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Stephen Gardner

R.W. Grand Master

Brethren:

The first few months of serving as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania have truly been an experience of a lifetime. The Grand Lodge Officers and our ladies have been made welcome everywhere we have traveled. Even with how well I thought of our Craft already, the depth of my own personal appreciation for the work that Pennsylvania Freemasons do, and the dedication of our membership for a better fraternity tomorrow, only continues to grow.

Checks are coming in every day for the Change for the Troops program. It is obvious that the membership has really embraced this initiative, and as a veteran, I am extremely grateful and proud of your support of our armed forces. Throughout my travels, it is one of the most immediate topics of discussion, as brethren share countless heartwarming accounts of this opportunity to thank our service men and women. The manner in which not only the lodges, but also other Masonic bodies, have joined this effort is way beyond what I expected we would achieve.

The batch calling system also has been embraced as lodge leaders realize the many benefits of this easy and cost-effective means of communicating with our brethren. If you haven't received a call yet, contact your Worshipful Master and your Lodge Secretary and ask them why!

Our lodges also are responding to the statewide minimum ritualistic standard initiative. We have already significantly closed the gap due to brethren stepping up and learning, or beginning to learn, the degree work. A significant number of brethren have commented favorably on this. As expected, we have made good progress. Ability is not the question – the skill and ability have always been there – it is a culture change that must occur for us, as Pennsylvania Masons, to Earn it Again.

On p. 9, you will see the schedule for the upcoming visits of the Unity Box and Gavel. I encourage you to attend your lodge, or as a visitor at another lodge, when it comes to your area. During my travels across the state, I have already caught up with it three times! Every brother has the chance to experience the same sense of unity, camaraderie and pride when he has the opportunity to hold and pass it along.

Congratulations to those brethren whose names are listed on pp. 6-8 on their 60, 70, 75 and 80 years of service to Pennsylvania Freemasonry! In the August issue, we will recognize those brethren who have earned their 50-Year Service Awards.

A few weeks ago, I had the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of standing on top of our majestic Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It was the most amazing feeling you could imagine – being able to see up-close and physically touch the areas of the building that have become damaged over the past 133 years by wear and tear, weather and pollution. Without a doubt, it strengthened my conviction that this masterpiece requires our immediate attention to preserve its remarkable craftsmanship and the Masonic heritage it represents.

The feature article in this issue was inspired by a special report aired on Channel 6 News, Philadelphia, in February. Likely spurred by the release of the movie "National Treasure II," the series on Freemasonry being shown on the History and Discovery channels and Dan Brown's upcoming book, "The Solomon Key," the questions posed caused me to reflect on how Hollywood and the media in general interpret (or at times, misinterpret) our great fraternity. If we are going to Protect Our Heritage for Future Generations, it is up to each and every one of us to educate our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers about what it truly means to be a Freemason.

Sincerely & fraternally,



R.W. Grand Master





Bro. Edwin L. Kutz, Jr., W.M., Porter Lodge No. 284, surrenders the Unity Gavel to Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master.



Bro. Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Past Grand Master, invests Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, with his collar.



Bro. Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Past Grand Master, administers the oath of office to Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master.

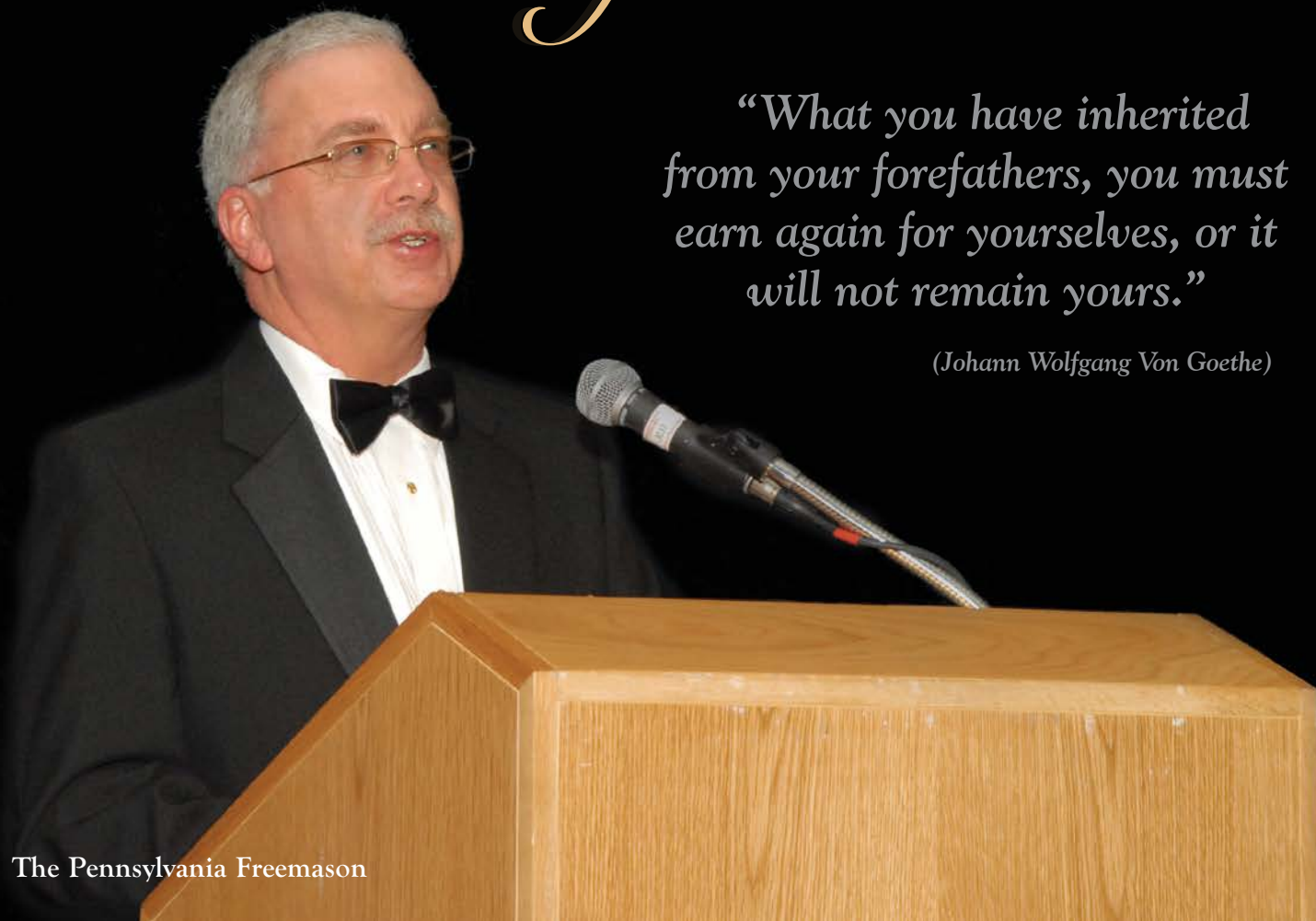


Bro. George Nakonetschny, Grand Steward, presents a \$5,000 personal check to R.W. Grand Master Gardner for the Change for the Troops calling card program.

An Inaugural Event

*“What you have inherited
from your forefathers, you must
earn again for yourselves, or it
will not remain yours.”*

(Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe)





Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Bro. Peter S. Gardner, son of the R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner, makes a presentation to his father.



The Grand Lodge party with Grand Master Stephen Gardner, on his informal visit to Porter Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.



R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner and his First Lady, Pat.



First Lady Pat presents a "Boom Bah" to Grand Master Stephen Gardner.



John Bressler performing during the Inaugural Ball.



The First Family: Bethany, John, First Lady Pat, Grand Master Stephen Gardner, 'Grand' daughter Alexis, and Peter.



Bro. Ed Kutz, W.M., Porter Lodge, looks on as R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner presents one of the Grand Master's medallions to his son, Bro. John S. Gardner, W.M. of George Washington Lodge No. 143.



Family and friends of the First Family.





60+ Year Service Award Recipients in 2008

60 Year Award

Name Lodge/District

Gilbert Cordery Baxter	115	A	Eugene S. Cohan	19	C	George W. Myers	400	E	Samuel W. Shearer, Jr.	315	3	Paul R. Kantner, Sr., PM	435	7
Hilbert S. Felton, Jr., PM	115	A	Leon King	19	C	Charles N. Wilkins, Jr.	400	E	Howard R. Strawmyre	315	3	Edward W. Schappell	435	7
Frank G. Pennypacker	115	A	Daniel G. Cohen	126	C	Charles J. Newingham	659	E	Herbert L. Zeger, PM	443	3	William E. Bitler	479	7
Maxwell S. Joffe	115	A	Hillard Madway	126	C	Robert B. Davis	43	1	Robert C. Smith	586	3	Harry L. Hart	479	7
Marvin Himelfarb	115	A	Edward L. Mark, PM	126	C	Robert E. Knoll	43	1	F. Weldon Bicking	309	5	Calvin F. Bonawitz, Sr.	549	7
Raymond L. Piazzi, Sr.	125	A	William H. Fox	135	C	Jay W. Smoker	43	1	Paul S. Earley	309	5	Charles R. Fegley	549	7
Alexander MacRae	230	A	Thomas E. King	135	C	Donald C. Bechtold	286	1	Robert C. Mitman	309	5	Robert B. Jensen	549	7
William C. Young	230	A	Robert E. Schultz	135	C	Lyle H. Simmons	286	1	William H. Ludwick, Jr.	322	5	Charles T. Slotter, Sr.	25	8
Robert E. Stryker	230	A	William J. Tiley	135	C	James B. Endslo, PM	398	1	Ruel L. Cummins, Jr.	322	5	Wayne E. Buck	25	8
Roy H. Lambert	230	A	Nicholas Rizzo	135	C	Gerald B. Hershey	417	1	Arthur C. Hall	322	5	Wallace W. DeWitt, PM	25	8
Raymond L. McCoach	230	A	Walter H. Crocker, Sr.	135	C	Donald C. Singer	417	1	Frank R. Lindecamp	322	5	Albert Doster, Sr.	25	8
Michael J. Peters, PM	230	A	Alfred E. Dietrick	135	C	Lester B. Rhoads	417	1	Herbert D. Smith, II	322	5	George B. Thompson	245	8
William H. Kavash, Jr.	230	A	Russell H. Harrison	135	C	Robert J. Barber, Sr.	476	1	George W. Law, Jr.	340	5	David Jones	245	8
Robert D. Brehm	230	A	Karl E. Soltan, PM	135	C	James N. Hillegass	476	1	George P. Clair, III	340	5	Theodore P. Kohl	245	8
Harvey E. Hirth, PM	271	A	Herbert Spencer, Jr.	135	C	Louis G. Shenk, Jr.	476	1	Roger S. Arnold	340	5	Lonzie D. Rinker, Jr., PM	245	8
Howard L. Hausher	271	A	Abraham L. Albertson	368	C	Joseph H. Esbenshade	476	1	Ellsworth S. McAllister, PM	343	5	Carl A. Bauer, Sr.	410	8
William H. Douthart, Jr.	271	A	Earle H. Hahn	368	C	Robert D. Frey	476	1	John W. Sebald	353	5	Eugene E. George, Jr.	410	8
Azad V. Attarian	271	A	Samuel Stillman	368	C	William D. Humphreville	476	1	John W. Martin	383	5	William H. Weber	410	8
Carl E. Hepler	271	A	Jack R. Vanderslice	368	C	William R. Loew	476	1	Edward L. Wertz, Sr.	383	5	Paul M. Downs	427	8
Carl F. Bubeck, PM	271	A	David E. Miller, Jr.	529	C	John G. Weaver, Sr.	587	1	Harold G. White	383	5	Watson E. Buckman	427	8
James D. Gibson	271	A	Jack Rule	529	C	Ira L. Henly, PM	665	1	George B. Copeland	383	5	Wayne V. Dallas	427	8
Calvin B. Mattson	271	A	William G. Morini	529	C	J. Marlin Shreiner	665	1	Donald M. Morris	383	5	Alexander A. Hebden	427	8
Seymour I. Toll	482	A	James W. Wallace, Jr.	529	C	Ray W. Sheaffer	665	1	Glenn G. Neubauer	383	5	G. Winfield Hedrick	596	8
Lester Goodman	482	A	Raymond N. Heiselmoeyer, Jr.	529	C	Walter R. Loomis	665	1	Richard B. Leaman	383	5	Richard M. Gilbert	596	8
Earl Goldberg	482	A	Robert A. Wilson	2	D	Bruce B. Dimmick	21	2	George A. Hornberger	405	5	Charles R. Witmer, Jr.	596	8
James M. Anderson, Jr., PM	487	A	James D. Foxall, Sr.	9	D	Harry E. Griffey	21	2	Merrill L. Mordan	405	5	Howard E. Maxwell, Jr.	776	8
Theodore F. Foedisch	487	A	Leonard A. Macartney	9	D	Stanley J. Law	21	2	Carl E. Buffington, PM	475	5	Clifford M. Stiffler	776	8
Abraham A. Shanis	591	A	Richard O. Morsch	52	D	Myron K. Musselman	21	2	Lincoln G. Hornung	190	6	George R. Pester	776	8
Harold Barsky	591	A	James S. Lequin	211	D	James I. Hoepfer	21	2	Morris J. Pennock	190	6	George M. Berkin	776	8
Nathan Saroff	591	A	Robert Mawhinney	211	D	Lester E. Sechrist	21	2	Kurtz N. Rambo, Jr.	190	6	T. Sidney Cadwallader, II	778	8
Sol Linder	591	A	John Olsen	292	D	William B. Dean	21	2	Millard A. Strauss	190	6	Frank May, Jr.	778	8
Franklyn Featherman	591	A	James L. Anderson, Sr.	292	D	Robert M. Koch	21	2	Richard A. Burgstreser, Sr.	273	6	David H. Ramsden	806	8
Milton R. Edelman	591	A	John Van DeVort	292	D	William E. McClure	21	2	Burton R. Fettes	273	6	Arthur W. Cox, Jr.	806	8
Leonard Goldberg	591	A	William S. Wolk	292	D	J. Richard Storey, Sr.	21	2	Howard K. Fettes	273	6	Charles E. Staples	152	9
Peter Linski	591	A	Earl G. Rodenhaver	292	D	Marlin E. Zimmerman	364	2	Alfred May, Jr.	273	6	Edgar R. Kauffman	152	9
Paul Ginsburg	591	A	Paul A. Dugent	506	D	Robert H. Leshner	364	2	Edward S. McGlue, Jr.	273	6	Fred D. Mason, Jr.	152	9
Max Spector	591	A	David J. Graham	506	D	James E. Will	464	2	George F. Power	273	6	Samuel S. Kutz	152	9
Edward M. Steinberg	591	A	Howard R. Scott	506	D	Donald T. Crawford	464	2	Walter Thomas, Jr.	273	6	John H. Price	152	9
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Harvey A. Fischer, Jr.	3	B	John W. Slentz, Sr.	506	D	Charles L. McElheny	464	2	Louis L. Martin, Jr.	273	6	Clarence F. Deemer	567	9
Philip R. Kensinger, Sr.	3	B	John H. Monk	506	D	Harold D. Oplinger	464	2	Leslie N. Foster	308	6	Charles E. Brader	637	9
Robert L. Ross	3	B	Jasper T. Smith, Jr.	506	D	Robert B. Conrad	464	2	William N. Ashenfelter	310	6	Albert G. Schisler, PM	637	9
William T. Livezey	3	B	John D. Baric, Jr.	717	D	Donald E. Weiser	464	2	Robert Hayer	310	6	Jerome G. Hess	637	9
William V. Mowbray, Sr.	3	B	Harry Betz, Jr.	751	D	Robert C. Gross	486	2	Frederick W. Nowark, Jr.	310	6	Alfred E. Pierce	637	9
Joseph S. Oppenheimer	3	B	Clement Kashkashian	751	D	Emerson F. Fackler	629	2	Harold W. Cassel	558	6	Robert W. Smith	637	9
Donald W. Rose, PM	3	B	Robert M. McCullough	67	E	Andrew W. Crosley	629	2	John M. Druckenmiller	558	6	Harvey M. Musselman	648	9
Harold B. Githens	51	B	George Smith, Jr.	67	E	Adam W. Harper, Jr.	629	2	Robert W. Dysart	558	6	Warren J. Peters, Jr.	326	10
Robert A. Nagel	59	B	William D. Harkins	67	E	Arnold C. Kapp	629	2	Allan R. Brooke	620	6	Henry K. Godshall, Jr.	512	10
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Edward S. Parsons, Jr.	330	14	James L. Pierson	616	20	Paul L. Stevenson	408	25	Adam L. Snyder, Jr.	651	31	Paul C. Riffle	546	38
Carlyle W. Krause	344	14	Fred C. Wittmer	616	20	Clairmont Summers	498	25	Wayne S. Rockwell	379	33	Robert P. Walker	548	38
Amos P. Hollister, PM	240	15	Milton L. Lambert	616	20	David L. Heath	790	25	Franklin H. Alden	382	33	William T. Fitzroy	548	38
Elmer C. Roberts, PM	240	15	Calvin C. Showers	616	20	Gust R. Lee	243	26	Jack A. Norris	495	33	Richard W. Reed	548	38
Walter S. McCracken	438	15	Orn H. Lucas	268	21	William C. Sherwood	243	26	Christy O. Nelson	566	33	Philip B. Kennedy	635	38
Richard Arrowsmith, PM	472	15	Thomas H. Stetler, Jr.	268	21	Robert W. Figuly	433	26	John W. Johnson	639	33	Samuel Bourne	635	38
Robert W. Bowman	70	16	Richard D. Ulrich	268	21	Stanley L. Martin	433	26	Charles E. Hough, PM	675	33	Roy M. Peterson	635	38
Harold G. Robbins	70	16	John W. Weber, Jr.	268	21	Joseph J. Kirkwood	433	26	Harry L. Geissinger	300	34	William Petronio	635	38
Dana F. Horton	108	16	Lewis K. Johnson	314	21	George W. Williams	433	26	Franklin A. Koontz	320	34	Ormond J. Mitol	635	38
Glenn L. Plotts	163	16	Duane W. Owens	314	21	William L. Wilson	599	26	Albert N. Masood, PM	524	34	Russell E. Montgomery	635	38
Robert F. Pond, PM	163	16	David K. Dahlgren, Jr.	391	21	James W. Miller	804	26	Carl Oaks, Jr.	524	34	William H. Swan	683	38
James R. Ritter	163	16	George C. Moore	391	21	Carl M. Elder	804	26	Edward H. Terpening	524	34	Arthur S. Ellis	683	38
Robert E. Clapper, PM	263	16	Charles F. Darke	391	21	Clarence A. Beale	239	27	Kermit M. Wilson	572	34	William J. Cowen	683	38
Cecil R. Titman	263	16	John E. Herrington	391	21	Richard G. Laube, Sr., PM	239	27	Robert R. Saxe	688	34	John M. Hunter, Sr.	683	38
Robert J. Allen	415	16	Glenn E. Reiter	480	21	Charles L. Nichols	239	27	Ray S. Koontz	774	34	Colin F. Freund	683	38
Charles E. Warner	471	16	Emory M. Copenhaver	515	21	Earl D. Crane	239	27	Kenneth G. Richards	774	34	Thomas B. McCartney	683	38
Richard L. Dexter	317	17	John R. Miller, Jr.	537	21	William C. McKain	244	27	Robert J. Davis	224	35	William C. Yocum	683	38
Wilmon K. Wetherbee	317	17	C. Reynold Ammerman	700	21	Vernon G. Adams	244	27	Donald W. Kashner	224	35	Ralph L. Adamson	683	38
Donald E. Booth	350	17	Francis H. Yonker	700	21	Robert E. Pryde	244	27	Bruce W. Losch	224	35	David Graham	716	38
Leslie I. Edgcomb	351	17	Grove A. Searly, Jr., PM	700	21	Eugene G. Shirley	244	27	William C. Reppert	224	35	Herbert W. Murray	716	38
James A. Carleton, PM	373	17	Mervin J. Shuman	700	21	Kenneth D. Smith, Jr.	244	27	George W. Smith, PM	224	35	Herbert R. King, Jr.	716	38
Percy R. Hornby	556	17	Thomas L. Marsh	334	22	Donald P. Barber	272	27	Charles E. Ash	224	35	James P. Arlow	716	38
Clinton W. Campbell	602	17	Robert O. Dewey	342	22	Frederick H. Keefer	272	27	Donald T. Mitchell	265	35	George H. Leavesley	716	38
Oliver L. Campbell	602	17	Jack H. Jones	342	22	Charles J. Parker	272	27	Clyde E. Shoemaker	265	35	Arnold R. Daniels	716	38
James D. Seitzer	106	18	George C. Mosch	342	22	William S. Titus	272	27	John W. Williams	265	35	David W. Hertel	716	38
Robert O. Fries	106	18	Dennis E. Goodenough	342	22	John W. Kirkpatrick	272	27	Douglas K. Dillon	265	35	Joseph E. Meyerl	796	38
Harry N. Moore	106	18	William L. Roberts, PM	342	22	Dale R. Waldenmyer	272	27	Roy D. Snyder, Jr.	265	35	Paul L. Botsford	313	39
Willard L. Snyder, PM	106	18	Gordon E. Johnston	388	22	James H. Lyon, Jr.	272	27	Richard C. Stout	265	35	Robert H. Ferguson, PM	313	39
George D. Wolf	106	18	Raymond T. Larson, Sr.	388	22	Herbert E. McConnell	272	27	John B. Cain, III	265	35	John H. Filler	313	39
Robert J. Grossman	199	18	Herbert G. Wendt, PM	505	22	Albert E. Ritson	272	27	Carl R. Fetterman, Sr.	349	35	Glenn D. Stake	313	39
Byron L. Martin	232	18	Daniel E. Wenger	505	22	Robert I. Keck	272	27	Robert B. Stevens	460	35	James F. Washington, Sr.	313	39
Raymond H. Odell, Jr.	299	18	Waldo J. Cox	505	22	Oscar J. Gaiser	540	27	George H. Fetterman, Jr.	462	35	Edward J. Fleming	355	39
James O. Tule	299	18	Ray O. Dreihaupt, PM	555	22	George A. Beck	540	27	Harry K. Auran	462	35	Robert C. George	355	39
Thomas L. Gordner	299	18	Walter B. Chase	555	22	Edgar C. Pickard	540	27	Elmer W. Hipkins	236	36	Travally M. Gerhard	355	39
Frank H. Odell, Sr.	299	18	Lavern R. Straight, Jr.	555	22	Howard T. Edwards	694	27	William Rutledge	236	36	John C. Smith	355	39
G. Robert Hofer	299	18	Floyd J. Sharp, PM	580	22	Robert W. Moore	694	27	Charles H. Kassebohm	236	36	Ralph M. Stewart	355	39
William R. Sandmeyer	299	18	Wilbur R. Kresge	749	22	Harry E. Compton	729	27	H. Dean Smith, PM	236	36	Clare E. Ferguson, PM	431	39
Dwight E. Waltz	335	18	Jack C. Hermes	749	22	Elmer G. Grant, Jr.	729	27	Gerald R. Hopper, Jr.	236	36	Herbert R. Eckman, Sr.	437	39
Paul R. DeWald	397	18	Woodrow W. Park, Sr.	749	22	Frank E. Riley	729	27	Grover C. Dehner, Jr.	236	36	William L. Franklin	534	39
Reuben I. Doeblner	397	18	Robert W. Fargo	749	22	William P. Garrison	729	27	Frank H. Anthony, III	298	36	Franklin R. Mininger, Jr.	75	40
Bernard W. Bredbenner, Sr.	397	18	Thomas J. Barr, Jr.	316	23	Francis A. Kratz, Sr.	729	27	Robert C. Tobias	298	36	Stacey H. Widdicombe, Jr.	75	40
Oswald L. Sarap	397	18	Wildred F. Goss	363	23	Glenn T. Miller	729	27	Richard L. Neff	578	36	William E. Beacraft	254	40
John Waltman, Jr.	401	18	Harry C. Kennedy, Jr.	363	23	David H. Black, II	153	29	Edward G. Aldin	578	36	David S. Erb	254	40
Robert C. Miller	401	18	Ralph A. Schwab	363	23	Edward C. Mark	153	29	Leroy A. Hughes, Jr.	578	36	Elmer S. Friedberg	254	40
S. Richard Hillegas	707	18	John D. Baker	363	23	Harold L. Knappenberger, PM	164	29	Edwin D. Watt	578	36	L. Stanley Mauger	254	40
Harry R. Walters	707	18	Frederick N. Houser	434	23	Lawrence G. Morton	237	29	Joseph K. Lauginiger, Sr.	625	36	A. Erwin Colver	254	40
Brooks E. Reese, Jr.	707	18	Raeman P. Sopher	434	23	Howard F. Weller	297	29	James G. Singley	709	36	Russell H. Feroe	254	40
Robert M. Shaw	707	18	Gordon L. Zimmerman, PM	434	23	Stanley P. Cargo	297	29	Edwin A. Williams	711	36	A. Mervyn Wunderlich, Sr.	254	40
Robert O. Winkleman	755	18	Kasper W. Kugler, Sr.	483	23	Howard G. Lemasters	447	29	John C. Stead	711	36	John H. Carpenter	446	40
Wilbur L. Houck	755	18	Vaughn R. Long	550	23	Charles E. Porter	459	29	Francis C. Doyle	767	36	Arthur W. Rittenhouse, Sr.	553	40
Benjamin E. Plankenhorn, Sr.	755	18	Arthur G. Shields	754	23	Charles W. Campbell	623	29	John W. Bork, Jr.	767	36	Daniel E. Bause, Jr.	741	40
Carroll V. Leibensperger	755	18	Alton V. Southwick	754	23	Kenneth B. Earnhardt, Sr.	623	29	Peter J. Schuster	229	37	David J. Meese	278	41
Charles W. Yerkes	755	18	Oscar Svensen	347	24	William C. Kestner	623	29	Victor A. Mathis, Jr., PM	259	37	Rudolph C. Schonek	278	41
Rodney M. Gunderman	203	19	Carl F. Geigle	362	24	Roy V. Hartman	623	29	Adra C. Merritt, PM	259	37	William K. Thompson	278	41
Leon D. Leiter	203	19	Calvin D. Neithamer, Sr.	362	24	Milford R. Hoover	225	30	Ralph A. Dauer	259	37	Donald J. Lohr, PM	278	41
Amos L. Seldomridge	319	19	Albert L. Kline	362	24	Drew W. Washabau, PM	225	30	George F. Howland	457	37	Maurice L. Moore	278	41
James H. Patterson	324	19	David H. MacFigggen, Jr.	362	24	Robert M. Carson, Jr., PM	225	30	James Sims	457	37	Robert McGhee, Jr.	312	41
Warren K. Zook	324	19	Arthur E. Fosburgh	362	24	L. Wayne Kemerer, PM	225	30	Jack O'Brien	457	37	Lemoine J. Derrick, Jr.	312	41
Robert L. Morris	376	19	Robert E. Bendig	362	24	H. Edward Patterson Sr.	275	30	David W. Wycoff	457	37	Duane E. Sheraw	312	41





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John D. Wesley	312	41	Kramer N. Ritt	714	49	Richard D. Brendlinger	799	54	Rae E. Houke	761	57	Forrest W. Collover	278	41
Dean D. Mickey	358	41	George E. Ford	731	49	Warren D. Fisher	799	54	Albert Pavlik, Jr.	761	57	Clay W. Shaw, PM	663	42
Jack B. Reiber	358	41	Harry D. Hakanson	731	49	Clarence C. Whitfield, Jr.	799	54	James R. Drew	761	57	Russell W. Coe	513	47
William P. Auman	358	41	Guy L. Leitzell	731	49	Harold C. Glauser	799	54	Victor P. Shaffer	761	57	J. Donald Hadden	652	47
William H. Custer	538	41	William S. Thompson	731	49	William R. Huddleston, Sr., PM	45	55	Richard H. Zehfuss	761	57	Meyer W. Meritt	582	49
K. Dwayne Baumgardner	538	41	Robert E. Miller	311	50	Eugene R. Rhodaback	45	55	Joseph J. George	761	57	Harry F. Kuhn	731	49
George W. Nicely	538	41	William J. Baskwill, Jr.	311	50	Harvey S. Henning	45	55	Charles E. Swingle, Jr.	794	57	Jesse A. Fithian	521	52
Henry J. Wilmoth	554	41	Paul T. Hartzell, PM	311	50	Chester A. Langford	45	55	Louis R. Ward	794	57	Burdell E. Cooper	389	53
John D. Klingaman	554	41	Arthur E. Reagle	311	50	Michael Milan	45	55	Charles O. Washburn, Jr.	794	57	Frederick D. Kuhns, Sr.	644	54
Douglas D. Houston	554	41	Joseph W. Kovarick, PM	325	50	George R. Surls	45	55	James F. Martin, Sr.	255	58	Henry W. Uffelman	45	55
Lester W. Bentz, Jr.	266	42	John R. Wilson, Jr.	325	50	Chester R. Wernecke	45	55	Robert M. Troxell	255	58	Edward G. Balzer	221	55
Harry L. McNeal, Jr.	266	42	Jack L. Shumaker	325	50	Robert L. Wilson, PM	45	55	John C. Kissinger	255	58	Samuel Kotler	231	55
Horace H. Waybright	336	42	Samuel O. Wells, III	325	50	Arthur H. Pitchford	45	55	Burton B. Beck	294	58	Edward J. Helm	318	55
Frank T. Lowe	336	42	Joseph K. Shiffer	325	50	Everett J. Wrono	45	55	John F. Platt, Jr.	294	58	Henry L. Hively, PM	573	55
Samuel R. McHenry, Jr.	336	42	Richard C. Heck	628	50	Russell J. Niemeier	45	55	Edward Humes, Jr.	294	58	William E. Reetz	573	55
William D. Rice	348	42	Olin A. Cramer	628	50	Erasmus A. Randich	45	55	Elbur C. Purnell	357	58	Ralf W. Heimbuecher	573	55
Carlton L. Jacobs	465	42	Russell F. Scheller	628	50	Arthur C. Schwotzer	45	55	Crellin D. Mayberry	357	58	William P. Schaffer	573	55
Fred F. Feiser	465	42	Charles P. Peterson	780	50	William S. Mohn	45	55	Howard R. Lewis	414	58	John H. Wallace, Jr.	573	55
M. Everett Weiser	465	42	David Jacobs, PM	780	50	William O. Linhart, Jr.	45	55	William R. Pensyl, PM	414	58	Samuel H. Evert, PM	378	58
Edward M. Massa	503	42	James T. Mitchell	276	52	William S. Brandberg	221	55	Marcus G. Adams	414	58	Harold C. Koch, III	409	60
Kenneth L. McCleary	649	42	Reuben P. Ferringier, Jr.	276	52	Frank K. Noll	221	55	James L. Leonard	737	58	Douglas C. Stiles	682	60
Carl F. Myers	649	42	Earl M. Parker	276	52	Theodore A. Debacker	221	55	Donald E. Heller	737	58			
Horace E. Rost, Jr.	649	42	George R. Haley	520	52	John M. Sant	221	55	Carl E. Sampson, Sr.	301	59			
John T. Fischer	706	42	Willis H. Elliott	520	52	Clair N. Sanford	221	55	Benjamin J. Whitehouse	301	59			
Richard P. March	706	42	John L. Fox	521	52	Robert J. Arelt	231	55	William G. Maurer Sr	504	59			
Raymond R. Essington	238	45	Robert O. Jack	521	52	Henry W. Dittmer, Jr.	231	55	Robert B. Morris	579	59	H. B. Myers	230	A
Dr. Russell P. Kropp	238	45	Richard C. Mahood	521	52	Sheldon H. Goldstein	231	55	James L. Morgan	579	59	Walter J. Brosz, PM	3	B
Milton M. Bergey, Jr.	242	45	Lewis A. Witherup	521	52	David A. Myer	231	55	John C. Heal	664	59	William Klimman	135	C
Marvin A. Chegwiddden	327	45	Harry R. Wolfgang	522	52	David J. Rudick	231	55	John M. Boltz	226	60	William A. Page	384	E
William A. Meyers	327	45	Jay F. Shaffer, PM	522	52	Theodore Rossen	231	55	Richard L. Grimes	226	60	David M. Bean	152	9
Charles F. Frey, Jr.	327	45	William E. Sheldon, Jr.	536	52	Saul Schilit	231	55	John E. McClure	226	60	Remo Bedotto	673	10
John G. Hauze	327	45	William G. Waidlich	559	52	George W. Treusch	231	55	Ralph C. Capp	226	60	John G. Anderson, PM	350	17
Marvin R. Yoch	327	45	Conrad P. Guthrie	559	52	Bert Lowenthal, PM	231	55	William H. Dotter	226	60	Charles A. Curtze	708	24
Paul Brown, Jr.	327	45	James W. Baird	290	53	Walter R. Marsh, Sr.	231	55	Lloyd W. Leinthall	226	60	Lester V. Smith, PM	562	30
James D. Hauze, Sr.	327	45	Donald W. Dart	290	53	Joseph H. Piatt	231	55	Roger I. Boger, PM	226	60	Leonard E. Bason	265	35
George E. Rohde	327	45	Ralph A. Davis, Sr.	290	53	Alexander N. Laslo	231	55	John E. Feather	226	60	Joseph R. Hecht	231	55
Harold L. Young	327	45	Robert E. Davis	290	53	Gilbert E. Rodler	231	55	Russell B. Staub	666	60			
Arlington F. Beers	621	45	John H. Dunkerley	389	53	Howard J. Green	287	55	Ira W. Hoover	666	60			
Burton R. Miller	621	45	Roland H. Robinson	389	53	John L. McCain, PM	287	55	Russell E. Behrens, PM	666	60			
Jenkin Jones, Jr.	677	45	John C. Rissinger	389	53	William L. Luther, Jr.	287	55	Robert G. Leshner	682	60	Karl Schroth	230	A
Ralph L. Payne	22	46	Elmer G. Slezak	389	53	Kenneth R. Schaper	287	55	William S. Barnhart	682	60	George J. Kaufman	482	A
Jack A. Bidding	22	46	Curtis McCullough	389	53	James C. Patterson	287	55	Ralph W. Trautman	704	60	George I. Freter, Sr.	591	A
Ralph E. Jones, Jr.	22	46	F. Neal Beyer	517	53	George W. Plesko	318	55	Joseph E. Zimmerman	704	60	Harrison B. Houder	67	E
Daniel W. Wetzell, PM	22	46	Harry E. Watson, Sr.	517	53	Donald C. Hoffmann	318	55	Kenneth H. Hardenstine	704	60	Daniel B. Fisher	81	E
Robert C. Zimmerman, Sr.	22	46	Ralph E. Kilgore	517	53	Warren E. Guttendorf	318	55				John B. Smith	406	7
Glenn C. Dershem	144	46	John H. Crilley, PM	575	53	George C. Zimmer	318	55				Albert C. Lott	216	11
Richard H. Klinetob, Sr.	256	46	James M. Redmond	575	53	Robert M. Fox	573	55				John A. Garber	539	20
Dale E. Ranck, Jr., PM	256	46	John W. Conway	603	53	Raymond G. Leavy	573	55				James V. Stewart, Sr.	411	26
William S. Johnson	256	46	Robert E. Hoffman	603	53	Raymond C. Pfeifer	573	55				James A. Stephens	711	36
Dudley C. Vincent	256	46	Warren J. McCandless	603	53	Erwin L. Blosser	573	55				Raymond R. James	635	38
Donald T. Zimmerman	370	46	Glenn E. McCarl	603	53	Curtis V. Hyde	573	55				Nathaniel Rudick	657	47
William H. Long, Jr.	370	46	Joseph S. Frazier	603	53	Oliver J. Thoms	573	55				William A. Stauffer	657	47
Robert C. Holman	370	46	Harold H. Anderson	810	53	Albert Balister, Jr., PM	725	55				Thomas C. Venable	45	55
Charles H. Post	404	46	William T. Duboc, III	810	53	Homer A. Knight	725	55						
Neil W. Schlegel	702	46	Haydn Hughes	810	53	Esca H. Crews, Jr.	241	56						
George A. Shannon	513	47	Harold A. Mathieson	810	53	Q. Thomas Jamieson	557	56						
James T. Wilson	513	47	Clarence M. Beck	810	53	Donald H. King	557	56						
Alva J. Williams, Jr.	544	47	John C. Currie, Sr.	810	53	William R. Simonsen, Jr.	726	56						
Joseph A. Dvorak, PM	544	47	Thomas R. Fiedler	810	53	Vernon L. Colbert	269	57						
Howard J. Ayers	544	47	Oliver A. Morton	810	53	Donald E. Hubbard, Jr.	269	57						
Lawrence R. Dieterich, Jr.	652	47	Frank M. Hall	502	54	Alexander B. Waddell, Jr.	269	57						
Roy S. Heckler	653	47	Robert K. Norman	502	54	Carl A. Colteryahn, Jr.	269	57						
Richard K. Latshaw	657	47	Robert E. Thomas	502	54	Donald S. Denkle	269	57						
Berkley Simon	657	47	Charles W. Early	502	54	Robert W. Hudson	269	57						
Clifford H. Swan	657	47	Seymour Solomon	502	54	Jack J. Brookman	269	57						
Warren E. Kuhlber	657	47	Warren H. Mansfield	502	54	Harold E. Hartdung, PM	269	57						
Robert D. Eberle	674	47	Edward L. Walter	502	54	David C. Vetter	269	57						
William H. Foster	375	49	Robert S. Gallagher	613	54	George H. Murphy	509	57						
Edwin A. Lang	375	49	Wayne A. Frye	613	54	Richard W. Mueller, Jr.	509	57						
James D. McLellan	375	49	Ralph E. Gallagher	613	54	Robert H. Gallagher, PM	509	57						
Stewart S. Noble	582	49	Thomas R. Green	613	54	Robert H. Cunliffe	684	57						
James L. Sumpter	582	49	Norval E. Maguire	613	54	Harry E. Tracey, Jr.	684	57						
Dane D. Morsaint	582	49	Kermit T. Unrue Sr.	613	54	William D. Bailey, Jr.	684	57						
Charles R. Hogg, Sr.	582	49	E. Ross Reynolds, PM	644	54	John L. Cornman	684	57						
James D. Hathaway, Sr	582	49	David T. Culp, PM	644	54	Roy E. Hartman	684	57						
H. Turner Frost	583	49	Robert L. Parsons	644	54	Charles D. Kutschbach	684	57						
Homer R. McGrew, Sr.	714	49	Richard A. Holt	783	54	Charles E. Prince	684	57						

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John B. Smith	406 7
Albert C. Lott	216 11
John A. Garber	539 20
James V. Stewart, Sr.	411 26
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William A. Stauffer	657 47
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Charles A. Unger	529 C
Roy S. Adams, PM	2 D
George C. Barrow	506 D
Sherman N. Miller, PM	43 1
Harry G. Walters	551 1
Paul M. Brubaker	665 1
Thomas J. Bell, Jr.	464 2
Leland B. Hart	629 2
Robert H. Rumler	143 3
Clyde F. Kemper	586 3
John W. Marbarger, PM	138 11
Andrew L. Kimmel	216 11
Luther D. Arnold	442 12
Robert A. Myers	317 17
J. Garwood Holsinger	539 20
Asbury W. Lee, III	314 21
George D. Nicklin	316 23
Miles B. Manson, Sr.	483 23
Herbert J. Johnson, Jr.	362 24
Carl C. Shirer	454 29
William M. Charley, PM	518 30
Robert L. Gunter	224 35
Walter L. Krebs	224 35
James A. Aldridge, PM	236 36
George L. Black, Jr.	701 37
Richard E. Lace	617 39

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William M. Charley, PM	518 30
Robert L. Gunter	224 35
Walter L. Krebs	224 35
James A. Aldridge, PM	236 36
George L. Black, Jr.	701 37
Richard E. Lace	617 39

50-Year Service Award Recipients in 2008 will be recognized in the August issue.

The Pennsylvania Freemason



The Unity Gavel: Where is it Now?

As of April 19, the Unity Gavel had traveled 5,377 miles to visit 79 lodge functions, including 66 stated meetings, three special meetings and one extra meeting, as well as two training sessions, four banquets and three Schools of Instruction. As of that date, the Unity Gavel was held by 2,999 brethren.

At each function, the Worshipful Master has an opportunity to share comments about his lodge's experience and reactions to the sharing of the Unity Gavel. Here are a few of their comments:

"It was a great pleasure to be able to use the gavel to open and close our stated meeting. The gavel was constructed well and the box was a mark of excellent craftsmanship. I am truly proud and grateful." - Randy L. Richards, W.M., Knapp Lodge No. 462, Berwick

"It was indeed a pleasure for George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 to have their turn with the Unity Gavel. My brothers and the 13 Past Masters who attended spoke highly of the experience. I also was extremely proud to use the gavel to close. [It was] one of the

many outstanding experiences that I have enjoyed through my association with Freemasonry. Thank you." - Lynn A. Sheehan, S.W.

"The warmth and unity that came with this honor helped to melt the ice on the roads and warm the hearts of our brethren on this night. This was a wonderful idea." - Jeffrey D. Burman, W.M., Freedom Lodge No. 328, Thompson

"It was a privilege to be able to allow Bro. Ira Reynolds, 106 years old, to be the first member of our lodge to hold it. This gavel was something very special to be a part of, and it was an honor to be allowed to close with it." - Barney B. Wilkins, W.M., Canawacta Lodge No. 360, Susquehanna

"I was truly honored to be able to open and close my first meeting in the East with the Unity Gavel. We will now be traveling 'in spirit' to the remaining lodges of the state." - James E. Benedict, W.M., Wyoming Lodge No. 468

On Jan. 22, Ralph H. Slider, Sr., District Deputy Grand Master for District 10 (front row, second from right), made his first official visit of the year to Lehigh Lodge No. 326, Macungie. The Unity Gavel was shared within the lodge that night. Pictured with Bro. Slider are, front row, left-right: Bros. Earl C. Schmoyer, Secretary; Donald H. Masters, District Deputy Grand Master for District 9; Jason C. Fogel, W.M.; and Kenneth M. Hohe, Treasurer. In the second and third rows are Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the 10th Masonic District.



Schedule for the Travel of the Unity Box and Gavel

January 3 - Open & Close Dist. 9 No. 152	February 23 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 163	May 8 - Open & Close Dist. 59 No. 504
January 7 - Open & Close Dist. 7 No. 62	February 25 - Open & Close Dist. 50 School	May 12 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 467
January 8 - Open Dist. 9 No. 283, Close Dist. 9 No. 396	February 27 - Open & Close Dist. 50 No. 628	May 13 - Open Dist. 16 No. 263, Close Dist. 16 No. 306
January 9 - Open & Close Dist. 9 No. 637	March 3 - Open Dist. 12 No. 61, Close Dist. 12 No. 531	May 14 - Open Dist. 22 No. 342, Close Dist. 22 No. 388
January 10 - Open Dist. 50 No. 413, Close Dist. 50 No. 311	March 4 - Open Dist. 12 No. 655, Close Dist. 35 No. 349	May 15 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 373
January 11 - Open & Close Dist. 10 No. 720	March 5 - Open & Close Dist. 35 No. 462	May 19 - Open Dist. 46 No. 370, Close Dist. 46 No. 619
January 14 - Open & Close Dist. 50 No. 622	March 6 - Open & Close Dist. 12 No. 763	May 20 - Open & Close Dist. 15 No. 438
January 15 - Open & Close Dist. 9 No. 567	March 10 - Open Dist. 59 No. 579, Close Dist. 59 No. 664	May 21 - Open & Close Dist. 12 No. 332
January 16 - Open & Close Dist. 9 No. 648	March 11 - Open & Close Dist. 46 No. 702	May 28 - Open & Close Dist. 12 No. 474
January 17 - Open Dist. 10 No. 561, Close Dist. 10 No. 440	March 12 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 242	June 2 - Open Dist. 18 No. 106, Close Dist. 46 No. 256
January 18 - Open & Close Dist. 59 No. 468	March 13 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 677	June 3 - Open Dist. 46 No. 22, Close Dist. 18 No. 401
January 19 - Open & Close Dist. 7 No. 377	March 14 - Open & Close Dist. 13 No. 597	June 5 - Open & Close Dist. 18 No. 229
January 21 - Open & Close Dist. 7 No. 660	March 15 - 150 th Anniversary Banquet Dist. 17 No. 317	June 9 - Open & Close Dist. 18 No. 707
January 22 - Open & Close Dist. 10 No. 326	March 17 - Open & Close Dist. 35 No. 265	June 10 - Open Dist. 46 No. 144, Close Dist. 35 No. 460
January 23 - Open & Close Dist. 10 No. 811	March 18 - Open & Close Dist. 35 No. 224	June 12 - Open Dist. 18 No. 335, Close Dist. 18 No. 199
January 24 - Open & Close Dist. 7 No. 479	March 29 - Region No. 7 School Dist. 10 In Charge	June 13 - Open & Close Dist. 46 No. 194
February 1 - Open & Close Dist. 15 No. 328	April 1 - Open Dist. 59 No. 301, Close Dist. 14 No. 542	June 16 - Open Dist. 18 No. 755, Close Dist. 46 No. 404
February 4 - Open Dist. 15 No. 248, Close Dist. 15 No. 360	April 2 - Open & Close Dist. 14 No. 249	June 17 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 611
February 5 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 327	April 3 - Open & Close Dist. 14 No. 218	June 18 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 238
February 7 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 621	April 4 - Open & Close Dist. 14 No. 466	June 20-21 - Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication
February 11 - Open Dist. 15 No. 341, Close Dist. 12 No. 442	April 7 - Open & Close Dist. 35 No. 354	Aug 8 - Open & Close Dist. 15 No. 472
February 12 - Open Dist. 12 No. 474, Close Dist. 15 No. 338	April 8 - Open Dist. 13 No. 588, Close Dist. 59 No. 233	Aug 16 - 150 th Anniversary Banquet Dist. 23 No. 316
February 13 - Open Dist. 15 No. 240, Close Dist. 12 No. 395	April 9 - Open & Close Dist. 50 No. 780	Sept 1 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 247
February 14 - Open Dist. 12 No. 541, Close Dist. 15 No. 445	April 10 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 421	Sept 2 - Open Dist. 18 No. 397, Close Dist. 18 No. 232
February 15 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 418	April 14 - Open Dist. 14 No. 330, Close Dist. 13 No. 345	Sept 3 - Open Dist. 17 No. 602, Close Dist. 17 No. 556
February 16 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 471	April 15 - Open Dist. 10 No. 673, Close Dist. 10 No. 792	Sept 4 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 351
February 18 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 618	April 16 - Open & Close Dist. 14 No. 344	Sept 9 - Open & Close Dist. 10 No. 469
February 19 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 415	April 19 - 150 th Anniversary Banquet Dist. 10 No. 326	Sept 11 - Open Dist. 22 No. 334, Close Dist. 22 No. 598
February 20 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 108	May 1 - Open Dist. 59 No. 499, Close Dist. 13 No. 291	Sept 15 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 350
February 21 - Open & Close Dist. 16 School	May 5 - Open Dist. 13 No. 339, Close Dist. 13 No. 584	Sept 16 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 477
February 22 - Open & Close Dist. 16 No. 70	May 6 - Open Dist. 13 No. 323, Close Dist. 13 No. 523	Sept 17 - Open & Close Dist. 22 No. 580



Thank You for Supporting Our Troops

Since Grand Master Stephen Gardner announced the Change for the Troops program on Dec. 27, Pennsylvania Masons have stepped up and surpassed his expectations.

As of April 23, more than \$50,000 was donated through our lodges' and districts' collections, as well as contributions made by other individuals and Masonic groups, such as the National Sojourners, Schools of Instruction, Harrisburg Forest, Lu Lu and Mercer Shrines, Valley of Harrisburg and Eastern Star chapters and at special events such as lodge banquets, the Annual Communication, Florida Masonic Reunions and a Masonic Education Seminar. These donations have allowed for the purchase of 1,000 300-minute calling cards, 552 of which have been distributed to our troops serving overseas. The cards will continue to be distributed throughout the end of the year.

So, exactly how are the cards getting into the hands of our service men and women?

That question is best answered by Air Force Col. and Bro. Harris H. Brooks, Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.

When Grand Master Gardner asked Bro. Brooks to coordinate the distribution of the cards to the troops heading overseas, he was eager to help. He spoke with Bro. Jeffrey L. Goodman, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 126, who was very enthusiastic about and supportive of the lodge's involvement.

"This truly is a wonderful thing for us, as Pennsylvania Masons, to have the opportunity not only to support our troops, but to do so in a way that represents the fraternity so positively," Bro. Brooks said.

Bro. Brooks enlisted the help of other lodge brothers, including his son-in-law, Captain and Bro. Daniel R. Fehl, who is currently flying C-17s with the Air Force Reserve out of McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. (and who is married to his daughter, Jennifer, also a Captain in the Air Force Reserve). He also requested the assistance of Bro. Sam Freeman, P.M., and Bro. Marvin R. Levy, P.M., Lodge Secretary, whose son, 2LT. and Bro. Andrew "Chip" Levy, Lodge No. 126, is on active duty at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Pulling their resources and contacts together, the men took on the challenge of ensuring the calling cards would travel from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania into the hands of service men and women in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

The group originally set up a relationship with TSgt Kevin Casciano, Family Readiness NCO for Airmen and Family Readiness Flight 305th AW at McGuire Air Force Base, which helps to

deploy troops and works with families while their loved ones are deployed. The center helps to ensure that each and every soldier, sailor and airman receives a calling card upon departure. Due to the generosity of Pennsylvania Masons, the center provides 125-135 cards to our troops who are departing for the war zone each month to use to call home.

"Everybody has been receptive and appreciative," Bro. Brooks said.

Bro. Brooks and his team also have established relationships with various military groups that will deploy out of Pennsylvania this year.

The 3rd Battalion 103rd Armor of Pennsylvania was the first Pennsylvania unit deploying to the war zone that received calling cards from Pennsylvania Freemasons.

Ms. Jean Moretti, Wing Family Program Coordinator for the 111th Fighter Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard unit out of Willow Grove, Pa., has gone out of her way to help the brethren track

down and provide cards to units based in Pennsylvania, even those beyond her responsibility. Units from the 111th Fighter Wing from Willow Grove will receive calling cards as they deploy into the war zone throughout the year.

In the near future, the group will be working with a Marine Corps Reserve Unit based in Harrisburg, Pa., who will be deploying later this spring. Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Bro. Brooks' team plan to do a presentation as the unit departs for training to announce that the fraternity will provide each of them with a calling card as they deploy for the war zone.

Having served 40 years in the military and retired this past March, Bro. Brooks most recently served with the Air Force National Security and Emergency Preparedness Agency out of Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. He knows first-hand what it's like to have limited contact with one's family in times of conflict. A veteran of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm, where he served as a Deputy Director for the Aero-medical Evacuation out of [theater] Saudia Arabia, Bro. Brooks says the calling cards provide the troops a free and convenient way to call home.

Even though his family wrote him every day while he was deployed, he often wouldn't get an answer to the questions he asked until four weeks later, and by then it was old news. "If they [troops] can afford to use electronics for immediate communication, they can get to talk to their babies, their wives and their moms," Bro. Brooks said.

"I want to thank you and your organization for their remarkable support of the military. Giving families the ability to communicate while separated on a deployment is absolutely invaluable!"

- Airmen and Family Readiness Center



When Barry L. Wheeler, District Deputy Grand Master for District 31, held an Official Visit with Gummert Lodge No. 252, Fayette City, he was pleased by the ingenuity Bro. Robert A. Farquhar, P.M., Secretary, used in promoting the Change for the Troops program. He is lending his Marines military helmet for collecting Change for the Troops in his lodge over the next two years.



Revitalize Your Lodge

Broadcast Messages to Your Members in Minutes

The new batch calling program provided by Grand Lodge allows the Worshipful Master or Secretary of each lodge to log into a secure Web site and prepare a message for broadcast to the group of brethren they designate in just a few simple steps.

More than 50 percent of Pennsylvania lodges participated with the system by the end of March, and that statistic is growing rapidly.

Bro. Kenneth McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18, has utilized the call broadcasting system a number of times, finding it particularly useful when needing to verify whether programming would be held in the event of inclement weather. "The system to date has served me and the 18th District very well," he said. "I had one lodge use the system for the first time in March to remind members of a Stated Meeting, and the Secretary advised me that he had six members who do not regularly attend call him and make reservations for dinner. So the system works very well, if utilized," he said.

Bro. Benjamin Witkowski, Secretary, Brandywine Goddard Lodge No. 383, Coatesville, was convinced the system worked when 93 brethren attended the lodge's March meeting. The lodge usually averages about 30-35 attendees, so he knew the call they sent out had made the difference, especially since many told him so. Having served as secretary of his lodge for more than 25 years, Bro. Ben knows many of his brethren quite well. Since his lodge merged with two other lodges in 2004, however, he met some brethren that evening that he had never seen prior.

"It's one of the best programs that Grand Lodge has initiated in years," he said. "I've even gotten calls back and I feel that it makes a difference when members know that somebody cares."

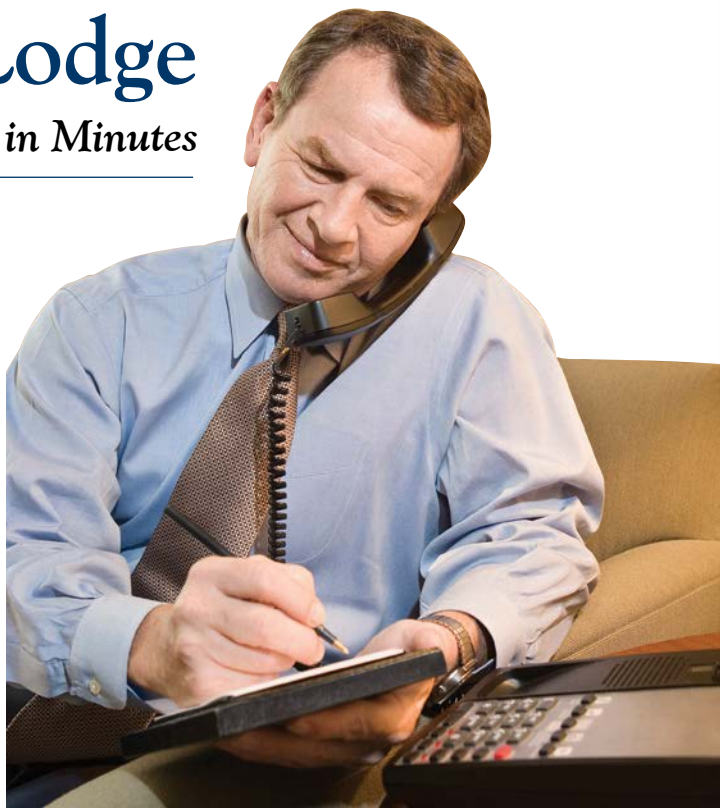
With 592 members, some of whom live out of state, Bro. Benjamin knew he had his work cut out for him to get all of those phone numbers into the system. He spent an entire three-day weekend to catch up and discovered that some of the numbers are inaccurate, so he plans to place a card in the lodge notices over the summer to request that members update their records.

"It does work to bring the men back, but to get the system to work you have to put some time into it," he said... and he models his own advice. In addition to his work as secretary, he still performs degrees, teaches new members and helps with Masonic funeral services.

The lodge's April meeting again brought in a number of brethren who hadn't been there in quite a while. The calling system also increased attendance at a Masonic funeral service held the same week.

Bro. Harriss A. "Hab" Butler, also of Lodge No. 383, enjoys receiving the calls and is optimistic that its use will help to grow membership through greater participation in lodge activities. "Brethren will go home and tell their wives, children, neighbors and friends, and the next thing we know we'll be bringing in new members," he said.

Bro. William H. Tennant, Jr., a three-time Past Master of Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville, said of the program: "It's great! A lot of the guys are talking about it. I think a phone call, even with a recording, is received as a personal reminder and helps to get our brethren back into the habit of attending lodge and other functions. The long-term benefits are unbelievable, really."



Lodge No. 343 is remodeling its building and needs a lot of help to get the work done. When Worshipful Master Craig Shaffer put out a call for a work party, he was surprised to have 25 of the lodge's 160 members come out on a Saturday, since previously only a handful of brethren volunteered. One 87-year-old brother called back to say that while he feels he's too old to help out, he was so happy to have been invited!

After putting out a call about an extra meeting to conduct three degrees earlier that month, 30 brethren attended after receiving a phone message. During the lodge's April meeting, 40 brethren, or 25 percent of the membership, attended.

According to those who have used the system, the benefits are excellent. So if you haven't received a call from your lodge's Worshipful Master or Secretary, be sure to ask them "Why?!"

Earn it Again Necktie

First-line signers on a candidate's petition for membership will receive the Grand Master's Earn it Again necktie. Lodge Secretaries will fill out the request form and obtain the tie for eligible brethren.





The Lewis Jewel: A Symbol of Strength

Any father would be proud that his son has chosen to follow in his footsteps by becoming a Mason.

Now, the father of a newly-Raised son can show his pride by presenting his new "brother" with the Lewis Jewel. Used for many decades by the United Grand Lodge of England to honor a new Mason's father, the Lewis Jewel is offered throughout Canada and has recently been adopted by several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, including Vermont, Texas, Massachusetts, Virginia and Connecticut. At the Annual Grand Communication in December, it was announced that the Lewis Jewel is recognized and available to qualifying Pennsylvania Masons.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason if, at the time of his Initiation, his father is a Member in good standing. The initiate son of a deceased father who was in good standing at the time of his death would also qualify. The jewel is suspended from two chains with two bars. The upper bar contains the name of the father and the date of his Initiation. The lower bar contains the name of the son and date of his Initiation. The Jewel comes in a wallet with a pocket holder.

The lewis is a type of lifting device employed by operative masons to raise heavy blocks of stone into place since Medieval times. According to the Junior Warden's Lecture used in the United Grand Lodge of England dating from 1801, the word lewis denotes strength, and signifies the son of a Mason: "...his duty is to bear the heat and burden of the day, from which his parents, by reason of their age, ought to be exempt; to help them in time of need, and thereby render the close of their days happy and comfortable; his privilege for so doing is to be made a Mason before any other person however dignified."

The Lewis Jewel can be obtained from Dominion Regalia by calling (866) 423-4086 or logging on to www.dominionregalia.com.

The application for the jewel may be made by the father or son and is submitted to the Lodge Secretary, who confirms the dates and standing of both the father and the son and attests to

the accuracy of the information. Application forms are available from the Grand Secretary's Office and are available to print out from the Grand Lodge Web site, www.pagrandlodge.org (click on "Grand Secretary," scroll down to the Order/Supplies heading, and click on Lewis Jewels). The jewel is then ordered from the vendor, who engraves it. The Lewis Jewel ideally is presented to the son by the father on the date of his Raising.

**The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania acknowledges the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for much of this information.*



Bro. William J. Shaw, P.M., (holding gavel) raised his son, Scott W. Shaw (3rd from left) on Jan. 15, 2008, in Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville, and applied to acquire the newly endorsed Lewis Jewel. Sharing in the occasion were the following brethren (left-right): Scott's cousin, Bro. Richard Merion, West Chester Lodge No. 322; his grandfather, Bro. William C. Kelly Sr., Concord Lodge; his uncle, Bro. William C. Kelly Jr., Concord Lodge; and cousin, Bro. Ralph Kelly, Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia.

"All in the Family Gatherings"

Now is the time to gather as a family to learn about our related organizations and help each other grow and prosper.

This year, the Pennsylvania Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will emphasize "Fraternal Relations" and provide opportunities for the Masonic family to learn more about each other.

In an effort to bring all Masonic Organizations together as a family, The Order of the Eastern Star is organizing "All in the Family Gatherings" to be held in six locations across the state. All members of Masonic bodies have been invited to attend, as well as their families and friends.

Event Location	Event Date	Event Leader	Leader's Phone
Williamsport	Oct. 26, 2008	Nannette Quimby	570-634-2137
Altoona	Nov. 2, 2008	Doris Wagner	717-483-6921
Erie	Nov. 23, 2008	William Sopp	814-476-7208
Elizabethtown	Feb. 1, 2009	A. Faye Hoover	717-249-2432
Pittsburgh	Mar. 1, 2009	Peggy Barnett	724-942-0566
Dallas	Mar. 22, 2009	Jan Jacobus	570-788-2492

Highlights of Each Event Will Include:

- * Subscription will be \$12.00 for ages 7 and older.
- * An ecumenical church service will start at 10 a.m. Each organization will be recognized at the end of the church service.
- * A light lunch will be provided after the church service.
- * Information booths from all organizations will be set up, displaying such items as literature, pictures, scrapbooks, scholarship programs, awards, charitable endeavors and of course, petitions. It will be staffed with members dressed in full Masonic regalia.
- * Demonstrations will be held by the youth organizations.
- * A craft table will be available for you to make a tray favor craft. These favors will be given to the Masonic Villages and Shiner's Hospitals.
- * The event will conclude at 3 p.m.

Sisters and Brothers, mark your calendars, fill up your cars with family and friends and join us for a wonderful day of fellowship and learning!

Come to one or more of the events and spend some time with your Fraternal Family. Only by your participation and enthusiasm can we make each of these events a success.



ENJOY A WEEKEND OF FRATERNALISM



Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Announces the June 2008 Quarterly Communication

The June Quarterly Communication, open to all Master Masons, will be held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow. Masonic dress is required.

Outdoor Meeting in the Hills

On Friday, June 20, the 11th Annual Outdoor Meeting in the Hills will be held at Christner's Grove near Dawson, Pa. This year's meeting will be hosted by James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Connellsville. The outdoor steak fry will be served promptly at 6 p.m. The meeting will follow beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dessert will be served afterward. Advance tickets are required. The cost is \$25.00 per person. This is a Masonic event; only Master Masons are permitted to attend.

Reservations can be made by mailing your request along with your payment made payable to the CDS Building Corporation to:

Richard E. Bigley, P.M., Secretary
107 Ashton Drive, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
Phone (724) 547-2367

*The deadline is Friday, June 13, to receive your tickets in advance.
The dress code is long pants and a shirt with collar. No jeans will be permitted.*

From the Northeast Corner

An occasional periodical on Masonic Knowledge published by the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research

Bro. Stephen Gardner, Right Worshipful Grand Master • Bro. William D. Hartman, Worshipful Master, 2008

Why the Northeast corner? Do you remember, my brother, when you entered Freemasonry, and were told to approach the Secretary's desk? That was in the Northeast corner. Do you remember receiving your apron, presented with the tools and hearing the charge? That was in the Northeast corner. As Joseph Fort Newton tells us in his short talk, "In the Northeast corner, the initiate stands midway between the North, the place of Darkness, and the East, the place of Light, whence healing, revealing rays fall upon the life of a man... He is an Entered Apprentice, a beginner in the Masonic art, neither in the Dark nor in the Light. He has come out of the Darkness, his face set toward the Light, and his quest is for more Light, with yet much light to dawn upon him." ("Short Talks on Masonry," Joseph Fort Newton, Macoy Publishers, 1928, reissued 1969, edited by Alphonse Cerza; pp. 89-90). He then goes on to explain the origin of this symbol in various myths, philosophies and religions. Dr. Newton concludes his talk on the Northeast Corner by saying, "How can anyone watch without emotion as the Apprentice takes his place, upright and eager, in the Northeast Corner? There he stands, against a background of myth and symbol and old sacrifice. Erect before God, (who asks) him to stand erect and unafraid, and commune as friend with friend. Alas, it is not easy to keep the upright posture, physically or morally, in the midst of the years with their blows and burdens. At last, a dark Ruffian lays us low in death, and only the Hand of God, with its strong grip, can lift us from a dead level and set us on our feet forever. So, at least, Masonry teaches us to believe and live." (ibid., p. 94) And so the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research has pledged to provide our brothers with more light along their Masonic pathway.

Bro. Thomas Jackson, R.W.P.G.S., was the Warrant Worshipful Master of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, formed by then-R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr., on St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 2000. Bro. Jackson wrote this Statement of Purpose: WHY WE ARE!

"In a historical perspective, speculative Freemasonry, probably since its inception, has stimulated its members to think and to acquire knowledge. The study of seven liberal arts... is earnestly recommended to your consideration. It, therefore, behooves Freemasons to make sincere efforts to improve their intellectual capacities, as well as to increase their storehouse of knowledge. More importantly, however, it behooves Freemasonry to provide the environment wherein the membership not only has the tools with which to accomplish that end, but also has the stimulus to make it happen.

"The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research has been created by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to supply the tools and to provide the environment. Within this Lodge of Research, the participants will be provided with the opportunity to understand more fully the contribution that this Craft has made upon the world. They will understand more completely its origin, its growth, its influence and its challenges. They will come to recognize where they, as individual members, fit into this picture of the Craft's contribution of the evolution of civil society.

"Through the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, Freemasons should develop a greater pride in belonging, and develop a greater reason to learn and understand our Craft. In short, the purpose of the Lodge of Research is to teach our members: "Why we are!"

Any Pennsylvania Freemason in good standing may join the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, and any Freemason in good standing may attend any of its meetings. For further information on how you can join, contact Bro. Charles S. Canning, Secretary, 2938 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104, or log on to the Grand Lodge Web site at www.pagrandlodge.org and click on the Lodge of Research link.

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, F. & A.M.

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, F. & A.M. will meet at the Tacony Masonic Temple, 4400 Magee Avenue, Philadelphia
Saturday, June 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome!

*Tacony Masonic Lodge is located in the Frankford section of the city, between Frankford Blvd. and Torresdale Ave. (near Route 95).
Please be aware that access to the facility requires the use of stairs, and therefore is not accessible for some persons with physical challenges.*

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania





Special Report: "Inside the Freemasons" Aired in Philly

Pennsylvania Freemasonry was recently the subject of a Special Report aired on Channel 6 ABC Action News, the largest and most frequently watched network in Philadelphia.

R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner was interviewed by reporter Dann Cuellar on Jan. 23, at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The crew filmed throughout the Temple and at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, as well as during the Presentation of Bro. Thomas Hopkins as District Deputy Grand Master for District B on Feb. 7.

The report provided an opportunity to showcase the Masonic Temple

and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, including some of its treasured artifacts and regalia, such as Bro. George Washington's Masonic Apron and a piece of his coffin. The strong heritage of Freemasonry was revealed, including famous Freemasons who have formed and continue to influence our country, as well as the immense charity provided through the benevolence of Freemasonry. Grand Master Gardner also refuted common conspiracy theories often disseminated about the fraternity.

Bro. Samuel King, M.W. Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, also was interviewed for the story, which was aired on Feb. 15.

Lodge No. 19 Hosts Connecticut Lodge at Masonic Temple

Through special dispensations granted by both the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, William B. Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia, was permitted to host Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 of Manchester, Conn., for the purpose of conferring a 3rd degree upon their candidate, Michael Duncan. Lodge No. 145 conferred the degree using Connecticut ritual in the Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Thirty-eight Connecticut brethren arrived for the event in September, including then-Grand Master of Connecticut, William L. Greene, and his entourage. District Deputy Grand Master William L. Kingsbury of District C officiated the Friday night meeting attended by more than 100 brethren from the two lodges, with some traveling from as far away as Canada, California and Bermuda to witness the pageantry of the evening.

The five-hour event allowed both lodges to display their ritualistic talents. After a host of introductions by Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah's then-Worshipful Master, Gil Stein, P.M., and a welcome by M.W. Grand Master Greene, Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 19 exemplified the opening and closing of the lodge in Pennsylvania ritual. Bro. Stein then explained the normal business of the lodge to the visiting brethren.

Then Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 took the floor and showed



Left-right: Brothers Stephen Spencer, Ruffian; John Pierce, Craftsman; Michael Duncan, Candidate of the Degree; Jack Cohen, Craftsman; James Wilson Jr., Warden & Craftsman; John DiCioccio, Jr., W.M., Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145, A.F.&A.M.; Gil Stein, W.M., Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 19; Michael Feldsher, Sr. Warden, Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 19; William Greene, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ct.; Charles Mertens, Craftsman; William Strickland, King Solomon; Anderson Zeidler, Jr., Hiram Abif; Alex Matthews, Craftsman; and William McKee, W.M., Craftsman (Canada)

all in attendance why they enjoy traveling such distances as a lodge to confer degrees. Their 3rd degree was a 2 1/2-hour masterful performance that any lodge in any state would be proud to perform.

The 3rd degree in Connecticut ritual bears little resemblance to Pennsylvania ritual, as the differences would take a book to describe. After the one-hour obligation of the candidate was completed in formal attire, Friendship

Tuscan Lodge changed into costumes and a powerful nine-scene dramatic 90-minute enactment of the Hiram Abif story unfolded, with 18 brethren having scripted roles.

"It was spectacular to witness the 3rd degree so deftly acted out before our eyes with such style and precision," Michael Feldsher, then-Senior Warden of Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge, noted. "The costumes of the 12 fellowcraft, the three ruffians and the three Grand Masters complemented the ritualistic performance perfectly. Together, the play brought the 3rd degree to life for everyone who witnessed it."

Formed in 1962, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 has a long tradition of traveling to perform degrees, including throughout New England, Bermuda and Canada.

During the event, Friendship Tuscan Lodge No. 145 sent their ladies to see a local theatre production. A banquet was held the next evening with Hackenburg-Mt. Moriah Lodge and their ladies.

Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club Honors Brother Leissner

On Sept. 24, 2007, the Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club held its Annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Banquet. The Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Edward J. Donnelly, Richard Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia, President of the club. He presented the Southeast Regional Award to Philadelphia Police Officer and Bro. Lawrence E. Leissner, Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia. Bro. Leissner was recognized for his brave actions during an exchange of gun fire with a suspect who had just fatally wounded three people and was attempting to shoot others.



The Pennsylvania Freemason

High Twelve Comes To Sewickley



Bro. Herbert C. Wolstoncroft, Jr., displays Sewickley High Twelve Club No. 759's charter as Bros. Donald M. Murphy and International President Thomas A. Bevington look on.

On Jan. 8, Bro. Thomas S. Bevington, President of High Twelve International, presented the Charter to Sewickley High Twelve Club No. 759. Officers were installed and certificates were presented to 118 charter members. The club holds its meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

801 Compass Club Receives Masonic Regalia



Left-right: Brothers George I. Gilson, Jr., Chaplain of Fritz Lodge No. 308, Conshohocken; Steven P. Ralston, W.M., Hiram Lodge No. 81; Christian B. Reynolds, S.W., Fritz Lodge No. 308; and Donald G. Sirianni, Sr., Hiram Lodge No. 81.

Bro. Steven P. Ralston, W.M., Hiram Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia, recently presented members of the 801 Compass Club with Masonic regalia so that visiting degree teams can more easily confer degrees at the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill.

Presentation of the Erie County "LifeSaving Medal"

On Sept. 29, 2007, Bro. Scott Steva, P.M., Oasis Lodge No. 416, Edinboro, and Bro. Paul Greiner, Senior Master of Ceremonies of Oasis Lodge, were presented the LifeSaving Medal by Mark A. Divecchio, County Executive, Erie County, Pa.

Both Erie County Sheriff deputies, Bros. Steva and Greiner were en route to the Erie County Prison via interstate 79 when they saw a small group of people standing in a heavy rain on the side of the highway looking over an embankment. They stopped to see if they could be of assistance and were surprised to see an overturned vehicle resting on its roof in a deep ditch with rushing water. Upon learning there was a driver trapped in the vehicle, the deputies immediately jumped into the water and attempted to pull the victim from the vehicle. The driver was still in the driver's seat, restrained by his seat belt. The water level was reaching the victim's head, and time was of the essence. The deputies crawled into the passenger compartment, cut the seat belt from the victim, broke the steering wheel to free the man's leg and pulled him onto the bank for safety. During the rescue, Bro. Greiner received a rotator cuff injury for which he is undergoing extensive therapy.



Bros. Scott Steva and Paul Greiner display their LifeSaving Medals.

Ephrata Lodge Wins Best Float



Ephrata Lodge No. 665 participated in the Ephrata Farm Days festivities on Sept. 26, by entering a float in the parade. The float, titled "Freemasons Building America" was manned by members of the lodge dressed in period costumes depicting famous Masons throughout the history of America. The float was awarded the Best Float Award for non-profit organizations.





MSG Sean M. Thomas Memorial Benefit Ride



To honor a fallen brother, the Masonic Motorcycle Club, Chapter 38, will hold the 2nd Annual MSG Sean M. Thomas Ride on June 7, at the Muncy American Legion Post, Muncy, Pa. Chapter 38 is comprised of 13 brothers from various lodges, including a majority from Watsontown Lodge No. 401.

In the less than two years since the chapter began holding benefit rides, they have raised more than \$15,000. Money raised during the ride in June will go toward an education fund for the daughter of MSG and Bro. Sean M. Thomas, La Fayette Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven, who was killed on March 27, 2007, while serving in Iraq. His daughter, Alexa, was born in September 2006. Funds will also be given to the Sean Thomas Foundation, which has been active in local schools, teaching kids about the countries that are currently involved in the war and allowing them to write, e-mail and invite returning soldiers to visit their classrooms.

No money raised is kept by Chapter 38. They also have donated to the VA Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Wounded Warriors Foundation, Andrew's Special Kids Foundation, Scotland School for Veterans Children, Philadelphia Shrine Children's Hospital, Watsontown Legion Post 323 youth baseball, the Pennsylvania Masonic CHIP program and various local children in need.

Bro. Thomas, a National Guardsman from north-central Pennsylvania, served in Afghanistan before heading to Iraq in summer 2006, as a Sergeant 1st Class with the Harrisburg-based 28th Division Support Command. He spent six years with the U.S. Army Reserve before joining the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1998. His wife, Carrie, is a former Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Bro. Thomas was posthumously promoted to Master Sergeant.

Last January, in a ceremony attended by his wife, relatives and friends, a post office in Hughesville, Pa., was renamed the Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office in his memory.

Above Left: Bro. and MSG Sean M. Thomas with his wife, Carrie, and their daughter, Alexa

Left: Masonic Motorcycle Club Chapter 38 members:

Front row, left-right: Brothers Jamie S. Phillips, Watsontown Lodge No. 401; Curt Hufnagle, John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707, Williamsport; and Andrew Kline, Watsontown Lodge No. 401 and Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370

Back row left-right: Brothers George L. Watson, Milton Lodge No. 256; Tom H. Calvin, Nate E. Mosier and Guy Yocum, Watsontown Lodge No. 401

1957 Class Reunion

Although the Patton Masonic School closed in 1976, its alumni continue to meet each year as part of the Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association (MHPSAA). The Class of 1957 celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the annual October Reunion, held at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus. Out of a class of 17, at least eight are members of the Masonic fraternity; four are Past Masters in Pennsylvania and one in Tennessee. The MHPSAA provides scholarships and support to the youth of the Masonic Children's Home.

Front row, left-right: Alumni Harmon North and Brothers Richard Kellon, Tennessee Master Mason; Neil Hiller, Lansdowne Lodge No. 711; and Richard Eckhart, P.M., Easton Lodge No. 152.

Back row, left-right: Bro. Frederick Ripka, P.M., Watsontown Lodge No. 401; Bro. Al Menger, P.M., Lansdowne Lodge No. 711; Alumni Rev. Russell Shook; and Bro. Richard S. Wenner, Lansdowne Lodge No. 711.

Masons not pictured: Brian McNight, P.M., Lansdowne Lodge No. 711, and Gerald Peppel, West Chester Lodge No. 322.



Grand Master Installs Son as Worshipful Master



At the Stated meeting of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Dec. 12, 2007, soon-to-be-R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner installed his son, Bro. John S. Gardner, as Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary, installed the lodge's Senior Warden, Bro. John D. Cook. Bro. Jeffrey W. Coy, R.W. Grand Treasurer, installed both the lodge's Junior Warden, Bro. Jay L. Wentling, and the Treasurer, Bro. Barry D. Farner. The Lodge Secretary is Bro. Samuel E. Kauffman.

Grand Lodge officers also in attendance were: Brothers Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S.; Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., D.D.G.M., District 2; Robert J. Bateman, then-D.D.G.M. for District 36; Alfred W. Kotula, Sr., P.D.D.G.M., District 59; Victor J. Capocci, D.D.G.M. for District 59; Gordon M. Conniff, then-D.D.G.M. for District 13; William H. Brandt, Sr., D.D.G.M. for District 12; Hugh E. Williams, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., District 12; Earl D. Mordan, Jr., D.D.G.M. for District 35; Ralph H. Slider, Sr., D.D.G.M. for District 10; Nathan A. Foster, D.D.G.M. for District 15; Donald H. Masters, D.D.G.M. for District 9; S. Eugene Herritt, D.D.G.M. for District 3; John L. Stains, P.D.D.G.M., District 3; and Harry Oyler, P.D.D.G.M., Districts 3 and 4.

The Masonic Lodge That Almost Wasn't

George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, has a history that portrays a resiliency even amidst the adversity of war.

An official marker by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in front of the Masonic Temple proclaims it was "Built in 1823-1824. Oldest Pennsylvania building erected solely for Masonic use and now used exclusively for that purpose." The marker also notes that the historic building was "Spared when Confederates burned the town on July 30, 1864."

In March 1799, the Grand Lodge received a petition to warrant a Masonic Lodge in the town of Chambersburg. Lodge No. 79 was formed a little more than one year later with General James Chambers, son of the founder of Chambersburg, as Warrant Master. After just five short years, Lodge No. 79 fell away. But a group of committed Masons sent another petition to Grand Lodge for a warrant to institute George Washington Lodge No. 143, which was granted in 1816.

In the early days of George Washington Lodge, members met at various locations in Chambersburg. Within a few years, though, the Masonic Temple land was purchased, and a contract to build the Temple was signed in the amount of \$2,500 in April 1823. By 1831, financial trouble had befallen the lodge, and the charter was returned to Grand Lodge. For the next 29 years, members of the lodge were resigned to again hold meetings at various locations, and the Temple was used as a church printing house. In 1860, the Masonic Temple became available, and the members of George Washington Lodge No. 143 paid \$2,000 to regain possession.

A state of normalcy returned to the lodge until July 1864, when Confederate forces marched into Chambersburg. Under the orders of General Jubal Early, Brigadier General John McCausland took 4,000 men into Chambersburg and demanded \$100,000 in



Bro. John S. Gardner, W.M., George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, stands next to his proud father, R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner.

gold (or \$500,000 in cash), or else he would burn down the town. This demand was in retaliation for Union General David Hunter's burning of prominent southern sympathizers' properties in West Virginia.

When the deadline for ransom had passed, on July 30, 1864, McCausland set 50 fires at the same time, beginning with the public buildings. According to the "Life of Brigadier General John McCausland" by James Earl Brown, 527 buildings were destroyed, and property damages totaled more than \$1.2 million. With practically the entire town on fire, there was one half-block that was untouched — the half-block that included the Masonic Temple belonging to George Washington Lodge No. 143.

According to fairly well authenticated legend, a high-ranking Confederate officer saw the Temple and recognized its character. Allegedly, at his word, soldiers were stationed around the half-block to prevent the Temple and neighboring buildings from being destroyed.

Today, the George Washington Lodge is still active with 692 members and is under the direction of Worshipful Master John S. Gardner, son of Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master (pictured above).

Note: Much of this information was obtained from an article written by Bro. Carl R. Flohr, P.M., published in the November 1998 issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.





Freemasonry: The “True” Hollywood Story?

Starring Intrigue, Mystery and History • Co-starring Fact and Fiction

It is no secret that our society has an obsession with secret societies. The Order of Skulls and Bones, Freemasons, the Illuminati – all are ideal topics for the imaginative minds of Hollywood directors attempting to feed people’s curiosity. While shedding light on often-speculated subjects, these movies may lose sight of the facts, leaving the public with misconceptions and exaggerations of these “secret” fraternities and orders.

“People like adventure,” Bro. Mike Comfort, St. Alban Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia, said. “Give a plot line revolving around a secret or mysterious organization – real or imaginary – and it becomes even more intriguing.”

Being labeled a “secret” society, the Masonic order attracts a lot of attention because “it is the same kind of feeling as peeking into someone’s diary,” Bro. Paul Kreft, P.M., St. Alban Lodge No. 529, said. “Most folks who have heard of the Masons and their secrets are intrigued by the fact that they will be let into that secret world through the film. What they do not realize is that it’s all for show, and like all drama, the truth is altered a bit for effect and for audience manipulation.”

Suspensions of the organization date back centuries. The quick growth of the Masonic fraternity in the United States, from 16,000 members in 1800 to 80,000 in 1822, led outsiders to view it as a threat to authority. The behavior of a few members in 1827 had a rippling effect. When William Morgan, an alleged Mason who threatened to publish a book revealing secrets of the Royal Arch, went missing, several members of the Grand Lodge of New York received minor prison terms. The American public’s ensuing mistrust led to the formation of the national Anti-Masonic Party and a waning membership in the fraternity. This party later dissolved upon the emergence of the Democratic and Whig parties.

With the controversies came the curiosities. It has often been speculated whether Masonry is derived from the Knights Templar, an order that was suppressed in the 1300s, although it is claimed they survived secretly underground. Links to Satanic rituals originated from a late 1800s French writer who claimed to expose the secret religion of Freemasonry as the worship of Lucifer. He later confessed to the hoax, but the rumor still lingers.

“Secret societies and their rituals are good fodder for fiction because few people in the audience know the truth anyway,” Bro. Kreft said. “To most people, the facts of Freemasonry can read like a rather dry history. Hollywood has to sell tickets, so they do what every film tries to do: entertain at all costs.”

According to Kreft, a great many comedies of the Golden Age featured, harmlessly, a Masonic theme or “men’s club” in the plot, as these organizations were very popular during that time period.

As membership tapered off, so did the references.

In a classic comic plot, husbands snuck off to lodge and then came home to the wrath of the wives, as seen in the Laurel and Hardy film

“*Our Relations*” (1936).

A judge gets Stan and Ollie out of punishment for

a petty crime and sends them home with their wives. As the wives exit, the judge winks at Stan and Ollie, makes a few ridiculous hand gestures and says “see you in lodge.” Stan and Ollie smile, knowing that their lodge brother has just saved them from trouble.

Other examples include “*Sons of the Desert*” (1933), the Shriners’ parody with Laurel and Hardy; “Amos and Andy” and their fraternal organization the Mystic Knights of the Sea; and even the Flintstone’s “Royal Order of Water Buffaloes” and the Honeymooner’s “Royal Order of Raccoons.”

In the Three Stooges short “*You Nasty Spy*,” (1940) Larry complains to Moe that they cannot have a round-table conference because they only have a square table. Moe replies, “In Moronica, nothing is on the square!” They then proceed to cut the corners off the table. Masonic-inspired language, such as “Is this on the level?” or “Are you being square with me?” were also popular, especially in gangster films.

Bro. Trevor W. McKeown, Curator of the Library and Archives of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, has conducted extensive research on Masonic references in popular culture, including art, cinema, comics, literature and music, and listed them on his Grand Lodge’s Web site, www.freemasonry.bcy.ca/fiction/index.html. In the cinema section, he lists movies in which Masonic rituals, language or symbols appear, relevant to the plot or not, and often includes the exact time the scene occurs.

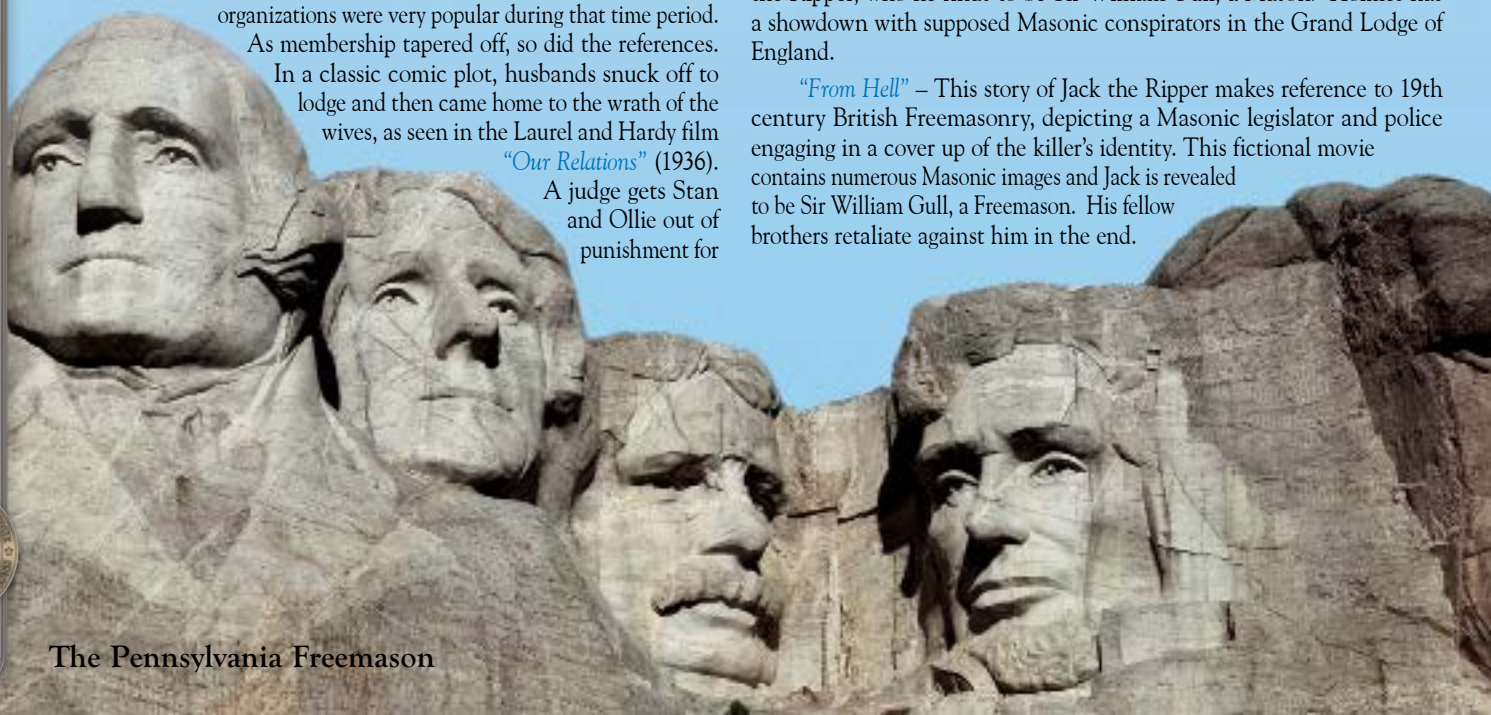
“Setting aside the major Masonic references in ‘*The Man Who Would Be King*’ (1975), ‘*From Hell*’ (2001), ‘*League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*’ (2003) and ‘*National Treasure*’ (2004), it is films such as ‘*The Man*’ (2005), ‘*U-Turn*’ (1997), ‘*Shoot ‘Em Up*’ (2007) and ‘*Lone Star*’ (1996), where the principal villain wears a square and compasses ring or lapel pin, that pose the biggest threat to Freemasonry,” he said. “‘*From Hell*’ and ‘*League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*’ are comic books, but ‘*The Man*’ and ‘*Shoot ‘Em Up*’ are subtle, almost subliminal, in their negative depiction of Freemasonry.”

From his survey of 1,500 films, the number with references to the Craft totaled 80. Some notable examples include:

“*The Man Who Would be King*” – Bro. Rudyard Kipling’s novel-turned-film features two ex-British soldiers in India who head off to Kafiristan and, based on Masonic symbols and religious artifacts, convince the people of the tribe they are kings. It exemplifies the strength of the Masonic brotherhood and how members bond as one to help each other, according to Bro. Stephen Long, St. Alban Lodge, No. 529.

“*Murder by Decree*” (1979) – Sherlock Holmes is on the case of Jack the Ripper, who he finds to be Sir William Gull, a Mason. Holmes has a showdown with supposed Masonic conspirators in the Grand Lodge of England.

“*From Hell*” – This story of Jack the Ripper makes reference to 19th century British Freemasonry, depicting a Masonic legislator and police engaging in a cover up of the killer’s identity. This fictional movie contains numerous Masonic images and Jack is revealed to be Sir William Gull, a Freemason. His fellow brothers retaliate against him in the end.





"National Treasure" – With a movie poster featuring a faded square and compasses hidden along the top edge, this film was guaranteed to have Masonic references shrouded with mystery. Benjamin Gates sets out on a hunt based on tales of a large treasure hidden by Masons, who he states formed from the Knights Templar. The first clue of the hunt comes from Charles Carroll, who Ben identifies as one of nine Masons who signed the Declaration of Independence. (Carroll actually was not a Mason, although nine signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons.) Another reference describes the lantern as a part of Masonic teachings, signifying the journey made to find the light of truth. The movie shows nine square and compasses, including one hidden on the Declaration of Independence and one on the ring of FBI Agent and Bro. Sadusky. The sequel depicts this agent as an honorable man; a desirable ambassador of true Masons. It was speculated after the release of the film that Walt Disney was a Mason. He was not; however, as a youth, he was a member of the Order of DeMolay.

"The Da Vinci Code" (2006) – The movie, based on the fictional book by Dan Brown, does not speak of Freemasonry directly, but it depicts symbols associated with the fraternity and certainly feeds into conspiracies of Freemasonry's alleged connections to the Knights Templar.

"National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007) – As a new hunt ensues, this sequel makes fewer Masonic references than the original. The first scene takes place at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Va. Bro. and Confederate General Albert Pike, a notable Freemason and author of "Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry," was mentioned for having secret correspondence with Queen Victoria. Bro. Frederic Bartholdi's French Statue of Liberty (he designed a sister version, located in Paris, France) contributed to a clue in the hunt. The hunters end up at Mount Rushmore, a monument featuring two Masons,

Presidents George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt, and created by Bro. Gutzon Borglum and his son, Bro. Lincoln Borglum. Advertisements for the movie featured a square and compasses and the Teutonic Cross, a symbol of the 32nd Scottish Rite degree.

In the more subtle, positive examples, such as scenes where a character dons a Masonic lapel pin, but no other mention is made of it, someone involved in the film's production may have been a Mason and was quietly reaching out to fellow Masons. It may also be an attempt to portray a character as encompassing the moral principles on which Masons pride themselves.

"I personally feel any exposure to the fraternity is good publicity," Bro. Long said. "If someone sees a movie that involves the Masons as a 'secret' society, they might be inclined to do research on the group, and in doing so, decide to join. It is then up to us to show him the true purpose of Freemasonry and that we are not a 'secret' organization, but that we do good and charitable things to help our neighbors and the community."

For an organization with road signs advertising their locations and phone numbers, public notices of meetings, visibly displayed signs on lodges and active community involvement, secrecy is far from Freemasonry's mission. Hollywood's take on Freemasonry is likely to incite further attention with Dan Brown's *"The Solomon Key,"* a sequel to the *"Da Vinci Code,"* due out sometime in 2008; the release of the movie *"Angels and Demons,"* based on Brown's first book in the *"Da Vinci Code"* series; and the much-discussed potential for a third *"National Treasure."*

"These films spark interest, but not for long," Bro. Kreft said. "It is up to the fraternity to take that interest and somehow run with it when the films themselves are out in the public eye."

Masonic National Treasures (in addition to our own Masonic Temple)

The movie *"National Treasure: Book of Secrets"* indicates "Masons built clues into everything." While that statement was meant to build excitement and intrigue, below are some edifices with authentic Masonic heritage, as well as the story behind an infamous non-Masonic symbol:

- The idea for the Statue of Liberty was born amongst a group of French Masons, including Oscar and Edmond de Lafayette, grandsons of the Marquis de Lafayette (a friend of Bro. and President George Washington); Henri Martin, a noted historian; and Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a member of Lodge Alsace Lorraine. The Grand Lodge of New York was asked to perform a cornerstone ceremony, as had been a tradition in America with major public and private buildings and monuments since President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in 1793. The ceremony was held on Aug. 5, 1884, and among the items placed in the copper box within the cornerstone are: a copy of the U.S. Constitution; George Washington's Farewell Address; 20 bronze medals of each president through Chester Arthur, seven of whom were Masons; copies of New York City newspapers; a portrait of Bartholdi; a poem on Liberty by E.R. Johnes; and a list on parchment of the Grand Lodge officers. During his speech, then-M.W. Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence said, "No institution has done more to promote liberty and to free men from the trammels and chains of ignorance and tyranny than has Freemasonry." (based on "Masonry and the Statue of Liberty," by Grand Lodge of New York M.W.P.G.M. Robert C. Singer, published on www.masonicworld.com/education).

Other Masonic cornerstone layings include the White House, Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Smithsonian Institute and the Department of Labor Building.

- Mount Rushmore National Monument was the work of Bro. John Gutzon de la Mothe Borglum, Howard Lodge No. 35 of New York, N.Y. He was behind the selection of the four presidents, which includes two Masons: Bro. George Washington and Bro. Theodore Roosevelt. He began the project in 1927 and, after his death in 1941, the carvings were completed by his son, Bro. Lincoln Borglum, Battle River Lodge No. 92, Hermosa, S.D. The project required the labor of 400 men.

- The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, located in Alexandria, Va., is the only Masonic building maintained by the 51 U.S. Grand Lodges. It houses President George Washington's Watson-Cassoul Apron, Sash, Past Master portrait, Working Tools and Trowel used in the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

- The Great Seal of the United States – the eye above the pyramid, as found on the dollar bill, is not a Masonic symbol, despite the references made in "National Treasure." Bro. Benjamin Franklin was on the original design committee, however none of the final designers were Masons. The all-seeing eye is a symbol that dates back to Ancient Egypt. According to a Masonic Service Association of North America article by Dr. S. Brent Morris, P.M., Patmos Lodge No. 70, Ellicott City, Md., the eye in the pyramid "represents an active intervention of God in the affairs of men, while the Masonic symbol stands for a passive awareness by God of the activities of men." A pyramid has never been a Masonic symbol. Conspiracy theorists connect the Masons to the U.S. dollar, insinuating Masons' attempts to control wealth.



GRAND MASTER'S 2008 CENTRAL PA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – SEPT. 16

Irem Shriners Country Club

Benefits 50% Masonic Children's Home
& 50% Grand Master's Charity of Choice

11:00 a.m. Lunch 5:00 p.m. Social Hour
12 Noon Shotgun Start 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards

Fee: \$110 per golfer. Includes greens fees, cart, lunch,
social hour, dinner & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Aug. 22, 2008, with check, to:
Irem Country Club, 397 Country Club Road, P.O. Box 307, Dallas, PA 18612
(570) 675-4465, Ext. 223

GRAND MASTER'S 2008 WESTERN PA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – SEPT. 22

Sewickley Heights Golf Club

Benefits the Masonic Village at Sewickley

10:00 a.m. Registration 5:30 p.m. Social Hour
11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Awards
Boxed Lunch

Fee: \$185 per golfer Includes golfer gift, bag drop, greens fees, cart, use of
practice ranges, lunch, social hour, dinner, skill prizes & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Aug. 1, 2008, with check, to:
Masonic Village, c/o Masonic Charity Golf • 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

GRAND MASTER'S 2008 EASTERN PA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – SEPT. 29

Lu Lu Country Club North Hills, PA

Benefits the Masonic Villages
(Lafayette Hill & Warminster communities)

10:00 a.m. Practice Range Opens 12 Noon Shotgun Start
10:30 a.m. Registration 5:00 p.m. Social Hour
11:00 a.m. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards

Fee: \$650 per foursome or \$175 per golfer. Includes bag drop, greens fees, cart,
use of practice ranges, lunch, dinner, skill prizes & door prizes.

Mail Reservation Form by Sept. 15, 2008, with check, to:
Joyce Michelfelder, Masonic Charities, 801 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
(610) 825-6100, ext. 1348

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RESERVATION FORM

Let Your Money Work for You!



"We worked for [our money]," Bro. Urban Ginther, George E. Wagner Lodge No. 639, St. Marys, said. "Now, we let it work for us."

This simple statement was the basis for Alice and Urban Ginther's decision to fund a two-life charitable gift annuity to benefit the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

"My wife and I feel it is a great benefit to us, providing a steady income we know is coming," Bro. Urban said. "When we pass on, it goes to those who need it. It's just wonderful."

Bro. Urban worked hard for his money at his family's farm, on which he was born and raised, and later operated. His oldest son now runs the farm, and he and Alice live in a smaller house down the street. He also spent several years with the Highway Department. Alice worked as the bookkeeper for the farm, which was not always easy, especially during times of war when money was tight. "We wouldn't have had a business without her," Bro. Urban said.

The couple has been married for 63 years. His friend was dating one of her friends, so they ran in the same social circle. Soon after their friends were married, the Gintners were united.

"I could have done much worse," Bro. Urban quipped. "She, however, doesn't have it too easy."

They have two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "Our family has done real well," Bro. Urban said. "They've never caused us any worries."

When he was younger, having a strong German heritage, Bro. Urban found himself joining local drinking clubs. A friend of his advised him he should join a worthwhile organization instead, such as the Masons.

"I thought I'd need to go out and buy a suit, but I was told you don't buy your way into the Order. I knew from the start what great meaning it was to be a part of this fraternity."

He served as Master of his lodge in 1961. "One of the greatest things I did was join the Masonic fraternity 53 years ago," he said.

Beyond working and his dedication to the brotherhood, Bro. Urban and Alice have spent a lot of time traveling, fishing and hunting. Alice is the expert fisher, and she taught Bro. Urban how to drop a line. Their daily enjoyment comes from driving through the woods on back roads, which are plentiful in their part of the state. Alice also knits and crochets.

The two play a heated game of Scrabble on a regular basis, although Bro. Urban won't share who wins. "Let's just say her vocabulary and spelling are better," he said.

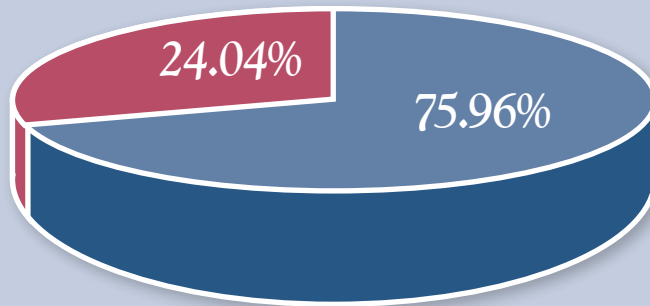
Bro. Urban and Alice Ginther, despite their roots in Pennsylvania, are big Atlanta Braves fans. For the love of their team, when the Braves played the Pirates in Pittsburgh, they boldly wore their Braves gear on a bus full of Pirates fans and took all the grief they were handed. After the Braves' victory, they enjoyed a quiet ride home. One highlight of Bro. Urban's life was the opportunity to meet Phil Niekro, the Braves' renowned knuckleball pitcher.

In baseball, a win-win situation would be trading a high-salaried, seasoned player to make room for a younger one with similar talents, but a lower salary cap. Just ask the Braves about the trade they made last October, sending Edgar Renteria to the Detroit Tigers, giving Yunel Escobar the green light as the team's new shortstop.

While their baseball team makes good moves with their roster, the Gintners found a win-win situation for themselves with the Masonic Charities' charitable gift annuity. They receive a good return on their money and they know it will go toward a good cause once they pass on. For more details on charitable gift annuities, please see the back cover.

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RESTORATION UPDATE

From across the street, the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia looks like an architectural wonder, boasting meticulous detail and beauty. But if you have the opportunity to examine the structure up-close, some areas of the building have 30+ coats of paint, dulling the crispness of detail that its builders labored to perfect 133 years ago. Years of pollution and weather have taken their toll, rotting window sills and fracturing the stone edifice.

Fortunately, a plan is in place and a resolution is in action.

A scientific analysis was conducted of the massive roof, which identified the use of vermiculite blocks underneath for insulation purposes, the removal of which would be expensive. Since the lifespan of the roof was determined to be quite good, through the professional services of J.J. Deluca Company, Inc., it has been decided that in lieu of replacing the entire roof, a more practical and efficient alternative will be utilized to patch and repair the roof where needed and apply a clear coat to protect it for decades to come.

The restoration and cleaning of the building will include the grinding of every stone and re-grouting to reproduce a brilliant facade. Some of the windows will need to be replaced, many of which are 5/8" thick for acoustical and insulation purposes.

Throughout the process, DPK&A Architects, LLP, a firm of architects, restoration specialists and planners, is reviewing the project to ensure that all is done correctly from a historical perspective.

"I'm absolutely amazed at how compelling this building is, and at the volume of care and attention being paid to this prestigious project," Grand Master Stephen Gardner said. "I am so grateful for the many concerted efforts to restore our Temple back to the grandeur that it once was. I'm proud to have had the chance to be a part of the team that made the decision to restore this building and to see it evolve through its life cycle. It was the right decision to move forward now."

The \$8-\$10 million project is moving along on schedule and if all goes well, the scaffolding could be removed from the building by September or October. In the meantime, the building is still open for meetings, tours and visits to the library and museum.

Photos by Bro. Dennis Buttleman

View of external damage

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Masonic Temple Receives State Grants



The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania recently received two grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The first is an \$8,500 general operating grant to assist the daily historical interpretive and educational programs conducted within this historic building. The grant enabled the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania to increase the availability of its professional guide staff for additional public tours, programs and events. The Masonic Temple now offers as many as five scheduled tours on weekdays, with additional programs added for large or special groups, and three on Saturdays due to the support received from this state grant. In 2008, visitation will easily exceed 15,000 individuals, which is approximately a 25 percent increase over 2007.

The second is a prestigious Keystone Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$85,000. In August 2007, it was announced at a public ceremony that the Masonic Temple will undergo an estimated

\$8-10 million exterior stabilization, preservation and restoration of the building exterior including the roof, granite walls, windows and original 19th century cast iron fence. A special cleaning will be conducted of all exterior surfaces and accessibility to the historic structure will be improved. These state funds will be used to specifically match the dollars budgeted for the building's roof which, upon completion in 2008, will ensure the Masonic Temple remains solidly protected from the elements for many generations.

Throughout most of 2008, the Masonic Temple will be encased in scaffolding to facilitate all of the needed work. When the building emerges from this covering, it will be solidly restored for at least another century and have a pristine appearance not seen for many decades.

"We are grateful to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the confidence they have demonstrated in our abilities with their generous support," said Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Executive Director Andrew Zellers-Frederick. "The Masonic Temple is now taking its rightful place as one of the architectural jewels of Center City Philadelphia," available for public visitation.

The Masonic Temple is located at One North Broad Street directly across from Philadelphia City Hall. The building is wheelchair accessible and located near all forms of public transportation. For additional hours and information, please call (215) 988-1900 or visit online at www.pagrandlodge.org.



Change in Tour Rates: Effective April 1, 2008

PA Masons (with ID Cards) - FREE

Active Military - FREE

All other rates remain the same.

Andrew Zellers-Frederick Wins the Hunter-Burley Award



Andrew Zellers-Frederick,
Executive Director

Historian Andrew Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director of the Masonic Library and Museum, has won the 2008 Hunter-Burley Award of the Small Museum Association. The award recognizes "an individual's outstanding contribution to the advancement of public access and professional growth for an individual institution."

Zellers-Frederick first helped to overcome obstacles of security and tradition to have the Grand Entrance open to the public every day, not only for special events. He has increased the number of private and special public events:

in 2007, there was a conference on Bro. Marquis de Lafayette in celebration of his 250th birthday, and a lecture by Dr. David Valuska, emeritus professor of history at Kutztown University, impersonating Bro. Baron von Steuben. In 2006, there were events related to the 300th Anniversary of Bro. Benjamin Franklin's birth and the 250th anniversary of William Rush, the first native-born American sculptor of whose works the Masonic Temple houses the largest collection in the world. In addition, there was a small exhibit celebrating Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday.

Zellers-Frederick has increased the number of tours and is proposing several theme tours, based on specific topics (i.e. architecture, portraiture, interior decorating, stonework and ironwork, etc.). Thriving under the able management of Mrs. Carole Alfe, the Gift Shop, "Temple Treasures," has been reorganized, and the Masonic Temple building is undergoing major evaluation, restoration and preservation, even as it has been used in the filming of historical documentaries.





"TWELVE MIGHTY ORPHANS":

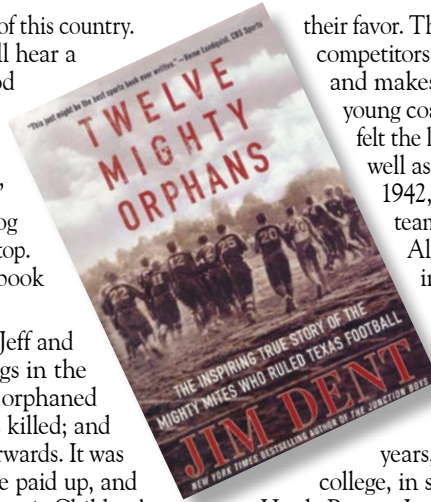
The inspiring true story of the Mighty Mites who ruled Texas football

By Jim Dent Reviewed by Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian

The Depression was a difficult time in the life of this country. Ask any member of that generation, and you will hear a variety of tales of the ups and downs of that period and making do without. Recently the public has rediscovered some of the events that had caught people's excitement during this period as noted in the recent books/movies "Seabiscuit" and "Cinderella Man" – stories about the underdog overcoming his circumstances and coming out on top. It is in this vein that sports journalist Jim Dent's book "Twelve Mighty Orphans" is written.

Mr. Dent begins his book with the story of Jeff and Hardy Brown, Jr., and their two younger siblings in the summer of 1928 in West Texas. They were left orphaned after their father, a bootlegger and a Mason, was killed; and they were abandoned by their mother shortly afterwards. It was to their good fortune that Mr. Brown's dues were paid up, and that their eldest sister shipped them off to the Masonic Children's Home in Fort Worth.

It is here at the orphanage that the story takes off and the reader is introduced to high school football Texas-style, the orphanage's new coach Rusty Russell and its football team the Mighty Mites. This is first and foremost a football story of a team that had only guts and determination in



their favor. They were undersized and underweight compared to their competitors. If they were lucky, they had hand-me-down uniforms and makeshift equipment. Russell, considered an outstanding young coach at the time, was determined that they succeed. He felt the lessons these boys learned on the field would serve them well as they grew older. Against all odds, from 1927 through 1942, they were challenged by better-equipped high school teams and won an astounding number of games, 127-30-12. Along the way, their scrappiness attracted a huge following in Texas and eventually across the U.S. The only thing that managed to elude the Mighty Mites was a state championship.

These young men learned plenty during their years at the Children's Home and they became successful in their own rights. These being the war years, some enlisted in the military and others went on to college, in some cases, on football scholarships. A few, including Hardy Brown, Jr., went on to play football professionally.

The Library has other sports-related biographies available for borrowing. Check out the Circulating Library at www.pagrandlodge.org or, if you can't locate what you like, please call (800) 462-0430, ext. 1933 to find out what else is available.

"STRANGERS NOWHERE IN THE WORLD"

The Rise of Cosmopolitanism in Early Modern Europe

By Margaret C. Jacob Reviewed by Glenys A. Waldman, Ph.D., Librarian

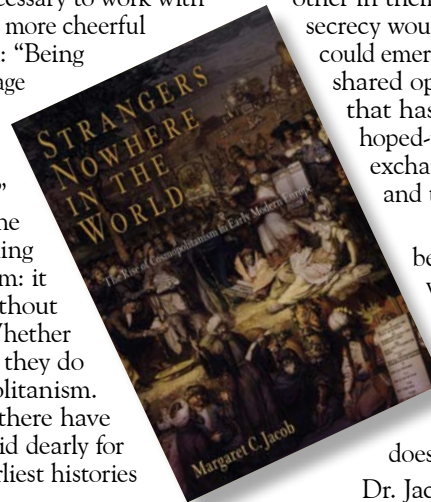
From barter to international export and import, business and commerce require networking. This sort of networking soon takes one outside one's own village, tribe or ethnic group. In this little tome, Professor Jacob describes how people in early modern Europe (about 1650-1800) learned that they had to leave their own groups and get along with others – to become cosmopolitan, or be "cosmopolites." As in the workplace in general, they learned it was not necessary to like those who are different, it was only necessary to work with and respect them. As Prof. Jacob defines it in a more cheerful tone in the first sentence of the Introduction: "Being cosmopolitan in Europe during the early modern age meant – then as now – the ability to experience people of different nations, creeds and colors with pleasure, curiosity and interest, and not with suspicion, disdain, or simply a disinterest..." Then, as now, it means flying in the face of the nationalism; it means running afoul of the ruling classes, because rulers dread cosmopolitanism: it threatens their power. Rulers cannot do without their allies – provincialism and ignorance. Whether these rulers are of states or religious groups, they do not hesitate to fight their enemy – cosmopolitanism. This was not new in early modern Europe: there have always been cosmopolites, many of whom paid dearly for their avant-garde philosophy. Some of the earliest histories of such people are in volumes of sacred law.

Cities were, and are, the natural habitat of cosmopolitanism, because they are, and ever have been, the destinations of pilgrims and people seeking to improve their lot. Without cosmopolitanism, the currency and stock exchanges, the commerce that developed in those cities, could never have done so. The fraternizing that naturally

occurred "after hours," led to the foundation of societies not based on commerce, but on common interests. Thus cosmopolitanism was the agar-filled Petri dish where the Enlightenment and one of its many children, Freemasonry, first grew and flourished. Without cosmopolitanism, neither the Enlightenment nor Freemasonry would have been possible. Nor would the scientific societies which, like the lodges, were where the best minds met and encouraged each other in their striving for the perfection of man. Even though secrecy would, and still does, continue to play a role, science could emerge from its secret "closets" and be practiced, its data shared openly, leading to the accumulation of knowledge that has, and continues to fuel invention and the ever hoped-for possibility of better lives. Ideas could be openly exchanged, leading to the blossoming of the philosophy and the fine arts.

Freemasonry, as one society founded for the betterment of mankind, which Dr. Jacob casts in a very positive light, has always been concerned that its members put aside their provincialism and become cosmopolites, accepting visitors with respect and hospitality. However, like humankind in general, Freemasons do not always live up to these philosophical principles, and Prof. Jacob does not hesitate to point this out.

Dr. Jacob's meticulous research must have been a great voyage of exploration: she has used sources as varied as Inquisition records, scientific society minutes and the writings of revolutionaries of different stripes. This book is well worth the time that must be put into reading, better, studying it. May you study "Strangers Nowhere in the World" as this reviewer did, "with pleasure, curiosity and interest!"



RESTORING THE TEMPLE OF VISION

Cabalistic Freemasonry and Stuart Culture

By Marsha Keith Schuchard Reviewed by Charles S. Canning, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

This text is a study of 17th century Scotland and the interaction of cultural, religious and political viewpoints that influenced the building trades in England and Scotland. One has to be impressed with the size of the volume and its academic standing. The author received her Ph.D. in 1975 with a dissertation on Freemasonry, Secret Societies and the Continuity of the Occult Traditions in British Literature.

The author's access to the Grand Lodge libraries of Britain, Europe and recently retrieved documents from Nazi-confiscated Masonic material, now in the Grand Lodge Library of Holland, provides a new viewpoint on Freemasons. She notes how Masonic history has been misled by an Anglo-centrism and anti-Stuart bias that ignored or minimized the Scottish, Irish and Catholic traditions of Freemasonry. Freemasonry of 1717, she notes, served the causes of "Modern" Hanoverian Masonry. It was, however, the "Ancient" Stuart system of Masonry that fascinated Swedenborg, and other literary figures, that was driven underground at the close of the 17th century.

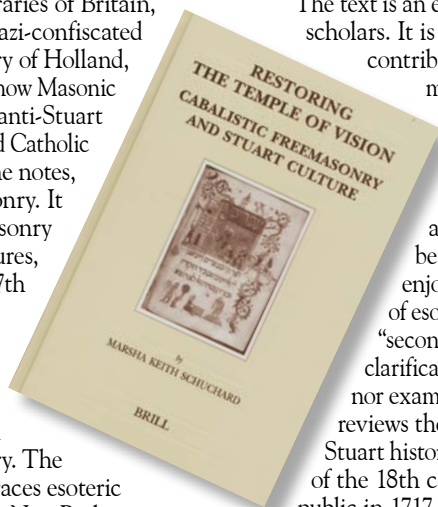
The author emphasizes that the "great stumbling block" to research on pre-1717 British Freemasonry was Anderson's Constitutions of Freemasonry, which, she states, distorted history. Schuchard presents a very detailed history of Scottish Masonry. The text begins at the time of Solomon's Temple and traces esoteric Masonry from Jewish and Arab mysticism and the Neo-Pythagorean fraternities in Alexandria, providing an architectural background that consisted of mystical mathematics, magical letters and architectural visioning. This esoteric instruction gave stonemasons the ability to "see" the wisdom of God in their construction. Today, we find this symbolism of "living stones" in our own ritual.

The author traces the mystical schools of Jewish architecture and their influence through Spain and then southern Europe. By the 16th century, we find this influence in operative Scottish masonry, with a tradition

in Egyptian-Hebraic antecedents. In the 17th century, Scotland's King James VI became the English King James I, who had a Masonic vision of a peaceful world with a rebuilt "Jerusalem" demonstrated through Scottish Masonic architecture. The text gives a detailed account of 17th century Scottish history as it relates to Freemasonry and national architecture in England and Scotland.

The text is an exceptional resource for reference by serious Masonic scholars. It is replete with references to occult scholars, famous contributors to the sciences and titles of esoteric texts and manuscripts. Each of the 12 chapters contains literally hundreds of footnotes and Schuchard's bibliography covers 30 pages and more than 900 listings. The text was fascinating in providing a well-documented addition to our perspective of Freemasonry. This was a text one could not "skim," for each detail needed to be read in the context of the developing thesis. While I enjoyed the laborious read, with reference to a plethora of esoteric elements, cabala, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, "second sight," and art of memory, the text did not project a clarification of their practice and application in Freemasonry, nor examples of its presence in contemporary ritual. The text reviews the rebellions, conflicts, executions and expulsions in Stuart history and finally the Masonic "diaspora" at the opening of the 18th century. "Modern" Hanoverian Masonry was made public in 1717 and the "Ancient" Scottish oriented Masonry was established in 1751, which generated the "mystical elevation of ordinary men to brotherhood with kings," and was the origin of Pennsylvania Ancient York Rite Masonry in the 1760s.

Schuchard concludes, "when Mozart portrayed a chorus of Egyptian priests who escort the initiate into the Masonic Temple of Wisdom, and when Washington imported Scottish stonemasons to construct the American Capitol as a Temple of Liberty, they bore the fruits of a Masonic tree planted long ago in the stony soil of Israel and Scotland."



State Historic Marker Dedicated at the Masonic Temple

On Dec. 6, 2007, the Masonic Temple was honored to receive an official Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker. One of only several awarded each year, the marker commemorates the important role the Masonic Temple and Pennsylvania Freemasonry played in the heritage of our state. This marker joins several thousand stretched across the Commonwealth since the program was created in 1946. Although the snowy weather hampered the dedication ceremony, it did not dull the enthusiasm of the participants. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, led by Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., then-R.W. Grand Master, were privileged to have attending the program, as their guests, former Philadelphia Mayor and Brother John Street and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Chairman Wayne Spilove.



Making impressive appearances were Brother John Wanamaker (the prominent Philadelphia merchant and Pennsylvania Mason was portrayed by historical reenactor Robert Gleason), the Sons of the American Revolution Philadelphia-Continental Chapter Color Guard and elements of the Philadelphia Fife & Drum Corp., attired in 18th century uniforms.

"This beautiful marker," said the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania Executive Director Andrew Zellers-Frederick, "serves to tell everyone who passes by on Philadelphia's Broad Street, the prominence of the Masonic Temple and that it is the first historical building on the expanding northern section of Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts."





Butler Bethel Continues to Grow



It has been a year since Bethel #21 of Butler was chartered. The Bethel now has a membership of 25 girls and continues to grow with an initiation in March of four new members.

How did they do that? It was through the hard work and dedication of the girls and the adults, and Masonic support from three local lodges, Victory Lodge No. 694, William H. Miller Lodge No. 769 and Butler Lodge No. 272, that this Bethel has made such great strides in such a short amount of time.

The girls are the biggest driving force for getting new members. They talk to their friends at school, telling them of their activities and how much fun they are having. It is through their infectious "cheerleading" that the Bethel is able to function and to get new members.

It is a balancing act of activities that include fun, ritualistic work, service for the community and others, making the girls feel and understand that they make a difference, and that their opinion matters. The adults are careful to always take the time to sit, listen and answer questions, regardless of relative importance. It is not always easy to find this balance, and there have been wobbles along the way, but it comes down to putting the girls and their thoughts first, and then filling in the rest with proper guidance. As the girls mature and increase in their leadership skills, the adults back off from decision-making and turn more of the program over to them.

The next term is filled with activities, meetings, fund-raisers, community service functions, ritual exemplifications for local Masonic bodies and public events to let the community know about Job's Daughters.

DeMolays to the Rescue

Written by Margot Shaw

Our family has had to face many lonely and seemingly insurmountable hurdles over the past two years since the children lost their father, but none was harder than what we went through this past Sunday (February 10th). Thanks to the Steel City DeMolay Chapter, we weathered the crisis and learned the meaning of brotherhood first hand.

Exhausted after three long days emptying our former New Jersey home into a 17-foot rental truck, my two teenage children and I found ourselves battling one problem after another trying to cover the 400 miles back to Pittsburgh. High winds and a broken axle on a trailer carrying a boat delayed us greatly. It would be dark and bitterly cold in Pittsburgh when the truck, driven by "Aunt" Millie, was scheduled to arrive. Moreover, we, the work crew to unload, were an hour and a half behind. The situation grew more desperate when we learned that additional helpers were unable to meet the truck. Panic set in as we realized that the task of unloading had now fallen impossibly to just Aunt Mille and Nathan, my collegian son.

As we traveled across the PA Turnpike, feeling rather hopeless, we were struck with the idea to call upon my middle son's DeMolay Chapter. Duncan reached his Master Councilor, Aaron James, and true to the meaning of brotherhood, the young men of Steel City Chapter rallied to the cause without hesitation. With little more than an hour's notice, they cancelled their bowling party and asked their parents to drive them to meet the truck. Millie had to go buy mittens and hats for the crew because they had planned on bowling, not a cold weather work party. You cannot believe how cold, windy and miserable it was. No one in their right mind was doing anything outside that night. The six young men made short order of a seemingly overwhelming task. They worked tirelessly and without complaint in the worst cold spell of the winter with only headlights to light their way into a storage unit. It is no exaggeration to say that they rescued us.

The experience was one that we will never forget and those six young men have earned our undying respect and gratitude. Knowing that there are people out there who care and will come to your aid when needed is an incredible feeling. Many thanks to Master Councilor Aaron James; Luke Dufour, S.C.; Lamonte James, J.C.; Chris Baker; Tre James; and William Sewell, a prospective member at that time, who thought he was going bowling that evening. Adults involved were Marsha Dufour and Peggy Daley.

In addition, I am indeed grateful to all who work to make the Masonic Youth Organizations like DeMolay a reality; there are precious few opportunities for the values of service and brotherhood to be instilled in our children today. The world is being made a better place by your efforts.

Casino Night



The gaming tables were filled to capacity... hundreds of dollars in funny money exchanged hands... and more than 51 prizes were awarded at the end. What was all of the excitement about? It was the Fourth Annual Casino Night that Elizabethtown DeMolay held in cooperation with the Activities Department of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown!

More than 80 residents of the Masonic Village joined in on the fun on Feb. 15 for games of Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold-Em and several other games. DeMolays dealing the cards and counting the money included Dan Bryan, Matt Eberts, Mike Moyer, Billy Murtley, Tommy Rowles, Jordan Specht and Andrew Stueckroth. Sweetheart Kari Labagh was also helping with the distribution of the gifts at the conclusion of the evening and acting as photographer for the night.

Thanks to all of our members and advisors who assisted with this great project. Everyone's looking forward to doing it again next year!



Well Done Is Better Than Well Said...

Patriots Class Done Well for Ben!

*"If you would not be forgotten
As soon as you are dead and rotten,
Either write things worth reading,
Or do things worth the writing."
~ Benjamin Franklin*

February 9 gave Pennsylvania DeMolay something worth writing about as the Scottish Rite Valley of Reading hosted the second annual Pennsylvania DeMolay Patriots Class, and the historical guest of the day – Founding Father Benjamin Franklin – was pleased by what he experienced!

The Induction Ceremonies for the day were performed by DeMolays from Chapters all across Pennsylvania: Chester Pike, Elizabethtown, Freedom, Friendship-Bray, Lancaster Phoenix, Northeast, Pilgrim, Reading and Steel City. The day was brought to an end with an "Armed Services Dance" that was attended by the DeMolays, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls.

Rumor has it that Civil War Captain Henry Bingham, who is one of the featured patriots at the Friend-to-Friend Monument in Gettysburg, will be next year's special guest.



Left-right: Jeffrey C. Bortz, Deputy State Master Councilor; Edward R. Stein, District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Masonic District; Tyler Parsons, new member from Reading Chapter; Ben Franklin (with a little help from Ill. Russell C. Baker, Active for PA, AASR); Jeffrey Hample, new member from Northeast Chapter; Ill. L. Donald Loos, Commander in Chief of Reading Consistory; and Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Officer for DeMolay in PA.

Williamsport Chapter Completes All Four Steps



Representing the first Sponsoring Body of Lycoming Chapter, Patrick Maynard, Eminent Commander of Baldwin II Commandery No. 22; Wilmer Hall, a member of the Commandery and the new DeMolay Advisory Council Chairman; and Bryan W. Berry, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of PA look on as Nick Hufnagle, Master Councilor, proudly displays the Letters Temporary document that will serve as authorization to meet until the Chapter can earn their Permanent Charter. The lodges of the 18th Masonic District also agreed to be official sponsors of the Chapter.

The young men and adults who wanted to bring DeMolay back to Williamsport found out that it takes four things to start a DeMolay Chapter.

First, they needed AUTHORITY – so they convinced the officers of the Valley of Williamsport to let them meet in the Howard Cathedral. Then they asked the members and officers of Baldwin II Commandery No. 22 to become a Sponsoring Body. Later, they recruited the 18th Masonic District to also become sponsors. Next, they petitioned DeMolay International for Letters Temporary – a short-term license, very much like a "learner's permit" to drive – to recruit and create new DeMolay members.

With authority well in hand, next they needed TRAINING, so their Advisory Council members participated in the DeMolay Advisor Development (DAD) Program, and several members and Advisors attended the annual Key Man Leadership Training Conference at the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

Next, they found they needed LEADERSHIP, so the new Chapter members elected their first corps of officers who began to recruit more new members so they could begin to conduct a full schedule of activities and meetings.

Lastly, they learned that nothing is done in the Masonic family without CEREMONY, so they established a date, and on Sunday, Feb. 17, they experienced three very important public ceremonies. The first was the Institution Ceremony of a New DeMolay Chapter, conducted by Bro. and Executive Officer Thomas R. Labagh and Deputy State Master Councilor Jeffrey Bortz. The second ceremony was the Installation of their Advisory Council, which was presented by Deputy Executive Officer Randy C. Knapp. The last ceremony was the Installation of Officers conducted by several present and past State Officers of Pennsylvania DeMolay.

When it was all over, the new Master Councilor, Bro. Nick Hufnagle, found himself surrounded by members, advisors and well-wishers who will support the Chapter during the year.



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Masonic Villages' Admissions Policy

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

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

Service Level 1:

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

Service Level 2:

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

Service Level 3:

Other PA Masonic Relatives
Master Mason of Other Jurisdictions

Service Level 4:

Others on behalf of Pennsylvania Freemasonry



Residents Rave About Elizabethtown's New Sycamore Apartments

In April, the first residents moved into the other half of the Sycamore Apartments. There are still units available in both the North and South buildings. Anyone interested in learning more about these apartments should contact the Marketing Office at (800) 676-6452.



It's been a little over two months since Paul and Joan Dellinger moved into their third-floor home in Elizabethtown's new Sycamore South Apartments. As excited as they were to move in, the Dellingers seem just as excited now that they've settled into their place.

"We love it here," Joan said. "Our place is great... with two bedrooms and a den, we have plenty of room with ample closet space."

The Dellingers, who moved to the Masonic Village from their home in Hallam, York County, said that the best thing about their living experience in Sycamore South can be summed up in one word: convenience.

"Everything is so convenient," said Joan. "The amenities that are offered, the services that are provided... we couldn't want anything that they don't already have. We feel very fortunate."

Paul and Joan have already taken advantage of some of those amenities, including the Masonic Life Center to exercise and several Masonic Village-sponsored bus trips to the Hershey Theatre, Wegmans food market and the State Capitol Building.

"We love going on those trips," Joan remarked. "The bus picks us up right in front of our building and drops us off at the same place. We get to meet new people, and we save on gas," she said.

Paul, a member of the York County Shrine Club and York County Tall Cedars, is looking forward to spring at the Masonic Village.

"I plan to do a little gardening," he said. "They will give us a plot of ground, and I can get those tomato plants going. We plan to spoil our neighbors with the produce we grow," Paul continued.

Two floors below the Dellingers, Ruth Johnston has made her one-bedroom apartment into a warm and cozy place she calls home. She moved from her home in Florida to come to the Masonic Village in January.

"I was a little apprehensive at first... I thought I'd feel cramped. But it's very spacious, and I have plenty of room."

Ruth decided to make the move to the Masonic Village while she is in good health, so that her family wouldn't have to "make potentially difficult decisions" later on. While she loved living in Florida, Ruth wanted to be closer to her family (her sister lives at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown as well, and her daughter lives in Camp Hill, Pa.).

In addition to being able to see her sister every day and visiting

her daughter whenever she likes, Ruth loves that so many of her household responsibilities are taken care of.

"I like that I don't have to be responsible for a house, the lawn care, fixing things when they break," Ruth said. "There's a sense of security that people are taking care of things, and that's a good feeling."

Like Paul Dellinger, Ruth is also looking forward to spring. An avid golfer, Ruth is ready to hit the links. "I golfed a lot when I lived and Florida, and I'm looking forward to that this year," she said.

When asked what they'd say to someone who is considering a move to Sycamore Apartments, the Dellingers and Mrs. Johnston were staunch advocates of Elizabethtown's newest residences.

"I've actually talked to several people about moving into Sycamore," Ruth said. "It's a lovely place, and the workmanship is first class. I'm very comfortable, and everyone who has helped me through this process is so nice and kind."

Joan echoed that sentiment. "It's a great place to live. I wouldn't hesitate to move here if I were someone else."





Brighten a Child's Life

Masonic Children's Home

Wish List 2008

1	Projector.....	\$2,000
1	Foosball table.....	\$300
1	Bumper pool table.....	\$600
20	Dining room/study chairs @ \$200.....	\$4,000
2	Decks for girls' cottage @ \$5,200.....	\$10,400
2	Televisions @ \$300.....	\$600
5	Grills @ \$120.....	\$600
1	GPS system.....	\$300
2	Bike racks @ \$400.....	\$800
1	Exercise equipment.....	\$700
1	Dining pavilion.....	\$200



If you would like to provide any of these items for our children, please contact Ginny Migrala, Director, Children's Services, at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33301.

Residential Living Openings



Unique to the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown campus, Residential Living offers an independent, apartment living setting with all the comforts of home without the hassles of meal preparation.

Currently, admission is open to Service Level 1, 2 and 3 applicants who qualify for the Residential Living option. Those interested may be able to choose from three room selections including studio, double and deluxe room accommodations.

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

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

Masonic Village Warminster

850 Norristown Road • Warminster, Pa 18974 • (215) 672-2500

Where Caring is a Tradition

The Masonic Village at Warminster's Masonic Eastern Star Home provides residents with comfort, companionship and a life of dignity and security. The staff is dedicated to providing each resident a gratifying lifestyle while accommodating individual needs.

Offering quality nursing care and assisted living services, the mission of the Masonic Village at Warminster includes serving individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients.

For a tour or for more information, call (215) 672-2500, or e-mail MVWadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org.



Masonic Village

Retirement Living Update



Dallas

Located high atop the Endless Mountains Region of Northeast Pennsylvania, the Masonic Village at Dallas offers breathtaking views of the Irem Shrine golf course.

There are still some apartment homes and cottages available for immediate reservation at this new active retirement community. With a variety of floor plans and options to choose from, there is a home here to suit every lifestyle. Residents of this beautiful new community will also benefit from the construction of a brand new clubhouse featuring various amenities including restaurant, bar/pub with deck space, a ballroom for special events, and potentially a wellness center, bank, and much more!

For more information, call (866) 851-4243 to make your reservation to attend one of the following presentations, or to schedule a personal appointment to tour the community.

Upcoming Presentations

- May 7 and 21 in the Walther Apartments
- June 11 and 25 in the Walther Apartments
- July 16 and 30 in the Walther Apartments
- August 13 and 27 in the Walther Apartments

Elizabethtown

The first residents moved into the Sycamore South Apartments in mid-January and the Sycamore North Building during the end of March. Currently, there are still some choice apartments available for immediate reservation in these residences. This means that you would NOT have to be placed on a waiting list, but could move into your new home within months!

Call today at (800) 676-6452 to make an appointment for a personal tour, and make plans to move into your new home in time to see the formal gardens at their finest!

Upcoming Presentations

- June 4 in the Deike Auditorium of the Freemasons Cultural Center at Masonic Village

Lafayette Hill

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to tour the NEW Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, you'll be amazed at what you'll see! The entire community has been remodeled, and the results are outstanding.

While most of the 21 newly renovated deluxe apartments are occupied or have been reserved, pre-marketing is underway for 85 new deluxe apartments proposed to be built and connected to the existing building, based on interest levels.

Don't wait until they're all gone! Call today (610) 828-5760 to schedule a personal tour or to make your reservation for one of the following presentations.

Upcoming Presentations

- May 13 and 30 at Masonic Village's Kenneth Mills Auditorium
- June 10 and 24 at Masonic Village's Kenneth Mills Auditorium
- July 18 at Masonic Village's Kenneth Mills Auditorium
- August 7 and 28 at Masonic Village's Kenneth Mills Auditorium

Sewickley

The Masonic Village at Sewickley is now almost full, which means there are only a few select accommodations available for immediate reservation. A waiting list is now in place for many accommodations and will undoubtedly be in place for all accommodations in the near future.

For more information, to schedule a personal appointment or to make a reservation to attend one of the upcoming presentations, call (866) 872-0664.

Upcoming Presentations

- May 29 in the Masonic Village Clubhouse
- June 26 at the Days Inn, Meadville
- July 24 in the Masonic Village Clubhouse
- August 21 in the Masonic Village Clubhouse

For the Highest Quality Health Care Services... You Have 4 Excellent Choices!

The Masonic Villages offer assisted living, health care and rehabilitative services at our Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster communities. For more information, please contact the location of your choice:

Elizabethtown Assisted Living & Nursing Services: (800) 422-1207

Lafayette Hill Assisted Living & Nursing Services: (610) 828-5760

Sewickley Assisted Living Services: (412) 741-1400, ext. 360 Nursing Services: (412) 741-1400, ext. 3020

Warminster Assisted Living & Nursing Services: (215) 672-2500, ext. 116



Retirement Income You Can Depend on ...



CONSIDER A CHARITABLE ALTERNATIVE

With the ups and downs in today's financial markets, many of our senior friends are turning to the Masonic Charities' gift annuity program. Many of them find that through a gift annuity, they can help to further the Masonic Charities while creating a dependable stream of lifetime income.

They like the other benefits that gift annuities provide, too. Things like a good payment rate and annuity payments that are partially tax-free for a period of time. They like the federal income tax charitable deduction they receive, and, of course, the fact that they are supporting the charitable works of the Masonic Charities.

Masonic Charities' gift annuities may be funded for as little as \$5,000 in cash or appreciated stock, and may be established for the lives of one or two persons. Annuities may be funded to assist with the college education of a child or grandchild or to provide

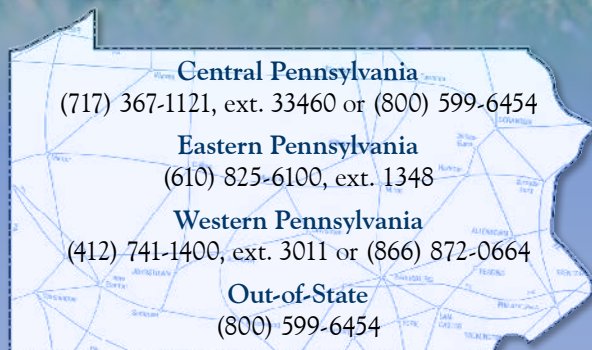
a reliable income stream for a beloved family member such as an older parent who is living on a fixed income, perhaps without the benefit of a pension plan. The payout rate an annuitant receives depends on the nearest age of the annuitant on the date the annuity is funded.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SAMPLE PAYMENT RATES:

One-Life		Two-Life	
Age	Rate	Age	Rate
70	6.7%	70 & 75	6.3%
75	7.3%	75 & 80	6.8%
80	8.2%	80 & 85	7.5%
85	9.7%	85 & 90	8.6%
90+	11.5%		

*Rates reflect changes recommended by the Office of Gift Planning for all Charitable Gift Annuities written on or after July 1, 2006. Some restrictions apply.

For additional information about how a gift annuity might benefit you, in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation, simply complete and return the response coupon to the Office of Gift Planning, or telephone to speak with one of our Office of Gift Planning staff members in the geographical region nearest you.



The official registration and financial information for any of the Masonic Charities can be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Out-of-state residents may contact the Gift Planning Office at (800) 599-6454 for registration information within their particular state. Registration does not imply endorsement.

COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Office of Gift Planning, Masonic Charities,
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

- ☐ Send me your brochure on Gift Annuities.
- ☐ Send me a sample Gift Annuity illustration based on the following information:
Age(s): _____ Amount*: \$ _____
*If you are considering a gift of appreciated stock, please estimate your cost basis: \$ _____
- ☐ Contact me to discuss a possible Gift Annuity with a Masonic Charity.
- ☐ Send me information about the Franklin Legacy Society.
- ☐ I/We have remembered the following Masonic Charity(ies) in my/our estate plan: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone () _____

E-mail Address: _____