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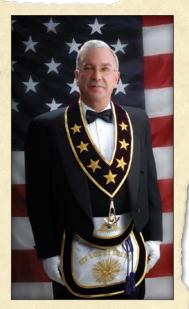
Stephen Gardner, Editor



Brethren:

September 26 will mark the 135th Anniversary of the dedication of our Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. I recently came across an excerpt from a report by Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, R.W. Past Grand Master (1872-1873) that illuminated the vision and hope our forefathers had for this building as it was being constructed. He described it as "...one of the greatest works ever carried on by Masons in any part of the world, or in any age in its history, for which who will doubt the approval of the Divine Architect—that the blessings of Heaven will rest upon us? That it will strengthen the unity of the Order? Increase its influence, and advance the practice of these principles of religion and morality we are taught within it?

"We believe that it will increase the influence and usefulness of the Order, add increased reputation to the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge, and, that its fame, extending far and wide to the uttermost ends of the earth, our brethren from every clime will seek its portals to hear the wisdom that God has put in the great Masonic heart of the Masons of Pennsylvania, and that the bonds of the Masonic Fraternity and love will be thereby extended and strengthened around the globe."



Indeed, Pennsylvania Freemasonry has remained strong, as evidenced in the pages listing our 50-Year

Service Emblem recipients in 2008. And so should be our determination to Protect Our Heritage for Future Generations by preserving the architectural masterpiece that is home to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

We recently returned to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus, which we co-founded back in 2006. Grand Master Jacob Varcos, the Cypriot Grand Lodge officers and their families all hosted us with unending fraternal and personal hospitality on this reunion visit with our Cypriot brothers. During this visit, again witnessing their efforts on behalf of our beloved fraternity, only reaffirmed our position that our Cypriot brothers are major contributors to our global Masonic community. On the return from our visit in Cyprus, we were hosted by the Grand Master of Greece, Nicolas Vourgidis, their entire Grand Lodge line and their families in Athens, Greece. Our visit in their Grand Lodge was yet another remarkable fraternal experience. As in Cyprus, we were made to feel completely at home by the warm and open reception of our Grecian brothers.

In these two lands of powerful histories, rich heritage, a people of compelling fraternal and national pride, we were truly treated as lifelong friends. We are truly blessed to have friends such as these who know no limit to their hospitality and fraternalism. Our lives are now, and forever will be, richer because of having these brethren and their families as friends. To our Cypriot and Grecian brothers: "Efharisto poli."

It was only a few months later when we all met again in Washington, D.C., at the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, where it became incredibly clear just how global our fraternity really is... and what a tremendous honor we enjoy knowing that we have brothers-friends-in places where many of us have never even travelled.

Throughout this issue, you will read about many of our brethren who have done great things, within and outside of our fraternity. Through the Change for the Troops program, we have been able to do great things on behalf of Freemasonry. This opportunity to support our service men and women in the theater of operations has been embraced with incredible enthusiasm. We have even had many brethren, either from out-of-state or who cannot physically attend lodge meetings, send their contributions to their lodge secretaries because they so sincerely want to participate.

Recently, the Grand Lodge officers and I have had a few opportunities to see, first-hand, what the cards mean to the troops themselves, knowing that as they are departing for the war zone they will have the ability to talk to their loved ones back home. We've also experienced how much the troops appreciate our thoughts and prayers from home. In this issue, you will read about and see the faces of just a few of the men and women who are Earning it Again for us today.

During a recent open ceremony where I had the honor of presenting 50-Year Service Emblems to brethren in District 36, we had the opportunity to hear from a father whose son, an Army Ranger, departed for Iraq 18 months ago and received one of our calling cards. He came to the open presentation to give his personal thanks to the fraternity because his son was able to call home this past Mother's Day, thanks to the calling card. He then shared a photograph of all the men in his son's Special Forces unit in the theater of operations. His son was the only one in his unit to receive one of our cards, and yet on Memorial Day, two of the men in the photograph were killed in the line of duty. This harsh look at reality was extremely meaningful, as it was obvious to all present that these calling cards really do make a difference, because each time they make a call, our troops never know if it will be the last time they will hear their loved ones' voices.

In the next few months, there are many opportunities to join in fraternal fellowship: Autumn Day, charity golf tournaments and the holiday galas, to name a few. You've heard it said many times: you will get out of membership what you put into it. I encourage you to make a commitment to attend lodge regularly beginning this September. Rediscover the true treasures within our fraternity—you will find them sitting among you!

Sincerely & fraternally,

R.W. Grand Master

CHANGE FOR THE **TROOPS**

Thanks to the more than \$89,735.09 that has been raised since the Change for the Troops program was launched in January, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has continued to provide 150 300-minute calling cards for troops departing from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., every month. The response has been tremendous (see thank you letters on p. 5).

Most recently, the Grand Lodge has purchased 600 75-minute calling cards for the McGuire crews to hand-deliver to Ramstein Air Base in Germany, from which the cards will be disbursed at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to troops suffering from injuries and battle casualties from the war zone. The cards allow the troops to call home immediately from the hospital.



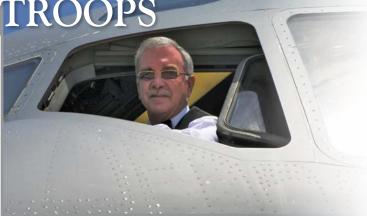
Bro. and Col. Harris Brooks conducts an exterior walkaround of the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for Brothers Samuel Freeman, Mark Haines, Bob Bateman, Tom Sturgeon and Stephen Gardner.

On May 15, the Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers Col. Harris Brooks, Marvin Levy, P.M., Lodge Secretary, and Samuel Freeman, P.M., met with TSgt Kevin Casciano, in the Family Services building at McGuire Air Force Base, to personally present the calling cards for the troops on behalf of Pennsylvania Masons. "When people heard about the calling cards we were providing for the wounded, they came out to thank us for going so far above and beyond... they were very touched," Bro. Brooks said. "They told us we're putting more into it than any other organization," he added.

Senior leadership from the C-17 squadron conducted a tour of the C-17 Globemster III aircraft. Then, Col. John Spare, former



Left-right: Don Divis, Director for Family Support Services; R.W.G.S. Haines; R.W.D.G.M. Sturgeon; Col. John Spare; Bro. and Col. Brooks; R.W.G.M. Gardner; R.W.J.G.W. Bateman; and TSgt Kevin Casciano



R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner sits in the Aircraft Commander's seat on the KC-10 Globemaster III aircraft.

commander of one of the KC-10 squadrons at McGuire AFB and current replacement for Col. and Bro. Brooks upon his retirement from his last position as Senior Air Force Liaison to Civil Authorities for Homeland Security, guided the brethren on a tour of the KC-10.

On May 22, representatives from the Grand Lodge and Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia, were invited to attend a farewell ceremony for a Marine Corps Reserve Unit of 400 troops deploying out of Harrisburg. Also attending was the father of one of the Marines, Bro. Joseph E. Thompson, Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall, and his fellow brethren who came out to show their support for his son, Lance Cpl. Joseph W. Thompson.

After addressing the attendees at the send-off ceremony, Bro. and Col. Harris Brooks had the opportunity to introduce R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner, who presented the unit with a framed lithograph of Tun Tavern, the birthplace of both Pennsylvania Freemasonry and the Marine Corps, along with the calling cards to use to call home.

"We were honored to be invited to share this event with the Marines and their families," Grand Master Gardner said. "It was an intense experience, looking eyeball to eyeball with these brave Marines, knowing as a rifle company what they're going into." The Marines were unbelievably grateful for the gifts.

"The experience left me with a renewed sense of pride, both



Left-right: Brothers Samuel Freeman, Col. Harris Brooks, R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner and Marvin Levy

in our country and in our fraternity," Grand Master Gardner said. "Without the support of brethren throughout the state, including volunteers such as Brothers Brooks, Levy, Freeman and Fehl, this program never could have become so successful." Others deserving recognition and appreciation for their essential coordinating roles are Bro. Harry B. Rutter Jr., Grand Lodge Controller, and Donna Brett, Staff Accountant, who work behind the scenes to make sure the program runs smoothly. "They're the keys to success for orchestrating the mechanics of this program," Grand Master Gardner said.



The brethren tour the inside of the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.



R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner presents calling cards to the Commander of the Marine Corps Rifle Company during their farewell ceremony prior to their departure from Harrisburg.



Bro. Joseph E. Thompson, Jr., bids farewell to his son, Lance Cpl. Joseph W. Thompson, before his deployment.

Soldiers Pleased to Find Out About Change for the Troops

One Saturday in mid-January, I was honored to help a friend guide two goose hunters: a Colonel from the Navy SEALS and a Lt. Colonel from the Air Force.

While waiting for the geese to start their daily flights, we started talking about Iraq and Afghanistan. Then they asked what I did as far as career, hobbies, etc. I told them I was a District Deputy in the Freemasons. I thought it was the perfect opportunity to ask them what they thought about the Grand Master's program, "Change for the Troops." I explained the program, and was amazed when the Colonel stood up from his blind and walked toward me. At this point, I must admit I was a little nervous. He held forth his hand and asked me to personally thank the Grand Master. He told me that there is no better way to support our troops. He went on to explain to me how the morale of the troops change when they are able to make calls to home, family, loved ones and friends.

Talking with those two soldiers, I felt so proud to not only be an American, but a Freemason. I do not know where those two soldiers were deployed, but I do know that the United States is definitely in good hands.

Fraternally, Teddy D. Sizemore, District Deputy Grand Master for District 42



May 28, 2008

Mr. Gardner and the Masons of Pennsylvania,

Thank you for the letter and the phone card gift. It is quite thoughtful of your organization to do so. While it has been quite difficult to be apart from my wife, daughter and newborn, I am honored to serve for great Americans like yourselves who share the basic value system that the military does. Please know that I value the gift very much and will put it to good use.

> Respectfully, Patrick Finney LCDR USN

June 4, 2008

Dear Mr. Gardner,

I wanted to personally thank you for the letter and calling card that you and your fellow Masons sent to me today. It means a lot to know that people back home appreciate what it is that we are doing here in Afghanistan. This calling card will come in handy, so that I can call my wife and two kids. My daughter is 3 and my son is 8 months old, and being able to call and have them hear my voice is one of the most important things to me right now. Once again, I just want to thank you for the card and the support that your letter brings to me and my fellow soldiers!

> Jeremy S. Morrison SGT, USA

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A 'LABOR OF LOVE'

As soon as Susan Brandt, wife of Bro. William Brandt, Sr., King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston, and District Deputy Grand Master for District 12, heard about the Change for the Troops program in late December, she devised a plan to reach out to her local community for the benefit of the country's dedicated soldiers. Her efforts have really added up... to \$6,500 in a little over four months.

"Bill and I were married during the Vietnam War era and I've always wanted to do something for our soldiers," Susan said. "Change for the Troops tugged at my heart strings."

With an introductory letter in hand from Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, she headed to local supermarkets, convenience stores and restaurants with paint cans covered in Change for the Troops graphics. Every Saturday since February, she has personally collected change in grocery stores with the help of her 14-year-old granddaughter, Kristen Cirilo, daughter of Bro. Joseph Cirilo, King David Lodge No. 763. They sell patriotic pens, flashlights and pins for \$1, with the profits going toward Change for the Troops.

During these collection times, Susan and Kristen often hear stories from people with loved ones serving overseas. One woman shared the story of her husband who is serving in Afghanistan. She gave birth to a baby close to his deployment and, thanks to the phone card he received courtesy of the Freemasons, he was able to call home often and check on his new addition. He was so grateful, he sent a thank you note to the Grand Lodge.

When the Brandts started their fundraising efforts, they had no one close to them serving in the military. Their mission really hit home recently, though, when their great-nephew, Edward Davis, was deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Army. He is an only child.

"It is so important for him to be able to call home," Susan said. "Every mother with a son or daughter over there, breaking their hearts, needs her child to be able to call home and hear their mama's voice."

At the June Quarterly Communication, Susan and Bro. Brandt presented a check to Grand Master Gardner. Unaware of their efforts, "he was completely floored," according to Bro. Brandt.

As part of a contest called Pay It Forward, organized by the "Citizens Voice," a local newspaper, Susan wrote an essay depicting how she would take the prize money and turn it into even more funds to benefit Change for the Troops. On June 23, Susan received news she had placed second, winning \$2,500. She will use the money to enhance the signs on the collection cans and purchase more of the



R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner, Susan Brandt and William Brandt, Sr., District Deputy Grand Master for District 12

smaller items she sells. An article was published in the "Citizens Voice" featuring the winners of the contest, spreading the word about Freemasonry and Change for the Troops throughout the Greater Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Her goal is to double the amount she has already raised and hand over another check for \$6,500 in December.

"When I started this, my expectations were to raise \$2,500, but things began rolling, and I kept getting more ideas, and the money kept coming in," Susan said. "I never thought it would turn out like this. I can't wait to get to the bank each week and deposit the money. It really is a labor of love."

"It's astounding what a bunch of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in cans adds up to," Bro. Brandt said. "The general public has really embraced it. They realize what it means to help our military fighting in the desert."



Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge will hold its next meeting on Oct. 11 in the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. The meeting will begin with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served to all attendees at no cost.

At the request of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, this meeting will be directed to educating newly raised Master Masons along with all members of the Academy. It will be styled similarly to the one that was conducted several years ago following the one-day classes. Although this style of meeting falls outside of the mission of the Academy, it proved so successful and received such glowing responses, the Grand Master feels that it would be a benefit to present it again.

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge is now in its ninth year of operation and during this time, many outstanding Masonic scholars from around the world have given Pennsylvania Freemasons the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Masonic subjects. It has exposed us to a new world of the Craft and stimulated our brothers to go beyond what they might have perceived as their limits while at the same time giving the leaders of Pennsylvania an opportunity to find a storehouse of Masonic potential in participants of the Academy. Its success may be judged by the number of Grand Lodges that have adopted similar programs in their jurisdictions.

All Pennsylvania Freemasons are invited and encouraged to attend. Jacket and tie are expected. Advance registration must be made by contacting Bro. Jim Standish at stndsh@comcast.net or by mail at 1 Pierce Court, Glenn Mills, PA 19342.

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FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER

An occasional periodical on Masonic Knowledge published by the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master • Bro. William D. Hartman, Worshipful Master, 2008

Many lodges try to educate the brethren who attend the stated lodge meetings about Freemasonry. Our Grand Lodge mandates that important pieces of Masonic knowledge, such as the examination of a visitor and knowing how to visit another lodge, be communicated during the year.

Oftentimes, lodge notices will include information of Masonic interest, such as an informative note from the Worshipful Master, or a paragraph on a matter of Masonic interest. Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, issues a monthly paper called "The 9 Times," which it includes with the meeting notice to all its members. The November 2006 issue reminded the brethren that the Tenets of Freemasonry are the dogmas, principles, beliefs, doctrines and teachings of brotherly love, relief and truth. It defined a tenet as something obviously true and universally accepted without question.

That issue also included a review of H. Paul Jeffers' book, "Freemasons: Inside the World's Oldest Secret Society," in which the reviewer tells us:

"This book examines the history of Freemasonry, its rituals, symbolism and its future. Jeffers discloses many of the controversies associated with Freemasonry and offers logical explanations to the accusations it has endured and the hostilities it has suffered. He begins with a thorough examination of the basics of Freemasonry from its origin in the building of King Solomon's Temple and its proliferation in medieval Europe to its rise and formation of America and the rest of the world. Jeffers discusses 'Anderson's Constitution' and how that document was the groundwork for the symbolic Freemasonry of today. He gives an excellent description of the significance of Freemasonry on the development of colonial America and its separation from European rule. He gives a description of the three degrees and the lessons learned in each of them. He even comments on the black marks of the Craft such as William Morgan, the controversy of Jack the Ripper and lists influential leaders of the world who are members. There is a discussion of Ancients versus Moderns as well as Freemasonry

during America's Civil War. Jeffers also gives us an insight into the York and Scottish Rite bodies as well as the Shrine. He concludes that Freemasonry is slowly growing (more in other parts of the world than in the U.S.) and is no longer shrouded in mystery and secrecy, but it is essentially the world's oldest fraternal organization."

There are many good books available to inform you about "the world's oldest fraternal organization." We, as Masons, have each pledged to pursue Masonic knowledge. The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research stands as a fountain of Masonic Knowledge to all who would attend. 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.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m., at the Caldwell Consistory, 150 Market St., Bloomsburg, PA 17815. For additional information, check the Grand Lodge Web site, www.pagrandlodge.org, and click on PA Lodge of Research closer to the date. The site also has information on how you can join. You may also contact its Secretary, Bro. Charles S. Canning, via mail: 2938 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104 or via e-mail: can2938@aol.com.



Schedule for the Travel of the Unity Box and Gavel

June 2 - Open Dist. 18 No. 106, Close Dist. 46 No. 256 June 3 - Open Dist. 46 No. 22, Close Dist. 18 No. 401 June 5 - Open & Close Dist. 18 No. 229 June 9 - Open & Close Dist. 18 No. 707 June 10 - Open Dist. 46 No. 144, Close Dist. 35 No. 460 June 12 - Open Dist. 18 No. 335, Close Dist. 18 No. 199 June 13 - Open & Close Dist. 46 No. 194 June 16 - Open Dist. 18 No. 755, Close Dist. 46 No. 404 June 17 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 611 June 18 - Open & Close Dist. 45 No. 238 June 19 - Open & Close Dist. 58 No. 357 June 20 - Open & Close Dist. 30 No. 614 Mtg in the Hills June 21 - Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication June 25 - 100th Anniversary Banquet Dist. E No. 659 June 27 - 150th Anniversary Banquet Dist. 45 No. 327 Aug. 5 - Open & Close Dist. 35 No. 460 Aug. 8 - Open & Close Dist. 15 No. 472 Aug. 11 - Open & Close Dist. 34 No. 774 Aug. 12 - Open & Close Dist. 15 No. 338 Aug. 14 - Open & Close Dist. D No. 506 Aug. 16 - 150th Anniversary Banquet Dist. 23 No. 316 Sept. 1 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 247 Sept. 2 - Open Dist. 18 No. 397, Close Dist. 18 No. 232

Sept. 3 - Open Dist. 17 No. 602, Close Dist. 17 No. 556 Sept. 4 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 351 Sept. 9 - Open & Close Dist. 10 No. 469 Sept. 15 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 350 Sept. 16 - Open & Close Dist. 17 No. 477 Sept. 17 - Open & Close Dist. 36 No.709 Oct. 7 - Open Dist. 22 No. 749, Close Dist. 22 No. 555 Oct. 8 - Open & Close Dist. 22 No. 580 Oct. 9 - Open Dist. 22 No. 334, Close Dist. 22 No. 598 Nov. 3 - Open Dist. 31 No. 643, Close Dist. 31 No. 60 Nov. 4 - Dist. 31 No. 638, Dist. 30 No. 346, Dist. 30 No. 601, Dist 49 No. 375 Nov. 5 - Open Dist. 30 No. 275, Close Dist. 31 No. 651 Nov. 6 - Open Dist. 54 No. 502, Close Dist. 38 No. 683 Nov. 7 - Open Dist. 55 No. 573, Close Dist. 57 No. 761 Nov. 10 - Dist. 30 No. 225, Dist. 31 No. 228, Dist. 31 No. 252 Nov. 11 - Dist. 30 No. 614, Dist. 30 No. 750, Dist. 31 No. 337 Nov. 12 - Dist. 54 No. 789, Dist. 38 No. 546, Dist. 38 No. 796 Nov. 13 - Open Dist. 31 No. 615, Close Dist. 30 No. 562 Nov. 14 - Open & Close Dist. 31 No. 331 Nov. 17 - Open Dist. 29 No. 623, Close Dist. 47 No. 669 Nov. 18 - Dist. 47 No. 513, Dist. 29 No. 447, Dist. 55 No. 287, Dist. 55 No. 725

- Nov. 19 Open & Close Dist. 57 No. 743
- Nov. 20 Open Dist. 55 No. 231, Close Dist. 55, No. 221
- Nov. 21 Open & Close Dist. 29 No. 454
- Nov. 24 Open & Close Dist. 54 No. 812
- Nov. 25 Open & Close Dist. 38 No. 635
- Nov. 26 Open & Close Dist. 55 No. 45
- Dec. 1 **Open** Dist. 47 No. 544, **Close** Dist. 29 No. 164
- Dec. 2 Dist. 38 No. 548, Dist. 55 No. 318, Dist 47 No. 657
- Dec. 4 Open Dist. 30 No. 568, Close Dist. 29 No. 459
- Dec. 5-6 Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication
- Dec. 8 Dist. 49, No. 714, Dist. 49 No. 765, Dist. 47 No. 674 Dec. 9 - Dist. 47 No. 652, Dist. 57 No. 269, Dist. 57 No. 794
- Dec. 10 Dist. 57 No. 509, Dist. 49 No. 731, Dist. 29 No. 237
- Dec. 11 Open Dist. 38 No. 716, Close Dist. 47 No. 630
- Dec. 12 Open Dist. 47 No. 653, Close Dist. 57 No. 684
- Dec. 15 Dist. 31 No. 461, Dist. 49 No. 582, Dist. 49 No. 526
- Dec. 16 Dist. 49 No. 583, Dist. 31 No. 593, Dist. 30 No. 518, Dist. 54 No. 799
- Dec. 17 Open Dist. 54 No. 613, Close Dist. 54 No. 644
- Dec. 18 Open & Close Dist. 54 No. 783
- Dec. 22 Open Dist. 29 No. 297, Close Dist. 29, No. 153





On June 21st, 228 Pennsylvania Masons & 12 Canadian Masons attended **THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION**, held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

Above: The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal was presented to Bro. Kim W. Jeffreys, Past District Deputy Grand Master of District 25, member of Albion Lodge No. 304 and member of the Committee on Masonic Homes. The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal was created in 1979 to honor distinguished Master Masons for their outstanding service to the Craft in general and Pennsylvania in particular. It has been awarded sparingly since then, maintaining very high standards for its presentation, and including among its recipients some of the most renowned Freemasons of our time. It is worn with Masonic regalia on formal occasions. Bro. Jeffreys is the 51st brother to receive the honor since its inception.



Above: The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Thomson Award for Saving a Human Life was presented to Brothers Scott D. Steva, Past Master, and Paul E. Greiner, member, Oasis Lodge No. 416, Edinboro. The award, designed by direction of Bro. Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., and adopted in 2000, is presented by the Grand Master to a member of the fraternity who was primarily responsible for saving the life of a fellow human being. Brothers Steva and Greiner are the 7th and 8th recipients of the award. *Refer to the May 2008 issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," p. 15, for their story.*





Above: The Academy of Masonic Knowledge Master Mason Throat Medallion was presented to Bro. Francis A. Vicente, Past Master, Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.



Above: The Masonic Information Center (MIC) Mark Twain Award was presented to Brothers Norman A. Wangman, Worshipful Master, and John F. Harley, Senior Warden, representing Ephrata Lodge No. 665 in recognition of its exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and throughout the local community. Lodges nationwide participated in the 2007 competition to achieve the goals expressed in the MIC's report, "It's About Time; Moving Masonry into the 21st Century." Only 19 lodges across the country received this designation in 2007, and Ephrata Lodge was the first recipient from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Left: Bro. Alex C. Portellos, South Hills Lodge No. 761, Bethel Park, and Franklin-St. Johns-Trinity Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh, is personally greeted by Grand Master Gardner.



Right: (l-r) Brandon Christner, David Christner, R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner, Matthew Christner and Rodney E. Boyce, D.D.G.M.-30





Over \$600 was collected for Change for Troops during the event.

him for his 23 years of service as Secretary and

congratulated and thanked him on behalf of

presented James Cochran Lodge with his

medallion. Bro. Christner then presented a

donation to Grand Master Gardner for the

Temple Restoration on behalf of James Cochran

Lodge. In addition, Bro. James S. Roberts, P.M., President of the 30th Masonic District

School of Instruction, presented a donation

to the Grand Master on behalf of the District

Solomon's Lodge No. 346, Connellsville, and

Bro. Alan R. Sandusky, P.M., King

School for the Temple Restoration.

During the evening, Grand Master Gardner

11TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR MEETING IN THE HILLS

by Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master for District 30

On Friday, June 20, 2008, the 11th Annual Outdoor Meeting in the Hills was held at Christner's Grove near Connellsville, Pa. On hand were 646 brethren from 138 lodges and four jurisdictions.

The brethren enjoyed the sunshine and dinner consisting of a cooked-to-order N.Y. strip steak, accompanied by salad, a baked potato and corn — all served to the brethren in less than 40 minutes! After the meal, as the brethren readied for the meeting, dark clouds began appearing in the sky.

James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Connellsville, held this special meeting. Bro. David M. Christner, Senior Warden, acted as Worshipful Master by Special Dispensation

Christner, who owned the property where the yearly event is held, passed away in 2007. Worshipful Master Jeffery L. Murphy graciously offered for Bro. Christner to act as Worshipful Master in honor of his grandfather.

Unfortunately, as R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner approached

the East, the threatening clouds opened and a downpour began. After the Grand Lodge Officers approached their seats, the Grand Master declared the meeting closed. He announced that it might have been the shortest meeting on record!

Everyone then retreated and attempted to find shelter from the rain. After the brief heavy downpour, the rain dissipated. Bro. Murphy, along with Bro. Christner, presented Bro. Earle L. (Pete) Miller, P.M., Secretary of James Cochran Lodge, with a plaque honoring ... and the rain begins



Chairman of the CDS Building Corporation, and opened the lodge with the Unity Gavel. R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner congratulates David Bro. Christner's grandfather, Ellis H. (Alex) M. Christner, acting W.M., James Cochran Lodge No. 614

commented on the progress of the new Pleasant Valley Masonic Center and urged the brethren to continue with their generous support, as the lighting and paving of the parking lot remain to be funded.

During the evening, brethren were able to view the Unity Box and handle the Unity Gavel, which was on display. The attending brethren

the lodge.

contributed over \$600 to the Change for Troops calling card program.

Despite the brief interruption, the brethren enjoyed much fellowship. Hot apple dumplings and cinnamon ice cream were served after the meeting.

The brethren of Marion Lodge No. 562 of Connellsville look forward to hosting the 12th Annual Outdoor Meeting in the Hills next year. They invite everyone to join with them on Friday, June 26, 2009.



Who was in charge of the forecast?



Dinner time!



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Irem Shriners Country Club Benefits 50% Masonic Children's Home & 50% Grand Master's Charity of Choice

11:00 a.m. Lunch 12 Noon Shotgun Start 5:00 p.m. Social Hour 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, PO. 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 11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start Boxed Lunch 5:30 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Awards

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. 25, 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)

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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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Friday, Dec. 12, 2008

Jingle & Mingle Gala Don't Miss Out on Pittsburgh's BEST

Social Event of the Year!



We are still in the planning stages to make this our best gala to date.

Look for more details in the next issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason!

For more information about this event, or if you can donate any items for this year's Silent Auction, please contact Bro. P. J. Roup at (412) 793-3654 or e-mail DDGM54@pagrandlodge.org. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008

Stars & Stripes Gala

Join us in Honoring all 5 Branches of Our Military at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia

6 p.m. Registration, cocktails & silent auction 8 p.m. Dinner & program

Cost: \$350 per person. Benefits the Restoration of the Masonic Temple. Includes cocktails, dinner, music and a silent auction. Please make your ticket or table purchases by returning the coupon below with your payment, payable to "Masonic Charities," by Oct. 24. Black tie optional.



If you can donate any items for the silent auction, or for more information, contact Joyce Michelfelder at (610) 825-6100 ext. 1348 or e-mail jmichelf@masonicvillagespa.org

Reservation Form

Stars & Stripes Gala

Yes! I would like to attend the gala. I have included a check made payable to <u>Masonic Charities</u> and designated for the MT Gala.

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BROTHERS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

He waited nine years, but Bro. Bob Friend, along with his teammates, earned a World Series Championship. As a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, he felt fortunate to be in the "big show" at all, so making it to the "grand finale" was the honor of a lifetime.

Playing baseball wasn't about the money for Bro. Friend, especially since in the Golden Age of baseball, there weren't million dollar contracts as seen today. It was about the love of the game and your fellow players.

It was through fellow teammates, Bro. Dick Groat (shortstop), Bro. Ron Kline (pitcher) and several others, as well as his father, that Bro. Friend decided to join the Masonic fraternity. He received his degree 50 years ago from John "Red" McCartney, a head usher at the ballpark. He belongs to Franklin-St. Johns-Trinity Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh.

"I'm very proud be a Mason," Bro. Friend said. "It has a great history. Many of our founding fathers were Masons. They've done so much good for so many people over the years. I've met a lot of fine people, and I'm still meeting them. It's great to be called a Mason."

Bro. Friend was active in baseball, football, basketball and golf in high school. Ever since the age of 7 or 8, though, his heart belonged to baseball. As a freshman at Purdue University, he was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1950. He would spend most of his career with them, until 1966, when he was traded to the New York Yankees and then to the New York Mets. He continued to pursue his college education during the off-season and earned an economics degree in 1956.

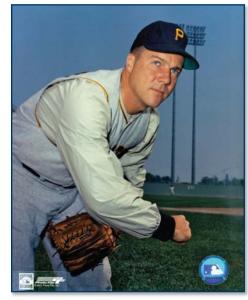
"They didn't have a draft," he said. "Scouts went around signing players. I was very fortunate and only spent a year in the minor leagues."

Traveling around with the team and seeing different cities was a good experience for Bro. Friend, coming from the small town of West Lafayette, Ind. It was during the period he played, from 1951-1966, that baseball expanded to the West Coast. In 1958, the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants moved out to Los Angeles and San Francisco respectively, and the American League followed suit in 1961 with the Los Angeles Angels.

"I wouldn't have done it any differently," he said. "To be able to play in the great American pastime for that long was an honor."

This right-handed pitcher, who relied on his fastball and sinker, never missed a starting assignment and pitched in 602 games throughout his career. Pitchers in today's game rarely pitch through nine innings, but Bro. Friend pitched 163 complete games. The number of innings he pitched, 3,481, is an all-time Pirates' record. He had 1,734 career strikeouts in those innings and 36 shutouts.

"I pitched every fourth game," he said. "To play 16 years without any injuries – I'm very



BRO. BOB FRIEND Stats (1951-1966) • Overall win – loss: 197-230 (4th in wins All-time Pirates) • ERA - 3.58 Strikeouts - 1,734 (1st All-time Pirates) Innings pitched – 3,481 (1st All-time Pirates) 3-time All Star (only pitcher to win 2 games)

proud of that."

He was chosen to pitch in three All Star Games (1956, 58 and 60) and won two of those games. One of his other crowning achievements was his 1955 season. With a 2.83 ERA (earned run average), he led the National League. He led his team in pitching with the best ERA, the most wins, the most appearances and the most strikeouts. His ERA was better than the future Cy Young Award winner Don Newcombe. The Cy Young Award, given to the best pitcher in the Major Leagues each season, was first awarded in 1956. He would come in third place for this honor in 1958.

Bro. Friend earned an impressive 197 wins and 230 losses, making him the only pitcher to lose more than 200 games, while winning less than 200. The losses are the result of five seasons in which his team placed last. Without run support, achieving a winning season is difficult.

"As a pitcher, you do feel frustrated when your team is not scoring," he said, "but everybody's trying to win; to get a hit. We are all doing the best we can."

The Pirates remained a losing team for the first eight years of his career. The team made a few trades and things started turning around for them in 1959. In 1960, they made it to the World Series. In the seventh game of the series, the Pirates edged out the New York Yankees 10 - 9. "That was the best year!" Bro. Friend exclaimed.

Among the All Stars he played with was Roberto Clemente. He also faced the legendary Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays and Ted Williams.

"It was awesome," he said. "Clemente was

one of the best I ever saw."

A bittersweet highlight of Bro. Friend's career was giving Pete Rose his first hit, a triple, on April 13, 1963.

"I knew he was going to be a good player, but not *that* kind of player," he said, alluding to Rose's eventual 4,256 career hits, an all-time Major League record he still holds today.

Bro. Friend threw his last pitch on Sept. 24, 1966, for the New York Mets. His affiliation with baseball continued as the Pirates' player representative for 10 years and then the National League player representative for five years. He served as Allegheny County Controller from 1967-1975 and worked as an insurance broker.

His first few years out of baseball were tough as he really missed the game, but he started working on another swing: his golf swing. "I'm halfway decent," he said. His son, Bro. Bobby Friend, Franklin-St. Johns-Trinity Lodge No. 221, is a professional golfer. He also has a daughter and five grandchildren.

In 1979, he was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1999, fans named him as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Team of the Century. "I was very flattered to receive that honor," he said. "Several of my teammates were named and we all feel very fortunate. It's nice to be durable."

Residing in Pittsburgh, Bro. Friend still makes it to a few Pirates games each year. Along with about six of his former teammates, he is active in an alumni group that raises money for various charities.

In the more than 40 years since Bro. Friend graced the mound and gripped the stitches between his fingers, the game of baseball has seen a few changes. Television has made the sport more accessible to fans. Stronger players' unions have given all players more leverage. Unwavering, however, is the camaraderie among the players and the required skill, timing, athleticism and strategy to play the game.

"I feel like I've been a part of great things: playing a national pastime and being a Mason," he said. "Everything about the Masons and baseball has been positive for me."



HONORING THE FRATERNITY, THE KING AND THE GAME OF GOLF

by Bro. Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master for District 30



R.W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner visits with Bro. Arnold Palmer and his "best friend," Mulligan.

As a District Deputy Grand Master, of the many duties which you are obligated to perform, few are more enjoyable and instill a greater sense of pride in our fraternity than that of presenting worthy brothers with their Grand Lodge 50-Year Service Emblem. It is a very humbling duty, in which you are privileged to hear stories that have been many decades in the making — tales of a brother's travels throughout the fraternity and, indeed, of his lifetime. In many cases, while you may recognize the honoree's name, you often have not had the pleasure to make his acquaintance until the day when you are about to honor him for his years of service.

Earlier this year, while reading a list of 2008 50-year honorees for the 30th Masonic District, I was excited to see the name of Bro. Arnold D. Palmer, a member of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe, Pa.

I grew up in a golf-friendly household. I reveled in hearing the stories when my father returned from his yearly trips to the Georgia coast with his friends to spend a week in "heaven" hitting that little white ball, along with alligators and wild turkeys. I remember paging through a tournament program with autographs of all the great golfers of the day— Palmer, Player, Nicklaus and Trevino. I took up the sport myself when my father gave me my first set of clubs at age 14. With my friends from DeMolay, I would often pretend to sink the big putt at Oakmont to win the U.S. Open, imagining one day we could play at that level.

When I received the Chevalier Degree in the Order of DeMolay, my father presented me with a framed autographed photograph of Bro. Palmer with the inscription, "To Rodney, Congratulations on your Chevalier Degree, Best Wishes, Arnold Palmer." This photo still resides in a place of honor in my office.

While I have met Bro. Palmer on at least one occasion and have other bits of memorabilia with his autograph in my office, I certainly

never imagined being given the honor of presenting one of my sporting heroes with his 50-Year Service Emblem.

Through Bro. Bruce A. Robinson, Senior Warden of Ligonier Lodge No. 331, I arranged for an informal meeting to present Bro. Palmer with his emblem. The attendees are pictured below, left to right, in the row behind Bro. Palmer and Grand Master Gardner: Brothers Paul J. Roup, District Deputy Grand Master for the 54th District; Rodney E. Boyce, District Deputy Grand Master for District 30; Bro. Robinson; my father, G. Ervin Boyce, P.M., Westmoreland Lodge No. 518; Jason Bloom, Junior Warden of Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275; Jeffrey M. Wonderling, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th District; and Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary.

At the residence and office of Bro. Palmer, we were greeted by Bro. Doc Giffin, a 54-year member of Crafton Lodge No. 653 and Bro. Palmer's famed assistant and spokesman, and Mulligan, Bro. Palmer's 8-year-old yellow lab. Bro. Giffin escorted us into Bro. Palmer's office, where he was busy signing memorabilia, as he does for several hours each day. After some introductions, Grand Master Gardner, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, presented Bro. Palmer with his 50-Year Service Emblem, his Gold Membership Card, the Grand Master's Medallion and a personal gift. The Grand Master congratulated Bro. Palmer, thanking him for his years of service, for the goodwill he has given to the fraternity and for the way he lives his life with true Masonic values. Bro. Palmer was sincerely overwhelmed with the gifts and thanked us all for the courtesies extended to him.



Bro. Palmer then walked us through the offices lined with many trophies, artifacts and memorabilia. He spoke about his award for being the "Professional Athlete of the Year," the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, which he received from President George W. Bush, and numerous other prestigious honors. He walked us through "President's Corner," which was filled with photos of himself with several presidents of the United States including Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush. In addition, a set of President Eisenhower's golf clubs stood on display. Bro. Palmer shared many humorous stories, including tales of President Ford's skills on the golf course, and more personal stories of his long relationship with President Eisenhower. He then stepped away to greet

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a young man who had won an area golf event.

Bro. Giffin showed us Bro. Palmer's workshop, where he still spends several hours each day building and maintaining golf clubs. On display among family portraits and several academic awards were thousands of golf clubs, as well as several items sent to Bro. Palmer by other famous athletes who admire him, including Michael Jordan, Dan Marino, Joe Montana and Tiger Woods. Photos of each of Bro. Palmer's several caddies also lined the wall. Inlaid on a circular, glass covered table in front of his desk is a medallion for each tournament he has won. Bro. Giffin explained that at the insistence of Bro. Palmer, there are still a few openings waiting to be filled with medallions from his next victories. Before we left, Bro. Palmer presented us with his own personal gifts.

We all left Latrobe that morning feeling honored to have met a true "living legend," a man who has achieved more success than most—all while living true to his values. Bro. Arnold Palmer is a man whom I have admired as a sports hero my entire life—a man among men, who stands tall and proud to be a Mason—and a man each of us can be proud to call "Brother." Arnold Daniel Palmer was entered as an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 14, 1958, passed to Fellowcraft Mason on Dec. 14, 1959, and raised as a Master Mason on Dec. 17, 1959. His achievements in the sport of golf include:

1958, 1960, 1962, 1964 - Masters Tournament Champion

1960 - U.S. Open Champion

1961, 1962 - British Open Champion

1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1973 - Ryder Cup Team

1963, 1975 - Ryder Cup Captain

1960, 1962 - PGA Player of the Year

1980, 1984 - PGA Senior Championship Champion

1981 - USGA Senior Open Championship Champion

19 - Holes-In-One

92 - Tour Victories (U.S. - 61, Foreign/International - 19, Seniors - 12)

60 - All Time Low Round (Latrobe Country Club, 1969)

265 – Lowest 72-Hole Score (1955 Canadian Open, 64-67-64-70)

\$6,837,319 - Total Competitive Earnings (Excludes pro-ams and skins games)

4TH & 5TH GENERATION MASONS RECEIVE LEWIS MEDALS



LYCOMING DEMOLAY PASSES THE GAVEL



Left-right: Rudy Ritter, Hunter Duffield, James Kuhns, Raymund Bitler, Nicholas Hufnagle, George Ritter and Jacob Lowe

The Unity Gavel and Box were recently in the care of Bro. Kenneth W. McClintock, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18, who shared it with the Lycoming Chapter of DeMolay, Williamsport. These fine young men were very excited and pleased to have been able to take part in the experience of inspecting the Unity Box and holding and using the Gavel during their meeting.

The Pennsylvania Freemason

On April 17, at Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg

In 1969, Bro. Michael Greaney, P.M., Adams Lodge No. 319, New Bloomfield, a close family friend, conferred the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees on Bro. Glenn Kurzenknabe, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg. In 1997, he conferred the Master Mason degree on Bro. Kurzenknabe's son, Bro. Mark Kurzenknabe, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464. Bro. Mark is the Assistant Director of Children's Services at the Masonic Children's Home in Elizabethtown.

Left-right: Brothers Kenneth E. Beard, Jr., Deputy District Grand Master for District 2; Mark R. Kurzenknabe; W. Michael Greaney, P.M.; Glenn R. Kurzenknabe and Ramon J. Lacomba, W.M., Robert Burns Lodge No. 464.

CHIP EVENTS IN DISTRICT 29



Two CHIP events were held recently in the 29th Masonic District. Beallsville Lodge No. 237 held a CHIP event at the lodge during the National Pike Festival. About 20 children were processed, including Madison Wasalasky, 18-day-old daughter of Rebecca and Bro. Robert Wasalasky, W.M., Chartiers Lodge No. 297 (shown on the right with Bro. Eric Ullom, District Youth Chairman and CHIP Coordinator).

Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, held an event at the Washington Community Federal Credit Union, where about 35 children were processed. The Credit Union made a \$250 donation toward CHIP. Snacks were provided and prize bags were handed out to all the children. A gift card to Toys "R" Us was also awarded. Members of Joppa Chapter of DeMolay and Martha Rainbow Assembly assisted to make the day a success.

MARINE RECEIVES DEGREES & GRANDFATHERS' BIBLES



Garrett D. Robinson always wanted to follow in the footsteps of his family and become a Mason. His father, grandfathers, greatgrandfather, great-uncles and family friends all followed the path in Freemasonry. However, his U.S. Marine Corps career kept him on the West Coast, along with numerous deployments in the past 11 years. When Staff Sergeant Robinson realized he would soon deploy again, he asked his father, former Marine Bro. Russell A. Robinson, for a petition. Bro. Robinson spoke with the officers of Friendship Lodge No. 663, Fawn Grove. The investigating committee exchanged numerous e-mails and phone calls with Staff Sergeant Robinson, and one member even traveled to California to sit with him. Bro. Robert L. Sprenkle III, W.M., contacted Bro. Victor M. Frederick III, P.M, Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446, Upper Uwchland, and invited the Hiram Scottish Riders' degree team to officiate over the 3rd degree of Freemasonry for Staff Sergeant Robinson. All was in place for May 24; however, the Marine Corps compressed the training and deployment dates, so Friendship Lodge officers quickly came up with an alternate date of April 23 and obtained the dispensation from Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, to raise Staff Sergeant Robinson to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in one day.

After the conferrals, Bro. Russell A. Robinson presented his son with two Bibles, one from each grandfather, along with additional family Masonic items and family Masonic history. The officers and members present congratulated Bro. Staff Sergeant Garrett D. Robinson, thanked him for his service and wished him well on his deployment on May 4.

141ST GETTYSBURG MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On May 26, 2008, the officers and members of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, along with Bro. Teddy D. Sizemore, District Deputy Grand Master of District 42, took part in the 141st Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade. Along with the brethren, the Job's Daughters from Bethel 12, Gettysburg, and several units from the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg were all well represented. A highlight was to see Worshipful Master Scott Freeman being chauffeured around in Bro. Hank Whitfield's 1983 classic bright yellow Zimmer.

Officers and members of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Job's Daughters Bethel 12 and District Deputy Grand Master Teddy D. Sizemore gather for a photograph during the parade.



"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 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	March 1, 2009	Peggy Barnett	724-942-0566
Dallas	March 22, 2009	Jan Jacobus	570-788-2492

Highlights of each event will include:

* Subscription will be \$12.00 for ages 7 and older.

 \ast 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 Shiners 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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

250TH ANNIVERSARY

Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia

Before the 13 original colonies were free and independent states, a group of men began forming a Masonic lodge that would stand the test of time for the next 250 years.

The Petition for Lodge No. 2 has been lost to history, but there are two existing Warrants. The first warrant indicates brethren were authorized and appointed to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, or elsewhere, on June 7, 1758. A second Warrant indicates an authorization date of June 24, 1759. The Warrant was registered as No. 69 in England, but has been held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania, being the eldest under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, which later became the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Grand Lodge is held as No. 1 in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, in the rest of the state, the English drove the French out of Fort Duquesne in the western part of Pennsylvania, establishing the city of Pittsburgh. In 1758, Bro. Benjamin Franklin penned his famous adage: "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Future U.S. President and Freemason James Monroe was born in this year.

Thirty-three officers of the Continental Army, under the direct supervision of General and Bro. George Washington, were members of Lodge No. 2. In 1986, Lodge No. 380 merged with Lodge No. 2 and in 1987, Lodge No. 158 also merged. The lodge, previously known as Pennsylvania Meridian Sun Lodge, has met in the Egyptian Room of the Masonic Temple since 1876.

In June, in honor of the anniversary, Lodge No. 2 members gathered for a table lodge meeting, a black tie gala and a trolley tour of Masonic-related structures in Philadelphia including Christ Church, Bro. Benjamin Franklin's tomb and the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The lodge has a strong history of giving to all Masonic Charities. After Hurricane Katrina, they sent donations to the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. They send gifts to brethren and their widows on their birthdays and during the holiday season. The members recently purchased a naming opportunity of a fireplace at the Masonic Temple and are strong supporters of all the Masonic Villages.

"We're very fortunate to have a good charity fund," Bro. M. Ralph Kelly, Jr., Charity Chairman, said. "We give as much money back to the Masonic organization as we can. There are a lot of Masons who need help."

150TH ANNIVERSARIES

In 1858, led by Pennsylvania native President James Buchanan, America was 32 states-strong, welcoming the state of Minnesota and rejecting statehood for Kansas, then a slavery state. Cross-continental news dispatches became reality with the first telegraph cable laid across the Atlantic.

Philadelphia company H.L. Lipman introduced the first pencil with an attached eraser, while other Philadelphians brought us street mail boxes, the cable streetcar and the rotary washing machine. Baseball rules were standardized in 1858 and future U.S. President and Freemason Theodore Roosevelt was born in this year.

Indiana-Franklin Lodge No. 313, Indiana

Through the recommendation of Lodge No. 244, Indiana Lodge No. 313 was constituted on April 7, 1858. Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753 merged with Indiana Lodge in 2002.

Indiana County, named after its former inhabitants, was established in 1803. The major industry in the county was salt manufacturing. Coal mining, which began as early as 1795, rivaled farming as the backbone of the county's economy. Abolitionism was a central issue for residents of the county, and they formed the Center Township Anti-Slavery Society, published an abolition newspaper and became one of the lines on the Underground Railroad. Home of the Christmas Tree Growers' Association, the county earned the name "Christmas Tree Capital of the World."

Clearfield Lodge No. 314, Clearfield

Through the recommendations of LaFayette Lodge No. 199 and Bellefonte Lodge No. 268, Clearfield Lodge No. 314 was constituted on Feb. 22, 1858. One early tradition the lodge established, and continues today, is providing financial assistance toward the funerals of members and their wives.

The lodge met in several locations over the years, spending much time in the Hall of the Clearfield Lodge of Odd Fellows. In 1973, through the recommendations of Bro. F. Clair Thompson, P.M., plans for a new lodge became a reality. Almost all aspects of the construction, including legal services, mortgage, materials and labor, were handled through members of the lodge. A drive raised 80 percent of the funds needed to construct the building.

Clearfield County, named for the clear fields settlers discovered in the area, was formed in 1804. Much of the land of the county was divided into tracts of land, 250 to 1,000 acres in size, and given to soldiers of the Pennsylvania Line for their services in the Revolutionary War. Lumbering was the town's principle industry.

McKinley-Stuckrath Lodge No. 318, Pittsburgh

Through recommendations from Allegheny Lodge No. 223 and Jefferson Lodge No. 288, McKinley Lodge No. 318 was constituted on May 27, 1858. It was named for Bro. Samuel McKinley, District Deputy Grand Master for Allegheny, Beaver and Westmoreland Counties, 1848-1883. Stuckrath Lodge No. 430, named for the Worshipful Master of Allegheny Lodge No. 223 in 1858, merged with McKinley Lodge in 1985.

Named for the Allegheny River, Allegheny County was established in 1788. By the end of the 19th century, the Pittsburgh area became known as "The Workshop of the World," producing one-fifth of the country's pig iron, one-fourth of its steel, one-sixth of its glass, as well as large amounts of prepared food products, cork and aluminum products, electrical equipment, machinery, railroad supplies, petroleum products and chemicals. These factory jobs attracted so many German immigrants to Allegheny City, it earned the nickname "Deutschtown." Natives of the area include Pittsburgh Pirate Bro. Johannes Peter Wagner, also known as "Honus" and "The Flying Dutchman." He is considered one of the greatest players in major league baseball history.

Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323, Scranton

Through the recommendation of Union Lodge No. 291, Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323 was constituted on April 7, 1858. Bro. Peter Williamson served as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1856-1857.

The lodge, when established, was located in Luzerne County, which was named in 1786 after Anne César, Chevalier De La Luzerne, Minister of France to the United States from 1779-1783. During the American Revolution, the Chevalier was highly regarded and known for raising money on his own to support American independence. The county is underlaid with coal of the highest quality and is the center of the anthracite coal region of America.

In 1878, Lakawanna County was formed from part of Luzerne County, including the Scranton area. Scranton was named for brothers Colonel George W. and Selden T. Scranton and their cousin, Joseph H., who provided financial aid to keep the town running. The town became a railroad hub and manufactured iron, steel, brass, locomotives, stoves, silk, tools, wood and leather. It serves as the county seat today.

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Hazle Azalea Fellowship Lodge No. 327, Hazleton

Through the recommendation of Lodge No. 242, Hazle Lodge No. 327 was constituted on Dec. 3, 1858. In 2004, Azalea-Fellowship Lodge No. 68 merged with Hazle Lodge.

Hazleton, located in Luzerne County, was established in 1891. In the late 1700s, patriot soldiers frequently traveled along the Susquehanna River in the Lehigh Valley on a path with an abundance of hazel trees, giving the area the name "Hazel Swamp." In 1818, anthracite coal was discovered in this territory. Ariovistus Pardee, who was hired by Philadelphia investors to survey the area for a railroad extension, had the insight to purchase some nearby acreage, which was also part of a massive anthracite coalfield. He is known as the founding father of Hazleton. In 1836, he created the Hazleton Coal Company and completed a rail link to Bethlehem Steel and Philadelphia market.

The name Hazel was inadvertently spelled as Hazle in the legal papers naming it as a city. Hazleton is one of the highest incorporated cities east of Mississippi, at an elevation of 1,624 feet.

100th ANNIVERSARIES

In 1908, Masons were present in many positions of leadership in America. The country was led by Bro. and President Theodore Roosevelt and his Vice President Bro. Charles W. Fairbanks. Bro. William Taft was elected president and began serving his term in 1909. The Governor of Pennsylvania that year was Bro. Edwin S. Stuart. While Bro. Henry Ford was busy producing the first Model T, Bro. Robert Peary was sailing for the North Pole. By this period in the country's history, the United States was a leading global industrial power.

Avalon Lodge No. 657, Pittsburgh

Through the recommendation of Bellevue Lodge No. 530, Avalon Lodge No. 657 was constituted on May 5, 1908. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master (1992-1993), is a member of Avalon Lodge.

Bellevue, the original home of the lodge, was first settled in 1796 and incorporated as a borough in 1867. The name means "beautiful view" in French, appropriate for its location northwest of Pittsburgh on the north bank of the Ohio River. The borough of Avalon, in Allegheny County, can be found just downstream on the Ohio River. The lodge selected this for its name because Bellevue was already the name of Lodge No. 530. Avalon is an old place named from Arthurian legend, while other traditions claim the borough was named for the Celtic word for "orchard or land of apples," because of its many fruit trees.

Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659, Philadelphia

Through the recommendations of Melita Lodge No. 295, Stephen Girard Lodge No. 450 and Hamilton Lodge No. 274, Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659 was constituted on June 24, 1908.

The lodge was named for Bro. Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer from 1874-1907. When he passed away, more than half his estate was left to the Grand Lodge to form a boarding and trade school for male orphans of Master Masons. The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys was established in memory of Bro. Patton's wife, who died while giving birth to his only son, Thomas Graham Patton, who passed away at age 7. It operated until 1976 and is now the Masonic Conference Center, part of the campus of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

The lodge is located in Philadelphia, designed by William Penn to contain many "green" areas so it would not suffer the same fate as London and its fire of 1666, and would always be wholesome. The city served as the first capital of the United States and was a great industrial center and port. Famous Philadelphia Masons include Bros. Benjamin Franklin, Stephen Girard, John Wanamaker and Governor Edward Rendell.

THE RIGHT ROUTE TO SAVE LIVES



Cumberland Goodwill Fire Rescue EMS chief, John Heberlig, shows how the station uses the GPS units.

In our fast-paced world, technological needs arise in every occupation. Once, a good collection of maps provided the directions firefighters and other emergency response teams needed to save lives. Now, paper maps can't keep up with the times.

The Cumberland Goodwill Fire Rescue EMS in Carlisle knew they had to buy expensive global positioning systems (GPS) to continue saving lives, so they turned to the Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, for help. The brothers of Cumberland Star Lodge understood the importance of the GPS units. "The problem with this area is that it's expanding so much with its territory that [emergency response teams] can't keep up," Bro. Robert Umbaugh, W.M., said. The traditional run books, a set of maps the department previously used, are only updated every six months. The GPS units ensure that emergency response teams find the fastest route to new homes on recently built roads and poorly marked houses.

With the \$990 the lodge donated, the department purchased six GPS units. The minutes or even seconds shaved off the emergency response time because of the systems are vital. "Depending on what the situation is, it could be life or death," Brian Metzger, deputy EMS chief, said.

In May, several members of the lodge were able to see their generosity at work when they attended a demonstration about the systems. "There are almost always two people riding in the vehicles," Bro. Umbaugh explained. "While the driver concentrates on the road, the passenger operates the GPS."

The Cumberland Goodwill Fire Rescue EMS and Cumberland Star Lodge have a history of over a decade and a half. "Our first AEDs (Auto External Defibrillators) were purchased by the Cumberland Star Lodge," Metzger said.

"Their donation is much appreciated. We appreciate their support in the past and hope to have their continued support in the future," Metzger said.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ...



J. KENNETH BRUBAKER MD, CMD,

Medical Director for the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown since 1996, was selected as the American Medical Directors Association's (AMDA) 2008 Medical Director of the Year on March 8. This annual award recognizes one individual whose vision, passion, leadership, knowledge and commitment succeed in taking patient care to high levels of quality, excellence and innovation. The Medical Director of the

Year is selected based on nominees' contributions and accomplishments in long term care medicine, specifically clinical expertise, staff education, leadership and community involvement. Dr. Brubaker will be featured in articles in "Caring for the Ages" and will share best practices at an educational session at the 2009 AMDA Annual Symposium.



BRO. WILLIAM C. DAVIS, JR., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, and Chief Operating Officer-Health Care Services for the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was selected to receive the 2008 PANPHA Paul P. Haas Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the association and the field of aging. The award recognizes Bro. Davis' distinguished record of leadership, involvement and foresight

into the advancement of quality services to the elderly, both at the Masonic Villages and to the statewide association; and his dedication to advocating for continued understanding of and provision for the needs of the senior population.

BRO. MICHAEL T. BEACHEM, IV, a member of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, and a student affairs administrator at Temple University, was recently awarded the 2008 Region II Mid-level Student Affairs Professional Award by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The award recognizes student affairs professionals with a minimum of five years' experience who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the profession and who have contributed to programs that address the needs of students.



MURAL HONORS SMOKEY THE SHRINE KLOWN'S LEGACY

On Sat. June 14, at the K&A (Kensington and Allegheny) Market Fest, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter dedicated "The Heart of Kensington," a 3-story tall mural depicting prominent community members who've left a mark on the neighborhood. Amid these local heroes smiles Smokey the Lu Lu Klown.

The mural dedication commemorated Smokey, **THE LATE BRO. ED MOCCIA**, P.M., Widener-Apollo-Kensington Lodge No. 211, Philadelphia, who passed away on March 9, 2007, before he saw the completed mural. During his six years as a Mason, Bro. Ed accomplished much and was very active in the fraternity and community.



BRO. ALBERT G. DUNN, P.M., Nanticoke Lodge No. 541, retired in December 2007 from his office of Principal of the 12th Masonic District School of Instruction after 12 years of service to the Craft. The following lodges of the 12th Masonic District were represented at a retirement party held in his honor: Plymouth Lodge No. 332; Kingston Lodge No. 395; Landmark Lodge No. 442, Wilkes-Barre; Coalville Lodge No. 474, Sugar Notch; Nanticoke Lodge No. 541; and King David Lodge No. 763, Kingston.



STEPHEN GARDNER, R.W. GRAND MASTER,

was made an Honorary Thrice Illustrious Master at the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania in April. He then served as the class Exemplar for the conferral of the Order of the Silver Trowel.



Bro. JAMES W. REED, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, congratulates OMAR RAFEH, Freedom Chapter, on receiving the DeMolay Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award (PMC-MSA) for outstanding service to his Chapter. To earn the PMC-MSA, a DeMolay Master Councilor must plan his term of office, execute the plan and achieve specific goals in

leadership, membership growth, fundraising, social and service activities. The award is nationally sponsored by the Tall Cedars of Lebanon throughout North America.



BRO. PERRY BATES of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, and **SISTER LINDA BATES** of Hershey Chapter No. 509, O.E.S., are the first husband and wife team in the 53-year history of the Grand Guardian Council of PA to serve in the top two adult leadership positions

as Associate Grand Guardian and Grand Guardian, respectively. Above, they are accompanied by **MARIE PASHEL**, Grand Bethel Honored Queen (in the blue cape) and **KAITLYN DAVIS**, Miss Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania (in the red cape).

IX WORLD CONFERENCE OF MASONIC GRAND LODGES



Hosted by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia F.A.A.M., the IX World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges was the largest international public gathering of Freemasons in Washington, D.C., since the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building by President and Bro. George Washington on Sept. 18, 1793. Grand Masters representing the 120 Grand Lodges around the globe got together to discuss and promote Masonic and Grand Lodge integrity, global fraternal networking and cultivating ethical behavior and effective civic partnerships for the betterment of humanity.

On May 7, delegates enjoyed an opening reception at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Va., featuring tours of the exhibits and lodge rooms in the Memorial. During the opening ceremony the next day, Akram R. Elias, Grand Master of Masons of Washington, D.C., provided the opening remarks. Welcome letters from President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush and Washington, D.C.'s Mayor, the Honorable Adrian Fenty, were read and received with applause. Simultaneous language interpretation services





(available in Spanish, French, English and Portuguese) ensured that all attendees could understand the presentations and discourse.

On May 9, the Universal Brotherhood Lodge Meeting emphasized the global impact and influence of Freemasonry as the Grand Masters and other brethren from around the world gathered in the Scottish Rite Center in Washington, D.C., to observe or participate in the opening and closing of a lodge in the First Degree of Masonry performed using five different languages.

During the public Wreath Laying Ceremony on May 10 at the National World War II Memorial, each of the Grand Masters laid a wreath near the engraved name of his state or hemisphere to honor all Freemasons who died during World War II. Former Senator and Bro. Bob Dole made an unexpected visit as he led World War II veterans to the monument, many of whom were brethren who asked if they, too, could participate.

Many thanks to M.W. Edmund Cohen, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and photographer Bro. William J. Baumbach II, for providing the photographs and much of the information contained in this article.

"Several themes have been selected for this conference, which notes the need for the philosophy of the Craft to expose its relevancy in today's society while at the same time reminding us of our need of self-examination."

— Brother Thomas W. Jackson, Executive Secretary of the World Conference, R.W. Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, member of Lodge No. 315

"I appreciate all those involved with the Masonic Grand Lodges for your good hearts and your willingness to answer the universal call to love your neighbors. Your efforts demonstrate the best of the American spirit and inspire others to build a more hopeful society."

— President George W. Bush



DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF OUR MASONIC TEMPLE

"Placing our hands on the highest pinnacle of the Temple"

The restoration of the Masonic Temple, now completely encased in scaffolding as shown on the cover, has been an exciting and interesting experience, as the architects and contractors unveil new "hidden treasures" both within, and above, its walls.

During a survey conducted on the exterior of the national historic monument by DPK&A Architects, LLP last fall, every detail was recorded and the restoration needs were identified so the information could be provided to the contractor and analyzed to ensure accuracy from a historical and preservation perspective. "It's a process whereby we look at every stone as a dentist would a mouth full of teeth," said Clive Copping, Senior Associate with DPK&A. He said the "pretty extensive" restoration includes masonry work and repair and replacement of some windows and parts of the roof.

One of the most surprising discoveries was found at the very pinnacle of the Temple, as workers scraped 30-40 layers of paint off the 133-year-old building to reveal amazing details hand-carved into the wood. Atop the northwest tower, on the eight-sided spire, a different name is engraved on each side. Although

hardly recognizable, through extensive research, members of DPK&A were able to decipher the weather-worn engravings. They were identified as:

Crown: A. SAMPSON - (further research needed)

North: C. H. KINGSTON CONT - Bro. Charles Henry Kingston, a member of the Building Committee and Past Master and Secretary of Solomon's Lodge No. 114

North East: THOS BROWN CONT - Bro. Thomas Brown, Union Lodge No. 121, a member of the Building Committee who served as Grand Treasurer in 1873

East: H. J. WHITE CONT - Bro. Henry J. White, Esq., Past Master of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, a member of the Building Committee and Chairman of the sub-committee on Plans and Estimates

South East: J. H. WINDRIM ARCH - Bro. James H. Windrim, Esq., P.M. Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, Architect

South: A. BARD SUPT - Bro. Allan Bard, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia, Superintendent who took over from Bro. John Bolt, a member of Concordia Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, in 1871, when he resigned for health reasons

South West: H. BARKER & BROS - H. Barker & Bros, contractors for granite, who furnished the stone and erected the principal front of the building at Broad and Filbert Streets, including two principal towers, and set all the granite work of the entire building over a period of four years. The Grand Lodge was extremely pleased with their hard work, professionalism, dedication and skill.

West: S. C. PERKINS CONT - Bro. Samuel Clarke Perkins, Chairman of the Building Committee, served as R.W. Grand Master (1872-1873), during the dedication of the Masonic Temple on Sept. 26, 1873. Bro. Perkins was also Grand Representative to Grand Lodges of Louisiana and Canada and a Past Master and Treasurer for Columbia Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia.

North West: J. LAUDENSLAGER - Bro. Jacob Laudenslager was a member of the Building Committee, and served as Senior Warden and Treasurer of Concordia Lodge No. 67.

The names will be re-carved onto stone so they are preserved for future generations.



Jay W. Smith, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, and Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, at the pinnacle of the Temple.

Also found by the carver is a symbolic representation of two equilateral triangles and four right triangles, representing Euclid's 47th Proposition (Pythagorean Theorem).

"This process has given me a real appreciation for the restoration process," Grand Master Stephen Gardner said. So much so, that he has developed a predilection for climbing up the scaffolding every week to see firsthand the progress being made on the building.

"It's great to have a client who is so interested in the projects and who is willing to go up on the scaffolding to take a look at things," Copping said. "It's been a pleasure working with him." Copping finds it very interesting that there are a total of 33 degrees of Freemasonry, and the top level of the scaffolding is at level 33.

Another fascinating breakthrough, according to Carl E. Doebley, Partner, DPK&A, was the discovery of the two "lost" lodge rooms. "Most Masons who have visited the Temple probably do not know that there were two additional lodge rooms beyond what we see today," he said. "They are located on what historically was called the entresol level, which is between the second

and third floor on the west side, above the ante rooms to Renaissance and Corinthian Halls. They are reached by the stairs that lead to the north and south towers. Both halls are still there today, much as they looked in 1873. They have examining and preparation rooms, so they clearly were intended for lodge meetings. To enter them is to step back in time."

"Northwest Hall," as it is referenced in the records, is 29 by 42 feet in area,

with a waiting lobby and anterooms, intended as a meeting room for special meetings held by lodges. "Southwest Hall" is 18 x 33 feet in size, also with ante-rooms. DPK&A is working on plans for these rooms, as well.

What else will be uncovered as the restoration continues? Only time will tell... but if you are interested in touring the Masonic Temple/ Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, do not let the external appearance stop you. The building remains open for tours, and Pennsylvania Masons (with ID cards) and active military are admitted for free. For additional information, call (215) 988-1900 or visit online at www.pagrandlodge.org.

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TAKING WHAT LIFE GIVES YOU AND GIVING BACK



Left-right: Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Jeff Marder, Bro. Herb Marder and Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

About 45 years ago, Bro. Herb Marder's best friend told him what a good time he had at his Masonic lodge meetings and wondered why Herb never asked him to join. Twenty questions later, Herb asked him about joining, and he has been a member of Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia, ever since. He is also a Past Master.

"I've met many lifelong friends, and I brought my son and my father into the brotherhood," he said. "I've visited lodges around the world – Israel, Bahamas – some don't get a lot of visitors, but they are all happy to see you. They roll out the red carpet."

The most impressive Grand Lodge? "Nothing compares to Philadelphia's. Not even close," he said. "It really is a landmark. Every time I attend a lodge meeting, I'm in awe. In every room, I pick up on things I never saw before. Everybody who sees it is impressed."

The appreciation Bro. Herb and his son, Bro. Jeff Marder, have for the Masonic Temple and the fraternity as a whole, inspired them to give a gift toward the continuation of the Grand Lodge, as a structure and an institution. They made the gift in memory of Bro. Herb's parents, Bro. Albert and Ida Marder, and in May, a plaque was placed at the entrance to Egyptian Hall in the Temple.

Their gift also provided for the Bleiler Caring Cottage, a residence for eight adults with mild to moderate developmental challenges, located

Carved by William Rush

at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. The residents of the cottage are provided with daily social programs and support services which enable them to enjoy a fulfilling lifestyle. "It's the perfect vehicle for providing quality care to those who need it," Bro. Herb said.

Their decision to give was simple: "Life has been good, and I don't require as much income now for myself, so it is better that someone who needs assistance should get benefit out of my savings," Bro. Herb said. "I had great parents who were the same way. There are too many good things to help with in this world to take your money to your grave. I don't even want to have enough to pay the undertaker," he quipped.

Bro. Herb's parents have been the biggest influence on his life. His father, Bro. Albert, one of 13 siblings, immigrated from Russia. He had a sixth grade education and went on to work in a knitting mill along with Bro. Herb's mother, Ida. Anything they had, they earned on their own, according to Bro. Herb. His father was equally devoted to the Freemasons, never missing a meeting in his 20-year membership.

It was after discovering Mozart was a Freemason that Bro. Jeff became interested in the fraternity. He has dual memberships in Pennsylvania and California lodges. He currently resides in Los Angeles, where he works as the associate conductor for the Los Angeles production of "Wicked," the musical, in addition to his work as a synthesizer programmer for Broadway shows and as a composer for film and television. His career, which he found a penchant for at age 12 when he made his piano concerto debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra, involves extensive traveling. He always finds himself at home in out-of-state lodges and meets very interesting people. Bro. Jeff especially enjoys being active as the organist for the Santa Monica-Palisades Lodge No. 307.

Bro. Herb worked for years as a traveling salesman, but now works part-time, so he can concentrate on his passion for traveling the open water on his sail boat. He also enjoys making waves on his amateur, or HAM radio, especially while sailing; riding his motorcycle across the county; and focusing on his 55-year interest in photography. He has no time, however, for complaining about the little things in life.

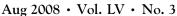
"Take what life gives you," Bro. Herb said. "Don't waste your time being a sourpuss."

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In 1820, Philadelphia artist William Rush was The miniature sits atop a 4x6" wooden base, with history given underneath. A wonderful desk or bookshelf accessory. ^{\$28.00} (With \$8 shipping and PA tax, the Total is :\$38.52) CHARITY

commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania to create three sculptures for the re-dedication of the Masonic Hall at 715-719 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. Although this Hall is no longer standing, Charity, along with Faith and Hope, now graces the halls of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Carved from wood, each sculpture resembles marble in its intricate details, from the cherubic faces of the children to the many drapes and folds of the fabric. This miniature was commissioned exclusively for the Masonic Library & Museum Gift Shop in 2008, and may be the first in a series.

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CALL 'EM ALL!

"Call 'Em All," the new batch call system provided by Grand Lodge, enables Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges to give their dialing fingers a rest and contact their membership quickly and efficiently regarding upcoming meetings, events and funerals. Hundreds of brethren can be reached within a matter of minutes.

In order for the system to work, however, the phone numbers entered in the database must be correct and up to date. This is the most common problem users run into, according to Bro. Ray Unger, Pocono Lodge No. 780, Cresco, who mans the "Call 'Em All" Help Desk hotline. Other technical issues arise, such as a message being interrupted and then repeated over and over again, but typically resolve themselves and only affect a few of the recipients.

Despite a glitch here or there, Bro. Unger hears good feedback from the members. "It's the best way to let lodge members know of an event in a timely fashion," he said, whether it be a meeting cancellation for that evening, a funeral with only a few days notice or a chicken BBQ scheduled a few weeks later. "I caution any secretaries, or whoever is in charge of communications for their lodge, who opt out of the system. They won't know what they're missing."

According to Bro. Alvin Hollister, District Deputy Grand Master for District 14, as of the end of June, 2,917 broadcasts had been distributed, with more than 407,000 individual phone calls to members since the program was initiated. In the month of June alone, more than 37,000 calls were placed and approximately 72 percent of the lodges are participating in the program.

For those who may have questions or who may need help with the system, the Help Desk may be reached at (800) 816-7007.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY



The Shaver family, left-right: Clinton, Joseph, Joan Hermann, Howard, Jr., and J. Hall at the brothers' 50-Year pin ceremony. Their father, Howard Shaver, Sr., is shown in the background photo.

For the Shaver family, including four brothers and one sister, Masonic organizations embody the legacy of their father, Bro. Howard A. Shaver, Sr. For more than 50 years, the brothers have remained active with Wyoming Lodge No. 468, and sister Joan Shaver Hermann is a Golden Star member of Harmony Eastern Star Chapter No. 58. Even Bro. J. Clinton Shaver, who resides in Minnesota, spreads fellowship and community service in honor of their father.

"Our father was such a great example of what a Mason is," Bro. J. Hall Shaver said. "He was a 'go-giver' of the first class. There wasn't a person who needed help that he wouldn't help. He was very popular and really left a mark on the community."

"We feel as if he is always watching over [the lodge]," Bro. Joe Shaver said. "We're very proud of our father."

After conducting some research as far as Chicago, Bro. J. Hall has found no other records of four living brothers who have belonged to the Masonic fraternity for more than 50 years.

Bro. J. Clinton was the first to follow his father's footsteps at the age of 21. The rest of the family joined the fraternity in succession when they turned 21, except for Bro. Howard Shaver, Jr., who was serving in the Air Force. He joined as soon as he returned home. They also belong to the Irem Shrine and the Keystone Consistory. In May 2007, they all received their 50-year pins.

Three of the family members, Bros. Joe and J. Hall and sister Joan, remain in their hometown of Wyoming, within walking distance of the Wyoming Lodge. The brothers helped during the lodge's expansion from a second floor room to a two-story building. Bro. J. Clinton's work took him to Minnetonka, Minn., home to several other members of the Shaver family, but he did not transfer his Masonic membership from Pennsylvania.

"I have a loyalty to my father's lodge," he said. "I'm very supportive of lodge functions, and if they need me, I'm there. I enjoyed the fellowship of the members. Being from a small town, I got as many members to join as I could. Since the lodge was something started by our father with his friends, we just want to make sure it continues."

"Freemasonry, to me, is an organization that helps people and brings people together," Bro. J. Hall said, who served as the lodge's Worshipful Master from 2002 to 2003. "There is always something we can do to help."

He involves himself in many of the lodge's activities and helps organize a charity golf tournament each year.

Bro. J. Hall's son, J. Hall Jr., is continuing the tradition as a as a member of the Wyoming Lodge. His daughter is a more than 25-year-member of the Order of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron of Harmony Chapter No. 58, Wyoming, 2002-2003; District Deputy Grand Matron, 2004-2005 for District 21A (now 12A) and as an advisor for the Rainbow Girls.

Bro. Howard also moved from Wyoming for his career. If not for his transfer, he would have served as the lodge's Worshipful Master 30 years to the day after his father held the position.

He resides close to Allentown, but he never thought twice about changing his membership. He, too, makes great effort to attend many lodge dinners and functions, including Bro. J. Hall's golf tournament. His wife is actively involved in Eastern Star and is a Past Worthy Matron, Harmony Chapter No. 58, 1964-1965.

"There's no question, our involvement in Masonic organizations have kept us close as a family," he said. "We've done it all to honor our father."

The youngest, Bro. Joe, has always been involved in his community, as a retired funeral director, former Luzerne County Chief Deputy Coroner and as a Mason.

"It's a great fraternity," he said. "They've done a lot for the community; anyone who needs it, they've helped. I've met a lot of people in my more than 50 years as a member."

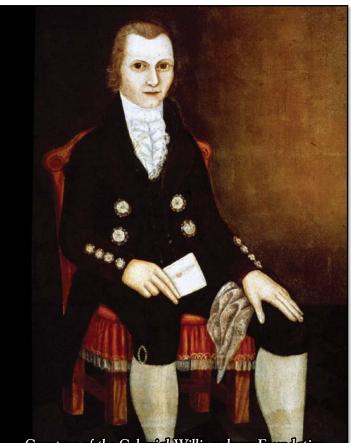
The Shaver's mother, Freida Meissner Shaver, was active in Eastern Star, and Joan has followed in her footsteps. As a military wife, Joan

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BROTHER ISRAEL ISRAEL: SAVED BY MASONIC SIGN OF DISTRESS

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



Courtesy of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

The American Revolution remarkably produced many great men who are revered for their patriotism, bravery and devotion to the glorious cause that founded our nation. The supporters of the Declaration of Independence included prominent Pennsylvania Masons such as Brothers Benjamin Franklin, Charles Willson Peale, Anthony Wayne and Haym Salomon, who each contributed their individual expertise to the war effort. One extraordinary Mason whose daring exploit is usually forgotten (and whose double name under his Grand Master's portrait in the Masonic Temple is often a mere curiosity to visitors on a tour) is Bro. Israel Israel.

The eldest of four children born to Midrach Israel and Mary Paxton, Bro. Israel was born in Pennsylvania either in 1745 or 1746. His father was Jewish and his mother was Christian, which was to cause him some trouble in his later years. Ten years prior to the outbreak of hostilities with Great Britain, at about age 21, Bro. Israel sailed for Barbados to seek his fortune. Following almost a decade of working diligently to amass a considerable amount of property, he returned to America a relatively wealthy man. He and his brother, Joseph, at that time belonged to the Mikveh Israel congregation. Soon after his homecoming, on Sept. 7, 1775, he married Hannah Erwin at Old Swede's Church in Wilmington, Del., where he acquired a nearby farm.

The onset of hostilities with Great Britain prompted Bro. Israel to join the local patriotic Committee of Safety and to support the American war effort wherever possible. This also caused him to sacrifice his fortune. These activities made him a marked man, as many of Bro. Israel's neighbors maintained their allegiance to the British Crown as Loyalists. The opportunity to capture Israel came when a British frigate, the *Roebuck*, anchored on the Delaware River opposite Israel's farm. The *Roebuck*'s commanding officer, Captain Andrew Hammond, was informed that Bro. Israel reportedly declared *he would sooner drive his cattle as a present to General Washington, than to receive thousands of dollars in British gold for them.* The statement has probably been paraphrased as the story was told and re-told, but the essence of his patriotic spirit is undoubtedly clear. While Bro. Israel was traveling back from a visit with his mother in Philadelphia, he and his brother-in-law were seized and taken as prisoners onboard the warship to stand trial for treason.

As a prisoner on the *Roebuck*, Bro. Israel was harshly treated — purportedly given the worst of the ship's food and made to sleep on deck in a coil of ropes. It was decided that Bro. Israel would stand trial with the ship's officers to serve as his judge and jury. In the meantime, Captain Hammond ordered a detachment of the ship's Marines to land and seize the animals from Israel's farm. Hannah Israel witnessed the embarkation of the British party into small boats and quickly guessed the mission of the Marines. Despite the hostile musket fire directed at her, Hannah kept her wits and heroically drove the cattle away beyond the reach of the British shore party.

From the deck of the Roebuck, Bro. Israel and Hannah's brother undoubtedly witnessed the entire affair with horror, fearing for the brave young woman's safety, but proud of her courageous actions. Before the trial commenced, a kind-heated sailor privately asked Bro. Israel if he was a Freemason. Following an affirmative reply, the sailor informed Bro. Israel that a lodge was held on the warship and the officers, who were Masons, were conducting a meeting that night. The trial probably did not begin well for Bro. Israel, as his Loyalist accusers were confident he would be convicted and executed for treason against the British Crown. Given the opportunity to explain his actions and mount a defense, Bro. Israel displayed the Masonic sign of distress to the ship's officers gathered to pronounce his fate. Upon recognition of the sign, the tone of the proceedings changed dramatically and instantly, as the British officers' hardhearted demeanor transformed into those of sympathy and admiration. Bro. Israel's Loyalist accusers were rebuked for their testimony against such an honorable man and the court was subsequently dismissed. The British officers ordered transport for Bro. Israel and his brother-in-law back to land and gathered a small gift for Hannah. The records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania bear witness to Bro. Israel's salvation from almost certain death through Freemasonry.

Bro. Israel undoubtedly gave up his farm after that incident and returned to Philadelphia, where he tried a number of vocations to re-establish himself. At some point he was an innkeeper of two different taverns—the Sign of the Blue Lion, located in Society Hill, and The Sign of the Crossed Keys (a Masonic image comes to mind of the Lodge Treasurer's jewel) located at Third and Chestnut Street. He was a shopkeeper in Cater's Alley, below Third Street from 1785–1804.

In a time when political positions were held in addition to one's usual vocation, he became politically active in support of the French Revolution in 1793 as a co-founder of the Philadelphia Democratic Society. The Federalist Party was not supportive of the Revolution, and used anti-Semitic slurs against Bro. Israel and his son, John, to try to hold onto their party members and votes. Ironically, by this time, neither were practicing Jews, having assimilated into society *continued on p. 29*



"BETWEEN THE GATES

Lucid Dreaming, Astral Projection, and the Body of Light in Western Esotericism"

By Mark Stavish Reviewed by Bro. Charles S. Canning, MMS, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

Mark Stavish, a Pennsylvania Freemason, has written a number of books in the esoteric genre as well as on Freemasonry. This present book intrigued me because of my membership and experience in The Kite & Key Lodge, which was constituted last year as a Traditional Observance lodge. "Between the Gates" is about the inward journey of the self to connect with the divine element that is in each of us.

The rituals of Freemasonry are told through allegory and symbols. If we only seek the knowledge that is presented on the surface, we have not yet begun the full appreciation of the ritual. It is only by traveling beyond the surface of the ritual that we join its hidden meaning with the collective unconscious, where we find the additional light of Freemasonry.

According to Bro. Stavish, the realm of symbols is accessed in dreams, visions and out-of-body experiences that form the foundation for understanding our spirituality. Here you may confront the archetypes within, the Hiram Abifs as well as the assassins. Bro. Stavish provides us with a guide for our own meditative journey through various exercises that will allow "travel" to new realms.

While this is not a book on Freemasonry per se, it has application to our understanding of Masonic symbolism and motif. We find in Masonic ritual numerous references to our life's goal. We are admonished to become "living stones." "Between the Gates" gives us a path to find that goal. The author prepares the reader by providing a fundamental understanding of esoteric thought. He then provides meditation exercises and instructions on the relationship of the self with life's journey. These exercises provide a view into a wider world. Lucid dreaming allows us to cross from the natural world into the psychic and then to a more abstract mental realm and return with conscious memory. In the text, Stavish gives a practical, comprehensive and userfriendly guide.

> In Freemasonry, we are reminded that God pronounced light and it was so. Here, the body of light gives access to various alchemical realms of which the Masonic lodge is one. Just as our Masonic ritual directs us to contemplate death, looking toward a greater end, Bro. Stavish concludes his text addressing that subject. It is through the lengthy repetition of the step-by-step daily practice of the recommended meditation exercises that one gains proficiency in traveling "between the gates."

The text was not only intriguing to me, but I also found it informative reading. In the Traditional Observance lodge, we take several moments of reflection in silence on our Stated Meeting's work. Here, I have found myself applying Bro. Stavish's meditative principles and have traveled to, among other times and places, an Egyptian tomb and surfing the heavens on a funeral barge under a bright blue starstudded sky. I recommend the text to any Master Mason who wishes to add an esoteric experience to his Masonic quest.

"FOUNDING FAITH: Providence, Politics, and the Birth of Religious Freedom in America"

By Steven Waldman Reviewed by Cathy Giaimo, Assistant Librarian

Faith is an integral part of Freemasonry, but as any Mason will tell you, it is also very personal and not subject to dispute within the lodge. It is also one of the freedoms, protected by the Constitution, which citizens of this country enjoy. "Founding Faith" by Steven Waldman tells how this freedom came to be in the United States.

Mr. Waldman starts with a brief early religious history of this country and reminds us that not all colonists enjoyed such freedoms. The Puritans of New England and the Anglicans of the colonial South had the power, both religiously and politically. The religious leaders were supported by the people through taxes, whether they belonged to that church or not. Only members of that church could hold public office. Pennsylvania fared somewhat better, being founded by Quakers. Various Protestant denominations were tolerated and were not taxed to support the meeting houses. Many of the Founding Fathers believed that the diversity of religious beliefs was beneficial to Pennsylvania's economic and cultural life.

What interests Mr. Waldman, is ferreting out the religious beliefs of five of the most prominent Founding Fathers and the questions of separation of church and state as they saw it: Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. This is no simple task, while trying to determine their beliefs through the lens of 21st century faith. They all believed in God, but the religious politics of the day and the Enlightenment philosophy influenced their thinking. Of the five, only Franklin and Washington were Masons. Bro. Franklin had little time for church services, though he wrote prayers for himself; John Adams disliked the Calvinistic propensities of the day and belonged to a church that would eventually be recognized as Unitarian. Bro. Washington was a member of the Anglican Church but never took communion and, as Commanderin-Chief of the Continental Army, he was tolerant of the many different

faiths that his soldiers brought with them. Mr. Waldman isn't sure whether Bro. Washington's involvement with Freemasonry influenced his acceptance of various religions or if his already tolerant nature attracted him to the fraternity, but he feels it helped form a cohesive military. Jefferson had no time for organized religion and wrote his own bible, taking out the parts he did not like. Madison, an Anglican by birth, attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) founded by evangelical Presbyterians. He was never a part of that group, but he did have great respect for them and would eventually work as a state legislator for more religious tolerance in Virginia.

"Founding Faith" shows how even these men, who were at the very formation of our country's government, still weren't quite sure how separate the two should be. Bro. Washington and Adams were comfortable with a little intermingling of the two, while Jefferson and Madison had stricter ideas. What they all desired was a way to allow all faiths to flourish freely without government intervention.

The question of religion and Freemasonry is always a topic of discussion, and the Circulating Library has plenty of resources to try and answer some of your questions. Check out our Web site at www.pagrandlodge.org or call (800) 462-0430, ext. 1933.

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FREEMASONRY UNDER THE SWASTIKA

By Bro. Kenneth W. Newman, Historical Interpreter, Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

When most people hear the word Holocaust, they automatically think of the persecution and mass genocide of Europe's Jews perpetrated by the Nazis in the 1930s and '40s. This is rightfully so, as over six million Jews were systematically murdered by Hitler's regime. However, the Jews were not alone in their suffering. The Nazis and their collaborators also persecuted other groups for racial or ideological reasons. Among the earliest victims were political opponents: Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats. They then moved on to the mentally and physically disabled, Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war and the Freemasons. It is not common knowledge, inside or outside of Masonic circles, that the Freemasons in Europe were persecuted and murdered during the course of the Third Reich.

Adolf Hitler had a negative view of Freemasonry long before he took office as Germany's Reich Chancellor on Jan. 30, 1933. He wrote disparagingly about the fraternity in his 1924 autobiography, "Mein Kampf." He believed that Freemasonry was part of an "International Jewish Conspiracy" which was led by Germany's former enemies and was responsible for every conceivable evil that afflicted the country. He was not alone in this belief. There was a culture of anti-Semitism in Germany at that time that dated back to the 1870s, but after the Weimer Republic's defeat in World War I, anti-Semitism had renewed interest.

Upon assuming power in 1933, Hitler did not ban Freemasonry outright; rather, he took a slow, methodical approach to the destruction of the Craft. One of the first measures of persecution was taken in early 1934, when Roland Freisler, State Secretary of the Reich Ministry of Justice and President of the *Volksgerichtshof* (People's Court), ruled that Masons who did not leave their lodges prior to Jan. 30, 1933, could not join the Nazi party. Shortly thereafter, Hermann Goering, Prussian Minister of the Interior, called upon lodges to dissolve "voluntarily," but only after his approval. At the same time, Schutzstaffel (SS) and Sturmabteilung (SA) units, under their own initiative, proceeded to commit violent acts aimed at lodges in various cities throughout Germany.

The persecution heated up in May 1934, when the Defense Ministry banned membership in lodges to all personnel (soldiers and civilian employees). Later that summer, the Gestapo started forcibly closing down many Masonic lodges and confiscating their assets, including their libraries and archives. On Oct. 28, 1934, Wilhelm Frick Reich, Minister of the

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traveled around the country and found Masonic organizations to be the same wherever she went.

"You can always find someone to depend on," she said. "If you ever need something, the fraternity is there."

She enjoys participating in her local chapter's activities and events and helping whenever she can. "The meetings are inspirational," she said. "It's wonderful to be part of something so beautiful."

She resides in the Shavers' childhood home and jokes with her brothers about sending them to their rooms when they return for a visit.

"My brothers are wonderful men," she said. "I'm blessed to have them in my life. We all get along and even our spouses get along. There's no dissention in the ranks."

The family stays in close contact, whether they are calling one another about a Masonic event, to wish each other a happy birthday or just to razz each other. "We have a wonderful family. We speak at least once or twice a week," Bro. Joe said. Interior, issued a decree defining the lodges as "hostile to the state," and on Aug. 17, 1935, Frick ordered all remaining lodges and branches dissolved and their assets confiscated.

As the German army conquered Europe and set up occupation regimes, many Masonic lodges were forcibly dissolved. After a lodge was closed, it was ransacked for membership lists and other important library and archival materials. These materials were then sent to the appropriate Nazi office. Many of the confiscated items ended up in anti-Masonic exhibitions, part of a major Nazi propaganda campaign.

To some, the destruction of the Craft became an obsession. Reinhard Heydrich, head of the SS Security Service (*Sicherheitsdienst*—SD), believed that the Masons, Jews and the political clergy were the "most implacable enemies of the German race." Heydrich became so obsessed that he even created an entirely new division of the SD to specifically deal with Freemasonry, Sicherheitsdienst-Section II/111. This office later became Section VII B 1 of the Reich Security Main Office (Reichssicherheitshauptamt; RSHA).

It will never be known how many Freemasons were put into concentration camps and murdered during the course of the Third Reich. This is because many of the members of the Craft who were placed in the camps were also Jews and/or associated with the German resistance or other political opposition groups.

However, Freemasonry has enjoyed a renaissance in Germany. The United Grand Lodges of Germany now have 467 lodges and over 14,000 members. German Masons now use as their symbol a little blue flower, known as *das Vergissmeinnicht*, the forget-me-not. This is a reminder of the countless brothers who suffered during the course of the Third Reich.

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by marrying Christians and joining Christian congregations, but the name made them an easy target. He served one term in the Pennsylvania State Senate from 1797-1798. In 1800, he became the High Sheriff of Philadelphia and in 1816, he became Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia's 5th District.

It is not known when Bro. Israel was made a Mason, although it is recorded he was admitted in May 1794 to Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia, where he later served as Master for five six-month terms. From 1799 until 1801 he served as Deputy Grand Master and from 1803 through 1805 as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He became a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 3 in 1796, and he served as Grand High Priest while also serving as Grand Master. As a loyal Mason, Bro. Israel regularly attended meetings and participated in a number of Grand Lodge committees, including one established in 1800 to arrange for meetings conducted in the Pennsylvania State House (later known as Independence Hall).

Bro. Israel died on March 17, 1822, at the then-advanced age of 78 and his remains are interred in South Laurel Hill Cemetery within Philadelphia's Fairmount Park.



NEW RAINBOW ASSEMBLIES ARE TWICE AS EXCITING

Two new Rainbow Assemblies, constituted on consecutive days, mark the beginning of a new era of excitement and growth for Pennsylvania Rainbow.

On May 31, Mars Assembly No. 124 received its Charter in a special Constitution Ceremony performed by the Grand Officers under the direction of Mrs. Helen Snedden, then Acting Supreme Deputy. Miss Leandra Logan, Grand Worthy Advisor, performed near-flawless ritualistic work in a ceremony seldom performed. The Assembly is sponsored by Mars Chapter No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star, and is supervised by Mrs. Marcia Holland, Worthy Matron, who is serving as the Mother Advisor. It is meeting at the home of John E. Mair Lodge No. 729 in Mars. The Charter Worthy Advisor is Shelby Ainsworth. Bro. Roger Johnson, District Deputy Grand Master for District 27, represented the Grand Lodge at this occasion. It was a joyous event for a full lodge room of supporters who were eligible to attend this closed formal meeting.

The very next day found Mrs. Snedden and the Grand Officers performing the same Constitution ceremony in Bridgewater (Beaver), Pa., at St. James Lodge No. 457, where Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 will meet. The pressure to perform well was on, as Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, and his party, were present for the program. The Rainbow Grand Officers did not fail to leave a lasting positive impression on everyone in the room! The Grand Master gave high praise to their work, and at the same time congratulated Ashley Ridgeway and her officers in the new Assembly for being the Charter Officers, noting that, in future years, they will look back at this day with great pride for pioneering this Assembly.

Mrs. Fannie Hall is the Mother Advisor, and she receives tremendous support from Glen R. Krugle, District Deputy Grand Master for District 37, and Bro. William F. Weichsel, P.D.D.G.M., who were both instrumental in the successful formation of this Assembly and who both serve on the Advisory Board.

Each Assembly is supervised by an Advisory Board consisting of 15 Master Masons and Eastern Star members who care about the future of our youth and who are giving unselfishly of their time to provide a quality program for these young ladies. All of the Masonic youth groups can grow and prosper when given support like this.



Grand Worthy Advisor Leandra Logan gets a double dose of Grand Lodge congratulations from Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master (left) and Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master (right).



The Grand Officers performed outstanding ritualistic and floor work, as shown in this "Closing Cross Ceremony."



The Officers of Beaver Valley Assembly No. 187 pose with the Grand Worthy Advisor, R. W. Grand Master Stephen Gardner and the Grand Lodge officers who attended the Constitution Ceremony.

PMYF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation recently selected 43 students to receive \$97,200 in scholarship awards. The annual program runs from Oct. 1 through March 15, when applications may be submitted. There were over 265 applications this year, representing students from every county in the Commonwealth. Many were deserving students, but the awards are limited to the income from the Educational Endowment Fund, which only grows through YOUR contributions. The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide for the 2009 program and the 2009 application will be available Oct. 1, 2008. The application and the scholarship summaries are always current and available on the Internet at http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pmyf.

The 2008 Award Winners Are:

GRAND MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIPS \$3,000 Sarah Brill, Leandra E. Logan, Nicole L. Denlinger, Punit Singh

HARRY M. ORMSTON FOUR-YEAR RENEWING SCHOLARSHIP (2008-2011) \$2,000 x 4 YEARS

Christina G. Bruggeman, Matthew R. Long, Megan D. Runser

RAYMOND A. KROME FOUR-YEAR RENEWING SCHOLARSHIP (2008-2011) \$1,000 x 4 YEARS Kaila McGaughey

LAWRENCE DIETRICH SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Kira Brill, Michael Krulock, III, Darren C. McAninch

HARRY M. ORMSTON SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 Richard R. Criswell, II, Michael Ferraro, Amber M. Funk, Tyler B. Hutta

RAYMOND A. KROME SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 Shawn L. Bookwalter, Kaitlyn C. Campbell, Cassandra L. Chillas-Squires, Krysta Lobb, Lisa M. McCorkel, John Salter, Emily Stehman

RAYMOND A. KROME SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 William D. Mille

HERMAN WITTE SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 Katherine Wells, Christopher J. VonVolkenburg

DAVID BONDZIO SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 Sarah N. Adams, Carrie Shafer, Amy E. Wagner

CLARENCE UHLAND SCHOLARSHIP \$1,500 Alexis Dinerstein, Heather M. Fiscus JAMES BOOTH SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Christina L. Wick

THEODORE K. WARNER SCHOLARSHIP \$1,500

Gregory P. Eyer

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP \$2,500 Jacqueline A. Peters, Heather L. Tardif

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP \$1,500 Carole Emery

CHARLES R. NEBEL SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 Shawn L. Bookwalter, Michael L. Brown, Punit Singh

CHARLES AND PHYLLIS SCHAEFFER SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 David A. Labagh, Derek J. Eodice

SAMUEL C. WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Shawn L. Bookwalter, Michael L. Brown, Michael R. Labagh, Jacob D. Palo, Punit Singh

MICHAEL H. GOTSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$400 Nicole L. Denlinger

ABRAHAM C. TREICHLER LODGE NO. 682 SCHOLARSHIP \$300 Michael R. Labagh

STILLMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP \$500 Kirsten Kraker Piatak



Students Receive Awards at Masonic Children's Home YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY



Residents of the Masonic Children's Home graduates (from left) Ashley Bratina, Thomas McQuait and Danielle Balmer, plant a tree at the Masonic Children's Home with Grand Master Stephen Gardner and Virginia Migrala, Director of Children's Services.

Residents of the Masonic Children's Home were honored at the 85th annual Youth Appreciation Day on May 23 at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.

Following a luncheon, Virginia Migrala, Director of Children's Services, presented each of the 36 youth from the Masonic Children's Home with medallions for their participation in various academic and extracurricular activities and plaques and certificates of achievement.

Three graduating seniors, Danielle Balmer, Ashley Bratina and Thomas McQuait, were honored with special words of encouragement and graduation certificates. All three graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School and Lancaster County Career and Technical Center (LCCTC).

Danielle and Ashley both attained honor roll status at LCCTC, where they plan to continue to study cosmetology to complete their hours and take the test for their state licenses before pursuing careers in the field. Danielle has worked as a waitress and is a former high school cheerleader. She competed in several cheerleading competitions and has won numerous awards for her ability. She was the recipient of athletic scholarships and citizenship awards at Youth Appreciation Day. Danielle took the opportunity to thank the Masonic Village "for giving my sisters and me a home so we could all stick together."

Ashley worked as a cashier at a grocery store and volunteered for the local recreation center. She thanked the Masonic Village "for giving me shelter, clothing, food and an education."

Tom attended LCCTC for Printing and Graphics and is working at a co-op at a Lancaster printing company. He plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College in the fall to major in music technology and marketing. At Elizabethtown Area High School, he won awards for his graphic design and has designed the cover for the Masonic Village Mini Grand Prix. He is an avid guitar player and belongs to a band. In his remarks, Tom thanked the Masonic Children's Home staff for their support, his family and his house mates, who he said are "just like brothers to me."

Stephen Gardner, R.W. Grand Master, and Mrs. Migrala presented various trust fund awards to youth who exemplify the characteristics and qualities taught at the Masonic Children's Home.

Grand Master Gardner addressed the attendees: "I thank the donors for your generous support of the Masonic Villages in general, and the Masonic Children's Home in particular. Today we see firsthand the fruits of your labors and your generosity. Without you and many other silent heroes, we could not prepare for the next generation." To the graduating seniors, he said, "Every person here wishes you heartfelt success. Thank you for your contribution to this campus; you have left your mark, and have become a permanent part of the children's home. You are our future, and your tremendous accomplishments show everyone here that we will be in good hands. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have known you. As you go forth, I encourage you to remember your Masonic family."

The three graduates, Grand Master Gardner and Mrs. Migrala planted a tree to commemorate the occasion and to leave a living symbol of the graduating seniors' ties to the Masonic Children's Home.

The day's events concluded with the rededication of the Masonic Children's Home Memorial Garden, which recognizes donors for their generous commitments to the future of our youth.



Donors Bro. Herbert Markey, Bro. Ernest Simonsen, Eleanor Rankin, Bro. Robert Umbaugh and his wife, Joyce, Mrs. Migrala and youth at the garden.

Masonic Children's Home Wish List:

Many thanks to those who have provided for many of the needs listed in the May issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason. Below are some additional opportunities to enhance the services provided to our youth:

1	Deck for younger girls' cottage	\$5,200
1	Deck for older girls' cottage	\$5,200
1	Projector	\$2,000
10	Dining room chairs @ \$200	\$2,000
10	Study chairs @ \$200	
2	Backboards for basketball @ \$450	
2	Stationary bike racks @ \$400	\$800
4	Bike racks for vans @ \$200	\$800
1	Wii /fitness/games/accessories	\$650
1	Portable DVD player	\$200
2	Paper shredders/study @ \$100	

DEGREE TOUCHES BRETHREN'S HEARTS

Because many permanent residents of the Masonic Health Care Center (MHCC) at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown are confined to wheelchairs, many of these Masons have not seen degree work in years because of transportation difficulties. On March 29, 48 brothers in the MHCC were touched to once again participate in the important ceremony as 21 officers and members of the Abraham B. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, conferred a Master Mason Degree on Bro. John Townsend, a resident of the



Masonic Village, in the MHCC Assembly Room. In his youth, Bro. John was a member of DeMolay and had two brothers who were Masons.

"As I got the degree, I looked around at the group of people looking at me and some of them had tears in their eyes," Bro. John said. In this photo, Bro. Townsend is in the back row, center.

AUTUMN DAY 2008

Join members and friends in celebrating Masonic Village's annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, held at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, will feature entertainment, tours, delicious food, farm market stands, children's games, lots of Masonic family organization booths and much more.

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

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

AUTUMN DAY SEPT. 20, 2008

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APARTMENTS OF INDEPENDENCE

Nancy Wenrich likes to tell people, "I feel like I'm living in a five-star hotel, and one day, I'll have to pack up my bags and go home." The décor and belongings

"We would encourage people who want to be independent to come."

Shrine Club.

can enjoy together.

countless opportunities to join clubs or participate in activities they're passionate about. Recently, Nancy began singing in the Masonic Village Women's Chorus and Bro. Allen, a 50-year member of

home." The décor and belongings are all her own, but sometimes the apartment still seems too good to be true.

Bro. Allen and Nancy Wenrich have lived in their new Sycamore South apartment at Masonic Village at Elizabethtown since the building opened in January. Though the couple has been blessed with excellent health, they wanted to move from their Berks County home while they were still physically able to pack by themselves. "It was a time in our lives when we needed to do what we did," Bro. Allen said.

Since moving, Bro. Allen and Nancy have decided that their favorite part of Masonic Village is their independence. "We come

and go as we want," Bro. Allen said. "It's just a great place to be. We can leave anytime." This summer, they vacationed in Russia and relaxed knowing that their apartment was cared for by staff while they were gone.

"Everybody will help you out," Bro. Allen said, referring to staff members and neighbors alike. "Everyone says 'good morning' and 'hello," he added. It's been easy for the couple to meet friends and neighbors with whom they enjoy spending time. They have

"I feel like I'm living in a five-star hotel..."

"We would encourage people who want to be independent to come," Bro. Allen said. Whether it be their apartment decorated to their liking, choice of activities and friends or freedom to vacation wherever they please the Wenrichs

St. John's Lodge, No. 435, West Reading, Pa., joined the Village

at Masonic Village, Bro. Allen and Nancy chose not to have a meal

plan. "We don't have a meal plan because my husband likes to

cook," Nancy said. Bro. Allen joked that he doesn't wear a tuxedo

like the servers in the dining hall, so his meal presentation may be

lacking, but he can still dish up a delightful dinner that the two

Though they rave about the food in the dining room and cafés

it be their apartment decorated to their liking, choice of activities and friends or freedom to vacation wherever they please, the Wenrichs enjoy the liberty they have in every aspect of their lives. "This is the place for us to be," Bro. Allen said. "Life is good."

If you'd like to learn more about Masonic Village at Elizabethtown or tour one of the available apartments in Sycamore North or South, please call the Marketing Office at (800) 676-6452.

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ANOTHER WORLD IN DALLAS

The Kolchins were among the first people to move to Masonic Village at Dallas.

"We never envisioned moving to another home – our lives were settled in Lehigh County," remarked Brother and Dr. John Kolchin.

Then an issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" magazine arrived at the Kolchin home. It contained an advertisement about the Masonic Village at Dallas, spurring their curiosity. After a personal tour of the area, they thought, "What a wonderful idea - live in a Masonic Village retirement community!"

"We felt that for our elder care we needed something that Masonic Village could offer," Barbara said. On Aug. 15, 2007, the couple moved

into their new cottage at Dallas. "There's never been once that we've regretted the move," Bro. John said.

Despite not knowing anyone in the area when they first moved, "We find plenty of activities," Bro. John said. They joined a local church and temple where they stay actively involved, volunteer at a food pantry, exercise daily, go shopping and attend concerts and cultural events. Bro. John, a member of Canon Lodge No. 104 in South Seaville, N.J., since 1965, with a dual membership in Lehigh Lodge No. 326, Macungie, Pa., appreciates being able to stay involved with Freemasonry.

With such a busy schedule, the couple also found time to work with five local colleges to start a program for seniors to take college courses on a variety of interesting subjects including religion, politics and environmental studies. "Learning

and reading is very important to us now. We've been doing it all of our lives," Barbara explained.

Having spent much of their lives working hard in the education field, "We never had a chance to travel and relax, so we travel now," Barbara said. Since moving to Dallas, they've taken a bus trip to Canada, visited Ohio, the Football Hall of Fame and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and went on a cruise. Bro. John and Barbara don't worry about their home when they travel. They know it's well cared for.

"I enjoy the whole house. It's very cozy," Bro. John said. The couple especially likes the sun room on the back of their house that looks out to the forest. During the first snow, they were glued to the window

> as the couple watched the picturesque scenery sparkle. On other days, they watch the wildlife. "One time, alone, we had a herd of 10 deer [out back]," Bro. John said.

Barbara appreciates the privacy her home provides. Unlike other retirement communities where the houses are packed into a small area, "The cottages here have a lot of room between them," she said.

Living at Dallas has been a blessing for the Kolchins. "We feel like we're in another world. It's really worry free," they said.

Anyone interested in learning more about living at Masonic Village at Dallas should contact the Marketing Office at (866) 851-4243. There are still some apartments and cottages available immediately.

ASSISTED LIVING IN SEWICKLEY: YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE!

"I don't like to just sit here. I like to be busy," Kathryn Lengyel asserted. Kathryn, a resident at Masonic Village at Sewickley, has lived a very active life in assisted living for the past three years. "We have a lot of fun here," she said.

Whether she's volunteering several hours a week at the Masonic Village Gift Shoppe where she utilizes her accounting skills, saying grace before meals as part of a prayer group or donning a red hat with

a clashing purple ensemble as part of the Red Hat Society, Kathryn's constantly busy. In fact, she keeps a note in her suite so people know where to find her if they want to chat.

Kathryn, a Past Worthy Matron, participates daily with the Eastern Star, but she found her calling at Masonic Village through the child care center.

"I had mittens growing up, but I always felt bad for the other children without mittens. Some parents bring their children to the child care center and drop them off with no mittens, so I thought, 'What could I do to help them have nice warm hands?" Kathryn said. She began knitting mittens for each child.

At full enrollment, the child care center can have 80 children, so keeping track of each child's favorite color and knitting mittens for everyone was a big undertaking. The day she presented the mittens, "Grandma Kay," as the children call her, went to the child care center and watched the clapping and dancing children open their personalized packages. "It made my heart just sing to see them enjoying their mittens," Kathryn said.

While she does the knitting herself, people help by providing yarn. "At large, this world doesn't know how to be kind to each other," Kathryn said. She doesn't run into that problem at Masonic Village, though.

"When a person comes in and they're assigned a room in the Star Points Building, within three days someone will go in and tell the person

"We have a lot of fun here."



all about the home so they don't feel left out," Kathryn said. "Age doesn't mean anything here," she said. The sense of community and desire to help neighbors unite the generations.

'It's nice because it's interesting here. The people are interesting... I love it here," Kathryn said. She thinks some people have misconceptions about assisted living, but that at Masonic Village, "people will take care of you."

"I enjoy being here, and I enjoy being able to do everything I do," Kathryn said. Not only can she stay active and participate in a variety of activities, but Kathryn can also find satisfaction in helping neighbors and children while living in an assisted living apartment that gives her "a feeling of safety."

The Star Points assisted living building has immediate availability for individuals seeking a fulfilling lifestyle within a beautiful and secure environment. For more information, call (866) 872-0664.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A FORM OF PERMANENT RECOGNITION FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE?

Bro. Herb Marder and his son, Bro. Jeff Marder, wanted to make a gift toward an important symbol of Masonic heritage, the Masonic Temple, and at the same time, recognize Bro. Herb's parents. With the help of the Masonic Charities Office of Gift Planning, both their wishes became reality. A plaque honoring Albert and Ida Marder now hangs at the entrance of Egyptian Hall in the Masonic Temple.

The Masonic Charities offers a variety of naming opportunities at each of the Masonic Villages and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. You can choose from a plaque on our Mission of Love Donor Wall, a leaf on the Masonic Tree of Life, or even name a unique fountain, room or other special architectural feature. The Office of Gift Planning has hundreds of choices available, beginning at \$1,000. Gifts can be made in your own name or in honor or memory of someone else.

> For further information, contact the gift planning office nearest you: Central Pennsylvania - Jim Heckman (717) 367-1121, ext. 33437 or (800) 599-6454 Eastern Pennsylvania - Joyce Michelfelder (610) 825-6100, ext. 1348 Western Pennsylvania - Jane Binley (412) 741-1400, ext. 3011 or (866) 872-0664 Out-of-State - Bro. Alvin Blitz (717) 357-1121 ext. 33312 or (800) 599-6454

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.



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