deputy Grand Masters. The charge was delivered by Bro. Robert T. Addleman, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the Bible presentation was made by Timothy P. Templeton, District Deputy Grand Master for District 53.

Bro. Zack was very impressed with the degree and with the 70+ brethren who came out to support him on this very special evening. When asked why he joined at such a young age, Zack said: "I have wanted to be a Mason ever since I was very young. I have attended many family lodge functions over the years and have met many nice people. I attended the mini grand prix races at Elizabethtown, the Benjamin Franklin memorial service in Philadelphia, toured the Masonic Temple and have attended a couple Scottish Rite events and have been very impressed with the quality of the Freemasons I have met and the quality of the facilities that they own."

P.D.D.G.M. 30; and Bill Roberts, P.D.D.G.M. 47.

Fourth row, left to right: Brothers David Maier, P.M.; Jim Wilson; David Graham, W.M.; Ed Spahr, S.W.; and Keith Attwood, J.W.



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



Registration Begins: 10 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.
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2007, with check, to: Masonic
Village, c/o Sam Spanos, 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

Reservation Form

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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.



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Lunch: 11 a.m.
Shotgun Start: Noon
Social Hour: 5 p.m.
Dinner & Awards: 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$110 per golfer. Includes greens
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Friday, December 14, 2007

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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia



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Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007

The next session of
the Academy of Masonic
Knowledge will be held on
Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Deike
Auditorium of the Freemasons
Cultural Center on the
campus of the Masonic Village
at Elizabethtown. Registration
will open at 8:30 a.m., with the
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A free lunch will be served at
noon, and the program will
be completed by 3:30 p.m.
ALL Masons are welcome to
attend. Plan to come and bring
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program are both recognized
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Bro. Treavor Stewart.

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net with your name, address,
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Standish at 1 Pierce Court,
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Scottish Rite Joint Session

For the first time in history, the two Scottish Rite jurisdictions
in the United States will come together for a joint meeting on
Aug. 26-28 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington,
D.C. The meeting takes place in conjunction with the biennial
meeting of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction
and the annual meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern
Jurisdiction. The special event is expected to attract more than
3,500 33° Masons and their ladies from 50 states. Among those
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Scottish Rite representatives from many jurisdictions throughout
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PA Lodge of Research Special Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m.

Lodge No. 408, Meadville Area Masonic Center
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Special Holiday Gifts

One of the most important individuals in Pennsylvania Freemasonry and American history is Brother Benjamin Franklin. A two-term Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Franklin achieved countless, now legendary triumphs, both in America and internationally, for the fraternity, as well as in science, literature, technology, diplomacy and government.

Last year marked the 300th anniversary of his birth, which was celebrated throughout Pennsylvania and the world. To continue honoring the memory of this renowned American patriot, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania has collaborated with the acclaimed family-owned and Pennsylvania-based company, Byers' Choice, Ltd., to produce a limited hand-made edition of one of their trademark carolers.

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Note: The Tun Tavern was the first meeting place of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Marine Corps.



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For those interested in Masonic biographies, there is one on

Bro. Winston Churchill.

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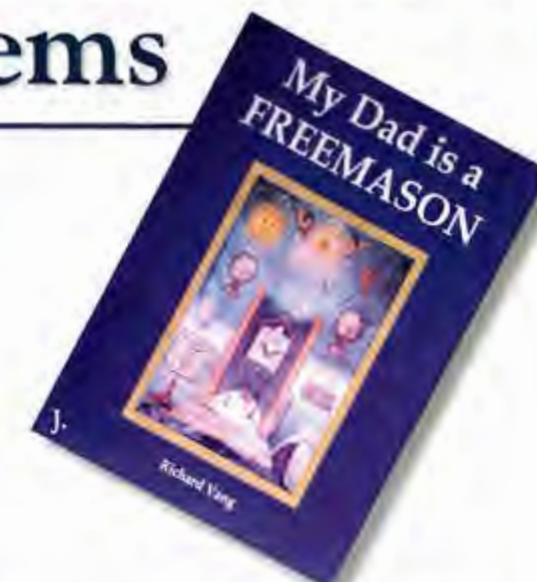
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Secret Societies: Illuminati, Freemasons and the French Revolution

by Una Birch Book Review by: Bro. Charles S. Canning, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

In his introduction, editor James Wasserman provides an overview of the Illuminati, Allister Crowley and the Gnostic Catholic Church, the Comte de Saint Germain and their involvement in the French Revolution. He also implies that leaders of Freemasonry and their lodges were involved. He provides an overview of the history of the French Revolution, which gives a background understanding for author Una Birch's main text.

The title of the publication is taken from the four major essays written by Una Birch: "Secret Societies and the French Revolution," "The Comte de Saint Germain, Religious Liberty and the French Revolution," and "Madame de Stael and Napoleon: A Study in Ideals." Birch develops a political agenda for the lodges and secret societies. She includes spokesmen like Martinez de Pasqually and Saint-Martin. Their ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood stir the masses to eliminate feudalism and the monarchy, with hope for a new future. The new future comes in an idealistic revolution that fosters the reign of terror, the directorate and finally the Napoleonic Empire, with its tyranny. The defeat of Napoleon finally brings on new freedom and hope for France.



The Una Birch text is itself not scholarly research, but a series of essays. Wasserman adds several appendices. The first is a cast of characters that covers 35 pages followed by several documents on human rights. The inclusion is to give a better understanding of the French Revolution, which lasted from 1789 to 1799, and the reign of Napoleon from 1799 to 1814. Wasserman implies the association of Masonic lodges with the Illuminati and notes that, "It is also indisputable that key members of Freemasonry had been 'illuminized'..."

While the book title does imply that secret societies, and particularly Freemasonry, were involved in the precipitation of the French Revolution, we find little real information to support this implication. The text gives little insight into Freemasonry, other than general statements of location of lodges and the ideals of brotherhood. Documentation is rather sketchy, obscure or downright absent. Abbe Barruel's work is cited as "a primary sourcebook" and I have found him to be an anti-Masonic critic with a definite bias.

While the text does not give much verifiable insight into Freemasonry's role in the French Revolution, it does provide many statements that should be questioned and subject to additional scholarly Masonic research.

Adopted Son: Washington, Lafayette, and the Friendship That Saved the Revolution

by David A. Clary Book Review by: Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian, The Masonic Library & Museum of Pennsylvania

On Sept. 6, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of another Revolutionary War hero, Bro. and General the Marquis de Lafayette. "Adopted Son" by historian David A. Clary is a fine tribute to the aristocratic Frenchman who made the cause of American freedom his own through his close relationship with Bro. George Washington.

Though their backgrounds could not have been more different, Bro. Lafayette, a wealthy orphan, and Bro. Washington, a genteel Virginia planter, it is Bro. Lafayette's search for a father figure and Bro. Washington's willingness to adopt a surrogate son that draws these two close together throughout their lives. Bro. Lafayette's money and connections to the French court made him attractive to the Continental Congress, and with his arrival as a 19-year-old Major General ready to fight the rebels' cause of freedom, he was placed under the guidance of Bro. Washington, who was charged to do what he could to prevent the young man from getting himself killed. Mr. Clary quotes numerous letters between these two, showing Bro. Lafayette's devotion and loyalty to Bro. Washington and in turn Bro. Washington's advice and encouragement to his young protégé. Throughout the war, Bro. Lafayette proved his loyalty to Bro. Washington while some around him betrayed him or were just plain self-serving. Bro. Washington appreciated his faithfulness and bravery in combat, saw in him an inspiring leader and rewarded him with opportunities to lead in battle. Bro. Lafayette was especially effective in harassing General Cornwallis in Virginia, which eventually led to the siege and surrender at Yorktown in October 1781. In December, Bro. Lafayette returned to France to champion the new American government in the court of King Louis XVI; then, once again, returned to an adoring public in the United States in 1784 to see Bro. Washington for



what would be the last time.

Mr. Clary's liberal use of letters, diaries and other historical documents brings to life the many fascinating men and women of this period. Bro. Lafayette becomes a three-dimensional man shown by including his foibles as well as his virtues. Throughout the book, Mr. Clary mentions the natural charm and winning personality that won over even Bro. Lafayette's critics, as well the ladies for whom he had a roving eye. Mr. Clary also relates Bro. Lafayette's involvement in Freemasonry; his introduction to it by a commanding officer, Bro. and General Charles-François de Broglie, who was a "grand master" [author's title] of a French military lodge. It was here in these meetings that the discussions of men's equality and the rights of all took hold in Bro. Lafayette's mind and served to influence him not only while he served under Bro. Washington, but also as he fought for these same rights and freedoms during the French Revolution.

Upon his death on May 20, 1834, he was not as loved by the French government as he was by the French citizens. He was given a military burial, but the public was barred by the troops. The U.S. government, however, had no qualms about honoring one of its last heroes of the Revolution. Bro. and President Andrew Jackson ordered the flags to fly at half-staff, Congress passed resolutions of condolence to the Lafayette family and lawmakers asked citizens to wear mourning for 30 days as just a few of the tributes shown in his memory. Today we have streets, towns, counties and Masonic lodges named in his honor.

To borrow this book or find out what other biographies are available from the Library, call (800) 462-0430 ext. 1933, or go to the Circulating Library Web site at www.pagrandlodge.org to find more about our Founding Fathers.

2007 Marks the 250th Birthday of Brother Lafayette

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

When the great names associated with those who fought during America's War for Independence are spoken, always beginning with Bro. George Washington, the name of Bro. Lafayette is invariably mentioned as a close second. Marie Joseph Yves Gilbert du Mortier, the Marquis de La Fayette (or Lafayette in English), was a young French aristocrat under 20 years of age, when he learned of the struggle in America for independence and resolved to serve the cause of liberty as a volunteer. Arriving in 1777, he fought in key battles, from Brandywine, where he was injured in September, to Yorktown in October 1781, where he developed a bond of deep friendship with Bro. Washington, which lasted as long as the General lived. Bro. Lafayette's great affection for the United States is also legendary, and he was posthumously made an Honorary Citizen (one of only six persons so honored).

Following the decisive 1781 Battle of Yorktown, Bro. Lafayette secured permission of Congress, which was meeting in Philadelphia, to return to his native France. Thanked by Congress with a fine letter of appreciation for his dedicated services to the young republic, he also received a personal letter from Bro. Washington saying: "I owe it to your friendship and to my affectionate regard for you, my dear Marquis, not to let you leave this country without carrying with you fresh marks of my attachment to you, and new expressions of the high sense I entertain of your military conduct and other important services in the course of the last campaign..." Lafayette's heartfelt reply was "Adieu, my dear General, I know your heart so well that I am sure no distance can alter your attachment to me. With the same candour I assure that my love, respect, my gratitude for you, are above expression..." Brothers Lafayette and Washington would see one another for the last time in 1784 when the Marquis visited America and stayed at Mount Vernon.

Nearly half a century after the American Revolution, Bro. Lafayette is officially invited by President and Brother James Monroe to visit the United States. A hectic tour of 25 states, including the sites associated with the war and visits to the remaining aging individuals associated with America's eight-year long independence struggle, began in August 1824 and lasted more than a year, until September 1825. During this time, Bro. Lafayette received more Masonic honors than any Freemason before or since with lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies, Scottish Rite and Grand Lodges conferring honorary degrees, citations, gifts and memberships. Today, there are more than 75 Masonic bodies within the United States named after him including 39 lodges, 18 chapters, four councils, four commanderies and seven Scottish Rite bodies.

A high point of Bro. Lafayette's triumphant tour was his visit in Philadelphia. Arriving in the city's environs on Sept. 26, he was treated to a week-long, intense schedule of receptions, balls and special events which rekindled people's interest in the American Revolution and the dedication of those who served in it. An exceptional event of the Philadelphia festivities was the formal reception and dinner presented to him by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Oct. 2, 1824, and held at the rebuilt Chestnut Street Masonic Hall. The building was suitably adorned, and paintings of both Brothers Washington and Lafayette were placed within the banquet room.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of Bro. Lafayette's

birth (the actual birth date is Sept. 6). To commemorate this special historic occasion and Bro. Lafayette's contributions both to Freemasonry and America, The Masonic Library and Museum of PA has tentatively scheduled an all-day event on Saturday, Oct. 20, which will include scholarly lectures, a walking tour of Lafayette-associated sites in Philadelphia and a luncheon at the historic City Tavern where Brothers Washington and Lafayette met for the first time. This event will have limited space, so advance reservations are strongly urged to avoid disappointment. For reservations or for inquiries about this event, call (215) 988-1909.



From the collection of The Masonic Library and Museum of PA
Translation of Letter from Bro. Lafayette to Peter Du Ponceau

La Grange 10 August 1828

This letter will be delivered, my dear comrade-in-arms, by a young man who was employed for a time at the American Consulate in Paris, and who was heartily recommended by Mr. Barnet and by Mr. Le Cordier, mayor of the Arrondissement (district) of Paris where I live. He recommends himself also by his own merit and by his father's name. I ask your good advice for him, and I renew the expression of friendship which I vowed to you.

Lafayette

Note: DuPonceau, (1760-1844) a lawyer, was Bro. Baron Von Steuben's aide-de-camp during the Revolution. An authority on American Indian languages, he petitioned Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, and received his entered apprentice and fellow craft degrees on Aug. 14, 1782. There is no mention of a Master Mason degree.

Support DeMolay! The Benefits are Waiting for Young Men in Pennsylvania!

On Sunday, April 29, Lycoming Chapter, Order of DeMolay, welcomed its first eight members during induction ceremonies held in Williamsport, marking the return of DeMolay to the north-central region of Pennsylvania for the first time in seven years. The induction was planned by the Pennsylvania DeMolay State Officers and included participants from Pittsburgh, Butler, New Castle, Scranton, Philadelphia, Reading, Harrisburg and Elizabethtown, with additional help from some DeMolay college students in Williamsport.

The Advisory Council of Lycoming Chapter is comprised of Masons from the 18th Masonic District headed by Bro. Wilmer Hall, Advisory Council Chairman; Bro. Sam Augst, Chapter Advisor; and Bro. Kenneth McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18. Bro. Ronald A. Augst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, was a special guest of the day. He warmly welcomed the new members and congratulated the DeMolay State Officers on the degree conferrals.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Grand Master Augst will again join many of these young men when Pennsylvania DeMolay hosts him for a new member Induction Class held in his honor. The Grand Master's Class will be held at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

The Grand Master's Class provides an outstanding opportunity for young men from all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the DeMolay organization - and this is an invitation to encourage your son, brother, grandson, nephew or neighbor to become a part of the best fraternal organization that exists for young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years.

Many men become Masons for the opportunity to bond with a fraternity of men who share the same moral standards, benevolent causes and civic and social awareness. Most communities in Pennsylvania have at least one lodge where these members can attend and be active.

The DeMolay experience offers young men a similar opportunity, with DeMolay chapters meeting in 23 communities in Pennsylvania. DeMolay offers benefits and opportunities that all young men can

enjoy, including the annual Pennsylvania DeMolay Convention and the world-recognized PA DeMolay Key Man Conference; visitation to DeMolay chapters; attendance at social activities like dances, paint ball outings and brotherhood athletic tournaments; participation in community and Masonic service projects; eligibility for DeMolay scholarships; and of course, résumé-building experiences.

If you know a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 who would benefit from membership in DeMolay, please encourage him to join at this special class honoring the Grand Master. Contact Executive Secretary Dave Berry at (800) 266-8424, ext. 4 or e-mail him at es@pademolay.org.



Grand Master Augst (front row, left), joined State Master Councilor Justin Dammire, (front row, right), for a photo with Chapter Advisor Sam Augst and the first eight members of the new Lycoming Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Symbolically standing behind the new chapter, back row, left to right, are Brothers Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M.; Kenneth W. McClintock, D.D.G.M.-18; Jay W. Smith, R.W.J.G.W.; and Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer for DeMolay in PA.

Job's Daughters Pageant Produces a Triple-Crown Winner!



Where can you find the Grand Master surrounded by 13 beautiful young ladies? At the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, of course, where the 38th Annual Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, March 31. After a day of personal interviews, a written etiquette test, a written ritual test and a memorized oral presentation, these young ladies approached the stage with poise and confidence. No, they weren't judged on their swimsuits or their gowns, but simply on their appearance and confidence as young women. They competed to represent their home bethels, and to help raise funds for an important Job's Daughter Scholarship Fund.

The stage was filled with anticipation as the Master of Ceremonies, our own Bro. Ronald A. Augst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, announced the top five finalists. Each of these young ladies were asked to answer a very poignant question, and then Miss Lindsey Kissinger, retiring Miss Congeniality, announced that

her successor for 2007-08, chosen by the pageant contestants, was Miss Kirsten Piatak, from Bethel #12 in Gettysburg.

After the final computation of all the scores, Miss Christy Blaisdell, the retiring Miss Job's Daughter, introduced the new Miss Job's Daughter for 2007-08: Miss Kirsten Piatak! Although a rare occurrence, this had happened once before where one young lady had been selected to serve as both Miss Job's Daughter and Miss Congeniality. But this time it was different, because it was realized by all those present that history in Job's Daughters had been made. Not only had Kirsten won both titles at this year's pageant, but she is currently serving the Commonwealth as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the Mary Etta Wright Grand Bethel. Job's Daughters had realized its own triple crown winner! Congratulations to Kirsten and all the 2007 Miss Job's Daughter Scholarship Pageant Contestants!

Job's Daughters Begin Bethel in Butler



The new Bethel 21, Butler, held its Institution Ceremony on Jan. 13, 2007, when 15 members were initiated and their officers were installed. The bethel has quickly become active in fund-raising, Masonic and civic service and traveling to "Jobie" events around the state.

Front row, left to right: Kirsten Piatak, GBHQ; Elizabeth Lemax; Rachel Hunt, SP; Paige Leech, Marie Pashel, HQ; Angela Lemax; Lauren Nace, JP; Ashley Clementson; Alexis Monks; Faith Duskey, GG; Erin Duskey, SBHQ; and Christy Blaisdell, MJD

Middle row, left to right: Lindsey Kissinger, MC; Caitlyn Twentier; Maddie Todd; and Amber Clementson

Back row, left to right: Roger Johnson, D.D.G.M. for District 27; Brandy Crider; Mike Hoglund, VASG; Ava Bonetti; Rodney Boyce, D.D.G.M. for District 30; and Walter Fizz, AAGG.

First CHIP Event in Blair County

The first CHIP event in District 20 was held May 19 at the Family Fun Blast, a community event sponsored by the Tyrone Rotary, Communities That Care and the Tyrone Hospital. Brethren from Portage Lodge No. 220 and Juniata Lodge No. 282, both of Hollidaysburg, co-sponsored the event that "CHIP'd" 66 children.

District CHIP Chairman Bro. Jay Reilly acquired a camera and supplies. Training was accomplished through the support of Bro. Kirk Thomas, CHIP Chairman of District 30 in Westmoreland County.

The members of the CHIP team were very happy with the results of their first event, and look forward to many more.

Photo: Bro. Scott Pacifico, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Hollidaysburg, assists in fingerprinting a child.



PA Rainbow Grows by Two Assemblies

On March 24, the Grand Officers instituted Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 in the presence of Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master. Also present was Miss Barbara Carson, Supreme Liaison for PA Rainbow to the Supreme Assembly, many Grand Deputies, Mother Advisors, Masonic and Eastern Star Dignitaries and Rainbow Girls from all over Pennsylvania.

The day came to a reality after several years of hard work by Bro. Glenn R. Krugle, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master of District 37, Bro. William Weichsel, P.D.D.G.M., and many brethren of that district.



Left to right: Brand new members of Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 pictured with Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, and Barbara Carson, Supreme Liaison for PA Rainbow for Girls, following their installation.

The Grand Officers initiated 12 new members of Beaver Valley Assembly. The Instituting Officers were Bro. Krugle; Sue-Ellen Coleman, Grand Worthy Advisor; Kim Voegler, Grand Chaplain; Rachael Schmoutz, Grand Drill Leader, Marshal; and Katie Campbell, Grand Recorder.

Following the initiation, a delicious dinner was served by Beaver Valley's Advisory Board. The Installation of the first corps of officers followed, with Parti Branthoover being installed as the first Worthy Advisor. Mrs. Fannie Hall is the Mother Advisor.

On April 21, 12 members were instituted into Mars Assembly No. 124 by the PA Grand Officers (see photo on front cover). The instituting officers were Mrs. Cynthia Scheerbaum, Worthy Matron; Sue-Ellen Coleman, Grand Worthy Advisor; Kim Voegler, Grand Chaplain; Martha Kryskowiak, Grand Confidential Observer, Acting Grand Marshal; and Annale Chieffe, P.G.O., Acting Grand Recorder. Following the institution ceremony, nine new members were initiated by the Grand Officers.

Following the initiation, Bro. Martin Migliori, P.D.D.G.M. of District 15, presented the Lambskin Apron Talk. Roses were presented to the newly initiated members from New Castle Assembly No. 1, welcoming them into their district. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. M. Jane Aiken, Mrs. Jan Govan and members of Mars Chapter No. 271, O.E.S. Following dinner, Julie Holland, Grand Hope, was installed as the first Worthy Advisor of Mars Assembly. Marcia Holland is their Mother Advisor.

HODEGOS Honorees for 2007 Heralded

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce and congratulate the HODEGOS Class of 2007: Brothers Rodney E. Boyce and Rick S. Freedman from the Order of DeMolay; Loretta D. Chubb and Lee Ann Larson from the Order of Job's Daughters; and Nancy L. Blackwood and Anita Scott from the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

The HODEGOS Award, established in 2005 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to recognize the outstanding efforts of volunteers for the Masonic youth groups in Pennsylvania, is given to truly outstanding adult leaders of the youth programs. The award takes its name from the Greek word hodegos, meaning "a leader, a guide and an instructor of the inexperienced" and is administered by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation.

The HODEGOS Award is given to volunteers who have a minimum of seven years of service to a DeMolay Chapter, a Job's Daughter Bethel or a Rainbow Girl Assembly in Pennsylvania. The award consists of a solid gold hand-crafted oval bearing the word HODEGOS, written in Greek. The emblem may be worn as a lapel pin, or crafted into a necklace drop for ladies.

Bro. Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District, has been involved with the DeMolay program since 1980 when he joined Westmoreland Chapter in Greensburg. He has served as a DeMolay Advisor for Westmoreland Chapter for over 17 years and is a Deputy Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and a Deputy Member of DeMolay International.

Bro. Rick S. Freedman, Past Master of Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 368, became an Advisor for Friendship-Bray Chapter in 1990. He has served as Chapter Advisor for the chapter for 10 of those years and was Director of the Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference for two years. He is a Deputy Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and an Active Member of DeMolay International.

Loretta D. Chubb, a Past Worthy Matron of Hershey Chapter No. 509, Order of the Eastern Star, has been involved with Job's Daughters for 37 years. As a young girl, she joined Bethel No. 17 of Hershey and served as Honored Queen. As an adult, she continued her activity with Bethel 17 by serving as Bethel Guardian and in a number of other positions. She served as Grand Guardian for Pennsylvania in 2001-2002 and continues to serve as a Deputy Grand Guardian. She also serves on the Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Advisory Council.

Lee Ann Larson, a Past Worthy Matron of Gettysburg Chapter No. 392, Order of the Eastern Star, has been involved with Job's Daughters for 52 years. She called upon her experiences as a member of the Alexandria Bethel in Virginia to help in her organization of Bethel No. 12 of Gettysburg, where she served as the first Bethel Guardian. She has served on a number of Grand Council and Supreme Session Committees.

Nancy L. Blackwood, who has served as Mother Advisor of Pitcairn Assembly for nearly 25 years, has been involved with Rainbow for Girls since joining Meadville Assembly as a young woman. Along with her many years of service as Mother Advisor, she has been extremely active with Grand Assembly serving as Grand Deputy, Grand Cross of Color Director for the Southwest and Sub-Deputy of Western Volunteers.

Anita Scott, a Past Worthy Matron of New Castle Chapter No. 105, Order of the Eastern Star, has been involved with the Order of the Rainbow for Girls for over 40 years. She is a Past Mother Advisor for New Castle Assembly, where she served on the Advisory Board for nearly 40 years. This "Rainbow Grandma," as she is affectionately known, continues to be active with New Castle Assembly, serving as Installing Musician at all of the Rainbow installations.

PMYF Scholarships Awarded

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation recently selected 39 students to receive \$62,550 in scholarship awards. The annual program runs from Oct. 1 through March 15, when applications may be submitted. There were over 240 applications this year, representing students from every county in the Commonwealth. Many were deserving students, but the awards are limited to the income from the Educational Endowment Fund, which only grows through YOUR contributions. The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2008 program, and the 2008 application, will be available Oct. 1, 2007. The application and the scholarship summaries are always current and available on the Internet at <http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pmyf>.

The 2007 award winners are:

- Grand Master's Scholarships \$2,500**
Sarah Brill, Stephen Logan, Jr., Nicole L. Denlinger
- Harry M. Ormston Four-Year Renewing Scholarship (2007-2010) \$2,000 x 4 years**
Michael L. Brown, Jaime Renninger, Elizabeth Lennox, Katherine Wells
- Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship \$1,000**
Krysta Lobb, Marsia Painter, William D. Miller, Jr.
- Harry M. Ormston Scholarship \$2,000**
Leandra Edith Logan, Samantha N. Migliori, Kelly S. LaTourette, Alexis Dinerstein
- Raymond A. Krome Scholarship \$2,000**
Bradley R. Beers, Sarah F. Connelly, Lisa M. McCorkel, Deborah L. Marshall, Sarah Adams, Laura R. Moyer, Ryan M. Pischke
- Herman Witte Scholarship \$1,500**
Josiah D. Fry, Kevin W. Kaufman
- David Bondzio Scholarship \$1,500**
Caitlin Sarah Hirnsen, Christopher J. VonVolkenburg, Michael C. Ferraro
- Clarence Uhland Scholarship \$1,000**
Punit Singh
- James Booth Scholarship \$1,000**
Shawn L. Bookwalter
- Theodore K. Warner Scholarship \$1,000**
Emily Stehman
- Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation Scholarship \$2,000**
Katherine Larimer, Ashley E. Just
- Charles R. Nebel Scholarship \$1,000**
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- Michael H. Gotshall Memorial Scholarship \$400**
Nicole L. Denlinger
- Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 Scholarships \$200**
David A. Labagh, Michael R. Labagh
- Loretta N. Scheirer Nursing Scholarship \$250**
Leandra Edith Logan
- Stillman Leadership Scholarship \$500**
Kaitlin Davis

DeMolays "Wow" Norristown Lodge No. 620

When Worshipful Master George Lozinak asked for a DeMolay program at Norristown Lodge No. 620, he didn't know what the boys would be doing, although he was assured it would be both entertaining and educational.



Front row, left to right: George Lozinak, W.M., Robert Walking, Master Councilor, and Gary Gerlach, the newest member of Freedom Chapter, shown with members of Freedom Chapter and Norristown Lodge No. 620.

Freedom Chapter, which meets in Christiana and Quarryville, Lancaster County, brought a special program to the lodge. With a candidate for membership waiting to be inducted, they showed the lodge members how the "short-form" Obligation Ceremony is conducted in DeMolay. This is a relatively new program for DeMolay. It used to take a corps of at least 15 officers and a lot of rehearsals to present the full degrees of membership. It is now more common for chapters to obligate the new members when they are ready to join, and see that they view the full degrees at a later date during a regional or statewide conferral.

The candidate, Gary Gerlach, is the best friend of newly-elected Junior Councilor Cameron Kortze. Cameron had tried to get Gary to join for over a year, but Gary wasn't ready to commit. Then, on April 14, as Cameron's family was preparing a move to a new house, Cameron's mom asked for DeMolay help. Eight members of the chapter showed up to assist, and Gary was impressed at how well the members worked together to support a brother and his family in need. Shortly thereafter, he told Cameron he wanted to join.

In Freedom Chapter, it is becoming a tradition for the first-line-signer to obligate the new member. Cameron requested to perform the obligation for his best friend at the program for Norristown Lodge. He performed it perfectly, without any hesitation or prompting. After the program, Chapter Advisor Ken Walking informed the members of the lodge that this was the first time Cameron had performed an Obligation in public. A very hearty round of applause erupted, and the members of the lodge agreed to sponsor Cameron's attendance at this year's PA DeMolay Key Man Leadership Conference at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

Masonic Village at Erie



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

The pre-marketing presentations for a potential Masonic Village at Erie have yielded a great response from individuals who have expressed a strong interest in becoming future residents of the community, should it become a reality. Based on this feedback, the Masonic Village will proceed to the next step, which will include requesting prospective residents to select the type of cottage or apartment they are interested in, and to submit a deposit on that unit.

The Masonic Village at Erie is ideally located within five miles of numerous recreational venues, including Lake Erie, Edinboro University, Erie Zoo, the Warren Theatre, Erie Art Museum, Millcreek Mall, Jerry Uht Ballpark and Tulio Arena.

On campus, the Zem Zem Shrine Center could be renovated to provide additional services for Zem Zem members and residents of the Masonic Village at Erie, including a Clubhouse featuring amenities 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. 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 other Masonic Village in Pennsylvania.

If you have not yet heard about this spectacular new community proposed to be built on the beautiful 46-acre Zem Zem Shrine campus, make plans today to attend an upcoming presentation by completing and mailing the coupon below indicating which date you would like to attend. Or, to place your name on a list for information to be mailed to you, call toll-free (800) 676-6452.

The presentations will be held at the Zem Zem Shrine Center, 2525 West 38th 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 the new Masonic Village at Erie!

- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Aug. 22)
- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Sept. 11)
- ☐ I/We will attend the presentation on Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. (please respond by Oct. 23)
- ☐ No, I/We will not be able to attend; however, please send a brochure.

Name _____
Address _____
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Number of persons attending _____

Masonic Village at Dallas



Now Reserving for 2007 Occupancy!



The Masonic Village at Dallas campus has sprung to life, as more residents have come to live in the new active adult community. More cottages are complete, the apartment buildings are in progress and landscaping is providing a peaceful, residential feeling of a close-knit neighborhood.

Prospective residents now have the opportunity to view a model cottage when they come to visit, which not only provides a preview of the quality construction and design, but also a gorgeous view of the golf course in its height of activity.

Interest in the community also has heightened, as more people have heard about the exciting new plans for the construction of a new 26,868 sq. ft. clubhouse, beginning soon. While operations continue at the existing clubhouse, the new Irem Shrine Center and Country Club will feature offices, storage space and meeting rooms for Irem Shrine members and units, a restaurant, bistro/bar, central kitchen, lobby area, locker room and rest rooms, a game room and potentially a wellness center and a bank. A cornerstone ceremony for the new clubhouse was held on July 27.



For more information about Masonic Village at Dallas, call the Administrative Office at (866) 851-4243 today!

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Located on 1,400 acres of picturesque Lancaster County farmland, the Masonic Village offers skilled nursing services, with specialized care for individuals with dementia, and assisted living services. The community also offers residential living accommodations, retirement living apartments and retirement living cottages.

- For information on Nursing, Assisted Living or Residential services, call the Admissions Office at (717) 361-4552 or toll-free (800) 422-1207
- For information on Retirement Living, call (717) 361-4514 or (717) 361-4517 or toll-free (800) 676-6452

Masonic Village at Warminster

Located in historic Bucks County, the Masonic Village at Warminster provides nursing accommodations and assisted living services. Many recreational events, as well as meetings for Masonic lodges, Eastern Star chapters and other groups, are held in the Frey Southampton Masonic Center located on campus. Part of the Mission of this community includes serving individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients.

- For more information, call (215) 672-2500.

Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

Located in beautiful Montgomery County, the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill is located on 20 scenic acres, 30 minutes or less from downtown Philadelphia. The community offers retirement living apartments, assisted living accommodations and nursing care services.

- For information, call (610) 828-5760.

Masonic Village at Sewickley

Nestled in the quiet, peaceful and beautiful hills of Aleppo Township, the Masonic Village at Sewickley offers retirement living apartments and villas, all available in a variety of layouts and floor plans. The community also offers skilled nursing services, assisted living services and rehabilitative and clinical services for all residents on campus.

- For more information on Retirement Living, call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3530 or toll-free (866) 872-0664
- For more information on Assisted Living, call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3600
- For more information on Nursing services, call (412) 741-1400, ext. 3020





The fourth Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix was held on June 2, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Fifteen teams raced with vigor, despite the hot and humid weather. Through sponsorships and food sales, the event raised more than \$25,000 to benefit the Masonic Children's Home and the Grand Master's Charity.

Special thanks to the following individuals and groups whose efforts made the event a success: Jeff and Beth Mohn of Oval Track Concepts for providing technical services; Tom McQuait, Masonic Children's Home junior who designed the cover of the 2007 Masonic Village Charity Mini Grand Prix program; members of the Pennsylvania DeMolay, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, and Masonic Children's Home residents and staff for setting up and tearing down the race track; and Leandra Logan, member of Pennsylvania Rainbow Girls, who sang the National Anthem.

And the Winners are...

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- 1st K.L. Harring Transportation
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- 2nd Pennsylvania DeMolay

Most Creative Uniform

- 1st Masonic District 30
- 2nd SimplexGrinnell Operations Dept.

Dash for Kids

- 1st K.L. Harring Transportation (won a new motor)
- 2nd Masonic District 45



Left to right: Che Gallagher, Elsie Arroyo-Diaz, Cynthia Balmer (back), Danielle Balmer and Shakira Diaz, residents of the Masonic Children's Home.

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Youth Appreciation Day

The 84th Annual Youth Appreciation Day was held on May 25, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown to honor the 37 youth residing in the Masonic Children's Home for their various academic, athletic and civic achievements. The theme was, "What is your promise for a better tomorrow?" This question was perhaps best answered by the four graduating seniors, all honor students, who will soon begin a new chapter in their lives as they continue their education to prepare for their chosen careers.

Kristen Malusky-Norman, from Shermansdale, has been a resident since Oct. 29, 2000, and is sponsored by Abraham Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown. She served as secretary of the National Honor Society and was selected to participate in the Knowledge Bowl for scoring in the top four of her class at Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). She cheered on the varsity cheerleading squad and was named All American Cheerleader in 2006, which qualified her to participate in the half-time show during the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2. During the past four summers, she has volunteered at Camp Victory for the PA Vent Camp. Kristen is employed by the Gymnastic Center of Hershey, where she coaches young girls. She will attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, as a pre-med student and plans to become a pediatrician.

"I can't believe I'm 18 and I'm graduating," she said at the celebration. "I want to say thanks for the opportunities that the Homes has made available to me and the dreams that they helped to make possible... And last but not least, I want to thank God for never giving up on me and blessing me with this loving family I have in front of me that will continue to grow."

Jacqueline Baez, from Lancaster, has been a resident since Nov. 6, 1998, and is also sponsored by Abraham Treichler Lodge No. 682. Jacqueline has already begun classes at Central Penn College in Summerdale, Pa., pursuing an associate of science degree in paralegal/legal studies.

During her senior farewell speech, she said, "I want to thank you for making me the person I am today. Because of you, I grew to appreciate things, to try new things, to respect others as well as myself, not to tattle and to learn to solve my own problems... I became more honest, respectful and, for the most part, a well-behaved young lady. Thank you, Masonic Children's Home, for helping me to make my dreams come true."

Richard Miller, from Dover, has been a resident since Aug. 6, 1999, and is sponsored by York Lodge No. 266. As an honors student at LCCTC, Richie has explored his goal of becoming a cardiology nurse. He also is very involved in church activities. Richie will attend Harrisburg Area Community College in York, pursuing an associates of science



Stephen Cross, from the Philadelphia area, has been a resident since Aug. 20, 2000, and is sponsored by Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park. He has achieved many awards for football and weight training, and has volunteered at the Masonic Health Care Center, where he enjoyed the interaction with the elderly residents. After seeing so much crime in the Philadelphia area, Steve is determined to make a difference. He has begun classes at Central Penn College to pursue an associates of science degree in criminal justice.

"I never thought it would be this hard to say goodbye," Steven said in his emotional remarks. "It is so hard to only say thank you for everything my houseparents and my roommates have done for me. For everyone who will be graduating in the future, do me a favor: pursue your goals, don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something that you want to do or be in life. The words that others say are worthless; you have to have the drive to believe in yourself."

The celebration also included the traditional Bible presentations from Bro. and Rev. A. Preston Van Deusen, Director of Pastoral Care for the Masonic Villages and also a Masonic Children's Home graduate, and the Tree Planting Ceremony, during which the seniors plant a tree as a living symbol of their ties to the Masonic Children's Home. Bro. Albert Menger, III, Lansdowne Lodge No. 711, Lansdowne, representing the Patton School Alumni Association, presented the students with memberships. Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master, assisted with the presentation of the students' awards and shared an inspirational message: "No matter how much we provide to you, all is of no significance unless you believe in yourself and wish to strive to be better," he said. Then he addressed the graduating seniors: "How much we admire you and your accomplishments! We see you have grown significantly and are well prepared for your future careers. It gives us great pride as part of this Masonic fraternity that we are able to help you, and that in turn, you will be helping others."

The day concluded with the rededication of the Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Masonic Children's Home, recognizing the gifts from generous contributors.

degree in pre-nursing.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who helped me to be the man I am, who was there when I needed them and never gave up on me. To all the Masons that are here today and that aren't here today, I say thanks for everything you have done, for creating a program like this... because without this place, I don't know where I would be. Because this place was created I know I have a chance to succeed in life. I want you all to know I will make a great nurse."



Autumn Day 2007

Veterans, Servicemen, Servicewomen and Family Members...

be sure to attend this special event honoring YOU during the dedication of the new Veterans Grove.

Join members and friends in celebrating Masonic Village's annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, held at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, will feature entertainment, tours, delicious food, farm market stands, children's games, lots of Masonic family organization booths and much more.

This is an Autumn Day you especially won't want to miss. We will honor all veterans, past and present, for their service and sacrifice to preserve our freedom with the dedication of the new Veterans Grove at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Bro. and Superior Court of Pennsylvania Judge Seamus McCaffery, who has served in the Marines, rising to the rank of Captain before transferring to the Air Force, where he continues to serve as a Colonel in the Reserves. He has earned numerous military awards and medals.

Autumn Day also provides the perfect opportunity to visit with family members,



reunite with friends and tour parts of the 1,400-acre campus. The Masonic Village is unable to provide wheelchairs; so please bring your own, if needed. Handicap parking is available; however, you must advise the Masonic Village on the coupon below if handicap parking is needed, so a special parking pass can be forwarded to you in advance.

The Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank will be holding a blood drive to benefit Masonic Village residents on Autumn Day. Donations will be taken at the blood bank stand from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Anyone 17 years of age or older, who is in good health and weighs at least 100 lbs., is eligible to donate blood. It is requested that anyone interested in donating blood make an appointment by calling (800) 771-0059 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please do not call the Masonic Village for these appointments.



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