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This includes the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Homes in Warminster and Pittsburgh, and the Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley. All the Masonic Homes serve the Fraternity, their family members, youth, and the community through a continuum of quality care services encompassed in its "Mission of Love." Also included in the vital work of the Masonic Homes are the Adult Daily Living Center, the Masonic Outreach Program, and the Masonic Children's Home.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation:



The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is headquartered on the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown and provides support and programs for the Masonically-related youth organizations including the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay for young men, and the Order of Job's Daughters. In carrying out its mission, the Foundation promotes the Masonic youth groups, fostering interaction with the Masonic lodges, and emphasizing service to God, family, and community.

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...

This Grand Master's message is the prepared text for his Inaugural address

My Brethren:

It has been historic for all of us to participate in the events of yesterday and today and to look forward to tomorrow, most especially, those events that will transpire in just a few days of welcoming a new millennium. At this point though, you probably are wondering where are we going from here. What's this new administration all about?

First and foremost, it is necessary to answer the most burning question you have, other than when's lunch. And that, I'm sure is, "Where's Elysburg?" The best answer to that is to look due north from this room in Hershey approximately 60 miles and you will find Elysburg. With that out of the way, your next burning question probably is, "What is this administration going to do?" Perhaps the best description is that which it is said a bride should bring to her wedding - and, with three daughters, one of whom was recently married, I have some firsthand knowledge about that!

This administration is going to offer to the Fraternity "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue."

Something Old: The old, tried and true principles of the Fraternity of Freemasons. We all have a rich history and heritage in Pennsylvania as being the oldest Grand Lodge in America. We intend to preserve these traditions, but also to remember the current age and world in which we live.

Something New: Yes, we have a few ideas that will bring a new view to things. I assure you, though, that this will be done in the context of the historical background in which we have been raised.

Something Borrowed: Over the last number of years our Past Grand Masters, to whom we have paid respect and who so richly deserve it, have individually and collectively had the wisdom, the foresight, and the fortitude to engage in programs that recognized the importance of Freemasonry internally and externally. We will try to continue this type of activity as well.

Something Blue: Everything that we do is based on the time-tested principles of Freemasonry that we learn in a lodge that we call "Blue." We have done a fair amount of research into this Fraternity - what it is, what it means, what it does. All that we have planned will be conducted within that context, utilizing the principles of Freemasonry.

How are we going to do this? Over the years, you have told us, your Grand Lodge officers, two things. First, that every two years all new programs take place and you can hardly keep up with one until it changes again. Second, that you will only utilize those programs that you feel apply to you. As a result, we are going to try to respond to what you have told us.

We are going to emphasize the programs of our Past Grand Masters that you have told us, or shown us, that you will support. Many of you have asked and, our friends on Wall Street permitting, Matching Grants will continue, but with an additional level of charitable giving. That is, the Matching Grants Program is one of the finest programs conceived for this Grand Lodge in many years - a tribute to Past Grand Master James Ernette and also Past Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson, who has administered the program and will continue to do so. It has allowed us to show our communities that "Masons do care."



We ask you to continue that caring, but expand it by actually giving of yourselves and your charitable funds. This was the goal of the Partners in Progress and will continue to be our goal as well. We want you to roll up your sleeves and donate your time and work, as well as giving funds to support charitable efforts for the benefit of our members and our communities. While we are not a service organization, we do pledge ourselves in service to those in need of assistance. What better way to fulfill our obligations than by not only giving of your funds, but also your time and yourselves, as well. Help the members who, for some reason, cannot mow their lawns or shovel their snow. How many times have we actually done that in recent memory.

To recognize your service, the Grand Lodge will provide a visible tribute to those who engage in outstanding service when participating in a Matching Grants or service program. Nominations will be made by a District Deputy to the Matching Grants Committee, who will then select truly outstanding members for Grand Lodge Service Awards. This evening at our banquet, the first three of those Grand Lodge Service Awards will be presented.

We also are going to ask that you consider a particular method of support for your Matching Grants activities. We have entered into an understanding with the Pennsylvania affiliate of the American Heart Association to support a program that literally saves lives. This program involves working in cooperation with your local emergency services agencies, including the police, fire, and ambulance units to provide an automated external defibrillator (AED), to your community.

The defibrillator is a device that can literally shock a person back to life. The Heart Association's goal is to have 1,000 of these units in Pennsylvania. At a cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000 a piece, we obviously cannot meet the benchmark; but we can galvanize a community to get together to try to make it happen. Your District Deputies will be provided with further information tomorrow to assist you in learning how to participate in this program.

To assist our lodges, the mission of the Lodge Loan Program will be enhanced. Under the guidance of R.W. Past Grand Master W. Scott Stoner as chairman, lodges will be surveyed to determine critical needs. Interface will then take place with a new committee to be known as a District Deputy Resource Committee, to develop strategies dealing with those needs. These committees will serve our lodges directly in helping them not only to exist, but to excel.

A major program of the past also will return in a slightly different fashion. I speak, my Brethren, of none other than FRIEND TO FRIEND. That program will be under the tutelage of its creator, R.W. Past Grand Master George Hohenschildt, and allow us to feel comfortable with our membership in the fraternity and to utilize a simple brochure to tell others about Freemasonry. Most important though, this committee will conduct an in-depth analysis of our members, their strengths, weaknesses, and how to improve membership generally.

Next, we have had many excellent educational programs and opportunities for our lodges; but, frankly, have found that many of them have sat idle on the shelf. In recognition of this, the word "OPTION-

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AL" will become "OPERATIVE." Masonic Education is meant to benefit you as a member in better understanding your membership in the fraternity, the fraternity itself, and even in learning the ritual. We are establishing a new concept that will allow you to accomplish this. In March and October, a one-day Academy of Freemasonry will take place at our Masonic Homes campus in Elizabethtown. This Academy will have three tracts wherein you, as a member, can participate and enlighten yourselves while enhancing your knowledge.

The first tract will be a Grand Lodge School of Instruction, replacing several regional schools. It also will be a school conducted by the Ritualistic Instructors and the principals of the various District Schools of Instruction. We want to emphasize EXCELLENCE in our work to make it meaningful, not only to the candidate, but also to those who confer the degrees. Ofttimes, we don't intentionally trivialize the work, but also we don't do it at our best. The Ritual portion of the Academy will showcase the best of our ritual and ritualists and will be an excellent opportunity to see the work performed the way it is supposed to be.

We also will be announcing guidelines for member and officer proficiency that will be a little different than that currently required. We recognize that some work more than one job and that we can't continually require time when it just can't be given. This is not to say we will require less. But, we will seek quality of knowledge as opposed to rote memorization. One-day classes will return, but on a strictly optional and limited basis. Degree teams of a lodge, district, or even employment-related basis will be encouraged. You have told us that you are interested in QUALITY - and so are we.

The second track will be a return of the Wardens Seminars that were established by R.W. Past Grand Master Edward O. Weisser. Those seminars received many positive responses when they took place and now will be a one-day condensed version of a three-day seminar that literally will teach and train a Warden how to be the Master of his lodge. A portion of this program will show a lodge, through its leadership, how to preserve its future financially in an innovative, but easy way.

The third track is something new, unique, and an effort to permit our members to have a true cultural experience. R. W. Past Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson has empaneled a team of Masonic scholars

who will present a cultural perspective of what Freemasonry really is, what Freemasonry means, and where we, in Pennsylvania, actually stand in relation to the world and the world of Freemasonry at large. This should be most interesting and informative and allow those who want to improve themselves through knowledge, the opportunity to do so.

A part of this program also will be a home study course to broaden one's understanding of the Fraternity. Brother Jackson also will be establishing something else that's new - the first Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, of which he will serve as Warrant Master. This lodge will be dedicated to those whose interest is in researching Masonic topics and presenting the results of their research to others. The ultimate goal of all of these projects is to permit those who wish to learn to have the ability to do so in the context of a free exchange of ideas, much as was done at the time of the formal formation of our organization.

Each lodge will be given an educational, self-improvement opportunity to present at one, and possibly a series, of programs to help our members as well. These programs are directed toward protection and personal safety. We suggest that, to the extent possible, we utilize our members who are in law enforcement and emergency services in the presentation of these programs. They will involve the areas of safety at home, on the street, on the road, in the workplace, and while traveling. We also request that all lodges offer a CPR course as well. We pledge to help each other and what better way can we do that than by trying to make you better aware of what may save your life or your family's life.

As mentioned earlier, we are going to try to limit the amount of time that you have to go to meetings. Earlier this year, the Grand Lodge officers attended a seminar where an executive of the Girl Scouts said, "Freemasons: you're the only organization that meets once a month, every night of the month." Think about that. How true it is!

As many of you already know, we have arranged for combined lodge anniversaries. Of the several reasons for doing this, one stands above the others. When 100 or 200 gather, the media will pay some, but little attention. If several thousand appear, the situation may be different. We need to conduct these events for others to see what Freemasons can accomplish. As an inducement to attend the banquet

phase of any lodge anniversary, we are going to do something a little different, something that hasn't been done in at least 100 years in Pennsylvania. We will conduct an "open" Grand Lodge Table Lodge at these events, utilizing a specially produced commemorative "firing" glass. We will ask the Grand Lodge officers who can attend to be the presenters for the ceremony. It is hoped that the presentation of the lodge videos that are currently being processed, as well as the Table Lodge, will encourage increased attendance at these events.

For the youth, we have asked the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation to establish a student exchange program. Through the efforts of Brother Jackson, Grand Lodges in Spain, France, Greece, Germany, and Brazil have expressed a willingness to participate in a Masonic Student Exchange Program for summers, as well as the school year. What can be better for a Masonic family than to entrust their child or grandchild to other Masons worldwide?

In addition, we have asked the Youth Foundation to create a summer camp for Masonic youth at our Patton Campus. It is anticipated that this camp would be related to career, guidance, and personal development. It will be a learning experience, but also FUN. The camp will teach life skills such as are not always provided in formal schooling.

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The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children will be asked to include in its activities a program that will help identify and deal with juvenile fire-starters. We will approach the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education for consideration of this in a manner similar to that of the Student Assistance Program that we currently sponsor.

To answer yet another question that many of you have posed: Yes, there will be a Masonic train. We have entered into an agreement with Weaver Quality Craft Models of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, the third largest manufacturer of model trains in the United States. This train will consist of a Pennsylvania A-5 Atlantic steam engine with four cars and a caboose. The train is marked with Masonic symbols and each group depicted on the train will receive a portion of the proceeds from sales for its charitable endeavors. The balance of the sales will be placed in the Masonic Charities Fund. This is definitely an advance sale item, and the prototype will be available for viewing this afternoon and at the banquet this evening. We also will make a special offer available to lodges and Grand Lodges that want to personalize a car of this train as well.

What are you going to do with the funds generated from this project? We have pledged ourselves to yet another effort that we hope will meet not only with your approval, but with your enthusiastic support.

We have pledged the sum of \$500,000 to support an organization that speaks for all the best of the American dream – an organization that encourages youth worldwide to do and be the best, both individually and as a team effort. This organization is not a government, or government-related; but it has fostered international cooperation on an unprecedented level. Most particularly, this organization was founded by a Pennsylvania Mason. I refer, my Brethren, to Little League baseball, an organization in which I am sure many of you in this room have participated. Little League currently is engaged in a major expansion program that will, in 2001, offer an entirely new stadium so that additional teams may play in an expanded world series. Pennsylvania Masons will donate the scoreboard that will grace the new stadium, which will be marked with Masonic symbols – symbols that will be shown on every international television broadcast that takes place from the stadium. In addition, we will commission a statue of Brother Carl Stotz, the founder of Little League, to be placed at the entrance to the stadium complex. We hope that this will be dedicated in a Masonic cornerstone-laying ceremony that will be part of the World Series in 2001. We also hope that all of you will be present in South Williamsport at that time for what is sure to be a memorable event.

Yes, my Brethren, this is somewhat of an ambitious agenda; but, one which we feel is attainable with your participation and support. By using the tried and true principles of Freemasonry, by adopting and updating existing effective programs, and by applying the phrase, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue," we, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, can enter the new millennium truly exemplifying our precepts that say, "Whenever Freemasons join together, they go hand-in-hand with unanimity, and success generally crowns their efforts."

My Brethren, on behalf of all your Grand Lodge officers, thank you for the opportunity to serve; thank you for the opportunity to be a Freemason. So mote it be!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



The Medallion: A Story of the Old and The New

A tribute to Masons on every continent ...
An honor to Pennsylvania Masons!

The medallion of the 113th R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania is a reflection of the world of Freemasonry to remind Freemasons worldwide, wherever dispersed, of their membership in this ancient and honorable Fraternity.

Its unique features depict a world with an emphasis on the state of Pennsylvania. Inside the world is a golden Lady of Justice standing beside the name and term of office of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. The world rests upon a keystone-shaped base made of Pennsylvania anthracite coal, a representation of our historical past. The medallion of the Grand Master is imbedded on the front and reverse of the coal base. The world, itself, is made of a compound of space-age acrylic, symbolizing the technology of today.

Thus, the medallion is a blend of the old and the new.



Grand Master and Other Elected Officers Being Installed at Annual Communication



Robert L. Dluge, Jr., P.M., an attorney in Elysburg, was elected to become the 113th Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania during the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia on Dec. 1. He is to be installed at noon, Dec. 27, during the Annual Grand Communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania in Hershey.

The other R.W. Grand Lodge officers to be installed that day are: R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., of Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegeville; R.W. Senior Grand Warden, William Slater II, of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh; R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Ronald A. Aungst, Sr. of LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore; and R.W. Grand Secretary, Donald L. Albert, of Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg. Marvin G. Speicher, of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf, was re-elected to the office of R.W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Master Dluge is an Attorney Active in Community and Masonry



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

Along the main street in his hometown there is an etched wooden sign shaped much like a coat of arms that proclaims "Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Attorney-at-Law." Set back about the length of a football field is a rustic log cabin. Inside, amid modern office furnishings and appointments, are the comfortable law offices.

Bro. Dluge is an attorney, practicing law in Elysburg since 1976. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and through the years served as an officer, committee chairman, and Zone Governor of the Young Lawyer's Division. He also is a member of the Northumberland County Bar Association where he is a committee chairman and a past director.

He is among the most active leaders in his community. The fire call radio is a l w a y s buzzing in his office, or the pager is a l w a y s active on his belt. For many years, he has been a mainstay of the Elysburg Fire Co. He is the Assistant Chief and commands the department's well-equipped mobile



Emergency Command Center. He is active in the Northumberland County Fire Chiefs Association.

The list of his community, area, and state civic involvements, past and present, is lengthy. Notably, he is a former Director of the State Board of the American Heart Association. He is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Elysburg and the Elysburg Lutheran Parish, where he served as President of the Church Council and in a number of other positions. Despite being busy at his profession, in his Masonic activities, and his community involvement, he is an avid railroad buff and model train enthusiast.

He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America ever since his youthful days in Cub Pack 3247. He was a member of Elysburg Troop 247, achieving all ranks, earning 40 merit badges and that of Eagle Scout with three palms. He was a member of the Susquehanna Council contingent attending the Valley Forge National Jamboree in 1964 and Philmont Scout Ranch in 1965. In 1968, he was a member of the Region Three contingent attending the World Jamboree, Cour de lane, Idaho. From 1965 to 1968, he served as a staff member at Camp Karoondinha successively as Scout Craft Director, Assistant Program Director, and Commissioner. He was an Explorer in Elysburg Post 2247 and attended the U. S. Explorer Conference at the U. S. Naval Academy, serving on the Planning and Steering Committee in 1965 to 1967. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow and was a District Chief, District Dance Team Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Chief of the Hill, and held all ceremonial positions. As an adult, he was a college Scouter, then served as a Merit Badge counselor, District Committee member, and Explorer Post Committee member.

His involvement with youth has been recognized among the Family of Freemasonry. Rainbow for Girls pre-

sented him with the Grand Cross of Honor and The Order of DeMolay conferred the Honorary Legion of Honor Degree.

Bro. Dluge served as Worshipful Master of Elysburg Lodge No. 414 in 1978 and as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 58th Masonic District from 1986 through 1992. He served as R.W. Junior Grand Warden in 1994 and 1995 and the succeeding Grand Lodge line offices until his installation this Dec. 27.



Bro. Dluge (right) discusses plans for Supreme Council sessions in Pittsburgh in 2000 with (l-r): Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J.; Luther J. Black, Secretary, Valley of Bloomsburg; and Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer.

He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Bloomsburg where he was Commander-in-Chief of Caldwell Consistory in 1993 and 1994. He also is a Past Sovereign Prince of Zerubbabel Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He serves the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. In 1991, he was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°. He is the Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Bloomsburg.

In York Rite, he served as High Priest of Shamokin Royal Arch Chapter No. 264 in 1983; Thrice Illustrious Master of Shamokin Council No. 68 in 1985; and Eminent Commander of Shamokin Commandery, Knights Templar in 1986 and 1987. He is a member of St. James Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Penn Priory No. 6, Knights of the York Cross of

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Ready for action, Bro. Dluge steps into the mobile Emergency Command Center which he commands.

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Honor; Pennsylvania Council of Anointed Kings; Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11; Gallicantu Tabernacle No. 75, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, serving as Very Eminent Preceptor in 1998; Gen. John J. Sullivan Council No. 84, Allied Masonic Degrees, now serving as Sovereign Master; and Past Commanders and Line Officers, Division 14, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. In 1998, he was honored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar with the designation of Knight Commander of the Temple. Bro. Dlugie is a Shriner in Irem Temple; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Carlisle Chapter No. 130, National Sojourners.



He was born in Danville in 1950, the son of Bro. Robert L. Dlugie, Sr., and Bernice M. Dlugie. He was educated in the public schools of Rapho Township (now part of the Southern Columbia Area) and Shamokin Area School District. He was graduated from Lycoming College in 1971 with a B.A. degree in Political Science and Pre-law, did post-graduate work at Bloomsburg University in business and accounting, and was graduated from the Widener University School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1975.

Bro. Dlugie is married to the former Debra A. Ford and the couple has three daughters: Dawn, Jennifer, and Stephanie.

Assistant Fire Chief Dlugie operates the controls on an Elysburg Fire Co. pumper.

Deputy Grand Master: Twice Retired And Still Going Strong Serving Masonry

Batavia, IA, Sept. 1, 1933 and educated in the public schools there and in Illinois. He was graduated from United Township High School in East Moline, IL, in 1952. After graduation he worked for International Harvester in East Moline, where he was active in the Boy Scouts and as a Sunday school teacher. He is married to the former Rosalie Mae Bracket and they are the parents of a daughter and two sons.

He is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, having served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years before retiring as a Chief Dental Technician in 1977. Bro. Cunningham began working for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections managing a 34-bench dental laboratory at the prison at Graterford. Before his retirement there in Oct. 1995, he was the manager of Correction Industries, which included operating a 1,500-acre farm and dairy.

The Deputy Grand Master's Masonic travels began in 1961 in Silvis Lodge No. 898, A.F. & A.M., in Illinois. In 1980, he transferred to Warren Lodge No. 310, F. & A.M., in Collegeville, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1985. He was a Senior Instructor in the 6th Masonic District's School of Instruction in 1986 and 1987, also serving as its President the latter year. During the same time, he was

the District's Project Solomon II Director. He then served eight years, 1988 to 1995, as the 6th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master before being elected R.W. Grand Junior Warden in 1996.

Bro. Cunningham is a member of the York Rite bodies in Norristown. He is affiliated with Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11, Shamokin; Mary Conclave, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders; Penn Council No. 13, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia.

He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the four bodies of the Valley of Allentown. This past September he was nominated to receive the 33rd during the Supreme Council sessions in Pittsburgh in 2000. He is a Shriner in LuLu Temple, Philadelphia.



Marvin and Rosalie Cunningham enjoy one of their favorite pastimes, traveling and relaxing together.



The Deputy Grand Master is mild-mannered Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., an amiable Mason who already has retired twice in his career — once from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Dental Technician and then from the Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution as the Manager of Correctional Industries at Graterford. Today, he is busy serving the Fraternity and finds his relaxation in traveling with his wife, Rosalie, and playing golf whenever he can.

Bro. Cunningham was born in

Pittsburgh Funeral Director William Slater II Is the R.W. Senior Grand Warden



The R.W. Senior Grand Warden is 41 year-old William Slater II, the owner and President of Wm. Slater & Sons, Inc, which operates a series of mortuaries in the Pittsburgh area. He was graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1976, Thiel College in 1980, and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1980.

He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh, in 1987 and was Representative to the Grand Lodge from 1987 to 1990. In 1992 and 1993, he served as Sword Bearer for R.W. Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., and was elected to serve the past two years as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

In York Rite, Bro. Slater is a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 268 Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Master Masons; and Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh and is serving as an officer of the Consistory. He is also a member of Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; The Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2; Islam Grotto; and the Cinosam Club, where he served as President.

He is involved in various professional and community activities, including the National and Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Associations, Mount Washington Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Corp., the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, and the Green Tree Rotary Club, where he is a Paul Harris Award recipient.

Bro. Slater is married to the former Maria D. Arena of Allison Park. The couple has a three-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son. He is a member of Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, where he has served as a deacon and on the Christian Education Committee.

R.W. Junior Grand Warden is a Leader In Education, Church, and Community



During his career, the newest elected line officer in Grand Lodge, R.W. Junior Grand Warden Ronald A. Aungst, Sr., has been an innovator and motivator in public education, a pillar in his church, a champion high school wrestler and coach, and a dynamic civic leader.

He is a native and life-long resident of Jersey Shore and a graduate of the Jersey Shore Area School District. He earned a Bachelor degree in Education from

California (PA) State College, did post-graduate work there after it became California University of Pennsylvania and also at The Pennsylvania State University, receiving his Master's equivalency in 1975. He earned a Secondary Principal Certification in 1995, Elementary Principal Certification in 1997, and is currently enrolled in a Master of Education program in Education Administration at Penn State.

Bro. Aungst is the Elementary Principal at Nippenose Valley Elementary School of the Jersey Shore School District. In addition to being principal, he is responsible for the annual district-wide kindergarten orientation, which he originated, and as coordinator for the district's "Teacher Special and Classroom Aides." Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught in the secondary level as a technical education instructor for 27 years. During his years in the classroom, he developed a visual communication program, coordinated a Teacher Advisory Group and a student discipline program, chaired the Ways and Means Committee, was a class advisor, and established the high school's Environmental Team. He also served as the yearbook advisor for 24 years and served on the Board of the Pennsylvania State Press Association.

He was active in the school district's athletic program, both as a student and as an educator. He became the first undefeated junior high school wrestler with the introduction of interscholastic competition in 1963-64 and continued winning through the next three years accumulating numerous championships. Following high school, Bro. Aungst won additional honors, becoming the 106-lb. representative on the Pennsylvania State Junior World Olympic Team. Later, he

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Grand Treasurer is a Busy Mason



He is the son of Bro. Earl J. and Myrl M. Speicher and a 1955 graduate of Conrad Weiser High School. He was graduated from Reading Business Institute, the Cades C.P.A. School, and Gross C.P.A. School.

Bro. Speicher was made a Mason in Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf in 1967 and served as Worshipful Master in 1976. He served ten years as the D.D.G.M. of the 60th Masonic District. He was elected R.W. Grand Treasurer in 1989. Prior to that, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Sub-Committee on Audits and today he chairs the Masonic Homes Financial Sub-Committee.

While he is not a member of every appendant body, he comes pretty close. He is a member of all of the York Rite Bodies in Reading where he is a Past Sovereign of Constantine Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and is presently the Intendant General for Pennsylvania-East of Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Past Governor, an Associate Regent, and the recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He also serves on the Committee on Finance of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. He is a

The easy-going R.W. Grand Treasurer, Marvin G. Speicher, is a busy Mason and a family man who lives in the Berks County town of Robesonia where he has resided all of his life. Professionally, he is a senior partner in the certified public accounting firm of Schulze, Speicher and Co. with offices in Pottsville and Reading. He is a member of the Regional Board of First Union Bank.

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coached wrestling at all levels with the Jersey Shore School District.

In the community, he has been a township supervisor and served as the zoning officer, Chairman of the Board for six years, Road Master for eight years, and township secretary-treasurer for 14 years. He has been on the township's Recreation Board, coached the area Little League team, and co-chaired the implementation of a recycling center for the Pine Creek Valley. He has been recognized for his efforts as a co-chairman of United Way of Lycoming County Educators. He was an active member of the Jaycees and the Lions Club.

In Trinity United Methodist Church of Jersey Shore, he has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, a trustee for two terms, a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, the choir, and currently is assisting the Major Contributions Building Fund Committee.

Bro. Aungst was made a Mason in LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1986. He also served his Lodge as the Temple Association President and as the Stewards Chairman. He served as the 18th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master from 1997 until becoming the R.W. Junior Grand Warden. He had been both the District and Region Masonic Education Chairman. In York Rite, he is a member of Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, Baldwin Commandery No. 22, and Adoniram Council No. 26. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Williamsport.

He is married to the former Norma J. Eddy. The couple has four children: Randall J. currently in a Doctoral program at Penn State majoring in Synthetic Organic Chemistry; Rachelle, recently graduated from Lock Haven University with a B.S. degree in Education; Renee, enrolled in the Bradley Art Academy, and Ryan is a senior in high school.

Past Master and Past Secretary of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia.

Bro. Speicher is a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the four Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Reading, where he served as Thrice Potent Master of Reading Lodge of Perfection in 1991-92. This past year, both the Valley of Allentown and the Valley of Harrisburg recognized him by naming classes of candidates in his honor. The special class in Allentown was a one-day reunion of the Valley and a joint Shrine ceremonial of LuLu Temple of Philadelphia and Rajah Temple of Reading, where Bro. Speicher is a member.

In addition, he is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was inducted, along with his fellow Grand Lodge officers into the Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity. He is a charter member of two High Twelve Clubs: Pennsylvania Masonic Homes Club No. 629 in Elizabethtown and Fellowship Club No. 669 in Reading.

Ask him what his hobby is and he'll tell you quickly that Masonry is his greatest love after his wife, Shirley, their two sons, Terrance L. and Robert G., and three grandchildren.

New R.W. Grand Secretary is Dedicated Student of the History of the Civil War



On Dec. 27, Donald L. Albert will be installed R.W. Grand Secretary of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He succeeds the retiring R.W. Grand Secretary, Thomas W. Jackson.

Bro. Albert is well known by Masons across the Commonwealth. For six years, he has been the Grand Marshal who has efficiently guided, with precision and decorum, the Masonic procedures and

movements during Grand Lodge activities. Whether it was at a Grand Lodge communication, visitation, cornerstone-laying, dedication ceremony, or banquet, Bro. Albert set the pace for Masonic protocol and maintained the Fraternity's exacting traditions.

History and tradition are important to him. He is a student of the history of the Civil War and defines it as more than a hobby — it's serious research that he dearly loves. In his pursuit of every bit of information he could track down, he has traveled throughout Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to tour battlefields and search cemeteries and records to find the final resting places of men of both forces of the Civil War — the Army of the Potomac (Union) and the Army of Northern Virginia (Confederate). His great-grandfather, William Albert, was a Union veteran. Bro. Albert is a Past Commander of the Capt. J. P. Brendle Camp No. 5, of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a member of the Camp Curtin Historical Society and the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable.

Bro. Albert is a member of Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg, and served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Harrisburg and served as Most Wise Master of Harrisburg



Dressed in a 19th century uniform of a Union Army enlisted man, Bro. Albert served as a member of an honor guard for a wedding in Maryland. The buttons and belt buckle of the authentic uniform bear the cast seal of Maryland.

Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, in 1982 and 1983. He was coroneted a 33° Mason at the Supreme Council session in Boston in 1987. In the York Rite bodies in Harrisburg, he is a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21; Harrisburg Council No. 7, Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania; Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; Erin Council No. 6, Knight Masons; and Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Shriner in Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, and a member of the Temple's Color Guard and the Upper Dauphin Shrine Club. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, U.S.A.

Prior to becoming Deputy Grand Secretary almost two years ago, Bro. Albert was an engineer and product manager, retiring after 33 years at AMP, Inc., Harrisburg. He was graduated from Millersburg Area High School and is a graduate of the Industrial Management Institute, an affiliate of Pennsylvania State University.

His father was a Mason and so are three of his uncles and his brother-in-law. His two sons, William and Scott, are both Senior DeMolays.



Bro. Albert found this Civil War cannon while he was searching for a landmark of Civil War activities in Pennsylvania.



Bro. Albert hunted far and wide for graves of both Union and Confederate generals, such as this one identified with the Union star on the grave marker. His favorite generals were Winfred Scott Hancock of Norristown for the Union and Robert E. Lee of the Confederacy.

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Last year, Bro. Jackson was named the first Executive Secretary of the World Conference

of Masonic Grand Masters and now will attend to the full duties of that office. He will continue his dedication to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving on several committees and projects at the request of the new Grand Master. He also plans to continue as the reviewer of books for *The Northern Light*, the magazine of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He serves on the Steering Committee for the Masonic Information Center of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. During 1999, he was named Grand Chancellor of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Bro. Jackson was made a Mason in Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1969. He became R.W. Grand Secretary in 1979. He is a Past President of the Grand Secretaries of North America.

In York Rite Capitular Masonry, he is a Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 176; has been active in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; and is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. In Cryptic Masonry, he is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of George Washington Council No. 66 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel. In Chivalric Masonry, he is a Past Eminent Commander of Continental Commandery No. 56, a Past Division Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and received the Knight Commander of the Temple Award. He is a Past Prior of Penn Priory, and recipient of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Bro. Jackson is a member of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, the Great Priory of America Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City, and an Associate Regent and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

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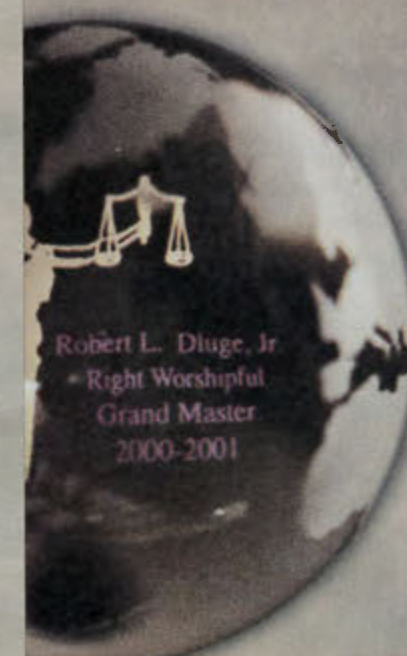


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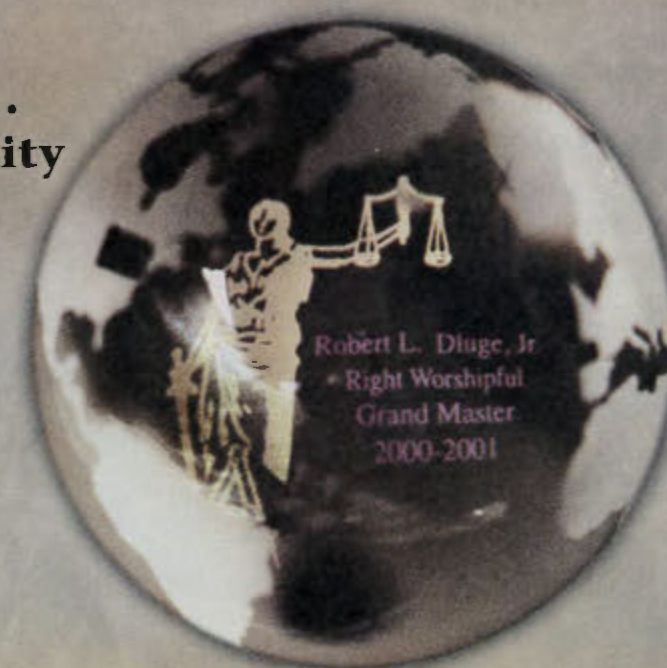
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This brochure explains what Freemasonry is, who Freemasons are, what they believe in, and what they do. It is important for you to know that those who desire membership *must* seek it on their *own*. Unfortunately, without this understanding, many qualified men have not enjoyed the special rewards of membership and fellowship in Freemasonry.

If, after reading this, you have any questions or desire to know more about Freemasonry, your friend will be pleased to give you answers or obtain answers for you.

Whether or not you decide to seek membership in Freemasonry, you can be certain that you have a special friend within the Masonic Fraternity who thinks very highly of you. Please consider it to be the highest compliment that he has shared this information with you. It is a message of kindness . . . from FRIEND TO FRIEND!

WHAT FREEMASONS BELIEVE IN

All Freemasons believe in one God and in respect for each other.

WHAT FREEMASONS DO

Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the government under which they live. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as "the world's greatest philanthropy!"

The Freemasons of America contribute more than one and one-half million dollars every day to charitable causes which they, alone, have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity.

THE MASONIC LODGE

The Masonic Lodge meets one evening per month to conduct its regular business and vote on petitions for membership. Here is where the bonds of friendship and fellowship are strengthened.

THE MASONIC DEGREES

The candidate for Freemasonry receives three Masonic Degrees concluding with the Third (or Master Mason's Degree). The Degrees are solemn, enlightening, and enjoyable experiences with no uncomfortable or embarrassing moments. It is here where the principles of Freemasonry are taught and where the new member learns that his family and his own necessary vocations are to be considered above Freemasonry.

Honored Worldwide For Service to The Craft

Bro. Thomas W. Jackson has been recognized worldwide for his contributions to Freemasonry and dedicated service to the Craft. He has been granted 16 outstanding honors from 15 Grand Lodges, including the distinguished Pennsylvania Franklin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Below are the special honors bestowed upon Bro. Jackson by Grand Lodges worldwide, listed alphabetically according to the jurisdiction:

- Received the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
- Received the Valentine Reintzel Medal for contributions to Freemasonry throughout the world from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
- Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Florida.
- Created a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise.
- Received the Grand Order of Merit for service to Craft Masonry in Europe in general and the Fraternity of German Freemasons in particular from the United Grand Lodges of Germany.
- Honorary Member of Grand Lodge of Greece.
- Created an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast.
- Received the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for contribution of time, thought and service to Masonry beyond the line of duty from the Grand Lodge of Maine.
- Created an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mali.
- Received the Jeremy Ladd Cross medal for outstanding contribution to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
- Received the Chancellor Livingston Medal for outstanding contributions in the field of Masonic literature, writing, and public relations from the Grand Lodge of New York.
- Received the Charles Henry Johnson medal for rendering unusual or distinguished service in furthering the good name of the Craft from the Grand Lodge of New York.
- Honorary Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.
- Received the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal for outstanding service to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- Received the Philip C. Tucker Medal for distinguished service to society, the community, and to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Vermont.
- Honorary Member and Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.



Fraternity Makes Good Men Better; Good Men Make Fraternity Better

Bro. Daniel J. Richmond is shown on his D.A.R.E. card. These cards, supplied by the Foundation, are given to students to treasure like sports picture cards.

Daniel J. Richmond is a 46-year-old policeman who loves to help children. He also is an emerging leader in Freemasonry, now serving as the Senior Warden for Richard-Vaux-Ivanhoe Lodge No. 384, Philadelphia. There's an important cause and effect relationship between those two facts.

This native Pennsylvanian is a career law enforcement officer with more than 25 years' service. He is an officer in the Philadelphia Police Department and has been assigned as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer since the program was adopted in the city 12 years ago. He also is certified and teaches in the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education And Training) Program. He is a mentor for both programs, which means he teaches other officers the techniques for presenting the programs.

Bro. Richmond was attracted to Freemasonry in 1994 when he saw the work the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children (then it was the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children). That was when the Patton Campus at the Masonic Homes was opened to the D.A.R.E. Training Program and became the official site of all D.A.R.E. Training in Pennsylvania. He has strong feelings about how Freemasonry is making a difference by supporting not only D.A.R.E., but also the Student Assistance Program and other community-based projects. He was so impressed with Masonry, the facility, and the generosity and quality of the members that he asked about the Fraternity and wanted to become a Mason.

Bro. Richmond became a Freemason in 1995 and became part of the action at once. Not only is he an officer of his lodge today, he is a volunteer speaker for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children and has volunteered to be the Masonic Chapter Advisor for the Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Richmond feels that he is part of an outstanding organization, which gives him another opportunity to help children. He has been married 25 years and the couple has four daughters, two of whom have benefitted from college tuition assistance from his lodge.



His decision to become a Mason has been a cause and effect that is exceptionally good for Bro. Richmond and for the Freemasonry.

The kids show rapt attention as Bro. Richmond maintains a dialogue with students.

M.H.&E.R.R. Has a Depot Full of Trains, Nostalgia, and Enjoyment for Everyone

Model railroad buffs are working hard, playing hard, and enjoying every minute they spend at the "Railroad Depot" on the Masonic Homes campus.



The "new, old-fashioned railroad station" of the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Railroad (MH&ERR) has grown quite a lot since it opened in the summer of 1998. A collection of passenger trains and freight trains chug along and trolleys zip around the landscaped platforms that fill three rooms of the depot.

Through vision, hard work, and donations, the residents at the Masonic Homes have engineered and continue to re-engineer the museum and model railroad into an enthralling diorama that transports not just the railroad fans, but all visitors, on visual, fantasy tours across the Pennsylvania landscape. Platforms and all of the scenery are created and painted by hand by the members of the Masonic Homes Model Railroad Club. Likewise, all of the controls are assembled, wiring installed, and track laid and serviced by the members.

The first of the displays a visitor to the depot encounters is an HO-gauge layout that was recently shifted to the opposite side of its room to give visitors a better view of the scenery. There's a lot to enjoy, but it takes a discerning eye to appreciate many of the intricate, often subtle, features of that diorama. For instance, look closely and see a hobo camp with a flickering campfire, find mountain climbers or a bike-rider, even swimming ducks.



The big display in the main area is the O-gauge layout where five trains are usually running at the same time, including a nostalgic steam engine with its Pullman, baggage car, and observation coach. Interspersed among the O-gauge train layout is the trolley line, which has been expanded recently. They are realistic miniatures

of the trolleys used in the early 1900's, before automobiles became popular and affordable. The trolley car actually receives its operating power through its conductive trolley wheel and pole from the energized overhead wire.

The several towns that the trains and trolleys traverse are varied, with life-like figures and landmarks that are suggestive of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Elizabethtown, and Harrisburg, as well as the beautiful rural and mountainous reaches of Pennsylvania. The towns are typical of anywhere with familiar businesses and landmarks, such as a gas station, a variety of houses and car styles, a quarry, a river with a cantilever bridge, a power plant and power lines, tunnels, billboards, a hardware store, municipal building, and more. To make it even more realistic, there is a familiar road repair project, a bridge under repair on the turnpike, a traffic accident, a farmers' co-op, a coal mine, and cable cars. Now, a replica of Elizabethtown, itself, is taking form, to be complete with replicas of local businesses, the Grand Lodge Hall, and the formal gardens.

In crafting the scenery, the members who helped to build the displays added their personal touches by putting their names on commercial establishments such as an industrial park, realty company, lumber yard, saw mill and electrical contracting company.

The attention to details makes the displays unique. Club President Elwood Schmidt said, "By the time we're finished, there will not be any pre-manufactured structures on the platform. We will have built them all ourselves."

The newest addition to the displays is an N-gauge layout on a 48-square-foot platform set up in a third room of the Depot. It came to the club in September as a donation by John Jaeger, P.M., Henry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton.

The Model Railroad Club is appreciative of the many valuable donations that have been received. However, due to the limited quarters, at this time the Club favors cash donations to assist in financing the ongoing work. Checks may be made payable to "Masonic Homes," but they must be designated for the "Model RR Club," and sent to: Masonic Homes, c/o Model RR Depot, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.



The spotlight was on the meeting place of the Club when the Railroad Depot at the Masonic Homes was a satellite postal station for a day on Aug. 26, when the U.S. Postal Service issued five new train commemorative postage stamps. That day, the special stamps could be purchased there and canceled with the club's own unique cancellation stamp, which features an image of a train, the club's name, and the date of cancellation.

The Masonic Homes Model Railroad Club meets in the RR Depot clubhouse at 7p.m. of the first Tuesday each month. Membership is open to everyone, not just Masons or Masonic Homes residents, and married couples may belong on one membership and share one vote. Visitors from the community area are welcome to attend the Club's open house the first Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Children's groups and club groups are welcome to make appointments for special tours.

To acquire an application for membership to the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad, or to obtain more information about the club, please contact either: Elwood L. Schmidt, President, Masonic Homes Model RR Club, 2318 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101, Phone 717-361-0861; or, Walter Weider, Vice President, Masonic Homes Model RR Club, 3320 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101, phone 717-367-5328.



Eden Alternative Comes to Masonic Homes, Adds Personal Caring to a Vibrant Habitat

The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is being "Edenized." Health Care residents won't have to miss some of those important things of their home life, like pets, children, and friends. They will enjoy the spontaneity, laughter, and relationships that they had in their daily lives. In an Edenized home, residents have the opportunity to care for animals and plants, and to share their experiences with children and friends, just as they had always done.

With the support of the management team at the Masonic Homes, the Eden Alternative was accepted to bring a powerful tool for improving the quality of life for the residents in the long-term care facility. With the program came birds, dogs, and children — real life things that make the residents feel more comfortable and lively. The philosophy teaches people to see long-term care facilities as vibrant habitats.

The Eden Alternative is an effort to address the disturbing fact for seniors that loneliness, helplessness, and boredom often brought about the bulk of suffering among residents in long-term facilities. The effort, based on the principle that everyone deserves "a life worth living," was pioneered in 1991 by Dr. William H. Thomas and his wife, Judy Meyers, at Chase Memorial Nursing Home in New York. That philosophy of care is growing in popularity and acceptance so that today there are more than 100 registered Eden Alternative homes in the United States and Canada and inquiries about the participation abound from countries worldwide.

This way of thinking also seeks to eliminate unnecessary medical therapies. It is Dr. Thomas' theory that too often residents in long-term care facilities perish from spiritual malaise and broken hearts because they feel their lives are not worth living. Despite quality health care, a sterile, hospital-like environment can fall short of providing for the emotional and spiritual needs of residents. Non-medical illnesses can be cured best with a natural habitat where residents can build meaningful bonds and make new discoveries daily.

During the summer, three aviaries and several fish tanks were brought into The Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown. The aviaries house a variety of male finches, java rice finches, and love birds that the residents watch and enjoy daily. "Such concern," said Kirk Rakos, Recreation Services Supervisor, "has moved persons into a care-giver role, which is an anticipated result of the Eden Alternative."

Cats and dogs are being integrated into areas of the Homes. The first full-time "canine employee" reported for duty in the Outpatient/Employee Health Department recently. Daisy, a ten-year-old schnauzer-poodle mix, "comes

to work" five days a week, warming the hearts of residents and employees with her friendly greetings, comfort, support, and companionship.

The Eden Alternative extends beyond the integration of animals, plants, and children into the daily lives of the residents. It's a cultural change in which residents, employees at all levels and disciplines, and volunteers are empowered to work in teams to make decisions about the programs and services.

Generally, it takes 12 to 18 months for a facility to become Edenized because of the education and changes that need to take place. Implementation of the Eden Alternative is a continuing process as employees, volunteers, residents, families, and the community collaborate in its evolution and growth. The majority of the education at the Masonic Homes is provided by five of its Eden Associates: Mark Eyer, Social Services Supervisor; Joyce Heisey, Assistant Director of Nursing; Rakos; Lori Seiders, Manager, Organization Development & Training; and Cathy Misiewicz, Nurse Manager. They all completed training in the "Ten Principles of the Eden Alternative," which are the guidelines for implementing the philosophy. The Principles cover such things as: Behavior testing and veterinary needs of cats, dogs, and birds; selection and display of plants; involvement of children with residents; quality indicators relative to the Eden Alternative and more.

An Eden Advisory Team of staff members from across the campus has been established and is being educated monthly on the "Ten Principles" by the Eden Associates. In each of the units of the Masonic Health Care Center, the Advisory Team has formed "neighborhoods" of staff and residents to determine how to best implement the Eden Alternative.

The Masonic Homes is finalizing its registration to become an Eden Alternative site. Using the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown as a pilot, it is hoped to eventually Edenize the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, and the Valley Care Masonic Center.

Education in the Eden Alternative began at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown for employees last Spring, followed by sessions for residents and their families in the Summer, and for volunteers in the Fall.



Ruth Bilheimer, an independent living resident, cuddles Daisy, the Masonic Homes first "canine employee" in the Outpatient Department.



The love birds are very popular with the residents, staff, and visitors in the Masonic Health Care Center.

Library and Museum, a Working Tool For Knowledge Throughout Freemasonry

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum has been one of the true examples of a "working tool" in Freemasonry for many decades.

The late Bro. John Wanamaker, Chairman of the Library in 1908, had a vision for this Masonic Institution and helped see to its formal establishment in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Eighty-two years later, in April of 1990, its Board also had a vision, and that was of having the Library and Museum become a "not-for-profit institution" and thus it became The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

For some years, there has been a circulating library for use of Pennsylvania Blue Lodge members. A catalogue is available to all members and is provided to newly raised brothers in a "Candidate Packet." That publication had been revised several times with additions of new items such as audio and videotapes. Now, thanks to the modern technology, the catalogue is also on the "net."

One of the interesting programs of the Library and Museum was the establishment of six satellite libraries across the Commonwealth. By that means, the Library has been able to help Freemasons in their home areas help their brethren to enlighten others in their quest for knowledge about who Masons are, what they believe and what they do.



Dr. John Weaver opens the dedicatory recital for the new Rodgers organ in Corinthian Hall.

While the Library and Museum was established originally for Masons, for many years the facilities have been open to the public on five weekdays all year and in the mornings on Saturdays from September through June. Again, thanks to the internet, the Library now receives requests for information from all over the world. It is not unusual to hear from someone in New Zealand, Japan, Great Britain, as well as throughout the United States and Canada.

Tours of the Temple are quite popular and educational. Several thousand people take enlightening tours of the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia each year and leave awed at its beauty and information about Freemasonry. One of the widely used features on the "net" is the virtual tour of the Temple. Thousands more have "visited" the Temple in that manner.

In 1998, a new three-manual Rodgers organ was installed in Corinthian Hall. With that, the "Music at the Masonic Temple Recital Series" began. The series, open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. More than 600 persons attended the dedicatory recital by Dr. John Weaver in November, 1998. There were three recitals in 1999 by artists Gordon H. Turk, Mark Chaben, Monte Maxwell, and Donald H. McFarland. The following excerpt from a letter sent to *The Philadelphia Inquirer* after one of the recitals clearly defines the success:

"... The setting is Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple across from City Hall. The room is a masterpiece of detail (as are the other halls in this most amazing building). The instrument is a Rodgers electronic organ, which only a purist can distinguish from a real pipe organ. The performer is Mark Chaben of Delaware. The program is varied — Bach, Bizet, Joplin, Gershwin — one that appeals to many tastes."



The outstanding Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

One way in which both Masons and the public can help to support The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania is by becoming a member of Friends of the Library and Museum. Individuals may join in several categories and lodges and Masonically related organizations may nominate persons to the Presidents Circle. (Full details are available in the brochure entitled *Welcome to the Masonic Library and Museum* or call 215-988-1934.)

Recital Series To Continue in 2000

"Music at the Masonic Temple" series will continue in 2000 with two recitals scheduled.

The first will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Apr. 9, featuring internationally known Diane Bish. Ms Bish is a concert and recording artist, composer, and international television personality. (Tickets will be required for this recital.)

The second recital in 2000 will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, featuring Ken A. Cowan who is among the "National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance Official Competitors 1999-2000." He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute for Music in Philadelphia, where he was a scholarship student of Dr. John Weaver, the dedicatory recitalist for the Rodgers organ in Corinthian Hall.

There will be more complete information in the February issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

"Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry" To Open in Elizabethtown in March

Look for the "Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry" with three "schools for learning" to begin sessions this spring at the Masonic Homes and the Masonic Conference Center at Elizabethtown. The Pennsylvania Academy will consist of three vital tracts of learning whereby the individual Mason will be able to improve his personal knowledge and his knowledge of the Fraternity. Those tracts will be: a school for ritual, seminars for leadership, and an academy for Masonic knowledge. The dates for the sessions are Saturday, Mar. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 14.

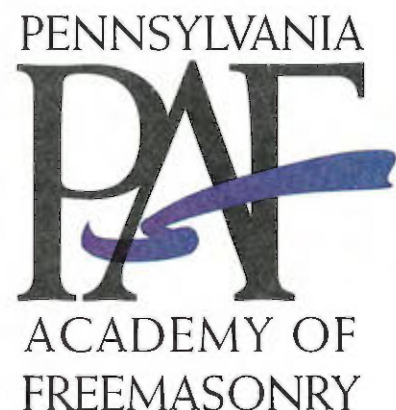
Bro. Robert L. Dluge, Jr. developed plans for the Pennsylvania Academy in anticipation of serving as R.W. Grand Master, and explained, "The purpose is to strive for excellence in our Fraternity by offering our members an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Freemasonry, its origins, history, and ritualistic work and to impart skills and planning information for their lodge leadership."

In addition, the Academy sessions will be preceded on Friday by a special educational seminar for attorneys, certified public accountants, trust officers, and insurance professionals on charitable giving and the relationship of our Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities to that endeavor.

In the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, Regional Instructors and Principals of the Schools of Instruction will exemplify the ritualistic work. This exemplification will replace several of the Regional Schools of Instruction. Bro. Dluge emphasized, "Through the Grand Lodge School of Instruction, we are striving

for the excellence in our ritualistic work that is so vital to the philosophy, motivation, and traditions of our Fraternity."

The program for leadership will be the return of the effective Wardens Seminars. Junior and Senior Wardens of all lodges in Pennsylvania will be given an opportunity to learn what their jobs entail and be able to plan fully for their service to the Fraternity in a concise, one-day meeting. The ladies of the wardens will be invited to travel to Philadelphia and Elizabethtown to see our Fraternity in action and to enable them to understand more fully their supporting roles.



"The Academy of Masonic Knowledge" is a new concept being introduced to the Fraternity. It is a learning opportunity based on the 'Academy' of Ancient Greece," Bro. Dluge said. This Academy will present the finest of Masonic scholars and speakers under the direction of one of Masonry's best-known scholars of our time, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary. The speakers will offer a dialogue on the origins of Freemasonry and its relationship

and relevancy in today's society. Written material will be distributed which, along with suggested reading lists, could serve as a home study guide for those interested in expanding their knowledge.

Following the Academy session, a home study course will be offered. Upon completion of the home study, the Mason may become a "graduate" of the Masonic Academy, not just by receiving a certificate, but also by improving his knowledge of Freemasonry.

Masonic Scholar, Author To Keynote Academy

John Hamill, the Director of Communication for the Grand Lodge of England and one of today's foremost Masonic scholars and authors, will be the keynote speaker for the opening session of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry on Mar. 11. Bro. Hamill authored the *History of English Freemasonry*, the *History of World Freemasonry*, and several other histories and he served as a co-author of *Celebration of the Craft*. Previously, he was the Librarian and Curator for the Grand Lodge of England for 16 years.

REGISTRATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF FREEMASONRY

To facilitate planning and arrangements for the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry, please complete this coupon and send it to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

I plan to attend the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry in Elizabethtown on Saturday, Mar. 11.

The tract in which I would like to participate is (select one):

School for Ritual Seminar for Leadership Academy for Masonic Knowledge

I will need lunch on Mar. 11 Yes No

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Lodge: _____

An "End of the Summer Bash"

Two new gas grills and outdoor playground equipment donated by Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, were put to good use Aug. 22 for a Masonic Children's Home "End of the Summer Bash" at Brossman Pool. The Children's Home greatly appreciated the gifts and as a way of saying "thank you," members of the Lodge were invited to the barbecue picnic. The youth and seven members of the Lodge had a "super" time swimming and enjoying the food.



Youths Need Leadership; P.Y.F. Helps Masons Give the Service

Young people need the attention and leadership that Masons can provide. Youth thrive on the encouragement and acceptancy by adults. They respond to those who care about them. Young people need the help and motivation from adults to find and seize the opportunities to grow and develop leadership skills.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation brings youths together with Masons, giving the brethren and their lodges unique, fulfilling ways to serve the fraternity and the community. Those brethren who give of their time, talent, and concern find their efforts satisfying and serve because of their own special motivation.

Some serve because of their own experiences with youth groups. Robert R. Nye, Jr., a Senior DeMolay and a Mason in Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, said "... the enjoyment I received from being a DeMolay member provided me with unbelievable memories, valuable leadership skills, and lifelong friends."

Some see their involvement as being important in the proliferation of the fraternity. Kurt J. Duryea, of Tyrian Lodge No. 362,

Erie, explains, "Masonic youth can be the link that provides our most vital resource — Blue Lodge prospects ... people who would never have any contact with Freemasonry if it were not for the Masonic youth programs." Jeffrey R. Koyton, of Monongahela Lodge No. 269, Bethel Park, and a Past Patron of Carrick Chapter No. 231, O.E.S., adds, "To make our fraternity grow, we must give to our youth and show them how to be better people."

There are brethren who became Freemasons because of their associations with youth. Christopher M. Brumbach, of Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, said, "I actually got involved in lodge... (because) one of my friends invited me to help coach the DeMolay basketball team. Less than a year after my initial DeMolay experience, I requested a petition for lodge — and the rest is history."

For some, "it's all in the family," like Dennis Snedden who said, "I got involved through my girl friend 16 years ago. She's now my wife. We chose Rainbow as the one community service we do together... I know that we make a difference for all of our 'adopted daughters.' For a few, we are just drivers; but for

most of the girls we are good examples, if not role models."

Kenneth Harms, P.M., Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, said, "I have always felt, as a parent, that I should be involved... I quickly found that advisors can have as much fun as the DeMolays."

Perhaps the most over-riding reason might be what is almost a spiritual experience as expressed by James A. Ray, P.M., Hiram Lodge No. 81, Chestnut Hill. "The first time a young person laughs with you, or talks excitedly about getting a driver's license, it's a lot of fun. But, when they share their fears about starting life, then you realize the awesome gift you have been given. Advisors have the fortunate role of imparting Masonic principles to young people who are seeking order among chaos and finding a path in a life that surrounds them with mixed signals for choices that are not always the best...."

The reason doesn't really matter. Serving Masonic youth is a duty that all Masons should fulfill at some point in their Masonic careers. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is committed to helping every Mason perform that duty.

Stichter Lodge No. 254 Has an Orchestra That Entertains After Every Stated Meeting

It's toe-tappin' time at refreshment in the social hall after every stated meeting at Stichter Lodge No. 254, Pottstown. The Lodge has had its own orchestra for more than 60 years and, without fail, Stichter musicians have given their brethren an enjoyable rhythm at each monthly repast.

Charles L. Clayton, P.M., the soft-spoken fiddle-playing leader, doesn't know if any other lodge has its own orchestra, especially one that is more than six decades old and hasn't missed performing after a stated meeting of their lodge in all that time. In addition, it is tradition for the orchestra to entertain at the annual Lodge banquet the first Wednesday in November.

On occasion, they will play for special occasions in the 40th Masonic District.



The unique musical group was founded by Raymond S. Elliott, P.M., in 1939 and has been active continuously ever since. While there is no recollection of how many brethren were in the original orchestra, it is known that at its peak there were 20 musicians. That number fluctuated from year to year, but there always has been ample talent to provide good entertainment. As of the traditional June "strawberry night," there were 16

musicians in the orchestra, nine of whom rarely miss a gig and performed that evening. The other seven of the brethren have played frequently, but could not make every session. In the fall, the Lodge mourned the Oct. 1 death of one of them, 92 year-old Earl S. Yohn, who had been the oldest, long-time loyal member.

The current active musicians of the orchestra are: Front - at the piano, Stanley L. Emery and standing with the violin, the leader; Bro. Clayton; and (l-r) - Raymond B. Elliott, bass; Victor J. Mease, P.M., trombonium; James W. Miller, trombone; Fred W. Kern, trumpet; Gerald G. Richards, Clarinet; C. Linford Richard, violin; and C. Conrad Snell, clarinet and saxophone.

Not present for the picture that was taken during the strawberry night entertainment were: Charles F. Crummy, cello; Robert L. Emery, drums; Leonard A. Huff, violin; Kenneth C. Jacob, tenor saxophone; Randall L. Krause, trumpet; Kenneth K. Moyer, trumpet, and the late Bro. Yohn.



Bro. "Bucky" Walters Deserves to be in Hall of Fame

In Mozart Lodge No. 436 in Philadelphia, he was known as Brother William Henry Walters. Everywhere during the '30s, '40s, and '50s, just about everybody knew him as "Bucky" Walters, the outstanding baseball player, pitcher, coach, and manager.

Bucky Walters is in the record books with a long list of accomplishments, a host of honors and impressive awards such as Most Valuable Player and All Around Player, and was honored along with great players like Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. As a pitcher, he led the major leagues in victories over a 15-year period (1935 through 1949). More than one-fifth (42) of his life-time wins were shutouts; he completed 61% of the games that he started; he played in six All-Star Games; and more.

Bucky Walters should be in Baseball's Hall of Fame. But, he is not — yet!



He will be, if his grandson, Jeffrey L. Walters, a member of Perry Lodge No. 458, Marysville, is successful. He is working hard to get Bucky Walters the recognition that he feels is long overdue. He's writing, calling, or visiting everyone that he can — presidents, governors, baseball dignitaries and other sports figures, and lots of dyed-in-the-wool fans — and urging them to contact the members of Veterans Committee who vote to elect players to

The National Baseball Hall of Fame. He says anyone who remembers Bucky Walters and his accomplishments can help by writing to the Veterans Committee, c/o The National Baseball Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY, 13326.

Bucky Walters' extraordinary career in baseball established a standard of excellence that to this day is emulated throughout the sport. His versatility, length of time as an active athlete, and leadership in the sport has been noted through the years. For each of 20 years, his name appeared on the Baseball Writers of America Association's ballot for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. He nearly achieved the vote for inclusion, but not quite. The younger Walters said, "It's time that Bucky be granted the recognition he deserves," and he's finding a lot of people who agree.

Bucky Walters played in the major leagues from 1931 through 1950. During his career, he played at every position except catcher. He began in Boston in 1931 to 1934; then in Philadelphia, 1934 to 1938, where he played in the first night baseball game, May 25, 1935 against Cincinnati; then in Cincinnati, 1938 to 1949, where he played in the first televised baseball game, Aug. 26, 1939 against Brooklyn; and back to Boston in 1950. He continued his career variously as a major and minor league manager, coach, pitching coach, and scout through 1960. He held the unique distinction for a baseball player by umpiring a major league game during the rare umpire strike in 1946.

In a summary of Bucky's achievements, Jeffrey Walters concludes: "This is an unusually well rounded career. What does it really take to be inducted into The National Baseball Hall of Fame?"



Grand Lodge Internet Page Brings Brethren Together All Around the World

You only need to read the "guest book" of the web site of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at www.pagrandlodge.org to see how Masons from far and wide are attracted to share their Masonic experiences. Thirty-seven countries are represented among the hundreds of messages left like business cards on a public bulletin board for others to see and be able to correspond with them.

Even more exciting are the stories of men being brought together with their long-lost friends and families through the use of the Internet. Bro. Nathan W. Sheff was featured in a photo recently on the DeMolay portion of the web site as an advisor-in-training for a new chapter in Easton. Little did he know that an old Army buddy was searching for him. As he tells it:

"Unfortunately he was not a Mason and was not looking at Masonic things. He was looking specifically for me — and, low and behold, the picture came up. Larry was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and I was in Vietnam at the same time. He went out west and got married and, after a few phone calls, we lost touch with each other. I had tried to find him on the net and never could — until the DeMolay picture and then he found me!"

Through the Grand Lodge web site men have been introduced to the fraternity in their own communities where they never knew lodges existed. Men have been able to get in touch with



their "mother lodges" after they moved out of the state.

Masons have learned about the history, customs, and practices of this worldwide fraternity. They have been given immediate access to the charitable services per-

formed by the fraternity. People in need of assistance have been helped, or have been connected with those who could help them.

The Internet even crosses barriers of war. During the recent NATO action, Bro. Sasa Damjavanovic of Pobratim Lodge No. 1 in Belgrade, of the Regular Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia, used the Internet to share his views of the situation between his country's government and NATO. His appeal for prayers by Masonic brothers around the world for peace and understanding reached hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Masons. In July, he wrote:

"My dear Brother: Thanks to the GAOTU, finally we can talk about our usual Masonic things. War is over (I hope) and I am glad to invite you to visit us when you can."

The Internet is good for business, communications, entertainment, news and information, personal finance, genealogy, medical research, and hundreds of other special interests. But, for Freemasonry, it is bringing people together, sharing our story of fraternalism and charity, and strengthening the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

The Committee on Masonic Homes

The members of the Committee on Masonic Homes are (-r): **Seated**—Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer, Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf; William Slater II, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh; Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, Elysburg Lodge No. 414; Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Warren Lodge No. 310, Collegetown; Ronald A. Aumst, Sr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden, LaBelle Vallee Lodge No. 232, Jersey Shore; and Donald L. Albert, R.W. Grand Secretary, Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg. **Standing** — Norman A. Fox, William B. Hackenberg-Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia; Robert L. Engle, Armstrong Lodge No. 239, Freeport; Guy T. Matthews, Tacony Lodge No. 600, Philadelphia; Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master, Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek; Edwin P. Cover, Ligonier Lodge No. 331; C. DeForrest Trexler, Barger Lodge No. 333, Allentown; and Richard J. Stemmler, Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, Latrobe.



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