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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



Brethren:

In July, I had the privilege of attending the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters in Baltimore, Md. We met in the former Grand Lodge of Maryland building, which has been converted into a convention center attached to the Tremont Plaza Hotel. While it is a great facility, I couldn't help but to think to myself what a shame it is that in several jurisdictions, Grand Lodges have been unable to maintain their temples, which have been subsequently purchased by other corporations or entities and restored to their original grandeur – but for a purpose other than their Masonic origins. We, as Pennsylvania Masons, cannot allow this to happen to our Masonic Temple in Philadelphia; it is our obligation to restore, maintain and protect for perpetuity the majestic home of our Grand Lodge!

I am inviting and encouraging our entire membership to attend the December Quarterly Communication to see first-hand the wonderful changes their contributions and efforts have made possible up to this point.

In addition to the generous donations we've received through our lodges, leading the way for the renovations and restoration of the Masonic Temple are the more than 40 individual contributors who have given \$1,000 or more to the Temple Initiative. One such example is Bro. and Rep. Bill DeWeese, to whom I recently had the privilege of presenting a Diamond Level Pin in the presence of his parents, who reside at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. At the same time, I was honored to present his father, Bro. J. Victor DeWeese, with a 275th Anniversary coin and acknowledged his receipt of a certificate for 60 years' membership.



Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, shakes hands with Bro. and Rep. Bill DeWeese after presenting him with a Diamond Level Pin and his father, Bro. J. Victor DeWeese with a 275th Anniversary Coin. Sharing in the presentation was Mrs. Louise DeWeese.

One current renovation project is focusing on enhancing the dining area on the ground level of the Temple, where most of the local lodges meet monthly for their banquets. This area is also used as an overflow and as a dining facility for our Quarterly Communications. The contractor for this project is the firm of Bro. J.J. DeLuca, a prime example of another *Mason Helping Masons*. Some of the changes will include replacing the fluorescent lighting with recessed lighting and chandeliers upon a new decorative acoustical ceiling. A coat room will be built; the floor will be carpeted; and the columns will be re-turned and will exhibit a faux finish to emulate marble. The partitions will be removed, and round tables will be added so that the atmosphere encourages more socialization and open discussion. A new, state-of-the-art audio-visual system will be installed in this large banquet room, as well as in the John Wanamaker Room, the Grand Banquet Room and Corinthian Hall. The marble floors throughout the entire building will be polished to bring back their original luster.

Some other improvements may not be able to be seen, but they can be felt. On schedule to be completed by the December Quarterly Communication is a \$1,054,000 contract to improve the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, which is so vital to the restoration and maintenance of our Temple and its many treasures. (See p. 22 for more details on project updates.)

Of course, even more valuable to the strength of our fraternity are our members. Last year, more than 2,500 brethren were suspended for non-payment of dues. This year, my goal is to reduce that number by 50 percent. Under the guidance of the Membership Maintenance Committee, lodges have established committees of at least three members, who, along with their District Deputy Grand Master, have been responsible for the success of this endeavor. As a team, these committees are charged with calling members periodically throughout the year to keep them informed of happenings within their lodge and district, thereby demonstrating the value of membership. Without that personal communication with our brethren, we may not know their reasons for not attending meetings and events. For example, I recently learned from the wife of a brother who had been active in his lodge for 41 years that he was receiving hospice care. I was able to give this information to his lodge so that his brethren could assist as needed and take care of remitting his dues. It's often that personal contact – letting a fellow brother know he's not forgotten in his time of need – that can truly demonstrate what fraternal love is all about.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: FREEMASON FOR ALL REASONS

By Glenys A. Waldman, Librarian, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

This title, used in the exhibit mounted in 1990 in the Masonic Temple to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Bro. Benjamin Franklin's death, is still applicable. Having the quick wit and native intelligence it demanded, he was a true son of the Enlightenment, as Freemasonry is its daughter. In addition to his printing and literary pursuits, which assured him of a good income, Bro. Franklin became involved in politics.

A very socially conscious man, Bro. Franklin was interested in the improvement of the lives of others, as well as his own. During his long political career, he signed the Declaration of Independence (1776); served as Minister to France from 1776 to 1785; signed the Treaty of Paris (1783), which ended the Revolution; and returned to be a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and signed the Constitution in 1787. He also founded or co-founded many kinds of groups from fire fighting to library and philosophical companies.

In addition, because of his astounding contributions to knowledge of especially the physical sciences, Bro. Franklin was the recipient of honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, William and Mary, St. Andrews and Oxford. He was just "cut out" to be a Mason.

Bro. Franklin probably heard of Freemasonry soon after he arrived in Philadelphia in 1723. Two years later, he left for England to gain more experience in printing. Presumably, he learned more about Freemasonry during his two years there (ca. 1725-1726). In his Pennsylvania Gazette for Dec. 5-8, 1730, Bro. Franklin made the first known reference to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania: "As there are several Lodges of Free-Masons erected in this Province, and People have lately been much amus'd with Conjectures concerning them; we think the following Account of Free-Masonry from London, will not be unacceptable to our Readers." About two months later (February 1731, having reached the then minimum age of 25), Bro. Franklin was initiated into Philadelphia's St. John's Lodge No. 1. His rise in the fraternity might be termed meteoric: in 1732, he drafted by-laws for St. John's Lodge and became Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. 1734 saw him publish the first Masonic book in what is now the United States, the first American edition of Anderson's "Constitutions of the Free-Masons." He was elected Grand Master on June 24 of that year. Bro. Franklin also served as Secretary of St. John's Lodge (1735-1738). Then, in 1749, he was appointed Provincial Grand Master, thus twice serving his beloved fraternity in its highest office.

However, even after his second term as Grand Master, he served as Deputy Grand Master (1750, 1755, 1757).

Later, during his long years serving his country in Europe, Bro. Franklin joined or visited many lodges in Scotland, England and France, including serving as Master of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters [Muses] – whose members were the intellectuals – in Paris (1779-1784). Bro. Franklin helped initiate François Marie Arouet, a.k.a. Voltaire, into the Lodge (and took part in the Lodge of Sorrow upon his death later that same year). Thus, his French and Masonic connections played no small role in winning support for American independence.

After Bro. Franklin returned from France at the advanced age of 79, he was not involved in the Craft. However, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania never completely forgot him. There was a splendid celebration at the time of the 1906 Bicentenary Celebration of his birth, with an exhibition of the finest Frankliniana mounted in the Masonic

Temple and figuring prominently in the inaugural speech of then-Grand Master George W. Kendrick. Another special commemoration took place in 1981, the 250th Anniversary of Bro. Franklin's Initiation into the Craft (as well as of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania).

Of the five Franklin-related pieces from your Library and Museum collections that were in the international exhibition, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World," which opened at the National Constitution Center on Dec. 15, 2005, and is now traveling to four other cities in the United States and to Paris, one has returned: the sash. Two "Fugio" (for tempus fugit – "time flies") coins, designed by Bro. Franklin; his calling card; and a snuff box on which Bro. Franklin is pictured with his contemporaries, Voltaire and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, both philosophers and authors; are still en route. The coins and the calling card will return at the end of next year; only the snuff box will go to Paris, where additional European pieces will be shown.

For more information, including activities and exhibits connected with Bro. Franklin's 300th Birthday celebration, see the Web site www.benfranklin300.org.



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First Edition of the Printed Law of Ancient York Masonry is 250 Years Old

by Glenys Waldman, Librarian, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The "Ahiman Rezon": or, a help to a Brother..., the Masonic law for the governance of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, was compiled by Bro. Laurence Dermott and published 250 years ago. A lawyer, Bro. Dermott was Grand Secretary of the Ancients' Grand Lodge of England, and it was he who signed the Warrant for the (then Provincial "Ancients") Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1761.

Only 96 of the 209 pages in this small octavo volume are Masonic law, which, in part, compares old and new regulations. The rest of the book is devoted to Masonic songs (lyrics only, sung to well-known melodies), as well as miscellaneous prologues, epilogues and an oratorio called "Solomon's Temple."

No one seems to be sure what the words "Ahiman Rezon" mean, but as Henry W. Coil, 33rd, says in his Masonic Encyclopedia (rev. ed. Richmond, VA: Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1995), "Laurence Dermott could have done nothing better to perpetuate his 'Book of Constitutions' for the Ancient Grand Lodge of England than to name it 'Ahiman Rezon,' for scholars have been arguing about the meaning thereof for two centuries." Bro. Coil goes on to say that, as of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, the "Ahiman Rezon" had ceased to be used there, "...but it had already become established in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and ...Georgia. Except for that name, it might have been forgotten that those states were still using the laws of the Ancients." Many tried to trace the words to Hebrew or Spanish, but, as Bro. Coil continues, it seems no one bothered to ask Brother Dermott. "In the preface to the 'Ahiman Rezon,'" Bro. Dermott tells of a dream in which he talked

with four men from Jerusalem. One of the four, named Ahiman, said that no one had or could write such a history of Masonry as Dermott proposed." Thus, Ahiman would be a proper name, indeed probably Hebrew. The Geneva Bible, from which Bro. Dermott quotes, explains that the name means "...a prepared brother, or brother of the right hand, and Rezon means a secretary, so that the whole would mean a prepared secretary, or a secretary of the right hand (brother)."

The first American edition of Bro. Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon" was ordered by Provincial Grand Master William Adcock, edited by Grand Secretary William Smith, D.D. (also Provost of the University of Pennsylvania), dedicated to Bro. General George Washington, and printed by Hall and Sellers of Philadelphia in 1783. While keeping the songs instead of the oratorio, Bro. Smith was allowed to add his sermon delivered at Christ Church, Philadelphia, during the "General" Communication on December 28, 1778. Later editions of the "Ahiman Rezon" include forms, illustrations of jewels, sometimes the Decisions of the Grand Masters and an index. After that first American edition, the "Ahiman Rezon" was not updated until 1825, but it is now kept so current that it is published in loose-leaf form. The newest full reprint, incorporating all updates, was published in 2005.



The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m. For more information, call (215) 988-1901.

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Proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon

In accordance with Article 5.01 of the "Ahiman Rezon," there will be no election of Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes this year.

However, action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon* so that the same as amended shall read as follows:

Amendment No. 1 Collar of the Junior Grand Warden

Whereas, Article 16.01 provides requirements for the collars of Grand Officers; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the collar of the Junior Grand Warden should allow for four stars rather than the three presently afforded to him.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 16.01 should be amended to read as follows:

16.01. The jewels of the Grand Officers are of gold, and shall be suspended from collars of purple velvet (with a narrow edging of gold lace, or cord), on which stars are embroidered. The Grand Master's collar shall have seven stars, the Deputy Grand Master's six stars, the Senior Grand Warden's five stars, the Junior Grand Warden's four stars, the Grand Treasurer's and the Grand Secretary's, each three stars. The jewels of the Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters are of gold, and shall be suspended by a purple ribbon, to be worn on the left lapel (or suspended from the left breast pocket) of the coat. The jewels of the other Officers of the Grand Lodge are of gold and shall be suspended from collars of purple ribbon.



Amendment No. 2 Plural Membership

Whereas, dual membership was permitted in Pennsylvania after December 1993 when changes were made to Article 19.09 of the "Ahiman Rezon" and Article 64.1 of the "Digest of Decisions" whereby membership was permitted in two lodges at the same time and no more; and

Whereas, many members who now hold primary and secondary membership in lodges either in this Jurisdiction or in another Jurisdiction desire to hold membership in additional Pennsylvania lodges; and

Whereas, permission to hold membership in more than two lodges requires introduction of plural membership in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Article 19.09 be amended to allow for plural membership, so that, as amended, Article 19.09 will read as follows:

19.09. **A member of a lodge in this Jurisdiction is permitted to be at the same time a member of more than one lodge either in this or in another Jurisdiction. A member of a lodge in another Jurisdiction may be at the same time a member of one or more lodges in this Jurisdiction, if dual or plural membership is permitted by the other Jurisdiction. Members of subordinate lodges in this Jurisdiction may accept honorary membership from any Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence.**

During an August visit to see his oldest son, Ronald Jr., Junior Grand Deacon, who is living in Singapore, Ronald A. Aungst Sr., R.W. Grand Master, was invited to attend Sir Stamford Raffles Lodge No. 7444. The invitation to attend was extended by Bro. and Dr. Roger Pang, Representative to the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipalego. During the evening's meeting, the brethren conferred a Master Mason degree, which while significantly different from our Pennsylvania ritual, in essence portrayed the same meaning.

"The cordiality and fraternalism among our brethren in Singapore was outstanding; although thousands of miles away, they truly made us feel at home," Grand Master Aungst said.

Pictured left to right: Bro. and Dr. Pang; Grand Master Aungst; Bro. Tek Heng, W.M. of Lodge No. 7444; and Bro. Ronald Aungst, Jr.



THE GREATEST GIFT

Leave one final legacy that may save the lives of several people: donate your organs.

Humans have much to provide one another. Friendship, advice or a helping hand are just a fraction of our offerings. One of the greatest ways we can show humanity is through organ donation. Continuing to contribute to this world even after we have said our eternal goodbyes is the ultimate charity.

In the spirit of *Masons Helping Masons*, organ donation may benefit a fellow brother or any of the 80,000 Americans waiting for an organ. To be an organ donor, it is as simple as signing an organ donor card and informing your next of kin of your decision. Following are three Masons who can appreciate the value of such a sacrifice.

Bro. Bob Kimble, of Lodge No. 62, was unable to work for six years, as he lived on dialysis and awaited a kidney transplant. On the organ donation list since March 2000, he never thought it was going to happen.

A year and a half ago, he received the fateful call requesting he be at the University of Pennsylvania hospital as soon as possible. After the surgery, he no longer required dialysis. He has since returned to work and, aside from occasional fatigue, is doing very well.

Bro. Kimble joined the Masonic fraternity 12 years ago. He had heard they do good things for the community and had several friends who were involved. "It's great we're doing this," he said of the Masonic Organ Donor Program. "I encourage many people – anyone who is willing and healthy enough – to donate their organs."

Bro. Michael Guy, of William McIlroy Lodge No. 269, was placed on the donor waiting list in 1995, only days after being diagnosed with Cardiomyopathy. He had to retire from his job with the Asbestos Workers Local Union because of the heart condition, which kept him in bed some days or allowed him to be outside riding his motorcycle other days. His illness also halted his entrepreneurial spirit when it prevented him from continuing two self-made businesses.

saved



Bro. Bob Kimble, his daughter, Sarah, holding daughter Nicole, and his wife, JoAnne

Bro. Guy waited six years, but then the

call came. In a state of shock, he was at the hospital within minutes. Only 12 percent of diagnosed Cardiomyopathy patients receive transplants. His heart transplant was performed in July 2001 and it has been smooth riding ever since. "I'm feeling great," he said, "like nothing ever happened."



Bro. Michael Guy

miracle

By September of the same year, he enrolled himself in a local community college. He graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in 2005 with a chemistry degree and recently accepted a position as an environmental chemist.

"The Masonic Organ Donor Program is an absolute great idea," Bro. Guy said. "The person who saved my life, saved six others."

He realizes the sacrifice not only for the donor, but also for the donor's loved ones. "The family is traumatized. The person is healthy one minute and the next minute, not there."

Bro. Guy married his wife, Christina, in October 2001 and became a Mason soon after the transplant. "So I ended up with four gifts: life, a Harley, a beautiful wife and acceptance into the Masons," he said. He feels *Masons Helping Masons* is the perfect tenet for a group of men who are natural volunteers in their community, whether it is with the fire company or organ donation. "The Masons are a magnet for men with a concept of helping their fellow brother or man."

Bro. Robert Horen, of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 19, lived with a condition called amyloidosis, in which his kidneys weakened from accumulated abnormal proteins. He received a stem cell transplant and chemotherapy, which helped fight the disease, but contributed to the worsening of his kidneys. Doctors told him he faced dialysis and end stage renal failure. One clinic advised him to "get his affairs in order."

His doctor placed him on the organ donor waiting list three years ago. As his condition declined, Bro. Horen was ready to start dialysis when he received a phone call telling him a kidney that was a possible match had become available.

On Feb. 22, 2006, at 1 a.m., he received a second call, the

MASONIC ORGAN DONOR PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Masonic Organ Donor Program is an example of Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.'s program in which Masons help their fellow man. This program is an extension of the Masons' history of helping others. The Masonic Organ Donor program is designed for a two-fold purpose:

1. To provide educational materials about the need for organ donation
2. To enlist Masons and their families to become organ donors

Over 80,000 Americans are currently waiting for an organ transplant. The need far surpasses the available supply of organs. Many people will die this year simply because an organ was not available for them.

How do we help? We, as Masons, should consider the opportunity to help our fellow man. Each donor can save the lives of several individuals. Think of the possibilities if each of us would sign an organ donor card!

How do we accomplish this? The procedure is very simple: sign an organ donor card! In addition, it is imperative that your next of kin knows your wishes. When we pass from this earth, our next of kin must give permission for us to donate our organs. By becoming an organ donor, even in our death, we are able to give life to others.

Organ donor cards should be available at each lodge meeting, banquet, etc. Invite a guest speaker to talk about organ donation. Encourage all members to sign an organ donor card.

Please consider this worthy program. If you need additional information or materials, please contact:

Rick Knepper
1461 Hospitality Drive
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Phone: (717) 263-1189

one that altered his life. The kidney was a match! He headed straight to the University of Pennsylvania for surgery. He was home in four days and on vacation in London two months later.

"I feel terrific," he said, nine months after his operation. Health problems resulting from his condition, including trouble with standing, a fracture that was not healing properly and back pain, soon alleviated.

He credits his new life to the miracle men, who were his doctors, and his wife, Betsy, for being there when he needed her. He will not soon forget the gift a stranger gave to him. "I think about it every day: somebody died to give me a kidney. Somebody grieved for that person."

Bro. Horen, a Mason for 47 years, has always considered the brotherhood an important part of his life. The Masonic Organ Donor Program is "absolutely wonderful" and very important for Masons, or any person, to be aware of, he said.



MASONIC BLOOD DONOR CLUB

The Masonic Blood Donor Club is part of the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Though not a blood bank, we do protect our members by replacing blood when needed. Our main focus is to encourage blood donations by Masons and their friends and families for the good of the community in which they reside.

Any Pennsylvania Mason may join by donating a unit of blood to the American Red Cross or any of the blood collection centers in Pennsylvania or out-of-state. There is no cost to join – yearly dues have been waived for the past 16 years because of the generosity of our members and their lodges.

Many of our members donate blood regularly at church or work. Their donations qualify them to be a member of the Masonic Blood Donor Club. Anyone, whether or not they donate on a regular basis, Mason or not, may be a substitute donor for someone who is eligible for membership, who cannot give.

If a brother dies, his wife retains his membership. Membership protects a brother, his wife and dependent children (IRS rules). Membership is open to Pennsylvania Masons, our ladies' organization members and our youth organizations. Widows of Pennsylvania Masons are encouraged to join without the usual blood donation.

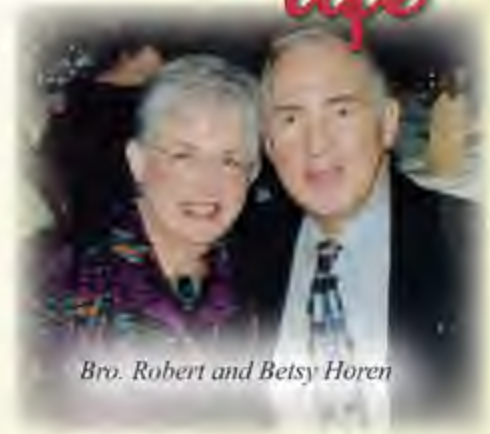
No proof of donation is necessary. A brother's word will suffice. After a donation, fill in a NEW MEMBER FORM (available on the Grand Lodge Web site, <http://www.pagrandlodge.org/programs/donor/formnewm.pdf>). A membership card will be mailed.

If your lodge, valley or shrine wants to set up a Bloodmobile or participate in a Bloodmobile with your local church, school or business, please contact Bro. Norman A. Fox at normfox@aol.com for information on whom to contact.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Organ

Donor Program was started in 1996 under R.W. Past Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, as an educational tool to help people understand what organ donation entails. Upon its initiation, more than 300 people signed organ donation cards. Each year, the program adds new members to its list.

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Bro. Robert and Betsy Horen

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

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Our trip to Canada this summer demonstrated that *Masons Helping Masons* is universal within our brotherhood. When Norma and I arrived in Ontario to attend the 151st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, we unfortunately discovered that our luggage hadn't arrived with us. Once M.W. Grand Master Gary Laverne Atkinson found out I was unwilling to come into the Communication unless I had the proper attire, within ½ hour I was given a tuxedo by R.W. Bro. Robert Cresswell and regalia by R.W. Bro. William Malmo, D.D.G.M. (intended for his successor). The following morning, M.W. Grand Secretary Bro. Terry Shand volunteered his collar to wear as I was presented in Grand Lodge. Needless to say, what could have been an embarrassing moment turned into a humorous one, thanks to *Masons Helping Masons*!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



QUESTION:

How many men does it take to dress your Grand Master when his luggage is delayed en route to Canada?

ANSWER: 3

From left to right, Bro. Cresswell, who lent his tuxedo; Bro. Malmo, who lent his apron; and Bro. Shand, who lent his collar so R.W. Grand Master Aungst could be properly attired!

Brethren Receive 75-Year Membership Certificates



On April 28, 2006, five Brethren traveled to Lewistown, Pa., to present a certificate to Bro. Sherman Eugene Good (shown front, center) commemorating his 75 years as a Mason. They were, from left to right, back row: Bros. Walter P. Bobb, W.M. of Middleburg Lodge No. 619; David L. Reiner, District Deputy Grand Master for District 46; and Gary E. Narehood, P.M., of Middleburg Lodge No. 619. Front row, left to right: Bros. Michael Timblin and Gerald Botdorf, also of Middleburg Lodge No. 619.



On June 8, 2006, Bro. Silas Booz White received the Grand Lodge 75-Year Certificate in Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Bristol, Pa. He was escorted to the Altar of Freemasonry by his grandsons, Bros. Aaron Ramson White, P.M., and Jeremy Booz White, both of Jordan-Martin Lodge No. 673. The award was presented by Charles T. Graham, District Deputy Grand Master for District D. Upon receiving the award, Bro. White commented that when he was a boy, he knew Harry Houseman. Since Bro. Houseman died prior to the lodge's constitution in 1922, this created an interesting perspective for everyone present.

Pictured above, left to right: Bros. Aaron White; Jenó B. Seitz, W.M., Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717; Graham; Silas White; and Jeremy White.

Masons Helping Masons

Going to Great Lengths to Present Service Awards to Deserving Brethren...



The Grand Lodge of India requested assistance in presenting a 50-Year Long Term Service Jewel and Certificate to Bro. T.K. Desai, P.M. (2004) of Radiance Lodge No. 116, Mumbai, India, as soon as possible, due to his critical health condition.

On June 27, in Ohio Valley General Hospital, McKees Rocks, Pa., Bro. John H. Petricko, District Deputy Grand Master for the 47th Masonic District, made the presentation along with John M. Daniels, Oakdale Lodge No. 669, members of Bro. Desai's immediate family and several hospital staff members.

Although critically ill, in advanced years and confined to a hospital bed, this proud and honorable brother was insistent that he wear a suit coat, dress shirt, tie and his Masonic Apron and Collar for this presentation.

Masons Helping Masons, whether it be across the state or around the world, is truly an honor – especially in times such as this.



When the officers of Pulaski Lodge No. 216 in Pottsville, Pa., were notified that a brother was very ill and near death, they responded quickly to ensure that he received his 50-year service emblem. Bro. Franklin Runkle, P.M., of Pottsville, was to receive his 50-year emblem at the lodge's anniversary celebration in September, but it was feared that he might not survive until that time due to a lengthy illness. Eight brethren from the lodge and District Deputy Grand Master for District 11, Carl F. Berger, presented Bro. Runkle with his emblem on June 24, 2006, at his home. Bro. Runkle was elated to receive his emblem, and displayed on whatever clothing he wore until he passed away one week later.

...and to Raise Good Men Who Wish to Serve



In support of our country's military servicemen, Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135 occasionally offers a special one-day initiation for those brave men who wish to become Masons but are under time constraints, upon recommendation by the District Deputy Grand Master and approval by the Grand Master.

Most recently, on April 15, 2006, 2nd Class Petty Officer Robert G. Boone, III, and Marine PFC Paul J. Feigel, Jr., were entered, passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Boone is stationed at Norfolk, Va., and is a fifth generation member of the fraternity. Bro. Feigel is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and is a third generation member.

Front row, left-right: Bros. Captain Harry R. Feigel, Jr.; PFC Paul J. Feigel, Jr.; 2nd Class Petty Officer Robert G. Boone, III; Robert G. Boone, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.; and Robert G. Boone, Jr. Second row, left-right: Bros. Richard A. Heath, S.W.; Paul J. Feigel, Sr., W.M.; and Donald S. Harwick, J.W.

Fraternal Fun, Fellowship

Walking Together... for Life



Richard A. Carnes, District Deputy Grand Master for District 39, shakes hands with Peter P. Pape, Corps Commander, Knights of Columbus, demonstrating Masons and Knights of Columbus members working together in harmony as escorts for cancer survivors during the annual American Cancer Society's Walk for Life on Aug. 4, 2006.

Freemasons & Patriotism Go Hand-in-Hand



Landmark Lodge No. 442 hosted a special Patriotic Flag Day Stated Meeting with more than 100 Masons present and a Table Lodge with more than 80 Brethren in attendance. The award-winning Irem Shrine Chanters entertained the crowd. First row, left-right: Brethren Glenn W. Ryman, Merle B. Baker, Thomas I. Myers, John H. Michael, David W. Pugh, John G. Amory, Ronald D. Tremayne. Second row, left-right: Carl C. Coates, William H. Lamoreux, Jr., David D. Burgess, Ralph F. Hodgson, Richard J. Myers. Third row, left-right: Lloyd A. Warneka, Allan R. Rose, Gordon Roberts, Carl H. Kretchmer, Norman W. Evans, Thomas M. Sarnoski.

Family Picnic Draws Crowds (and Clowns!)



The Annual 37th Masonic District Family Picnic, held on June 25 at Brady's Run Park, was a resounding success, with a record 500+ attendees.

Bro. Richard L. Wertz and his committee did a GREAT job, as usual, arranging for the wonderful food and desserts and entertainment by the Syria Highlanders and The German Bavarian Band. The Islam Grotto clowns amused the youth and kept everyone else on their toes. It was a great treat to have members of the Beaver Valley Assembly of the Rainbow for Girls there to "clown" around, too.

PA Mason Heads National Organization

by Dr. John W. Postlewait, P.M.

Bro. John Groves, member of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Bristol, Pa., was installed in July as National President of National Camping Travelers, Inc. Founded in Gettysburg, Pa., by the late Bro. Myron Fox and 21 other Masonic families in 1966, the club provides Master Masons and their families an added opportunity for fun, family-oriented fellowship. The organization also has a club for its junior campers, Youth National Camping Travelers.

Chapters exist in each state and most of the Canadian provinces. Pennsylvania's chapter, as do most of the other states and provinces, schedules a monthly camp out - weather permitting. The national rally in 2007 will be held in York, Pa., where more than 1,100 campers are expected to attend the event.

Additional information can be obtained at the NCT Web site at www.gonct.org or by contacting the NCT at P.O. Box 757, Newton, AL 36352.



Joan and Bro. John Groves

& Community Involvement



Three Past Masters of Manheim Lodge No. 587, Manheim, Pa., (shown left to right, Bros. Terry Millard, William J. Oehme, and Clarence Martin) recently starred in a Lititz, Pa., community 275th Anniversary play titled, "History with a Twist."

Charity Car Show Is a Hit!



Right: Bro. Ken Snyder shows his excitement at receiving the Best Club Participation Award.

Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill, Pa., held its first car show on July 29, 2006, which raised \$2,145.60 for the lodge scholarship fund. The event participation exceeded expectations, with 110 vehicles entered. Awards were handed out for 10 different categories. There were four major sponsors for the show, including Bro. Kenneth B. Snyder of Ken's Service Center and Bro. Robert D. Peffer of L. B. Smith Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar. The car show event chairman was Bro. R. Keith Strayer, Junior Master of Ceremonies, and the co-chairman was Bro. Dale M. Hauze, Sr., Senior Master of Ceremonies.



Tyrian Commonwealth Lodge No. 362 in Erie, Pa., knows that nothing says "summer" like a scrumptious rib BBQ!



Displaying Masonic Pride



Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 and members of the 47th Masonic District Family participated in the Annual VFW Coraopolis Community Memorial Day Parade on May 29, 2006. The Masonic family contingent was led by bagpiper Bro. Blaine Morrison, a 50-year member of Coraopolis Lodge (shown above, center, between Worshipful Master Raymond E. Roberts, P.M., and Senior Warden, Harry J. Jackson, P.M.) and the young men of the Steel City DeMolay Chapter, who carried the U.S. and Masonic flags and the lodge banner. Members of the Ohio Valley Rainbow Assembly No. 157 also joined in the fun. Refreshments and an hour of fellowship at the lodge hall followed the parade. Kudos to Bro. Roberts and parade coordinator, George E. Scott, P.M., for their support of the Masonic youth, community groups and promoting Freemasonry in the district!



Celebrate Bro. Ben Franklin's 300th Birthday

at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, off Cemetery Lane, Ross Twp.
Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.
Admission is free & the public is welcome.
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Margaret C. Jacob, Ph.D., professor of history at UCLA, will speak on "The Secret Life of Ben Franklin." She is the author of many publications, and we are fortunate to have her travel to Pennsylvania for this event.

All members of Masonic lodges are invited to attend with their families and friends. Officers are encouraged to wear the regalia of their office and join the procession into the auditorium at the start of the event.

The event is hosted by John E. Mair Lodge No. 729 in conjunction with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Pittsburgh.

The program is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, We the People Initiative on American history.



All Master Masons are invited to attend a meeting of
The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, F. & A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m.
in the Masonic Lodge at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

For more information, contact Bro. Charles Canning at can2938@aol.com

District 42 Applauded for Membership & Charity Efforts

Of the more than 2,300 Masons in the 42nd Masonic District, less than 1/10 of 1 percent remain with dues unpaid, which is a great improvement over prior years. Hats off to Friendship Lodge No. 649, Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336 and Hebron Lodge No. 465 for net increases in membership so far in 2006!

Since membership retention often is based on how brethren perceive the value of their membership and their personal connections with their lodge brothers, perhaps District 42 has been successful due to their active social calendar!

In May, nearly 100 brethren marched in the 139th Memorial Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pa., followed by refreshments at the home of James R. Eisenhart, District Deputy Grand Master.

On July 15, more than 275 officers, members and guests of Red Lion Lodge No. 649, including R.W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., and many other Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, celebrated the lodge's 100th Anniversary at the York Expo Center with a Table Lodge ritual.

On August 5, members of District 42 and their ladies,

along with the R.W. Deputy Grand Master of Maryland, Bro. John R. "Jack" Biggs, and his lady, enjoyed dancing, refreshments and wine tasting at Bro. Richard Naylor's vineyard in Stewartstown, Pa. (See photo below)

Throughout the summer, many of the lodges held golf tournaments, road rallies, chicken BBQs and white elephant auctions, raising more than \$25,000 for various charities or scholarships.

5th Annual Evening at the Vineyard



Widows Program



supporting our Brethren's loved ones

District 36 Honors Widows in Various Ways

During the month of May, five lodges within District 36 held special programs inviting and honoring the widows of their deceased members.

On May 8, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, presented 16 50-year Masonic Service Emblems to members of George Bartram-Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, with their families and friends present. Two Masonic widows were present and honored as part of this special occasion.

Prospect Lodge No. 578, Penn Lodge No. 709, Landsdowne Lodge No. 711 and Springfield-Hanby Lodge No. 767 invited widows to a dinner and program on the evening of their stated meeting. The events provided the ladies an opportunity to meet the brethren, hear about

upcoming activities they may participate in and learn about the various programs available to them either through the local lodge, the Grand Lodge or the Masonic Outreach program.

The Flower Talk was presented by a member of the Order of DeMolay at the Prospect Lodge and Springfield-Hanby Lodge programs. During Penn Lodge's "York Rite & Masonic Widows Night," S.K. William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of PA, gave a presentation on the "Holy Grail."

At each event, the ladies left with a flower to remind them of the wonderful evening they had enjoyed.

District 36 has demonstrated how easy it can be to reach out and include our widows in meaningful and enjoyable events.

Constructing Community Goodwill



Several Masons from District 2 spent several days during May, June and July to construct a home on 18th Street in Harrisburg through Habitat for Humanity. The brethren asked Pilgrim Chapter Order of DeMolay to come out one Saturday to make lunch for the crew. The young men came out in full force, grilling hot dogs and sausages. Afterward, everyone pitched in to clear rocks and brush from the side yard to prepare for planting grass the next day.



A pergola was recently constructed at the Franklin County Extension Wildlife area for use by Boy and Girl Scout groups, nursing home residents and area garden clubs for meetings and educational activities. The project was made possible by George Washington Masonic Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg. Built by Bro. Jay Wentling, the lodge's Junior Deacon, the pergola is a project of the Franklin County Master Gardeners.

Pictured in front are Master Gardeners Ray Eckhart; Chris Mayer, president of Master Gardeners; Jane Krumpke; Cindy Stead; and Nancy Miller. Back Row: Lodge members Bros. Gary Heckman Jr., Assistant Charity Committee Chairman; Tim McCarl, Worshipful Master; Sam Kauffman, Secretary; Gary Heckman, Committee Chairman; Jay Wentling and Larry Miller.

Autumn Day '06!

More than 6,000 Brethren, their family members and friends attended the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's

annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 30.



Above - Ms. Virginia Migrala, director of children's services (center, holding check) and Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W. Grand Master, (front row, second from right) accept a \$5,000 donation from Bro. Raymond Thompson, treasurer of the Chester County Club of Reading Consistory, to be used toward the John T. Gay Memorial Fund Award.



Above - Bro. Stephen Gardner, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and lady Patricia (front, center), enjoy the fellowship of (from left to right) Bro. Charles T. Graham, District Deputy Grand Master for District D; and Bros. Earl Kreglow, Guy Herring and Ralph Slider, of Lodge No. 561; and lady Rita Slider.



Above - Members of the Zembo minicar unit "wow"ed visitors as they zoomed through the crowds.

109 children were CHIP'd during Autumn Day. Below, Anna Eckman, daughter of Glenn Eckman, Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751, poses for a photograph in front of the height chart.

Below - Briana McCleary, York Assembly No. 92, and Katie Campbell, New Castle Assembly No. 1, find shelter from the rain beneath a "Rainbow" of balloons.



Right - Sabrina Newell, granddaughter of Bro. Roger D. Beaston, Lodge No. 443, enjoys some cotton candy compliments of Bro. Dale H. Ott, Lehighton Lodge No. 621.



Below - Mei-An Blatchford, granddaughter of Bro. Glen Evans, P.M., West Shore Lodge No. 681, Camp Hill, has her face painted by Romayne Smith, Job's Daughter, Bethel 1, York.



Right - Bro. Jay W. Smith, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Mark A. Haines, R.W. Grand Secretary; and Bro. James Boyer, Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown; are "enlightened" by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, as played by Leandra Logan, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor for the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly.



Above - Bro. Nat Gilchrist, Lodge No. 43, enjoys Autumn Day with his granddaughter, Makayla.

Below - Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, executive director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation; Bro. Jeffrey W. Coy, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master and chairman for the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation; and Thomas K. Sturgeon, R.W. Senior Grand Warden



Right - Zembo Shrine clowns "Stoney" (left) and "Patches" (right) share some laughs with Bro. Julian Richter, Jr., Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659, and his father, Julian Richter, Sr., also of Lodge No. 659 and a resident of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.



Above - Zembo Highlanders entertain the crowds.



Right - Bro. Steven Wentzel, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, donates blood with the assistance of Angie Garcia of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The drive was held to benefit residents of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.



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Brothers Across Borders



A hospital is an uncomfortable, unfamiliar place for a person to find himself. For Bro. Patrick Jones of Oriental-Evergreen Lodge No. 114 in Connecticut, the feelings were exacerbated by being in Pennsylvania, far from the comforts of home.

As a Mason, though, Bro. Jones' closest brother was only a phone call away. His hospital stay in Pennsylvania soon became another example of *Masons Helping Masons*.

Bro. Jones and his wife, Linda, were vacationing in Pennsylvania in May. They had spent a day touring the Amish country and were headed for Gettysburg and Philadelphia.

It started with stomach pains. The Jones' were soon at Lancaster General Hospital, where Bro. Patrick stayed for three weeks until he was transported to a hospital in Connecticut. He was diagnosed with appendicitis and needed surgery.

In Connecticut, Bro. Bill Fraize, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 114, heard of the Jones' situation and called the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who put him in touch with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Marie Wambold, Senior Administrative Assistant, contacted the District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Masonic District, Bob Conway, and followed up with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Bro. Conway contacted Bro. LaVerne Gibble, P.M., Secretary of Lodge No. 43 in Lancaster, who in turn contacted Bro. George Vernau Jr., P.M., also of Lodge No. 43, asking him to check in with the Joneses and see if they needed assistance.

Bro. Vernau visited Bro. Jones and spoke with him on his condition, their lodges and what Masonry means to each of them. Linda was staying in a local hotel, and Bro. Vernau made sure she had his phone number.

"I'd hope for visitors if I were in his situation," Bro. Vernau said. "You expect it from your brothers if you're in need."

Bro. Conway and his wife, Roberta, made two visits to Bro. Jones and his wife to make sure they were okay and Linda had a place to stay.

"I enjoyed visiting with him," he said. "I'm sure if anything ever happens to me, I would want someone to make sure I was taken care of."

"Unless you're in that circumstance, you can't imagine how uplifting it can be to have people come and visit. They took the time to help with practical things," Bro. Jones said. "In the hospital, days can be very long."

Bro. Jones is feeling great now, appreciating basic things like eating and drinking. He returned to work in July.

"Being on vacation, I was very encouraged by my experience," he said. "The Masons are a very good group, and I'm proud to be a part of them."

The Joneses hope to return to Pennsylvania and finish their vacation, despite their previous tribulation.

"We're thankful for the brothers and their wives who were able to stop down and take care of his wife's needs. It lessened the impact on her," Bro. Fraize said. "It's warming to know you can go anywhere and be welcome by fellow brothers."



Bro. Patrick Jones

Dear Brothers,

Recently, over the weekend of July 8, I had the pleasure to once again visit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple. The reason for my visit to Philadelphia was a family vacation with my wife, two children and my mother and father-in-law. On the agenda was a tour of all the usual places, but I was most looking forward to touring the Temple with my family. We were most fortunate to have Bro. Daniel J. Hinds as our guide; let me say first that the tour was outstanding, and my family could not believe what an exceptionally beautiful and historical building it is. Bro. Hinds gave everyone in the tour a rich history of the fraternity and the building.

But this was not the true highlight of the tour; it came afterward, when my family was invited to his office. At the request of the Grand Master, my family was presented with a Masonic Temple coin, my wife received a PA Masonic Lady's pin and I was given the Grand Master's new pin. For my children, my wife and me (my wife is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and my children are members of The Order of DeMolay and the Order of Triangle Girls), it just showed what we already know and believe about Masonry. That one of our greatest assets is the spirit of brotherhood. But for my mother and father-in-law, who are not as familiar with Masonry, well, they were just floored! At that moment, I could not have been more proud to be a Mason. That small gesture showed what brotherhood really means. My in-laws could not stop talking about that the entire vacation. I just wanted to thank you for further cementing the bonds of brotherhood.

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Above: (clockwise from left) Joe Manzinger, Ken Faux, Deane Hillegass and Emlyn Charles, Masonic Village at Sewickley residents

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William J. Magnotti, Jr.
D. William Roberts
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Grand Master's 2006 Eastern PA Charity Golf Tournament

Sept. 26, 2006, at the LuLu Country Club
North Hills, PA

Over \$25,000 raised to benefit the PA Masonic Club Program!
105 Golfers!



(From left) Robert J. Bateman; Guy T. Matthews; Thomas Gamon; William J. Greet; Charles T. Graham; Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.G.M.; Ray George; Gary Davis; Robert A. Ciampitti; Dale Fera and Joyce Michelfelder

Kudos to our Winners!
George Potash III, Gross Winner, with a score of 78
Josh Brookreson, Net Winner
Raymond T. George, D.D.G.M., Most Honest Goller

2006 Golf Committee

Dale Fera
William J. Greet
Guy Matthews
Joyce Michelfelder
Carol Wolfinger
Region 1 D.D.G.M.s

Next year's Eastern PA Golf Tournament... Oct. 29, 2007

Sponsors (from left) Larry Christenson and David Caddick, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.G.M., and William J. Greet, Golf Committee member



Grand Master's 2006 Central PA Charity Golf Tournament

Oct. 6, 2006, at the Irem Shriners Country Club, Dallas, PA

Proceeds to benefit the Masonic Children's Home & Grand Master's Charity of Choice!
32 Golfers!

Kudos to our 1st Place Team!
William Genard III
Thomas Ferrell
Dennis Monti

2006 Golf Committee

Donald Hoppes
Richard Belmont,
Potentate

Richard Belmont, Potentate, and Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., R.W.G.M.

Next year's Central PA Golf Tournament... Sept. 19, 2007



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Participants of the Grand Master's 2006 Central PA Charity Golf Tournament



MASONIC TEMPLE PROJECT UPDATES

As a National Historic Landmark, the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is a precious gem for both the fraternity and the community. To continue its role as a public and culturally visible image, the 133-year old architectural wonder requires perpetual care and renovations.

Since Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., has encouraged donations to the Temple Initiative, many individuals and lodges have responded generously, making many of the much-needed repairs and restorations possible. The photo and caption below demonstrate an example of needed restoration made possible through your generous contributions.

Members of the brotherhood and the general public should expect nothing less than a beautiful, elegant entrance when they visit. The Masonic Temple's Broad Street entryway now includes a handcrafted mahogany desk to serve as a welcome, orientation and security station.

The roof and interior climate of the Temple need upgrades in order to preserve the treasures inside and out. High humidity levels are causing damage and decay to the building's architecture, resulting in the collapse of sections of ceiling and plaster. Mold has been found on pieces within the museum and library collections.

The Committee on Temple is recommending positive action be taken on the building's original 19th century construction as quickly as possible. Included in the installations are several makeup air units with digital controls and sensors to control humidity and specialized cells that will attack airborne mold particles.

The Grand Banquet Room and Corinthian Hall require sound system improvements, so the Temple can continue to offer an effective space for public events. Upgrades will implement current technology and allow for future enhancements. Wireless handheld microphones will be added to each room, but only the microphone being addressed will activate, minimizing poor audio from multiple open microphones. The Grand Banquet Room will also receive additional speakers to improve coverage.



Freemasonry's Mark on Our Capital



Many of America's historical iconic buildings, located in Washington, D.C., correlate with freedom, liberty and a history rich in Freemasonry.

Artist Peter Waddell has captured Freemasons' symbols incorporated in some of America's most famous architecture, as well as the layout of our nation's capital, in a series of 21 paintings.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will showcase his collection, titled "The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry, and the Architecture of Washington, D.C.," courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. This is the start of a nationwide tour for the exhibit.

Such examples of Masonic symbolism in the artwork include Bro. George Washington wearing his Masonic apron on his way to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol; the cornerstone laying of the Washington Monument; and the reconstruction of the White House, where Masonic marks were discovered on foundation stones. If one looks carefully, symbolism can be found in every picture.

The layout of the streets around the National Mall is believed to be derived from the Masonic square and compasses design. The city is also made of several geometrical forms including circles, rectangles and right angles. The Mason's Enlightenment thinking is even evident in the decision to locate the U.S. Capitol on the highest hill in the city.

The exhibition is intended to reveal the role Freemasons had in our nation's architectural history and provide a new perspective on significant historic events.

The paintings were on display at The Octagon, a historic museum located in one of the oldest houses in Washington, D.C., in 2005. A group of Masons worked with Waddell to ensure the accuracy of the subjects and symbols.

Members of Concordia Lodge No. 67 recently were able to see, first-hand, their generous contribution to the Temple Initiative being used toward the refurbishment of the 77 benches in Corinthian Hall.

Left to right: R. W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., Carl Zapf, W. M., Dale H. Fera, P. D. D. G. M., LeRoy O. McClellan, P. M. (all members of Concordia Lodge No. 67) listen to Abe Reichbach, of Summerdale Mills Fabric & Home Decorating Center, as he explains the stages of work being performed on the furniture.

Photo taken by Dennis Buttleman, Curator, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

William Rush: The Father of American Sculpture

Come See Some of His Works on Display at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

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

As the Tercentenary of America's first international citizen, Bro. Benjamin Franklin, has been celebrated throughout this year, another important Pennsylvanian's birthday, his 250th, passed on July 4 almost completely overlooked. William Rush, a neoclassical sculptor considered by many to be America's first major artist of this medium, was born in 1756. A contemporary of Dr. Franklin's, Rush is credited with developing a new form of sculpture that enabled the visitor to see extreme details on his works from relatively great distances through his dramatic use of contrast and strong shadowing. Initially trained as a wood carver of ships' figureheads, his works adorned many of the vessels belonging to Bro. Stephen Girard. His beautiful creations later decorated churches, public buildings, private homes, and the 1811 Masonic Hall located on Philadelphia's Chestnut Street.

His subjects included sculptures of great statesmen such as Franklin, William Penn, Rousseau, Voltaire, Lafayette and George Washington; classical allegorical figures, including Comedy and Tragedy; and those of religious exuberance, Exaltation and Praise. Today, Rush's works are displayed in prominent institutions across the United States with the largest number and most beautiful of his works exhibited at Philadelphia's Masonic Temple. The Masonic Temple has seven Rush sculptures on exhibit. They include Faith, Hope, Charity, Virtue and Silence, which were originally commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the 1811 Masonic Hall on the north side of Philadelphia's Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth streets. These magnificent works are life-sized figures in wood painted white. There is also a pair of works titled the Winged Angels or Cherubim. All were rescued from the building when it was destroyed by fire on March 9, 1819.

In honor of William Rush's 250th birth anniversary, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is proud to host a special educational, historical and artistic event on Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. In collaboration with other local cultural institutions, all of which have their own Rush works (the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Art Museum, the American Philosophical Society, Independence National Historical Park, the Independence Seaport Museum and the Library Company of Philadelphia), three scholarly lectures on William Rush and two curatorial tours featuring his works will be presented. These special lectures will be given by Historian Anna Coxe Toogood, who is with Independence National Historical Park; Curator Linda Bantel, a scholar who previously coordinated a special exhibit on Rush at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts; and Dr. Sylvia L. Lahvis, a professor at the University of Delaware whose expertise is in ships' figureheads by Rush. One of the tours will be delivered by Dennis Buttleman, Curator of the Masonic Temple, and the other by a curator at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Space is limited, and advance confirmed reservations are strongly advised to avoid disappointment. The admission for this day-long exciting event will include all lectures, refreshments, a box lunch in the Grand Banquet Room of the Masonic Temple and the special curators' tours.

This program is partially funded through a grant from the Humanities-and-the-Arts initiative, a grant-making partnership administered by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and funded principally by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The Pennsylvania Humanities Council inspires individuals to enjoy and share a life of learning. Since 1973, the PHC has empowered local groups to offer high-quality public program that have a positive impact on the everyday life of their communities. For information and reservations, contact Andrew A. Zellers-Frederick, Executive Director of the Masonic Temple, by phone (215) 988-1909, or by e-mail, AZFrederick@pagrandlodge.org. Please do not miss this unique opportunity to honor and learn about one of Early America's greatest artists.

Make your reservation today! Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 10 a.m., The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania will host three scholarly lectures on William Rush and two curatorial tours featuring his works in the Masonic Temple. (215) 988-1909



"Silence." William Rush. 1820-21. Wood, painted white. 66" x 32" x 29".

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Pennsylvania Masonic YOUTH FOUNDATION

Pennsylvania Rainbow Travels to Supreme Assembly



Above: Leandra Logan marches as Bro. Ben Franklin in the parade of costumes at the Biannual Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Sue-Ellen Coleman, Grand Worthy Advisor in Pennsylvania Rainbow, led the delegation of young ladies to the biannual session of the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, held this year in Oklahoma City, Okla., from July 23-26. Rainbow is a service-based sorority for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 21.

Accompanying Coleman on the 18-day bus tour that included stops in Lexington, Ky.; Little Rock, Ark.; San Antonio, Texas; Pensacola, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; and Washington, D.C., were Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Grand Colors. Leandra Logan, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, represented Pennsylvania and promoted the Order's Masonic ties by dressing as a famous Pennsylvania Mason, Benjamin Franklin, in the costume parade. Nancy Shaw, the Junior Past Grand Worthy Advisor, was the delegation's representative in the Cavalcade of Flags. Angela Eberts, Past Grand Worthy Advisor 2004-2005, served as Acting Supreme Fidelity, along with Katie Burkett, Grand Service, who participated in the Ritualistic Perfection competition; Meredith Potocki, Grand Faith; Katie Campbell, Grand Recorder; and Andrea Stanley, Grand Immortality.

These girls enjoyed many fun, educational and fraternal stops before and after the sessions. They included visits to the Kentucky National Horse Park, the Alamo, Six Flags, a cotton plantation, mining for diamonds, a barbecue with Rainbow Girls in Georgia, a tour of the Rainbow International Supreme Temple and a visit to the grave of Rainbow's founder, the Rev. W. Mark Sexton, who was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Oklahoma. The girls even found some time to spend on the beach! The eventful trip concluded with a tour of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va.

The adult leaders on the trip included Mrs. Beryl L. Hogue, Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania Rainbow; Mrs. Hedi Tacus; Mrs. Pamela Wenrich; Mrs. Edith Logan; Miss Nancy Horn; and Ms. Debra Kehr.

Right: The Pennsylvania delegation (including some DeMolay brothers) pause for a picture during the July Biannual Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held in Oklahoma City, Okla.



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DeMolays Learn By Doing



Masonic Village at Elizabethtown resident Theresa F. Deyo enjoys a visit by DeMolay Key Man Cory Cook, of Bloomingdale, N.J.

Employing a "reality-based learning" approach, the 21st Annual Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference was held the week of August 6 - 12 at the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown. For the 136 "students" (116 young men and 20 adults) who attended this innovative conference, "learning by doing" was the order of the day! They were given the opportunity to organize, charter and name their inter-conference DeMolay Chapter; elect their officers; develop a week-long term plan that included all the ingredients that a schedule for their home chapter should offer; work on civic service and Masonic service projects; help plan and execute a prospect party for new members; and induct eight real new members at the end of the week! The adults learned how to better support and advise the young men, without taking over or doing the work for them.

While a majority of the participants were from Pennsylvania, the conference included youth and adults from 11 states and two Canadian provinces. Just like "real-life DeMolay," the jurisdictional officers (older members who are elected into state-wide leadership positions) were tasked with planning, executing and evaluating the success of many of the activities throughout the week. Over the years, the PA DeMolay Key Man Conference has become universal in scope and is recognized as one of the finest conferences offered to DeMolays anywhere.

One of the highlights of the week was the visit with the residents of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. On Thursday morning, several skits were presented for the residents of the Village Green Residential Living Area of the Masonic Village. This program included the very popular DeMolay Flower Talk, honoring motherhood. In the afternoon, the young men met and escorted residents of the Masonic Health Care Center to the Roosevelt Assembly Room for the very popular "American Idol" competition, featuring

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PA Job's Daughters: Real-Life Learning



The choir members of Bethel 1, York, Pa., pose with costumes and props after performing their novelty number.

The Annual Sessions for Job's Daughters is a time for living larger than life, as the girls brought a lot of joy and fun to Gettysburg in June while they toured, sang, ate and laughed their way through this historic town. Conducting business is the standard order of an annual convention, as is the installation of new Grand Bethel officers. This year it was a bit more exciting as R. W. Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., and lady Norma participated in the program. He presented the Grand Lodge sponsored awards and then bestowed the prestigious HODEGOS Award on Bro. Richard D. Snyder, Riverside Lodge No. 503, and Bro. Thomas G. Orris, Zeredatha Lodge No. 451, for more than a decade of outstanding leadership and service to Job's Daughters and Freemasonry. The choir competition is always a highlight of the program, with both mandatory and novelty numbers, and this year the Bethels didn't disappoint with a wide variety of entertaining songs.

An abrupt return to real life marred the laughter and fun of the Annual Sessions by the knowledge that 12-year-old Emily McCleary of York Bethel 1 had collapsed shortly thereafter and was hospitalized at Hershey Medical Center. In just a few days, the entire Job's Daughter family was learning about leukemia and its devastating effect on Emily's body. They also discovered Emily's need for four pints of blood daily, the amazing generosity of the Masonic Blood Club and the need to give regularly to maintain the blood supply. And they continue to learn about the power of prayer and how the thoughts and caring of family and friends are helping Emily slowly get stronger, while sustaining her parents, Jill and Gary. Her daily progress is shared by her mom on www.carepages.com, under the page name, EmilyMcCleary.

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The PA Chip Program Needs Your Support



The Masonic CHIP (Child Identification) Program needs your help if it is to continue to operate in Pennsylvania. For two years, the Masonic Foundation for Children covered all the costs of the program, totaling in excess of \$500,000.00. This was done to "jump-start" the program and to encourage Masons and lodges to get involved. A seemingly endless supply of mini-CD disks, brochures and packets were freely given out as needed, and a series of supply depots were established across the state to help with this distribution.

At the beginning of 2006, however, the merger of the foundations brought the knowledge that the program could not continue unless it found a way to become self-sufficient, either in the form of concentrated fund-raising or through donations coming in from the lodges and districts. We are now being asked to add many new CHIP events and to provide large quantities of supplies to various CHIP coordinators across the state, but we cannot purchase and distribute additional supplies until some income starts to flow in from the lodges and districts to help pay for them.

Before scheduling additional events, you should plan to gather some funding through the members, lodges and local businesses within your Masonic district. Every contribution sent in, either by a member, a lodge or a business, specifically marked for the CHIP Program, will be tracked and credited to the district. The goal should be to contribute \$2.00 for every child you wish to process in the program within your district.

This isn't quite the same as "selling" the supplies, because we continue to support programs without any money coming in. By the end of the calendar year, however, we need to see that correlation between income and "CHIP'd" children for each district, in order to keep the program going. Certainly, you should be trying to raise funds to compensate for those events you have already conducted.

We do not want you to charge a fee for creating an identification record. We advertise it as a free program, and this must be consistent across the state and the country. You can, however, take voluntary contributions from individuals, businesses or organizations. For example, if a corporation wants you to conduct the program for their day care center and offers to pay for it, you can certainly accept their donation to send in as part of your fund-raising efforts.

Seeking local business sponsorships is an untapped resource and provides a "win-win" relationship between the lodge and local merchants. District 15 and District 30 have both successfully partnered with local banks to fund and locate a series of CHIP events in branch facilities that can provide quiet, air-conditioned, clean locations with good lighting and even some volunteers to assist with the programs. Some companies such as Wal-Mart and Target, offer matching grants or community service gifts to local organizations when a simple grant request form is filed by a charity or service group. As contributions can be given directly to the foundation, its 501(c)(3) charitable classification can be used to seek these local grants. For further information, contact Executive Director Thomas R. Labagh at the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation offices, (717) 367-1536.

The CHIP program works best as a local program, funded by the lodge, its members, and local businesses and neighbors. The lodges that have embraced this philosophy are growing stronger as their members work together to fund and support a common cause. Providing this service to the children of the local community, the lodges are being seen as active leaders who truly care about the welfare of children.

The CHIP Program can benefit your lodge, too, if you are willing to work at it!



Pennsylvania Masons Continue Training for Teachers

For 23 consecutive years, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has provided support for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) in Pennsylvania through the sponsorship of training seminars and planning sessions for school administrators and SAP team members. In fact, if not for Masonic support in the early years, the SAP program would not have become so successful. Today, it is mandatory that every elementary, middle and high school in Pennsylvania has SAP teams working to help at-risk students.

The programs continue through the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation and, most recently, include sponsorship of the annual Commonwealth Approved Trainer - Training of Trainers meeting held in August at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. More than 50 of the finest instructors and administrators of the SAP program in Pennsylvania shared organizational strategies and heard guest presenters update them on two new issues confronting SAP teams: cyber-bullying, or the use of electronic technology to intimidate or harass others, and "suddenly military children," or how parental deployment has dramatically affected the learning capabilities and welfare of thousands of Pennsylvania children. This is just one of more than 20 outstanding conferences sponsored by the Foundation and offered in various locations, including our own Masonic Conference Center.

Freemasonry's commitment to helping children live safe, healthy, productive lives continues through support of programs like these, and the work of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. A complete description of the Student Assistance Program and Freemasonry's part in the history of the program can be found on the Internet at www.sap.state.pa.us.



Mrs. Deborah McCoy, of Educational Services, LLC, leads an eye-opening introduction to the problem of "cyber-bullying" for participants in the interagency CAT-Training of Trainers seminar held at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown.

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residents and staff of the village. The interaction that the Key Men had with the residents of the Masonic Village remains one of the most memorable parts of their conference.

In reflecting on his week at the conference, Eric Bell, a DeMolay from Westminster, Colo., expressed the feeling of most of the young men: "When I arrived here, I didn't know what to expect. I looked at the schedule and how little free time we'd have, and I wondered what I had gotten myself into. But as the week went by, I realized how lucky I was to have been given the opportunity to attend the Key Man Conference. I have learned so much that will make my chapter back home better! I have made so many new friends! This really has been one of the best weeks of my life."

Pennsylvania DeMolay has been moving much of the leadership and planning responsibilities away from adults and placing more trust and confidence in the young men of the program. The 22nd Pennsylvania DeMolay Key Man Conference will be held August 5 - 11, 2007, and, for the first time in its history, a youth will be named as an Assistant Conference Director to help plan, coordinate and run the program! In Pennsylvania, the DeMolay program is run by the members, for the members, with adults acting as mentors and guides. It doesn't get any more real than that!

PA Job's Daughters

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In late July, at the Supreme Sessions in Vancouver, B.C., Pennsylvania Job's Daughters were again sharing the high life when they were honored as Erin Duskey of Bethel 19, Camp Hill, was selected to serve as the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. This is the third time in 20 years that this has come to Pennsylvania (the position was previously held by Emily Grove of Bethel 15, Elizabethtown, 1985-1986, and Danette-Lea Taylor, Bethel 12, Gettysburg, 1987-1988.) Erin will have a multitude of opportunities to learn about Job's Daughters all around the world and will share her story of the great support given to Job's Daughters through the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation.

The Job's Daughters are looking forward to the Grand Bethel Weekend at the Patton Campus on Nov. 17-19, 2006, and a Volleyball Tournament Jan. 19-21, 2007. Top on their list is a very special Tour and Ritual Exemplification at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on March 10, 2007, when they will learn a lot more about their Masonic heritage - of special interest, since a relationship to a Mason is still required for all members of Job's Daughters. All Master Masons and their wives are welcome to join them for this special day, when Grand Master Aungst will host them at the home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A MASONIC BOOK REVIEW TO PERUSE

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



Throughout its long history, Freemasonry has attracted many men: the famous, the infamous and the ordinary. Its philosophy has helped to shape these men and their outlook on life, their attitude toward their Masonic brothers, their neighbors and their country. One particular book added to the library looks at the influence Freemasonry has had on the formation of this country and on men, individually.

"Born in Brotherhood: Revelations about America's Revolution Leaders" by Bro. James E. McNabney is a dramatization of the years leading up to the American Revolution and the philosophical influence Freemasonry had on its members and on the formation of our government. Bro. McNabney, himself a Mason for 38 years, desires to remind Americans of some of the Masonic principles that this country was founded upon and have forgotten of late. Without revealing the "true secrets" of Freemasonry, Bro. McNabney creatively recounts the vows taken by Bros. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and others, explaining their significance and influence on these men and the actions they took as the historic events unfolded around them.

For books on history, Freemasonry and more, please visit the Circulating Library at www.pograndlodge.org, or call the Librarian at (800) 462-0430, ext. 1933.

INTERESTING READING & REFERENCE...

By Bro. Charles S. Canning, Academy of Masonic Knowledge

This book isn't the "DaVinci Code." It's not a "one-sitting" reading. The mystery to be solved is in understanding the complex issues of regularity and recognition that existed for more than two centuries. If you've ever wondered why it took that long to have Prince Hall Grand Lodges recognized as legitimate Masonic organizations, this book will touch on all the complications with well-documented resources.

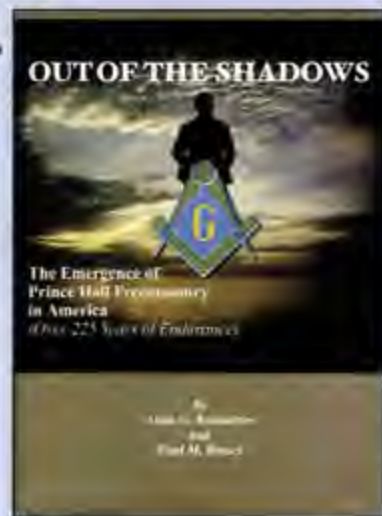
The authors review the jurisdictions in the United States and foreign countries, as to the views and rules held and reasons for recognition and non-recognition. The text is 453 pages and includes 16 appendices, followed by a glossary and an extensive bibliography.

The book is well worth the read to get a real perspective and understanding of basic issues that label lodges or Grand Lodges as recognized or clandestine. The discussion revolves around the history of Prince Hall Grand Lodges and other black Masonic Lodges and Grand Lodges and is presented in an objective and thoughtful manner.

The authors are to be congratulated on providing a general appreciation of Prince Hall Masonry and the issues that overshadowed its existence. Overshadowed by mainstream American culture, African-American Freemasonry existed in a separate world of Freemasonry. The text is a history of legitimacy regarding Prince Hall Lodges and Grand Lodges, as viewed by the white mainstream Grand Lodges. While Masonry is color blind, we find over two centuries of exception that explained non-recognition.

As one reads about the National Grand Lodge and Compact Lodges, he is drawn into the shadows, where Roundtree and Bessel have directed a beam of light that reveals the hidden

A review of "Out of the Shadows, the Emergence of Prince Hall Freemasonry in America: Over 225 Years of Endurance," by Alton G. Roundtree and Paul M. Bessel, published by KLR Publishing, LLC, Camp Springs, MD, 2006, \$29.95. Also available for loan through the Grand Lodge Circulating Library.



events and perspectives that overshadowed Negro, colored, black, Afro-American Freemasonry. It is a revelation that may lead us to discover a true Masonic brotherhood.

In researching for this book, Roundtree and Bessel bring a solid background of scholarship and Masonic activity in their respective Grand Lodges, Prince Hall and mainstream, in Washington, D.C. They have put together a comprehensive text on the history of African-American Masonry as viewed through the interpretation of regularity, recognition and exclusive territorial jurisdiction. Intertwined are the social circumstances of the past two centuries regarding segregation, racism and legislation that are also reflected in the proceedings of Grand Lodges.

The text answered, for me, a question I held for over 40 years, since I was made a Mason, as to why the "brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God" was exemplified in a segregated system of Masonry. "Out of the Shadows" should give every Mason a renewed view of our fraternity.

Masonic Village Supplies Furniture to Hurricane Survivors

On Sept. 16, a shipment of used sofas, recliners and dining room chairs from the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown was loaded for transportation to Gulfport, Miss., to aid survivors of Hurricane Katrina in rebuilding their homes and lives. Bro. John Marsh, director of purchasing and materials management, had recently visited the Gulf Coast with his church and saw the need for everything from food to clothing to furniture. In the past, when Masonic Village had excess furniture from renovation projects, it has been auctioned off to the community, but with the generous donation of a truck, driver and funding from Jack Treier, Inc. Moving & Storage; Paul Risk Associates; Pete Hondru Motors; D.A. Landis, Inc.; Andrews Excavating; and Bank of Lancaster County, Bro. John was able to organize the donation. The furniture will be stored by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gulfport, where it will be allocated to the survivors. Because the demand for donations and volunteers is so great, future trips are being arranged with the help of the Masonic Village and the community.



Masonic Villages Become *Smoke-Free* Communities

The Committee on Masonic Homes, at their meeting on July 14, 2006, approved a continuation of the Masonic Villages' wellness program by establishing the vision for the Masonic Villages to be smoke-free communities.

"We monitor trends and best practices and focus on input from our important constituents – our residents, families, employees, volunteers and visitors – and this decision was based on input from these groups, changing thought in society and our desire to provide leadership from a health and welfare perspective," Chief Executive Officer Bro. Joseph E. Murphy said.

The policy became effective August 7, 2006, for all families, volunteers, visitors and those doing business on the Masonic Village properties. Residents who do smoke and were already part of a Masonic Village campus or had contracted with a Masonic Village by that date, may be grandfathered under the former smoking policy, which provides limited areas on campus where smoking has been allowed. All new residents will be covered by the new smoke-free policy. For employees, the policy will be fully implemented by July 1, 2007, providing them time to prepare for the change.

To assist all members of our Family of Freemasonry who smoke, the Masonic Villages will offer substantial information, education and support through smoking cessation classes and support groups.

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The American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking"™ classes are being offered free of charge, courtesy of the Masonic Villages, to all interested members and their families who want to be free from the addiction of tobacco. Each session is eight weeks long, consisting of 1 1/2-hour classes at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. Classes also will be offered at the Masonic Villages in Lafayette Hill and Sewickley in the near future. Anyone interested in reserving a spot in one of the sessions below should send the coupon to the right to Mrs. Carolyn Bair, Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. You will receive a letter confirming your reservation.

Session I: Meets Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
 Session II: Meets Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7
 Session III: Meets March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23

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I would like to attend the following Freedom from Smoking™ session at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown (check one):

Session I Session II Session III

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Send me a Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill brochure.

Call me to arrange a personal tour.

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Only a Few Villas Still Available!

Masonic Village at Sewickley is Nearing Capacity!

For many, many years, the idea of a Masonic community in western Pennsylvania was just a dream. Then in 1999, that dream became a reality when Masonic Villages acquired about 50 acres in beautiful Aleppo Township. From the dust of construction equipment emerged one of the finest retirement communities in the Commonwealth.

Completed in late 2003, the village is now at near capacity, with only a handful of apartments remaining unreserved. While the original villa homes have been occupied for years, eight more were added this year on several newly acquired acres.

Soon, a waiting list will be established so prospective residents will be prioritized as they await future move-in dates. The response to the community has been tremendous as residents secure their futures while becoming a part of an active and friendly community.

Masonic Village at Sewickley has been recognized nationally

with awards for design and construction. This year, a delegation from Ireland included the village on its tour of select communities in the United States. Last year, a delegation from Australia visited the Sewickley community as well.

One of the factors contributing to the success of the Sewickley campus is the peace of mind that a Lifecare community brings. As a Lifecare community, Masonic Village at Sewickley allows retirees to protect their "nest eggs" by guaranteeing that residents living in retirement living will continue paying the same monthly rate, even if they should someday need assisted living or nursing care. The key is to make the move before a pre-existing health condition prevents the possibility of a full Lifecare agreement.

If you have not toured the village, you owe it to yourself to experience the lifestyle everyone is talking about.

Call 1-866-872-0664 today to schedule a personal tour or to make a reservation for our upcoming open houses, Nov. 30 or Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.



You're Invited

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Dec. 7**, as the Marketing staff at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown will be hosting a Holiday drop-in **between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**, featuring fellowship, food, entertainment and campus tours. The location of this event will be the Brossman Ballroom located at the Freemasons Cultural Center.

Information also will be available on the new Sycamore Apartments to be built adjacent to the Sycamore Square Marketplace. The Sycamore Apartments are currently under construction, with completion of the first of two buildings projected to be in late 2007 and the second building planned to be completed a few months afterward.

These 126 new apartments will complement the already existing 552 Retirement Living accommodations at the campus. Current waiting lists and an increased demand for active adult community living at Elizabethtown is the reason for the expansion of the retirement community.

The Sycamore Square Marketplace will feature a variety of shops and services which will be most convenient to those persons choosing to reside in the new apartments. Additional information on the Marketplace will also be available at the December 7 drop-in event.

Please plan to be a part of this festive event. The Marketing staff is looking forward to meeting with you, as well as

answering questions about Sycamore Apartments and other areas of the retirement community.

For reservations, call 1-800-676-6452 by Friday, Dec. 1.



Masonic Village at Dallas - a Reality!



Mail coupon to:
Masonic Village
P.O. Box 429
Dallas, PA 18612

Yes! I/We will attend a presentation to learn more about Retirement Living at the Masonic Village at Dallas on (circle one):
Thurs., Nov. 2 Thurs., Nov. 16 Tues., Dec. 5

Unable to attend. Please mail a brochure.

Name _____

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Phone Number (____) _____

Number of person attending _____

GROUND BREAKING NEWS...

Approvals are in; the building has begun; and it's only a matter of months before apartments and cottages are filled with residents as the Masonic Village at Dallas comes to fruition. Residents who make the decision early to change their lifestyle will be able to choose the location, view and specific floor plan of their cottage. Select a presentation date, and return the coupon to confirm your reservation. Each presentation begins at 10 a.m. at the Irem Country Club and is followed by a luncheon. For further information, please contact the Administrative Office at (866) 851-4243.

Bro. Sampsell Appointed to Leadership Position for Masonic Villages



Bro. Patrick J. Sampsell, P.E., Esq., AICP, has been appointed Chief Environmental and Facilities Officer for the Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He is responsible for directing the environmental services and facilities maintenance operations at all five Masonic Village locations, which includes providing leadership and oversight for campus and facilities planning, construction, renovation and capital projects, external ventures

and real estate acquisition and development. Working with leadership teams and corporate and community partners, he will develop and implement the master plans and/or land use for the various campuses.

Bro. Patrick has worked as an engineer for 14 years. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from Bucknell University and a doctorate in law from Widener University School of Law. He has served in the Army National Guard for 15 years. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania and American Planning Associations.

Bro. Patrick resides in Elizabethtown with his wife, Beth, and their two sons. He is a member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682.

Masonic Village Nurse Receives Pennsylvania's Nightingale Patient Choice Award



Laurie A. Bortner, R.N., Nurse Manager for the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, was selected as the recipient of the Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania's Patient's Choice Award for 2006. She was honored at the 17th Annual Gala on October 13 at the Wyndham on Lindle Avenue in Harrisburg, Pa. Bortner earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Villa Julie College, Stevenson, Md.

She joined the Masonic Village in 2000.

The Patient Choice Award is presented to an exemplary nurse who has made a significant difference in the life of a patient or family and has been nominated by a patient, significant other in the life of the patient or a family member.

The Nightingale Awards Gala honors exceptional nurses practicing in the Commonwealth. The awards program is intended to give state and national recognition to its recipients. Each award recognizes outstanding nurses in various areas of practice in addition to the recipient of the Patient Choice Award.



Bleiler Caring Cottage has Availability!

The Bleiler Caring Cottage is a residential program on the picturesque campus of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown designed to meet the unique needs of families with individuals who have mild to moderate developmental disabilities. The cottage is home to eight adults, and services include meals, transportation, activities and social events. Other supports include vocational and community services, which enable residents to live independently of their families, develop their potential and lead a fulfilling lifestyle. Residents of the cottage have access to many of the same amenities provided to those in our retirement community, including the extensive outpatient clinics.

The Bleiler Caring Cottage environment encourages families to stay connected. There are several residents of the cottage whose parents are also residents of the Masonic Village or live in the surrounding community.

"Our daughter has been a resident in the Bleiler Caring Cottage since September of 1999. She is very happy and in good health due to the care given to her by the staff. We have been residents of the village since September 2005, and Beth occasionally spends overnights in our apartment. We appreciate the Masons providing a safe and happy home for our daughter." – Mort and Miriam Weiman

We currently have an opening in our home. If you or anyone you know has a loved one who is 18 years or older and may be looking for a caring home for his or her special needs, or would like additional information about this unique program, please call the Outreach Program at 1-800-462-7664.



The Masonic Village at Elizabethtown has residential accommodations unique to this location where household chores can be left at the door. Although an independent living option, this lifestyle offers three meals in the beautiful Grand Lodge Dining Room, laundry services, on-campus transportation and housekeeping services are just a few of the amenities we offer. The post office, recreation areas, library and assembly room are conveniently located within walking distance and can be accessed without going outdoors.

This unique lifestyle is one example of our "Mission of Love" and is available to Pennsylvania Masons and some of their family members and Eastern Star members without regard to the ability to pay for these services, as long as assets have not been transferred or given away.

For more information on Residential Living, please call (717) 361-4552 or toll-free 1-800-422-1207, or e-mail MVEadmissions@masonicvillagespa.org

Residential Living Masonic Village at Elizabethtown



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- Offering quality nursing care and assisted living services
- Featuring newly renovated rooms and common areas
- Part of our mission is to serve individuals in Philadelphia County who are day-one Medicaid recipients

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