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# GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

## A TIME OF RENEWAL, A TIME OF GROWTH

Brethren:

It's Spring, the time of renewal — the time for fulfilling the promise of life springing eternal. It also is time for us to remind ourselves about fulfilling the promises we have made to ourselves and our Fraternity. Those promises include doing what we can to increase our knowledge and better our practice of the principles of Freemasonry.

I am pleased to tell you that the initial session of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry was a resounding success. More than 600 of our Brethren took advantage of the three-tracked learning opportunity: to learn about ritual, leadership, and Freemasonry on a wider scale from some of the world's foremost Masonic scholars. While the men were in their sessions, the ladies of our lodges' leadership were afforded the opportunity to see the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, thereby giving them a better understanding of our Fraternity as well.

We encourage you to broaden your knowledge personally in a very easy way — attend at least one meeting of your lodge this year! Your Grand Lodge has developed personal safety programs that we hope every lodge — your lodge — will implement. Attend lodge and learn how to protect yourself at home, on the street, in your workplace and while traveling. Take a C.P.R. course. Be prepared to help not only yourself, but others as well.

We also are encouraging lodges to engage actively in projects that can benefit each lodge and increase visibility in its community. Through a cooperative effort with the Pennsylvania Affiliate of the American Heart Association, each lodge has been requested to survey its surrounding community to see if there is a need for a device known as an A.E.D., or automated external defibrillator. That is a device that can save lives in an emergency even when used by individuals with minimal training. If such a device is needed (and there are very few communities that do not need it), we are asking the local lodge to "make it happen" — to do what it takes to place such a device where it can benefit the most people. Some lodges already are working to place them in schools, with fire and police departments, or in other public areas. This is just one way you and your lodge can become involved in helping others — in fulfilling the promises you made.

Another way is to participate in something new that will be occurring — something we have never done before. As a part of the June Quarterly Communication, your Grand Lodge will be having a "Fun Day," a day when you can golf, shoot, or learn about the history of a part of Pennsylvania that you may not know. You'll also be able to ride a train, or visit an amusement park. These events are being designed to encourage you — and just as importantly, your family — to participate in a truly unique Masonic event.

Freemasonry was created originally for purposes of learning, friendship and fellowship, and carrying forth certain ideals. We all have promised to perpetuate those ideals to ensure the eternal existence of our Fraternity. By your participation you, too, can fulfill the obligations you have taken. Come and learn . . . come and participate . . . come and enjoy.


So mote it be.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert L. Dluge, Jr.,  
R.W. Grand Master





## Masons of Note

 Fifty-four years after he served in the East of Edenburg Lodge No. 550, **Jerry A. Cobler, Sr., P.M.**, (left)

installed his son, **Jerry A. Cobler, Jr.**, as Worshipful Master. Brethren of Edenburg Lodge recall that 1946, when the elder Bro. Cobler was Worshipful Master, was a record year. There were 34 candidates resulting in extra meetings for degree work not only on week nights, but also on Saturdays.



 Through the years, World War II veteran **Martin F. Schaffer**, a member of Barger Lodge No. 333, Allentown, has collected tons of clothing, videotapes, games, puzzles, books, and magazines contributed through veteran, civic, and fraternal organizations, including his Masonic lodge. He has spent countless hours and thousands of miles on the road delivering the collections to the Veterans Centers in Hollidaysburg, Wilkes-Barre, Lebanon, Coatesville, and Spring City, and to several homes for the elderly. Bro. Schaffer heads up the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the World War II Submarine Veterans.

 **George Joseph McMahon** was mighty proud when the District Deputy Grand Master and the Worshipful Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh, came to his home in the Passavant Retirement Community in Zelenople to present him with a Grand Lodge 75-year membership certificate. Bro. McMahon sported a cap proclaiming his age, "103," for the presentation by David S. Kielman, D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District (second from left) and Donald E. Sauer, W.M. (right), accompanied by Norman R. Arthurs, P.M., Secretary (left).



## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT FREEMASONRY

### What does 'Ahiman Rezon,' the title of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Constitution, mean?

For two centuries, scholars have been debating the meaning of "Ahiman Rezon" which was the name of the Constitution of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England that existed from 1751 until 1813 when the United Grand Lodge of England was formed. When the United Grand Lodge of England was formed, "Ahiman Rezon" ceased to be used; however, it already had become established in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

It was thought that the words were Hebrew, but each Grand Lodge had its own interpretation of their meaning. The Grand Lodge of Virginia believed the meaning to be the "Law of Prepared Brothers;" in South Carolina it was "Secrets of a Prepared Brother," in Georgia, "Royal Builder," and, likewise, Pennsylvania interpreted it "the secrets of a prepared Brother and the thoughts or opinions of a true and faithful Brother." However, the words were submitted eventually to Hebrew scholars who determined that they were not of Hebrew origin, but believed to come from the Spanish. Therefore, in the 1919 edition of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's *Ahiman Rezon*, it states that if "we ascribe the words 'Ahiman Rezon' to Spanish origin, their meaning is, 'There is the full account of the law.'"

(Source: *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995)

### What is a "Moon Lodge"?

In the 18th and to a great extent in the 19th century when the population was more rural, there were no electric lights to illuminate roads, not even in most cities. Therefore, many households regulated activities according to the natural light of a full moon. Numerous lodges would meet on the date of the full moon or, in some cases just before or just after a full moon, so that members of the Craft might have the light of the moon to make the journey to and from lodge meetings across the rough roads safer and easier. Such lodges were termed "Moon Lodges." Today, there are

lodges - ten in Pennsylvania - that still meet on or a few days before or after the full moon.

(Source: *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995; *Masonic Questions & Answers*, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999)

### How should the compasses on a Masonic ring point?

Should the square and compasses ring be worn with the points of the compasses pointing away from the wearer or toward the wearer? There is no rule prescribing how a Mason should wear a ring bearing the square and compasses. It has long been a custom among Pennsylvania Masons to wear the ring with the compass pointing toward the wearer. However, Masonic jewelry should always be worn with dignity and respect. A brother wearing any Masonic emblem should always be mindful that he is a Mason and conduct himself accordingly.

(Source: *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995)

### Old and New . . . Tradition, History, and Promise!

"Something old; something new . . ." were among the words used by Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, to define his philosophy for progress for Masonry in Pennsylvania.

Freemasonry in Pennsylvania aims to grow in the twenty-first century by accepting new ideas, new technologies, and new emphases that come with each new generation and combining them with the old that's tried and true. While benefitting from all that is good about growing with the times, Freemasons must never forget — certainly never abandon — their Fraternity's unique history, tradition, protocol, and pride that have been nurtured, protected, and passed Brother-to-Brother from generation to generation for nearly three centuries. History, tradition, protocol, and pride are more than nostalgia; they are landmarks that bond Freemasons into the greatest Fraternity ever known.

With this issue, *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is introducing "Did You Know? . . . Facts About Freemasonry," a feature of vignettes that will recollect, define, and explain many of the special and unique terminologies, customs, protocols, and points of history of Freemasonry, especially in Pennsylvania.

### Why are lodges in some Jurisdictions known as A.F.&A.M. and others as F.&A.M.?

Between 1751 and 1813 there were two Grand Lodges in England. One was called the "Moderns" (actually, the older of the two) and one was called the "Antients." The latter used the title Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (A.F.&A.M.) while the original Grand Lodge used Free and Accepted Masons (F.&A.M.). Warrants to lodges in the United States were granted by these two Grand Lodges and thus the differences.

Twenty-four Grand jurisdictions in the United States use A.F.&A.M.; twenty-five use F.&A.M.; South Carolina uses A.F.M.; and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia uses F.A.A.M. Those titles, however, cannot be deemed in many cases to designate the ancestry of the various Grand Lodges. For example, the Grand Lodge

of Pennsylvania, which was the leader of "Antient" Masonry in this country uses F.&A.M., while Connecticut, where "Modern" Masonry predominated, designated themselves A.F.&A.M.

(Source: *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1995; *Masonic Questions & Answers*, compiled by the Office of Masonic Education, Grand Lodge of PA, 1999)

## The Essence of Father's Day Echoes the Values of Freemasonry

Father's Day is especially meaningful for the Boehme family of McKeesport. There is an extra strong bond between the father and son of this family that was nurtured in the environment of a Masonic family, the Masonic lodge hall, camping and hunting, and anxious months in an intensive care unit. The father is Daniel Boehme, a member of Homestead-Amity-McCandless Lodge No. 582, Dravosburg, and served for some time as Masonic Education Chairman for the 49th Masonic District. The son is Isaac "Ike" John Boehme, Sr., now a Mason. The mother is Lynne, who heralds the importance of the values, principles, and character of fatherhood that make Father's Day meaningful. She tells the father-and-son story of Daniel and Ike better than anyone else.

"Here is a boy - now a man - who couldn't wait until he was old enough to petition the lodge. When he was young, he used to dream of becoming three things: a fireman, a Marine, and a Mason. By 19 he was already a volunteer fireman with three years' experience and a state certified EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). He was well on his way to becoming a Marine until he answered a fire call on an early August morning in 1995. Ike was standing on the tailboard of the fire truck when it crashed. The man standing next to him was killed. Ike spent three months in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) at a Pittsburgh hospital and another four months in the hospital and rehab center. That was quite a tragic story extensively covered by the media.

"Ike is one of God's miracles. To make a long story short, I believe that it was his father, Daniel, who kept the boy alive and motivated him to recover to where he is today. Truly, I say this father is a saint. He never missed even one of the half-hour visiting times, twice a day, at the ICU for the three months that Ike was there - all while working full time and remodeling a three-story house that we were committed to have completed within four months.

"When Dan was most active in the lodge, ... it truly was a family affair. Ike went to the lodge hall with his Daddy at an early age. He helped Dad take care of the hall for the meeting. He helped Mom serve refreshments - sort of. He was always made to feel welcome. With all of that, there couldn't have been a more natural thing for him to do than petition the lodge two years ago when he was 21. Now, he is serving as Junior

### His Special Letter to Dad

Father's Day, 1999

Dad, it's Father's Day again. This is your 28th year as a father but, most especially, as a "Dad," just like the plaque at the camp that says . . . "Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad." This is only my second [as a father], of hopefully many more to come, to share with [my son] "Ikey" and with whomever else the Lord may bless us. Who knows, maybe there is another Daniel in the grand scheme of things.

Over the past year, you and I have gone many a mile together, like that old familiar beaten path to the camp ... [now] I, too, have the right to claim the same path that you, Pap and Uncle Bill have taken - the same path which many good and worthy fellows have traveled. Sharing these experiences has had a profound effect on my life and I feel it has only made me closer to the man I most admire and I most desire to be like: YOU.

Through all the rough times of childhood and the very trying years of adolescence that you have braved with no more than a few minor gray hairs, you have been there to stand by me and watch me grow from the small child tagging along behind you; ... the young adult alongside you in doe season, bright-eyed and eager to spot the first deer of the day; to the beaming father holding your first grandson; and finally to the man standing before you to be congratulated on being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. I only hope that these experiences that you and I have shared together has made me a better man, a better husband, and a better father .... I am sure that they have, because I had the best teacher ....

In short, Dad, "thank you" for all that you have done for me ... In closing, Dad, let me assure you that all of the qualities [that] you have instilled in me, I will do the same with my son. I love you Dad!

Warden and participating in the degree work.

"Today he is a Dad with his own little boy named Isaac John Boehme, Jr. Just as his Dad did, he takes little "Ikey" to the lodge whenever possible. One of the men said that they should get him a little apron because it looks like there's another Mason in the making."

Referring to the values so well represented by this story, Lynne Boehme says: "Maybe the men need to get out in the community and work with young men. Teach them to hunt and fish, golf, or whatever they enjoy doing. Maybe take them camping, get them involved in church activities or just spend some time not just talking but actually listening. There are a lot of boys out there who could use a good role model and the finest group of men I know are the Masons."

## Grand Lodge Service Awards to be Presented in Each Lodge

The R.W. Grand Master will recognize one member of each Lodge for living a "Masonic Life of Outstanding Community Service" by presenting a special **Grand Lodge Service Award** golf shirt.

The award is not intended to reward a lodge officer or a past master. Lodge officers are encouraged to look into their lodge for that "unsung hero" whose quiet lifestyle of serving others is an extension of his Masonic obligation. This recognition is for that brother who is living the life of a Mason by caring for the community at large.

The selection is to be made by the master and wardens, and submitted to the District Deputy Grand Master on a special nomination form, available from him, for his approval. The District Deputy Grand Master will

present the award at an appropriate lodge or district function.

In addition, the R. W. Grand Master will present a special **Grand Master's Service Award** to one brother in each Masonic District, as well as those brethren he wishes to recognize personally for their outstanding community service. This special award is a beautiful 8-inch crystal memento with a globe suspended in the center.

The District Deputy Grand Master will send all nominations to the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee, which supervises this new program. The R.W. Grand Master will make the final selection and presentations will be made at his direction during quarterly communications, lodge anniversaries, and visitations.

## FOUR AWARDED PURPLE JACKETS IN TUNKHANNOCK

It was a testimony for **Friend to Friend** efforts when four Grand Master's jackets were awarded on Mar. 6 to first-line signers of petitions in Temple Lodge No. 248, Tunkhannock. Martin W. Migliori (right), 15th Masonic D.D.G.M., and Van G. Booth (left), W.M., presented purple jackets to (l-r): Allen J. Brooks, Paul J. Marshall, P.M., and Tom Henry. Hudson L. Sherman, P.M. was not available for the picture.



Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, has said that the Grand Lodge will continue awarding a jacket to a first-time, first-line signer of a petition. The Grand Master urged all lodges to participate in the program and strive to have many brethren wearing purple jackets.

The purple jacket program continues with the same guidelines it has had since its introduction nearly four years ago. To receive the jacket, the Secretary of the lodge must forward the verification of the first-line signer and send it along with jacket information to the Grand Lodge. A brother can earn only one jacket. Any member who has been a first-line signer of a petition and has not received the award should contact his lodge Secretary.

## AN APOLOGY

An apology is in order for Ronald A. Aungst, Jr. LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore, an Aide to the Grand Master, who was identified erroneously as "Randall" in the special inaugural edition of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* published on Dec. 27. The misnomer appeared in the article introducing his father, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. as the R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

## It's a Busy Start to 2000 for Masonic Training

The Masonic Training/Education Committee has moved into 2000 in high gear arranging workshops for lodge officers, updating communications about available speakers, and incorporating new materials for candidates packets.

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, reinstated the Senior and Junior Warden Workshops under the new title of "Lodge Officers Training Workshops" with two sessions scheduled to be held this year. The first workshop was held March 11 at the Masonic Homes Campus in Elizabethtown. The second will be on Oct. 14 at the same location.

In April, the Committee began to upgrade and enlarge the *Speakers Book*. Speakers listed in the existing booklet will be polled to determine their continuing interest. The contents will be expanded to include representative speakers whose topics address the new programs in safety and personal protection initiated by Grand Master Dluge.

New materials, as well as significant Masonic materials from the past will be introduced into "The Candidates Packets" that are given to new members. Each Mason should have a variety of materials that will help him to understand the Masonic Fraternity better. The new packets are to be available from the Masonic Education Office beginning in May.

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## Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program For 2000

The need for charity in our society has never been greater! The Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program will match LODGE contributions to approved local charitable recipients. A new emphasis is being placed on LOCAL recipients, so that the community will see the work of the lodge. Clearly, it is a Masonic duty to be charitable, and by reaching out into our local community, the lodge can make this vital aspect of Freemasonry a well-known and esteemed quality.

Working with the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program, each lodge will have the opportunity to contribute up to \$5,000 from the lodge to community charitable causes, which will be matched up to a total of an additional \$5,000. The program has been streamlined with less paperwork to make it easier to complete a match.

### Lodge No. 298 Picks Derby Driver



George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, Media, selected Joshua Lockhard, the son of Bro. Richard and Beth Lockhard, to drive the Soap Box Derby car that the lodge is sponsoring in this year's race. Joshua is an elementary student who was selected from among the children and grandchildren of members of Lodge No. 298. The young driver will spend several months building his car and preparing for the race. Trying out a demonstration racer, Joshua received a sponsorship check from William Seganti, W.M. (right), accompanied by Richard Maida (left) and Timothy Nowell, both of the Lodge's Community Service Committee.

Very active in the community, George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge also sponsors scholarships for seniors at Penncrest High School and a team in the Media Little League; co-sponsors a hunter safety program; supports the Salvation Army, DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls; and collaborates with the Media Elementary School Parent-Teachers Group and the Media Borough Recreation Committee to renovate and re-equip the school playground.

### Lodge No. 9 Gives Help Where Needed

When Rev. William D. Hartman (right), a Grand Chaplain and a member of Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, was appointed Director of the Special Care Unit for Alzheimer's and dementia residents at Evangelical Manor in Philadelphia, he realized that there was an immediate need for a better security system to assure that none of the residents could wander from the unit. It would cost \$5,000 to install special alarmed doors operated by a key pad. Bro. Hartman appealed to his Lodge, which responded in partnership with the Grand Lodge Matching Grants Program. A check sufficient to provide for the security system was presented by Albert W. Woodhead, W.M. (left), to the President of Evangelical Manor, Bro. J. Edward Burleigh, also a member of Lodge No. 9. Bro. and Rev. Hartman also serves as the Director of Pastoral Care at the home.



### Solomon's Lodge Supports First Ronald McDonald House



Solomon's Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, presented \$2,000 to the world's first Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. Started in 1974, the Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with children being treated in area hospitals for serious illness. "We salute your charitable efforts and feel truly blessed to be the recipients of your generosity," states Jane Konefsky, Executive Director, Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Lodge officers presented the oversized check to Jane Konefsky (center) during a special tour of the House. Pictured (l-r) are: Samuel Blum, J.W.; Adam Smith, Jr.; Martin Grossman, W.M.; Robert Swingle, S.W.; Thomas Buck, III, P.M.; and Hillary Kaufman, P.M.

One major change is that if a lodge does not have \$5,000 to give to charitable causes, it is permitted to raise the funds in a manner approved by the District Deputy Grand Master.

New to this year's program, a lodge also can complete a project in the community and be reimbursed for the project's expenses. To do that, a lodge must develop and submit a project description and cost estimate for prior approval by the Committee. The lodge must provide all the manpower to complete the project, and the Grand Lodge will reimburse the material costs, up to the established \$5,000 limit.

A complete program kit has been prepared and distributed to Worshipful Masters and lodge Secretaries, explaining the program in detail. The complete text of the program kit, and all applications, are available on the web site of the Grand Lodge at <<www.pagrandlodge.org/mcg.>> The Masonic Charity Grants Committee administers the program and will assist in identifying appropriate causes.

For further information, contact the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, 1-(800)-266-8424 (PA only) or (717)-367-1536 or e-mail <<matchingcharitygrants@pagrandlodge.org.>>

### Automatic External Defibrillators Are a Perfect Match for Charity Grants

Grand Master Robert L. Duge, Jr., and the American Heart Association have teamed together in developing a program that will save lives by placing 1,000 automatic external defibrillators (AED) throughout the Commonwealth. "I strongly urge each lodge to give serious consideration to this vital program of public health and safety, and lead a community effort to put an AED into the hands of emergency medical, police, and fire officials where needed," said Grand Master Duge. The Grand Master is encouraging lodges to use a Masonic Matching Charity Grant to place one of these lifesaving devices in the lodge's community.

Lodges are being asked to raise \$2,000 to be matched in charity grants for a total of \$4,000. The funds will provide for the purchase of one AED to be placed in the local community, training for a limited number of individuals that will need to be certified to use the AED, and public awareness materials to be distributed by the lodges. Lodge officers interested in more information about this effort are asked to please contact their District Deputy Grand Master, or Judy Donnelly, VP of Programming, Communications and Advocacy for the American Heart Association, Pennsylvania-Delaware Affiliate by calling toll-free 1-800-243-2780, extension 140.

## Family-Oriented Quarterly to be Held in June

A family-oriented Quarterly Communication featuring plenty of fun and food will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24 in the Elysburg area. This Quarterly will be the first-ever with a full day of family fun prior to the Saturday Grand Lodge Communication.

Friday is the day for families to choose from the following activities: (1) a golfing tournament at Jepko's Three Ponds 18-hole golf course, in Elysburg (2) a trap shoot at the Northumberland Valley Gun & Country Club, in Elysburg (3) a history tour beginning at the Ashland Coal Mine, followed by a visit to the Lower Anthracite Model Railroad Club in Shamokin, then on to Weaver Model Manufacturing, in Northumberland, where the Pennsylvania Masonic Train is being made, or (4) activities at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park.

Saturday the Quarterly Communication will be held on the grounds of the Elysburg Fire Department at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch at that facility. The ladies, children, and guests will travel to Knoebels Grove Amusement Park, which opens at 11:00 a.m. Look for the Grand Lodge pavilion where lunch will be provided. Following the Communication, the brethren will be bused to Knoebels Park. A barbecue chicken and ham dinner will be served at the park at 5:00 p.m. Special entertainment headlining the 60's magic of **DAVID CLAYTON-THOMAS and BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS and The Shangri-Las**.

An added activity available Saturday and Sunday will be train rides on the North Shore Railroad. Cost of the train ride will be \$10 a person.

Dress codes are as follows: Friday is casual for the entire day. Saturday is Masonic dress for the Quarterly Communication and casual for the remainder of the day. Changing areas will be available following the men's luncheon.

Special-priced ride tickets will be available through this coupon or at the Grand Lodge pavilion in increments of \$5.00 each. Reservations for food at the park is by advance sale only!

Fill out and return the activities reservation form at right.

### June Quarterly Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons planning to attend the June Quarterly Communication \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY ACTIVITIES:**  
**Mine Tour and Museum**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7/person \_\_\_\_\_  
**Trap Shoot (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/100 rounds \_\_\_\_\_  
**Knoebels Grove Park**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:**  
**Mens' luncheon**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_  
**Knoebels Grove Package Lunch and Dinner**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16/person \_\_\_\_\_  
**Train Rides on Saturday**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/person \_\_\_\_\_  
**Train rides on Sunday**  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10/person \_\_\_\_\_  
**Special Entertainment**  
**David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat & Tears and The Shangri-Las**  
 (Open to the public)  
 Masons and Family (preferred seating)  
 no. attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20/person \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: Open to the Public for General Seating at \$25)

Reservations must be returned by June 10 to:  
**Office of the Grand Master**  
**Masonic Temple**  
**One North Broad Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107**

*Camping and cottage reservations are available directly through Knoebels Grove (570) 672-2572. Accommodations recommendations available upon request.*

### Golf Reservation

Name (1st person in foursome) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Price: \$45 per person  
 Includes: Greens Fee, Cart, Lunch Buffet, and Choice of Beverages.  
 Format: Callaway  
 Prizes: For event holes and tournament winners.  
 Deadline: June 14

Name (2nd person in foursome) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (3rd person in foursome) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (4th person in foursome) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred tee time (between 7:45 and 11:00 a.m.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount enclosed (prepaid reservations only - \$45 per person) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap Certificates of your handicap from your course is required. You must have this with you.  
 Prepaid reservations only. Return to:  
**Jepko's Three Ponds,**  
 R.R. 2, Box 262, Elysburg, PA 17824  
 Phone: 570-672-0064

## Attention All Attorneys, CPAs and Financial Planners! Estate and Charitable Gift Planning Seminar

On Thursday, May 25, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through the Masonic Homes, will host a seminar for attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners at the Masonic Conference Center, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

The information-packed agenda will include presentations by the following firms: Mette, Evans & Woodside; Stevens & Lee; and Waddell & Reed Financial Services. The topics will include:

- ✓ Basic Gifting Techniques
- ✓ Basic Tools and Techniques of Estate and Charitable Gift Planning
- ✓ IRA and Retirement Plans as Part of Estate Planning
- ✓ Case Study of an Individual's Estate

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m., and the seminar will start at 9 a.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The seminar will conclude at 4:15 p.m., after a "Charities in Action" presentation by Dr. Vicki L.

Gillmore, RN, Ph.D., N.H.A., Administrator, Health Care Services, which will include a tour of the Masonic Health Care Center.

The cost for this seminar is \$25 per person (a Masonic affiliation is not required). Applications for CEU credits have been made for legal, accounting and financial planning professionals; however, approvals had not yet been given as of this writing. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 11, to Mrs. Lori Seiders, Manager, Organization, Development & Training at the Masonic Homes, by sending the information requested, along with a check made payable to "Masonic Homes", or a credit card number to: Lori Seiders, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, Fax: (717) 361-5300. Please address any questions to Lori Seiders by calling (717) 367-1121, ext. 33697 or, via e-mail: <<loris@masonichomespa.org>>

Attendees will receive a confirmation and directions prior to the seminar. Please make copies of the registration form for additional participants.

### Registration Form For May 25 Seminar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No. (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method (your payment must be included with this reservation form).

Check made payable to Masonic Homes

Credit Card:(circle) MC VISA AMEX DISC.


Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_


Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

 SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Masonic Homes is committed to making meetings accessible to all participants.

Please indicate if you would like a Masonic Homes' staff member to contact you for details.

 SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS: Masonic Homes strives to offer healthy selections to all our food functions.

Please indicate if you require the listed special meals  
 Kosher  Vegetarian

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 11**

## D.D.G.M. "Triplets" Are Three of a Kind



A trio of look-alike District Deputy Grand Masters are three of a kind, and they're all aces. When Edward Miles (left), 36th Masonic District, joined the District Deputy ranks this year, he expanded the former "set of twins" on the Grand Lodge team to "triplets." Robert W. "Skip" Steckel (center) is the 10th Masonic District Deputy and Harvey F. Fishel (right) is the 39th Masonic District Deputy.

## New Supreme Tall Cedar Greets Goodwill Ambassador



Barry R. Stocker, Phillipsburg, NJ, who was recently installed as the Supreme Tall Cedar, greets seven-year old Shane R. Burcaw, the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2000. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon have provided financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing more than \$12-million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Shane, the son of Susan and Jonathan Burcaw, Bethlehem, PA, was diagnosed in 1993 with spinal muscular atrophy. The second-grader is a typical boy who enjoys computers and video games, chocolate peanut butter ice cream, singing, playing army, bugs, and driving his wheel chair "really fast." He also is the local Muscular Dystrophy Association Ambassador.

Bro. Stocker, Warren Lodge No. 13, Belvedere, NJ, was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar in Atlantic City in January by Edgar N. Peppler, M.W. Past Grand Master of New Jersey and Past President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

## Successful Quarterly in Wilkes-Barre

(Quarterly Communication Photos by Kenneth R. Brooks)

More than 400 brethren attended the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held March 25 in Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre. Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, outlined goals and directions for the programs of Grand Lodge for 2000 and 2001, emphasizing "the old and the new" by combining activities that "... are a little bit different" with the existing successful programs.

Already introduced is the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry, which addresses three tracks of learning: ritual, leadership and Masonic history, heritage, and philosophy. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, drew a standing ovation after he defined the objectives of the Academy. In summary, Bro. Jackson told the brethren:

"For Freemasonry to gain its rightful place in North American society, it will require a commitment to an education of our membership about what the Craft truly means. With a membership who knows Freemasonry, we can restore the respect of a quality organization.

"To understand (the objectives), we must see what the Craft continues to mean outside of North America. To become and to remain a member elsewhere (in the world) requires a much higher financial cost as well as a much higher commitment to learning what our philosophy truly means. What Freemasonry is in much of the world today is more reminiscent of what it probably meant to our brethren here in the 1700s, 1800s, and early 1900s.

"The intent of our R.W. Grand Master's Academy of Freemasonry is to work to restore the significance of the Craft by regaining quality through education of the membership. With this program, it is hoped that a rejuvenation of societal respect will bring us again to the forefront and place the Craft in a leadership role."

While greeting guests and dignitaries, Grand Master Dluge introduced Vincent T. Sweeney, Jr., Acacia Lodge No. 579, Taylor, popular weatherman for WBRE-TV and an active Mason in the area, and presented him with a Grand Master's Medallion. In conjunction with the Communication, nearly 300 attended the Grand Master's banquet at the Masonic Temple in Scranton, which was followed by a concert, open to the public, by the Hampton String Quartet in the theater of the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple.

Grand Master Dluge, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, Luther J. Black, retired from the Quarterly Communication wearing the jeweled fez of Irem Temple presented to him by Illustrious Sir Lee Hockenberry, Potentate of Irem Temple.



## Special Communication In Danville on June 22

There will be a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22, in the Danville Masonic Center, 7 Jerseytown Rd., Danville, for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room there.



R.W. Past Grand Masters Arthur J. Kurtz and John L. McCain enjoy a laugh before the Grand Master's banquet.



John L. McCain, R.W.P.G.M., offered a response for all of the R.W. Past Grand officers at the conclusion of the Communication at Irem Temple. Past Grand officers present were (l-r): Front - Past Grand Masters McCain, Arthur J. Kurtz, W. Scott Stoner, George H. Hohenschildt, and Edward O. Weisser. Rear - James L. Ernette, Past Grand Master, and Thomas H. Burgess, Past Grand Warden. Not in the picture was Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary.



Grand Master Dluge was made an Honorary Chief of the Philadelphia Fire Department and presented with an autographed Philadelphia Fire Chief's helmet by Harold Hairston, Philadelphia Fire Commissioner.

## RETIREMENT LIVING SEMINARS TO BE HELD ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA

The Independent Living Marketing Department at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown will conduct "Retirement Living Seminars" at various locations throughout Pennsylvania. This will be the third consecutive year that the Marketing Department will be extending invitations to eligible brethren and their spouses to attend one of these sessions in order to learn more about the Masonic Homes truly exceptional retirement community.

Information will be provided on services available, including health care, various accommodations and options, activities, recreational opportunities, local attractions, and other pertinent information necessary for prospective

residents to make an informed decision. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

Currently, seminar locations include the areas surrounding Philadelphia, Allentown/Bethlehem, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Pittsburgh, Johnstown/Altoona, and Elizabethtown.

Brethren will receive mailings with specific information regarding seminar dates, locations, etc., over the next several months.

This year's theme is "Begin the Millennium at the No. 1 Retirement Community in the Country!" The theme revolves around the recent announcement that the Masonic Homes is the only continuing care retirement community in the country to be



given an AA- rating by Standard & Poor's rating organization. All who are a part of the Masonic organization in Pennsylvania can be proud of this recognition of the Masonic Homes' financial stability and proven success.

If you or your spouse are a Pennsylvania Mason or Eastern Star member and are at least 65, plan to attend a local seminar, or call to arrange an individual appointment with a Masonic Homes' staff person. You will be provided a tour of the outstanding facility and have the opportunity to select a unit that best fits your needs. Call 1-800-676-6452 or complete and mail the coupon.



### Please send me more information about Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Complete coupon and return to:

**Marketing Office  
Masonic Homes  
One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

## Masonic Homes Presents Second Annual Flower Show

The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown hosted its second annual flower show on Mar. 6 and 7 in the Masonic Health Care Center Assembly Room. The flower show was free and open to the public during the evening of Mar. 6.

Entitled "Springtime Stroll," the show featured beautiful horticultural arrangements by the Masonic Homes' Landscape/Greenhouse Department, as well as exhibits: Country Haus, Hole in Hand Butterfly Farm, the Horticulture Department of the Brownstown Campus of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center, and Mueller's Flower Shop, were among others.

Hanselman Landscaping and Hively Farm and Nursery donated several plants for use in the flower show.

The idea for the Masonic Homes to host its own flower show began last year when a number of residents expressed an interest in attending the Philadelphia Flower Show. When this was not possible, the Recreation Services Department teamed up with the Landscape/Greenhouse Department to present Masonic Homes' own display.



## Masonic Homes' Computer Club Learns and Shares Technology

Over the past few years, residents at the Masonic Homes have shared an increasing interest in the use of computers. In response to this enthusiasm, a Computer Club was formed in 1997 which allows computer enthusiasts to get together and share knowledge and ideas. However, the computer frenzy did not truly take off until one of our residents, Mrs. Margaret Coates, a retired business teacher, offered to teach computer classes.



MRS. COATES AND BRO. PAUL GARVER WORK IN THE COMPUTER CENTER.

Throughout 1999, Mrs. Coates taught residents' computer classes, free of charge, at the computer labs at Elizabethtown College. The challenge

for Mrs. Coates and the residents taking the courses was the lack of one-on-one instruction, with each class averaging more than 20 participants. According to Mrs. Coates, individual instruction is most beneficial during the initial stages of computer learning.

In an effort to provide the optimal learning environment, the Masonic Homes' Resource and Computer Center in the Smith

North Building opened on Jan. 3. This center is equipped with six personal computers, each with large 19-inch monitors and printers, and all computers are linked for access to the Internet.

The response to date has been tremendous, with more than 100 residents enrolled for classes! Mrs. Coates has gone to great efforts to develop the first set of classes so that residents who are unfamiliar with computers feel comfortable registering to participate in the classes.

In the future, the center also will offer Internet classes for residents instructed by Bro. Henry and Mrs. Chris Clay, Donora Lodge No. 626. The Clays have offered to share their knowledge of computers and use of the Internet which they gained through their professional and personal experiences. With the help of knowledgeable resident volunteers, the Resource and Computer Center will provide residents with the opportunity to learn basic computer skills and the ability to access information and knowledge available through the Internet.

## Nearly 1,000 Attend 2000 Florida Masonic Reunions

Approximately 7,500 Pennsylvania Freemasons reside in the "Sunshine State" either permanently or during the winter months. Nearly 1,000 Pennsylvania Freemasons, their spouses, widows, and family members attended a Masonic Reunion at one of three Florida locations: Melbourne on Feb. 24, Orlando on Feb. 25, and Sarasota on Feb. 26. The four-hour events included a reception, lunch, program, and social hour. The highlight of the reunions included the Grand Master's presentation of 50-year Emblems of Gold.

The reunions were hosted by R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Duge, Jr., and his wife, Debra, along with the other Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Masters, Committee on Masonic Homes and their wives, as well as Masonic Homes' staff. The Masonic Homes' staff shared information about the continuum of quality care services provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



**50 Year Award Presentation**  
Azan Temple,  
Melbourne, FL



**50 Year Award Presentation**  
Bahia Temple,  
Orlando, FL



**50 Year Award Presentation**  
Sahib Temple,  
Sarasota, FL

## Eight New District Deputy Grand Masters Presented By R.W. Grand Master Duge



Hugh E. Williams, Jr., of Luzerne, D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District, (pictured left) and Richard A. Loreman, of Williamsport, D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District, were presented in their new Masonic positions by Grand Master Duge during an open presentation held at Caldwell Consistory in Bloomsburg. The

open presentation allowed family and friends to be present in support of these fine brethren.



Grand Master Duge invited the newly presented District Deputy Grand Masters (l-r): Edward D. Miles, of Bethel Township, D.D.G.M., 36th Masonic District; Harry E. Hackman, Jr., of Malvern, D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District; and Douglas M. Wiker, of Lancaster, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District; to speak about their new appointments during the open presentation held at the Reading Masonic Center.



Standing at the altar as they receive the charges of their new respective offices are (l-r): Kurt R. Tesche, of Allegheny Township,

D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; Jeffrey M. Wonderling, of Export, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District; and Thomas M. Gasmire, of Washington, D.D.G.M., 29th Masonic District. The open presentations were held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center.

## Tired of Having a Weekly Checklist That Looks Like This?

- mow the lawn
- clean the house
- get groceries
- do the laundry



Don't you think your retirement years should be more carefree? Then residential living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown may be perfect for you! Centrally located on Masonic Homes' picturesque campus, the Village Green Area offers attractive and convenient residential accommodations for individuals who are retired and want to enjoy their favorite pastimes instead of the drudgery of everyday household chores.

For more information about these residential options, call today: 1-800-422-1207.

Then your weekly checklist can look more like this:

- Sunday:** worship service, family visits
- Monday:** ceramics workshop, exercise class
- Tuesday:** woodworking, social theme party
- Wednesday:** go fishing
- Thursday:** go bowling
- Friday:** volunteer
- Saturday:** go swimming, go to a movie with friends

...Now, isn't that more like it? Call today, so you can enjoy many more of your tomorrows.

## Children say, "Happy Birthday, Mr. Harding!"

On Saturday, Jan. 22, nine youth between the ages of 6 and 18, and three staff members from the Masonic Children's Home traveled to Sugar Run, PA., to wish Bro. Jack Harding a "Happy 80th Birthday."

Bro. Harding, a member of Landmark Lodge No. 442, Wilkes-Barre, celebrated 57 years as a Pennsylvania Mason in June 1999. Three months later, he donated more than 50 acres of property along the Susquehanna River to the Masonic Children's Home. The property, which includes 2,700 feet of river frontage and 20 acres of lawn, has two cottages and two houses. Bro. Harding still lives in the main house on the property.

He was very surprised and delighted when the kids presented him with a Masonic Children's Home mono-

grammed sweatshirt, a birthday cake, a sign with well-wishes and greetings, and his favorite, chocolate brownies. "I went to pieces," said Bro. Harding. "These young people didn't even know me and they did that for me!"

The Masonic Children's Home's 38 children are anxious to begin using the facility this spring and are extremely thankful to Bro. Harding for his generosity, support, and friendship. He is just as excited about the kids coming up to visit and enjoy the camp.

According to Bro. Gilson "Buz" Cash, Director of Children's Services at the Masonic Homes, the plans for the camp are to set up playing fields for sports activities and to use the cottages and the house on the property to accommodate campers and staff during the youths' vacations. He said the staff hopes to bring the first group of children to the camp sometime this spring.



(l-r): Brian Smith, Duran Henson, Bro. Jack Harding, and Justin Raihl



Pictures of the Sugar Run, PA property donated to the Masonic Children's Home by Bro. Jack Harding.

## Masonic Homes Celebrates Eden Alternative™ Registration with Tree Unveiling

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown celebrated its registration as an Eden Alternative™ site by unveiling its Eden Tree on Tuesday, Mar. 7, in the Masonic Health Care Center Assembly Room.

The Eden Tree is to display symbols representing each of the "Ten Principles of the Eden Alternative" as residents and employees implement the philosophy. This plaque is proudly displayed in the Masonic Health Care Center.

In addition to the tree unveiling, residents, children from the Masonic Homes' Child Care Center, volunteers, and staff performed skits, songs, and cheers; read poetry; and made gifts and refreshments for after the celebration. The Masonic Homes' Second Annual Flower Show was in progress during the event, which created a beautiful atmosphere.

The Eden Alternative philosophy, founded by William Thomas, M.D., in 1991, is a set of ideas and practices for transforming long term care facilities into homes, improving the quality of life for their residents. The philosophy seeks to eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom from residents' lives by bringing animals, plants, and children back into their homes.

In an Eden Alternative home, residents have the opportunity to care for other living things and experience variety



(l-r): Mrs. Verna Johanides, Mr. Malcolm MacNeill, Dr. Vicki L. Gillmore and Mr. Richard Speith unveiled the Eden tree displayed on the wall behind them.

and spontaneity in their everyday lives. In this way, the Eden Alternative process also seeks to eliminate unnecessary medicine and therapies, thereby ensuring residents a higher quality of life.

The Masonic Homes is one of only eight long-term care homes in Pennsylvania to become registered as an Eden Alternative site, and is the only registered site in Central Pennsylvania. There are 184 fully registered Eden homes in the United States and Canada.



Dr. Vicki Gillmore addresses residents, staff, and volunteers at the Masonic Homes Eden Tree unveiling.

If you are interested in helping with the Masonic Homes' Eden Alternative efforts, contact one of the Masonic Homes' Eden Alternative Associates:

**Mark Eyer**, Social Services Supervisor:  
<<marke@masonichomespa.org>>

**Vicki Gillmore**, RN, PhD, NHA, Adm., Health Care Services:  
<<vickig@masonichomespa.org>>

**Joyce Heisey**, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing:  
<<joyceh@masonichomespa.org>>

**Cathy Misiewicz**, RN:  
<<cmisiew@masonichomespa.org>>

**Kirk Rakos**, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor:  
<<kirkr@masonichomespa.org>>

**Lori Seiders**, Manager, Organization Development & Training:  
<<loris@masonichomespa.org>>

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Cornerstone Ceremony  
Saturday, September 23  
(during Autumn Day)  
for the Masonic Homes'  
Village Green Area  
Construction Project**

Other events of the day will include: clowns, tours, musical performances, magic acts, kids' games, delicious food, crafts for sale, and lots, lots more! Make plans to bring your family and visit your loved ones in Elizabethtown.

More details to come...

## Position Open: Director of Development

A position is available immediately as Director of Development. Candidates for this position should have experience with annual giving programs and deferred giving and have outstanding people skills. A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential preferred. Individuals with extensive experience in banking, financial, or legal backgrounds will be considered.

Please forward resume and salary requirements to:

**Chief Human Resources Officer**  
Masonic Homes  
One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

e-mail: carolynb@masonichomespa.org

fax: 717-361-5300

telephone: 877-752-3228

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## Phila. Lodges Sponsoring Golf Oct. 3 To Benefit Masonic Children's Home

The lodges of the Philadelphia area are sponsoring a charity golf outing to benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown. The outing will be Tuesday, Oct. 3 at LuLu Country Club, North Hills, near Plymouth Meeting.

The shotgun start will be at noon. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch will be ready at 11 a.m. There will be a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by an awards dinner. The fee for the outing is \$125, which includes greens fee and cart, refreshments on the course, lunch, dinner and awards.

Send reservations with check to William Greet, 2125 Parkdale Ave., Glenside, PA 19038. (Phone 215-887-4915). Deadline for reservations is one week before the tournament, unless the maximum number of golfers is reached before then.

### GOLF RESERVATION FORM

Enter the golfers listed below at \$125 per person in the Philadelphia Area's Masonic Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Masonic Children's Homes (payment must accompany your reservation.) Enclosed is my check made payable to "Masonic Charity Golf Tournament" in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

1.) _____ Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Lodge Number (if applicable) _____	3.) _____ Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Lodge Number (if applicable) _____
2.) _____ Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Lodge Number (if applicable) _____	4.) _____ Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Lodge Number (if applicable) _____

## 31 Graduated in First 2000 D.A.R.E. Class

Thirty-one more law enforcement officers were graduated Jan. 28 from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training program at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus. With this graduation, the total number of law enforcement officers trained courtesy of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is more than 500. Among the graduating class were two more members of the Fraternity.

Two more D.A.R.E. training classes are planned for 2000, along with middle school mentor training to expand the program into the upper grades. The support of the Pennsylvania Masons makes it possible for more and smaller communities of the Commonwealth to have this vital program taught in their schools.

The addition of the Samuel C. Williamson Multimedia Center at Memorial Hall, along with the upgrading of all of the facilities at the Patton Campus, gives law enforcement personnel of Pennsylvania the most modern training center for D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) on the East Coast.



## Foundation Sponsors Children's Tour At New National Liberty Museum

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is donating \$25,000 a year for a four-year sponsorship of children's tours of the newly opened National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia. The grant will allow approximately 20,000 school children a year to visit the unique institution.

The National Liberty Museum features displays supporting the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation's message of anti-drugs and anti-violence. It also encourages the Masonic ideals of religious tolerance and strong moral and family values. The Museum's numerous displays provide a chance for children not only to observe, but also to participate. One of the displays allows them to use a voting machine to give their opinions about present-day issues. Also, as a class assignment, the students write papers about their experiences in the museum.

Also, a child accompanying a Pennsylvania Freemason may visit the Museum free of charge by letting the Museum know in advance or by identifying himself as a Mason.



A Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation grant to sponsor children's tours of the new National Liberty Museum was presented by James L. Ernette, R.W.P.G.M. and President of the Foundation (right), and Raymond Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation, (left), to Irvin J. Borowsky, Chairman of the Museum.





**From the  
R.W. Grand Secretary,  
Donald L. Albert**

Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts on "Membership Retention and Development." As we live in this fast-changing world, when all of our time is precious, and our commitments to God, country and family allow little time to participate in any other activities, Freemasonry is needed more than ever.

Our craft is unique in that it allows our brothers the freedom to worship God by the religious faith they choose.

We are able to take men from all walks of life, socially, economically, and culturally and provide an atmosphere of impartiality, where they can feel free to develop themselves to their highest potential - to take good men and make them better.

When we are asked to replace ourselves in this Fraternity, it is my hope that you know that this task is almost impossible because of your own high standards of character as a Mason. However, I believe that, along the way, you have touched someone else's life enough to want to share the same Masonic journey with him. Our **Friend-to-Friend** program provides you with the tools to accomplish this gift to mankind.

When we all think of Bro. George Washington, we remember him in several ways. One way is that he was our first and one of the greatest Presidents we have had. Another is that he was the Commanding General of the Continental Army that sacrificed so much to provide us the freedom we now enjoy. When I think of all the great successes and accolades that are credited to his name, the one that stands out in my mind the most is his character. I am sure we all remember the story of young Washington cutting down the cherry tree, and when questioned about it, he indicated that he could not tell a lie. That story might not be true, but it represents the character of George Washington, the Mason that we all honor and revere.

Remember Freemasonry was never intended to be for every man. There is nothing wrong with our being selective, because accepting good men and making them better is the only way to fulfill our obligation as Freemasons in order to sustain the quality of the Craft.

## A Tribute: Passing From Generation to Generation

Perhaps some people anticipated everything from calamity to miracles when the calendar advanced from the 1990s to Y2K; but what they found has been the opportunity for progress made possible by melding the promises of a new era with the proven values and traditions of the old. That's precisely what Freemasonry always has done, passing along its values, principles, rituals, traditions and fellowship from brother to brother, from generation to generation.

A poignant example of the impact that a Mason of an "older" generation has made on one of another generation is contained in a letter of tribute that Larry Hawkins, Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775, wrote to his lodge in January, 2000 after the death of his 99-year old grandfather, Karl Hoover. John D. Witmer, Jr., D.D.G.M., 2nd Masonic District, explained that Bro. Hoover, who served that lodge as Worshipful Master in 1964 and always attended regularly, fell last April, fractured his hip, and was no longer able to attend. He died Nov. 2, 1999.

Bro. Hawkins wrote, in part:

This Fall my studies at seminary (kept) me from lodge. In an ironic way, that was a small blessing because, ... there would have been no way to tell my grandfather that I could not take him (because) he was not in good enough health.... Being a Mason was important to Karl, and the brethren should know how much they meant to him.

I learned many things about our lodge from Karl.... He had a never-ending supply of stories ... about renovating lodge rooms, building our present lodge, trips around the country, memorizing ritualistic work, and much more. *The common denominator in each of those stories was brotherly love.*

I learned most about what it means to be a Mason by taking Karl to lodge. As Karl became more frail and his hearing and eyesight failed him, lodge was a great comfort to him. As he sat in lodge, he did not need to see everything, or hear everything ... the familiar rhythms and motions reassured him that there was a place in the world in which he could participate.

So many places in this world value a man for what he can contribute. At lodge, Karl had value merely because he was a brother. When he would repeat a story for the third time, we all would laugh ... when he interrupted (because he hadn't heard others speaking), no one took offense ... when he didn't recognize a person, no one took it personally.... In those simple actions ... I saw and understood what Freemasonry is all about.

There was one constant on all of our trips to lodge meetings.... he would thank me for the "evening out," and then he would pause ... (as if) seeing clearly for the first time in years. Then he would turn toward me and say, "That's a great bunch of guys ...!"

## Son Confers Degrees on Dad

There are often occasions when father's confer degrees on sons; but it's fraternal news when a son enters and passes his dad. John P. Humphreys (right), S.M.C., Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496, Millersville, conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree on his father, John E. Humphreys, III, on Feb. 16, and the Fellowcraft Mason's Degree on Mar. 15. Douglas M. Wiker, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District, applauded the younger Bro. Humphreys, saying that he "... worked very hard to be able to confer the degrees on his father."



## Job's Daughters Crowd Grand Lodge for Meeting

For the second time in the history of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters, the young ladies held a meeting in the Masonic Temple thanks to the support and encouragement of Robert L. Dluze, Jr., R.W. Grand Master. More than 300 Job's Daughters, family members, Council members, and visitors attended the meeting in Renaissance Hall. (See picture on the cover.)

There was an excellent attendance of Grand Lodge officers and District Deputy Grand Masters. Representing the Grand Lodge were: Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.D.G.M.; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Donald L. Albert, R.W.G.S.; John L. McCain, Sr., R.W.P.G.M.; Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M.; and District Deputy Grand Masters Thomas J. Miller, District A; John R. Miller, District B; Kenneth W. Bleiler, District D; Dale H. Fera, District E; Thomas R. Eynon, District 8; Edward D. Miles, District 36; and Joseph W. Dows, District 60. The entire day's activities were sponsored financially by Districts A through E, 8 and 36.

After the program in Grand Lodge, the girls went to Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill at the King of Prussia Mall and enjoyed their two favorite pastimes: dinner and shopping. The D.D.G.M.s joined the girls for some dancing and fun.



**Exemplification of "The Closing Cross" formation and song.**

## PYF to Host Life Skills Week for Youth

The cornerstone of the educational system of our country remains the three R's, but this Summer, the week of July 23 - 28, those R's will stand for respect, responsibility, and relationships as the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation hosts the first-ever Masonic Youth Leadership and Life Skills Conference.

This program, being organized by Brother Thomas Stecher, Thompson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, of "Stecher and Associates," will emphasize many of those skills that our young people are in need of: building respect for themselves and others; becoming responsible adults with a focus on career guidance and personal growth; and developing interpersonal skills that permit them to become secure in their relationships with family and friends. The conference will be staffed by professionals recruited by Bro. Stecher, and supplemented by a volunteer staff of adults and older members from the Masonic-related youth groups.

One of the featured presentations will be "Positive Air Dynamic Gymnastics" which will encourage high performance living. In another, a professional juggler will teach the participants how to juggle their way to self-esteem. The program will also include presentation skill development and service to the community through creative and expressive arts. An exciting but safety-conscious "High Ropes Course" will emphasize trust, responsibility, relationships, goal-setting, and career and life development.

On the final day of the conference, the parents of the participants will be invited to join their children for a Masonic Family Celebration. Parents will have the opportunity to see their children demonstrate many of the presentation skills that were developed throughout the week.

The Masonic Youth Leadership and Life Skills Conference is open to young men and women between the ages of 11 and 16 who are sponsored by Pennsylvania Masonic lodges or the youth groups. Participants can be children or grandchildren of Master Masons, or members of a Masonic youth group, or young people who are nominated by a Pennsylvania Masonic lodge. Nomination forms have been sent to all youth groups and lodges. The registration fee for the entire program is \$100, only a small portion of the actual cost per person which is being funded as part of the mission of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. The program is limited to 100 youths and each nomination will be evaluated on its own strength (on a first-come, first-served basis) by a selection committee for acceptance into the program.

For more information on the Masonic Youth Leadership and Life Skills Conference, contact the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at 1-800-266-8424.

# ACADEMY OF FREEMASONRY A HISTORY-MAKING SUCCESS

"Successful ... exciting ... enlightening ... history-making" all describe the successful inaugural three sessions of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry presented Saturday, Mar. 11 in Elizabethtown.

The three tracks of the Academy were the School for Ritual, Seminar for Wardens, and the Academy of Masonic Knowledge. At each of the well attended sessions, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, congratulated the brethren for their personal desire to increase their Masonic knowledge and told them that this day would be a memorable experience for them and a historic moment in the vitality of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and around the world.

## Academy of Masonic Knowledge

One hundred and eighty brethren participated in the Academy of Masonic Knowledge held in the large meeting room of the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus. This track of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry has been designed to present a learning opportunity for those Pennsylvania Freemasons interested in the Fraternity's origin, purposes, accomplishments, and reasons for being.

The featured keynote speaker was John Hamill, Director of Communication for the United Grand Lodge of England and renowned throughout the Masonic world as an author and scholar. He described the past and current relationships and problems of the Craft with the leaders of both church and government. Dr. Russell F. Weigley, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Temple University, military historian and author, gave the afternoon address focusing on the "Age of Enlightenment" and its influence on Masonic leaders in the formation of the American governmental system. Following each address a question and answer session was held.

Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Academy, announced that a "Home Study Guide" is being developed by the committee. Future Academy meetings will follow the highly successful format of this session with other prominent Masonic scholars addressing the brethren. Additional information will be included in forthcoming issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.



**The Abraham C. Treichler lodge room was filled to witness excellent exemplifications of the business of the lodge and two degrees.**



**Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, addressed the well attended Wardens' Seminar in the Assembly Room of the Masonic Homes. Grand Master Dluge spoke at each of the sessions of the Academy.**

**Seminar for Wardens** - Nearly 300 Masonic officers participated in lively sessions on lodge leadership, planning, and programming in the Seminar for Wardens. The senior and junior wardens gained a solid base for their year's programs when they become worshipful masters.

The presentations began by discussing "Values of Masonry," goals of the lodge, and roles of the officers and continued with suggestions for organizing the talent in a lodge and planning programs for the year as the master. There was a segment listing and defining the operations

of the required and optional committees of a lodge and another relative to working with the lodge secretary. A section on protocol gave guidelines for arranging and conducting various functions, such as a visit by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, and the requirements and contents for a lodge notice. The presenters were the members of the committee that arranged the seminar: Edward O. Weisser, R.W.P.G.M. and Chairman; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Stephen Gardner, P.D.D.G.M.; Jay W. Smith, P.D.D.G.M.; and William A. Wetterau, P.M. Due to an illness of Dr. Elvin G. Warfel, member

of the committee, Bro. Weisser presented topics that were to be delivered by him.

Chairman Weisser said that evaluations related in various terms that this training was "superior to anything they had attended before." It was virtually unanimous that the seven-hour session passed too quickly. Bro. Weisser was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm among the large number of younger wardens.

**School For Ritual** - One hundred and forty brethren from lodges in 37 districts representing all seven Masonic regions of the state attended the School for Ritual in the Abraham C. Treichler lodge room at the Masonic Homes to witness the exemplification of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Mason's degrees and the procedures for conducting the business of the lodge.

The business of the lodge and the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree were exemplified by Regional Instructors, Principals and Senior Instructors of the Schools of Instruction. Serving as Worshipful Master for the exemplification of the business of the lodge was Evan Jones and for the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree, Scott

Buck. The Fellow Craft Mason's degree was exemplified by a team of brethren from the 8th Masonic District, with Ralph E. Wagner serving as the Master.



**Noted military historian and author, Dr. Russell F. Weigley, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Temple University, addressed the nearly 200 brethren attending the Academy of Masonic Knowledge.**

Larry A. Buzzard, Director of Ritualistic Work, said, "The exemplifications were performed as nearly perfect as possible and the brethren who participated are to be commended for their excellence. The seminar demonstrated that through teamwork and understanding of the ritual, brethren from all over the state can come together and exemplify it in an excellent manner. It was a fine day of ritual and fellowship."

The second meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry will be on Oct. 14.



**The keynote speaker for the Academy of Masonic Knowledge, John Hamill (center), Director of Communication for the United Grand Lodge of England, and Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.P.G.S. (left), Chairman of the Committee for the Academy of Masonic Knowledge, engage in fraternal dialogue with Josh Heller, Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading.**



[Editor's Note: This is the first of an on-going series about the uses and benefits of the dramatic, very popular, and highly informative web site of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.]

How are Pennsylvania Masons using the internet? They're using it in increasingly high record numbers to make their fraternal experiences more fulfilling.

Like so many of your brethren, you can learn much and enjoy the special fellowship through cyberspace simply by clicking on <<www.pagrandlodge.org>> to call up the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge's highly professional web site. It's all there for your **practical, educational, organizational, and entertaining** enlightenment and enjoyment.

**PRACTICAL** - Want to visit a lodge, but don't know the location or day of meeting? That's easy! Right up front on the home page, there's the easy-to-find "button" labeled, "Lodge Locator." Click on it and you can find the answers by entering bits of information such as the ZIP code, town name, or lodge number. The answer will tell you the name and number of the lodge, the address and day of meeting. Click a spot marked "map" on that page and an area map will appear pinpointing the location. Don't forget to have your dues card with you when you visit a lodge.

**EDUCATIONAL** - While a "Hall of Presidents" doesn't exist in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, there is an excellent exhibit of "Masonic Presidents of the United States" in The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania and that's dramatically available on the internet. Just click on the "Library and Museum button." Click again on the portrait of Bro. George Washington and portraits of all of the Masonic presidents will appear. By clicking on and scrolling down, you read the fraternal records, biographies, and historical data about each; or click on the respective president's portrait and you'll be linked for individual historical data. This site is a favorite for those who are doing Masonic research on the birth of our country and its subsequent leadership.

**ORGANIZATIONAL** - There's no quicker way to find out what's going on among the Family of Freemasonry - about functions of the Grand Lodge, lodges and districts, appendant bodies, youth groups, and ladies' organizations. Click on the "Calendar button" and just about everything you need to know about "what's happening when" will be on the screen, either as a list of dates or as a calendar page, whichever you choose. Pennsylvania Masonic lodges and bodies of the Family of Freemasonry are always welcome to submit the dates of their activities to the web master and they will be posted within 24 hours.

**ENTERTAINMENT** - Whether or not you have had the pleasure and thrill of touring the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the magnificent home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, you'll find renewed enjoyment and pride as a Mason when you "take the tour on the internet." The on-line version has options for a guided tour, a self-directed exploration, and new 360-degree images by which you feel as though you are standing in the middle of a room and able to control your view all around. Many Masons have made it a habit to return to the web site to take the tour of the Temple from time to time.

*Train Buff Alert!*

# THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC TRAIN

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, has a great love for model train collecting. So it is only fitting that he would have created a Pennsylvania Masonic Train. It was unveiled Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication in Hershey.

The train, manufactured by Weaver Models of Northumberland, PA is an "O" Gauge, three-rail set consisting of a C-1 Atlantic engine with tender, five cars, and caboose. Each piece is marked with Masonic symbols representing a majority of the organizations that comprise the Family of Freemasonry and the appendant charities. The charities will benefit from every set sold.

For orders placed on the initial run of 1,500 sets by June 1, 2000, delivery will be guaranteed to you on or about Dec. 15, 2000. The cost per set is \$500. A separate option of 18 sections of 045 track and transformer also will be available for the additional cost of \$105.

In addition to the train and for the serious collector, a special limited-run Pennsylvania M-1 engine will be manufactured at a cost of \$1,100 per unit if orders for 300 or more engines can be obtained.

Another train-related product will be made available to each lodge. This is a specially painted and decorated boxcar that will depict the name and number of any lodge ordering at least 200 cars. Each lodge has been informed of the procedures for obtaining this special car.

Orders for the Pennsylvania Masonic Train, track, and transformer, or M-1 engine should be sent to the Office of the Grand Treasurer, using the accompanying order form.



\*No part of the train money is tax deductible.

## The Pennsylvania Masonic Train

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Train Set(s) Only @ \$500 each \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Track and Transformer @ \$105 \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ M-1 PA Engine @ \$1,100 each \_\_\_\_\_

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BUILDING TOWARD A PROMISING NEW FUTURE

## Team of District Deputies Assists Fellow D.D.G.M. in Raising His Father

Craig W. Suppo, D.D.G.M., 31st Masonic District, assisted by a degree team comprising fellow district deputy grand masters wearing their D.D.G.M. regalia, conferred the Master Mason's degree on his father, Carl L. Suppo, in Monessen Lodge No. 638, on Saturday, Feb. 19. At the same session of the lodge, Chuck Kraft also was raised.

The degree team was assembled by Jeffrey M. Wonderling, D.D.G.M. 30th Masonic District. After the degree was conferred, Bro. Wonderling presented Bibles to the two new Master Masons.



Pictured is the degree team with Bros. Carl Suppo and Kraft are (l-r): Front - John A. Habel, III, W.M., Monessen Lodge; Bros. Kraft and Carl Suppo; and Bro. Craig Suppo. Back - Bro. Wonderling; John J. Shannon, Jr., D.D.G.M., 42nd Masonic District; Jerry L. Lyons, D.D.G.M., 41st Masonic District; David S. Kielman, D.D.G.M., 55th Masonic District; John W. Hisiro, D.D.G.M., 49th Masonic District; Harvey F. Fishel, D.D.G.M., 39th Masonic District; Thomas M. Gasmire, D.D.G.M., 29th Masonic District; Kurt R. Tesche, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District; Carl R. Johnson, D.D.G.M., 33rd Masonic District; D. William Roberts, D.D.G.M., 47th Masonic District; and William H. Weichsel, D.D.G.M., 37th Masonic District.

MASONIC CHARITIES

Brethren and Friends:

Annual Reports chronicle the "the old" and set our sights on "the new." That seems especially impressive since the 1900s are history and we are wrapped in the hopes, promises, opportunities, and challenges that will come with the new century introduced by 2000.

As has been said, "the past is prologue." Every Pennsylvania Freemason and every friend of Masonic Charities has good reason to be proud of our commitment, dedication, and accomplishments in serving and helping others. The record is clear. The magnitude of our caring and service to mankind is well documented by your concern and support for all the Masonic Charities – the Masonic Homes and Masonic Children's Home; the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Fund. Please review the reports of achievements of each of them.



Robert L. Dluge, Jr.  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

If you're like I am, you will deeply appreciate the report of the Masonic Homes. As it has for nearly all of the century past, the Masonic Homes' "Mission of Love" cares for the elderly, providing full-life opportunities for the retiring, and giving the youth a promise for the future at the magnificent campus at Elizabethtown. Today, its renowned, professional caring has been extended to serve those of the Family of Freemasonry and others in need across the state in Masonic Eastern Star Homes-East and West and the most recent location, Valley Care Masonic Center at Sewickley.

The Masonic Fraternity's commitment to youth is an important part of Masonic charity. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, established, operated, and supported by the Grand Lodge, provides leadership and coordination for the Masonically-related youth organizations – DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters. It

provides training programs, special events and social activities, and offers scholarships and helps youth apply for scholarships offered by other Masonically-related organizations.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children continues compassion and guidance for youth at risk.

It makes possible training programs for teachers, counselors, and law enforcement personnel throughout Pennsylvania enabling them to interact with youngsters in drug and alcohol and other addictive circumstances.

As we move on to the new, it is important to record and maintain our history, heritage, culture, and tradition of our Fraternity, nation, and society. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is world-renowned for its outstanding historical collection, art, and research capabilities.

Among the Masonic charities, there is the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Fund which quietly, but effectively helps people and communities by sup-

porting worthy programs for education, treatment, personal relief, and disaster relief when and where it is needed.

Masons Care. You can make a tax-deductible contribution any time to all of the Masonic Charities, or give directly to any one or several of them by designating where you want your gift to be directed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert L. Dluge, Jr.  
R.W. Grand Master

Throughout 1999, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania enjoyed many opportunities for growth and the enhancement of services.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

In January, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown achieved a three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for its long-term care, dementia, subacute, outpatient, laboratory, and ambulatory services.

The last 28 of the 100 independent living expansion cottages were completed in February, bringing Elizabethtown's total number of independent living accommodations to 450, including 334 apartments and 116 cottages offering various styles and payment plans for the members of the Masonic Fraternity and Eastern Star.

The Brossman Pool opened at the Masonic Homes in May, thanks to donor Bro. Jay G. Brossman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665. The pool was officially dedicated in memory of J. Glen Brossman, the donor's son.



Bro. Jay Brossman and his friend Sally, at the opening of the Brossman Pool on May 28.

In addition, planning and training sessions began in the process of adopting the Eden Alternative™ philosophy of care at the Masonic Health Care Center and Freemasons Building. The Eden Alternative™ is a powerful tool for transforming long-term care facilities into human habitats, improving the quality of life for their residents. This philosophy, which has been adopted by long-term care homes across the nation and in other countries, seeks to eliminate the three plagues of the elderly—loneliness, helplessness, and boredom. The Eden Alternative™ philosophy brings animals, children, and plants into residents' homes.

Providing residents with the opportunity to care for other living things and bringing variety and spontaneity into their everyday lives often can succeed where pills and therapies fail. After much education and preparation, the Masonic Homes became a registered Eden Alternative™ site on November 18.



Independent Living resident Marian McElwee builds a friendship with Daisy, Masonic Homes' Outpatient Department "Employee."

Last summer, Masonic Homes' financial strength and stable outlook was recognized by Standard & Poor's with an AA- rating, the highest rating for a stand-alone retirement community in the country.

In July, the Respite Cottage in Elizabethtown was approved for residential accommodations for six adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. This portion of the program has been very successful. Two beds remain available to provide short-term respite services to adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. The cottage has seen many repeat guests since its opening in March 1998, and has seen many new faces based on referrals from satisfied customers as well as agency recommendations.

In August, extensive renovations were completed to enhance the Sell Chapel, adding common gathering space and improving accessibility. The new space includes two preparation rooms, rest rooms, a memory garden, and a lobby.

September marked the completion of the Independent Living Clubhouse renovations. This included new finish-

ings on the upper level and the redesign of space to include a larger assembly room, a new lounge, library, and administrative offices. The new café, built on the ground level of the Clubhouse, seats 66 persons and provides a casual dining option for residents, families, and employees.

The Masonic Homes added some new services to enhance the quality of life for resi-

dents and family members in 1999. A music therapy program was established in the Masonic Health Care Center and Freemasons Building, and more than 200 residents participated in this new programming each week. The Mourning Star Program, a bereavement program to assist residents, employees, and families in dealing with death, dying, and other losses in their lives, also took off in 1999. Interest in computers and the use of the Internet also became more popular across the campus.

Other programs on campus continued to grow, such as the Outreach Program, the Masonic Life Center (wellness center), and the Renaissance Unit (providing subacute care). The Adult Daily Living Center, which provides adult day care services to adults with physical and/or cognitive impairments, celebrated its fourth anniversary in August.



The Masonic Life Center at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown offers a variety of wellness opportunities for residents and staff.

## MASONIC HOMES

The Masonic Homes benefitted from resident and community volunteer involvement throughout the year. A total of 205 Independent Living resident volunteers provided 8,550 hours of service in their living areas. Altogether, 171 residents in the Village Green Area, Freemasons Building, and Masonic Health Care Center volunteered 41,555 hours to improve the quality of life for their neighbors. Over the year, 117 new adult volunteers from the community and the independent living areas committed to sharing their time and talents with residents in the Masonic Health Care Center. And, throughout the summer of 1999, 75 teens, ages 13 and older, totaled 3,200 hours of volunteer service to the Masonic Homes.

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The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star continued to raise funds through festivals and auxiliary projects, and generously provided numerous volunteer hours and social opportunities for our residents.

### Warminster: Serving in Eastern Pennsylvania

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at Warminster continued to provide quality nursing and assisted living services to Masons and Eastern Star members, as well as day-one Medicaid recipients in Philadelphia County. One of the year's highlights was the donation of time and materials by two volunteer groups, Somerton DeMolay and St. John's Chapter of Reading, which turned the Home's courtyard into a lovely garden for the residents to enjoy. A pond with wildlife and bird feeders made the area a focus year-round.



Masonic Eastern Star Home-East's courtyard's garden-in-the-making.

### Pittsburgh and Sewickley: Working Together to Provide a Continuum of Services In Western Pennsylvania

On June 1, the Valley Care Nursing Home in Sewickley, renamed the Valley Care Masonic Center, became part of the continuum of care provided by the Masonic Homes. With this 128-bed nursing facility being less than eight miles from the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West's assisted living accommodations, the two homes began to work together to provide a continuum of services for our residents at the two locations. The master plan to build the Valley Care Masonic Center campus into a continuing care retirement community was approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes on September 23. Pending approval by various governmental authorities, 60 assisted living services will be offered in Sewickley by fall 2001, and up to 263 independent living accommodations by fall 2002, depending upon interest. The residents, staff, and mission of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will transfer to the Sewickley facility once the assisted living accommodations open for residents. The Sewickley community will become known as the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh now focuses its services toward assisted living. Residents continued to enjoy a calendar filled with new types of entertainment, and began working with staff to implement the Eden Alternative™ philosophy within their home.



Masonic Eastern Star Home-West knows how to have fun!

### Looking Ahead: 2000 and Beyond

With the progress made in 1999, the Masonic Homes expects to enjoy continued growth in the years to come.

Full implementation of the Eden Alternative™ process is expected to come to fruition in Elizabethtown by fall of 2000. Because this philosophy inherently fits the Masonic Homes' "Mission of Love," the Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster homes will work toward adopting the Eden Alternative™ in the near future.

The Masonic Homes began the process of modernizing, improving, and expanding the services in the Village Green Area during the fall of 1999, for completion expected early in 2001.

**Masonic Homes' financial strength and stable outlook was recognized by Standard & Poor's with an AA- rating, the highest rating for a stand-alone retirement community in the country.**

### Gift for the Masonic Children's Home

Bro. Jack Harding made 1999 a special year for the Masonic Children's Home when he provided a gift of his 57-acre property in Sugar Run, PA, to be used as a summer camp for the children.

## MASONIC HOMES

Condensed Statements of Unrestricted Activities for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998.  
(Dollars in thousands)

	1999	1998
<b>Operating revenues</b>	\$64,506	\$57,924
<b>Operating expenses</b>	72,437	59,951
Loss incurred in the fulfillment of our charitable mission	(7,931)	(2,027)
This loss was covered by the following support from the Members and friends of the Fraternity:		
<b>Gifts and Bequests</b>	5,366	15,987
<b>Realized gains earned on accumulated past support from the Members and friends of the Fraternity</b>	17,087	9,777
<b>Revenues, support and gains in excess of expenses</b>	\$14,522	\$23,737

The operating expenses of the Masonic Homes have historically exceeded our operating revenues. Through the generosity of Freemasons and friends of the Fraternity, contributions and bequests enable us to cover this deficit. The bequests which have been generously donated to the Masonic Homes have been invested and the investment income earned on these funds allows us to continue and expand our "Mission of Love." Any excess of revenues over expenses (after these nonoperating revenues are applied) are reinvested so we can continue to meet the Fraternity's charitable goals via capital improvements and expanded services to our residents and the community.

## PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH FOUNDATION

In 1999, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation continued to grow with the expansion and modernization of the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. Beginning in January, renovations were begun to dormitories and offices of Patton and Ranken Halls. Similar to the work in Memorial Hall in 1998, the renovations included the installation of private bathrooms and improved lighting in all living quarters. By July, that work was completed. In November, more work was begun in Memorial Hall to replace the 72-year-old original gymnasium floor with a maple wood floor and a distinctive floor emblem. The Fraternity now has the finest Masonic facility for adult and youth conferences in the world.

The Foundation continues to provide administrative assistance to the Grand Lodge Committee of Masonic Matching Charity Grants, a program in which so many of the recipients have been young people. That exciting program has brought the Foundation many calls from lodge officers and opportunities to promote PYF while aiding the Matching Charity Grants program.

The web site for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at [www.pagrandle.org/pyf](http://www.pagrandle.org/pyf) continues to grow as a means to contact young people who are interested in becoming involved with one of the Masonic youth programs. A module on Pennsylvania DeMolay that was unveiled on the web site during the year has already attracted a lot of attention. Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters modules are being developed and each group has a committee to oversee its web site. The most popular section of the web site is the complete text of the *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide* and the application for a PYF Scholarship. Anticipating significant technical achievements, it is expected that this portion of the site will be

even more powerful and exciting in the future.

During 1999, the Foundation presented \$48,500 in scholarship awards to 29 recipients. In the Fall, more than 5,000 copies of the printed edition of the *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide* were distributed.

Copies of the Guide and the application are always available on-line or on request from the PYF office by calling 1-800-266-8424.



The Foundation continues to be concerned about the future membership in the Masonic youth groups. As a Fraternity, we should be spending more time with our youth to build bridges between them and our lodges. They are

the most fertile group for developing potential members. Toward that end, the PYF has published two new pamphlets for the leadership of our lodges. *What Have We Got to Offer?* is a blueprint for the development of a successful Masonic youth program in every lodge, and a *Handbook for District Youth Chairmen* will help



The rituals of the Masonic youth groups promote reverence, charity, service, and a well-rounded character.



Lodge No. 9's Membership Challenge encouraged local Masonic youth groups to recruit new members. Every Lodge should do something to support the Masonic youth program.

them develop a district-wide emphasis on Masonic youth. Key leaders in every youth program continue to be the Lodge Youth Chairmen, the District Youth Chairmen, and the District Deputy Grand Masters. Their leadership in

promoting the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay, and the Order of Job's Daughters in Pennsylvania is greatly appreciated.



The DeMolay program provides opportunities for leadership, public speaking, and character.

Your help is needed, either through volunteer adult service or by financial assistance to ensure that these unique programs continue to teach the Masonic principles of charity, service, virtue, and patriotism to young people. If we, as Masons, don't teach them how to live a fraternal lifestyle in a brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, who will?

## THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

1999 was a year of progress for The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; some new programs were instituted while ongoing successful ones continued. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children has become well recognized for meeting the challenges and promises of its mission to foster the prevention of drug, alcohol, and other abuses by children through education, intervention, and counseling.

Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program throughout the state thanks to Masons. With the Foundation's support, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has been able to train Student Assistance Teams in every senior and junior high school in the Commonwealth. During the last school year, 58,157 students were met by Student Assistance Teams, with 43,712 of them warranting further assistance. Among those with whom action was taken on drug or alcohol problems, 85 per cent had no further violations.

Seven more Carl R. Stenberg, Jr., Scholarships of \$1,000 each per year for four years were awarded to students who were recommended by the Student Assistance Teams after they had successfully completed a counseling program and turned their



Ryan J. Thomas, a scholarship recipient from Waynesboro General High School, is congratulated by then-D.D.G.M. William Bailey.

lives around. The Stenberg Scholarships awarded in 1999 bring the total to 40 since 1993.

In continued support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the Foundation made available the facilities of the Masonic



Carroll Valley Police Officer Bro. James W. Powers, Jr., the 500th D.A.R.E. officer, with James L. Ernette, then-R.W. Grand Master and Chairman of the Foundation.

Conference center for the training of law enforcement officers from the state to teach fifth and sixth graders to say "no" and combat peer pressures. With that class, the number of D.A.R.E. officers trained at Elizabethtown totals more than 500.

The Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship provides up to \$2,500 a year – or \$10,000 over four years – to students who are seeking to earn a degree in Criminal Justice. Two full four-year scholarships and one partial scholarship were awarded in 1999. Applications for the scholarships are available from the office of the Foundation in Philadelphia. Applicants must have Masonic affiliations, i.e., children or grandchildren of Masons in good standing.

The educational efforts of the Foundation are well targeted. It gives support to the National Masonic Foundation for Children; St. Vincent's College Prevention Project; Adelphi Village Aftercare Program; Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals; and other community-based programs. The Foundation is a member of the Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking and plays a large role on the Steering and Executive Committee's

participation in law enforcement conferences, education seminars, and speaking before youth groups.

The Foundation contributed \$50,000 as a partner with the Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania D.U.I. Association, and Pennsylvania

S.A.D.D. in presenting "Every 30 Minutes," an intense two-day program focusing on high school seniors and juniors to challenge them to think about drinking, personal safety, and making mature decisions. The program's name is derived from the fact that "every 30 minutes" in the United States someone loses his or her life to a substance abuse-related traffic accident.



James L. Ernette, then-R.W. Grand Master, Bro. and Col. Paul Evanko, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, and Lawrence Harris, M.W. Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons, join in their commitment to youth and the "Every 30 Minutes" Program.

Speakers are available for programs for all Masonic bodies and community organizations. Each Masonic District has a District Chairman ready with information and to assist in meeting program needs.

## THE MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

During 1999, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania has been busy with projects and activities to preserve the old and to present new programs.

Two of three capital projects during the year provided for much improved care for books, articles, and collections that recall our heritage and tradition. Both of the book stack areas adjacent to the north of the Museum were air conditioned to add untold years of preservation for valuable collections stored there. Additional shelving was installed in the subterranean Archives to allow for better placement of historic collections. The third capital project was remodeling the Museum Gift Shop for better presentation of the varied historical and fraternal merchandise.

The Gift Shop has become very busy with new items available, not just on-

site, but also through the new catalogue sent to all members with *The Pennsylvania Freemason* and a Gift Shop page on the Library and Museum web site made available by the Grand Lodge Internet Committee.

In addition to the Museum's outstanding permanent displays, the staff mounted several exciting exhibits, among them, "Masonic Governors of Pennsylvania 1726-1971" and "18th Century Masonic Songbooks."

"Music at the Masonic Temple," the organ recitals introduced in 1999, has been incredibly successful. Since the installation of the new three-manual Rodgers 950 organ, there have been three well-attended, enthusiastically received recitals during the year. The first featured Gordon H. Turk, Resident Organist of the Ocean Grove Auditorium in New Jersey. The next was presented by Marc Cheban,

Organist and Choirmaster at Saint Andrew's Chapel, Middletown, DE. The third was presented by Monte Maxwell, Chapel Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the U.S. Naval Academy. Continuing into 2000, it was necessary to require reservations for the April 9 recital due to the anticipated large demand for tickets to attend the presentation by internationally known organist, Diane Bish. Scheduled to perform on November 5 is Ken A. Cowan, a participant in the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance for 1999-2000.

Tours of the Masonic Temple continue to be extremely popular among not just the Family of Freemasonry, but also the public. With their continued growth in popularity, the museum estimates tours to reach or exceed 30,000 persons this year.



Ken Stevens, employee of the Masonic Gift Shop, shows the items brightly displayed.



A well-attended organ recital held in Carothian Hall on November 7.

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Thank you.

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Do you want to make a difference in the lives of those individuals who benefit from the Masonic Charities of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania? If so, you may wish to consider a charitable bequest.

## WHY A BEQUEST?

A charitable bequest is a method for Masons and friends to perpetuate their interest in Masonic Charities.

Your Will can be drafted to leave either a specific gift or a percentage of your estate to a Masonic Charity. A specific gift can be a dollar amount, a particular piece of real estate or personal property. A residuary gift is either a specific percentage of your estate or it can be the remainder of your estate after you have provided for your family, church, college, Blue Lodge or other such charitable organizations which are important to you.

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## WHERE SHOULD YOU START?

We suggest you begin by determining the Masonic Charity(ies) you wish to remember. You may choose from any or all of the following: the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown; the Eastern Star Home-East or West; The Valley Care Masonic Center; The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

You should then make an appointment with your attorney. Your attorney will advise you whether you can give to Masonic Charity(ies) simply by adding an amendment known as a Codicil to your Will or whether it would be better to draft an entirely new Will.

While your attorney will be able to provide you with the exact wording for your gift, the following suggestions may be helpful. Simply insert the proper name for the specific Masonic Charity(ies) you wish to remember in the appropriate blanks.

Devise of Real Estate: I give and devise unto the \_\_\_\_\_ and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, free and clear of all death taxes, ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with the improvements thereon erected situate and known as (here fully describe the real estate). I direct that the said real estate and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof shall be used and applied for the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Bequests and Devise of Residuary Estate: The rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, real or personal, of every nature and whatsoever situate, free of all death taxes, I give, devise, and bequeath unto \_\_\_\_\_ and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

## ARE THERE OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES?

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