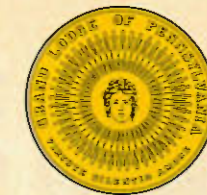




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The Grand Master Speaks ...

Brethren:

Brethren, it is with great, mixed emotions that I write this, my final "Grand Master Speaks." These past two years have been the most inspiring, challenging and rewarding experience of my life.

Never have I owed so much to so many who have helped make those experiences and accomplishments of the last two years possible. Literally, thousands upon thousands of Masons and their families and friends have helped move this Fraternity forward. The words, "Help to a Brother" and "Help to Mankind," mean something very special to them — and to all of us as Masons. Freemasonry is an obvious and very vital way of life in this world of ours.

"Freemasonry First, **Friend to Friend**, Youth and Education" have been the four cornerstones of my administration. My thanks to each and every one of you! Because of you, those programs indeed are working exceedingly well. We are on the very threshold of turning our Membership decline around. I ask you to keep up this most noble effort.

I am especially proud of all of the Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and employees; of all of the Elected and Appointed Subordinate Lodge Officers and Committees; of all of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Cedars and Shrine Officers and Committees for their leadership and efforts on behalf of the success of this, our Fraternity.

My very best wishes go to Bro. Edward O. Weisser, our present R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in his

prospective Election and serving as our Grand Master. He needs and deserves all of our support as he leads us into a bright future.

I close with words of my most humble and profound appreciation to my wife, Lena, whose steadfast support and dedication to me and to our Fraternity is the distinctive mark of a true First Lady.

Freemasonry is very much alive and well in Pennsylvania and Around the World. May it always be so!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George H. Hohenschildt

George H. Hohenschildt,
R. W. Grand Master



About the Cover

There has been colorful artwork along the highways depicting great Americans and great Freemasons from President George Washington to Astronaut Buzz Aldrin. It is part of the Fraternity's "Friend to Friend" public awareness program to say who Masons are, what they stand for and what they do. On the cover of this issue, Bros. Dean E. Vaughn (right), the creator of the Friend to Friend program and designer of the artwork, and Robert G. Boone (left), The Executive Director of Grand Lodge Operations are shown previewing the board prior to its posting.



Achievements Highlight Resolve to Succeed in Building for the Future

The program for progress was well defined by Bro. Hohenschildt and, like etchings on a Trestleboard, work for the Craft was delineated on the Grand Master's Medallion. On the face, three elements of service in the Circle of Friendship surround the Square and Compasses. They are "Preserve and Enhance, Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind."

Inside the circle are the Seven Cardinal Virtues:

- Freedom**
- Education**
- Community**
- Family**
- Leadership**
- Participation**
- Membership**

The Pennsylvania Freemason chronicles the achievements of the Family of Freemasonry working to meet their resolve.

In this issue, the Editors highlighted stories that reflect the achievements toward our commitments.

Service is a Life—Long Habit

Some men join Freemasonry and then set aside retirement as the time to become active in Masonic work. But if Brother J. Franklyn Runkle had done that, he would still be waiting for the "right time" to arrive.

At age 80, Brother Runkle is still working an eight-hour day, in his 43rd year as an architectural hardware consultant for Hershocks, Inc., of Harrisburg. Five years ago Brother Frank requested a change to part-time status, to take some extra vacation, but that has only amounted to two months, in short segments during the year.

Combine this work ethic with visits to his son and grandchildren in Arizona, and his continuing work in the Faith United Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, and you would say that Frank Runkle has an active lifestyle.

But anyone who knows Brother Runkle in Masonic circles wonders how he has found the time to work! He has served in the East of Harrisburg Lodge No. 629, and all of the local York Rite bodies. His record of service to the Scottish Rite, Shrine, and numerous affiliated bodies would fill this page.

Bro. Frank is almost a permanent fixture in the kitchen at Harrisburg Consistory, A.A.S.R., where he has been an Assistant Steward for as long as anyone can remember. He was Coroneted with the 33rd Degree in 1984, but even reaching that pinnacle in his Masonic resume hasn't prompted him to slow down. Freemasonry and Fraternalism, it seems, is in his blood—it is the very essence of his character.

You see, Brother Runkle got his introduction to the Fraternal way of life in 1930, at age 15, when he became a member of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay. It was in DeMolay that he initially learned the values of Brotherhood, honesty and fair play which he practices to this day. Sixty-five years later, Runkle is still participating in DeMolay as the Chapter Advisor to Pilgrim Chapter, and as a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council. He has been rewarded with all of the awards and honors issued by the Supreme Council, including the Degree of Chevalier, the Cross of Honor, the Legion of Honor, and in 1985, the Guild of the Leather Apron, also known as the prestigious Advisor of the Year Award.

It is the Degree of Chevalier that perhaps made the greatest impact on him. Awarded to him at age 17, for outstanding and conspicuous service to Pilgrim Chapter, he recalls that it may also have come to him as a result of having learned a hard lesson in honesty.

As he tells the story, he and some of his DeMolay brothers were supposed to be mak-

ing chocolate ice cream sundaes, but instead, got into some mischief dropping cups of water out of the 7th floor window of the old Masonic Temple in downtown Harrisburg. When the inevitable complaints finally reached the DeMolay Advisor, Runkle stepped forward and confessed his guilt. That act of accepting responsibility, and the consequences of his actions, showed a big step in his personal development, and allowed the Advisory Council to recognize this growth in his maturity, as an example to the other Chapter members.

Runkle still wears the sterling silver Chevalier ring he received in 1932, although it has worn smooth with time so that the bas-relief portrait of Jacques DeMolay has all but disappeared. Young members of DeMolay today look at his ring, and at Frank Runkle, with awe. At his age, he relates better to teenage boys than some parents do. He is known and respected by DeMolay members across the state as "Dad" Runkle, and is the focus of one more very special honor this coming December.

A distinction usually reserved only for Grand Masters, or other presiding Masonic leaders, Bro. Runkle will be the honoree at the "Dad" Runkle State-wide DeMolay Membership Class at the Masonic Conference Center—Patton Campus in Elizabethtown on Saturday, December 2, 1995.

At this time, the Associated Chapters, Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, will initiate a class of 65 new members—one for each year of his service to the Order. Both Degrees will be Conferred by Championship Ritual Teams during a weekend activity which will also include a visit to the Masonic Homes, a dance with the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls, and the "Uncle Runkle Carnival," a fun activity for DeMolays and their Advisors.

Will this be the culmination of Bro. J. Franklyn Runkle's Fraternal career? Not likely for this man who has lived a lifetime of service to his brothers in DeMolay and Freemasonry. "I just have a good outlook on life," he said recently. "Live 'til they bury me." And we hope that attitude will sustain him for many years to come!



Frank Runkle, seen relaxing with State Master Councilor Nat Croumer, has a firm but easy-going manner, and insight into the needs of teenagers, which makes him a "natural" choice to serve as advisor for the Order of DeMolay.

Traditional Strawberries for Fathers and Sons at Newtown Lodge No. 427

The traditional June Strawberry Night was for all ages at Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside. It was a **Friend to Friend** Father-and-Son Night with Rainbow Girls "hired" to supervise the younger sons while the Brethren attended the Lodge Meeting. (The Rainbow Girls' "pay" was tickets to the Shrine Circus.) Sixty-eight Brethren, some of whom were fathers and sons, attended the Lodge Meeting and 25 more were visitors for the program.

As the Lodge Youth Representative, Bro. Charles H. Pruitt arranged the Meeting. Bro. Paul Anderson spoke on the topic of "Drug and Alcohol Abuse."

After refreshments, R.W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. Edward O. Weisser, a Past Master of Newtown Lodge, invited the group to the Lodge Room of Woodside Temple for a **Friend to Friend** discussion.

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Lodge Visitors See Fine Art

When Ephrata's Main Street was blocked off for the community crafts fair, Lodge No. 665 offered tours of the Masonic Hall. Visitors found interest in the artwork in the Lodge Room. Behind the Secretary's desk is a framed sculpture of "Bro. George Washington at Prayer" overlaid on the Square and Compasses. (Only three sculptings were cast; one was retained by the artist and the other by the foundryman.) Behind the Treasurer's desk is an oil painting of "Brother George Washington in the East." Both original pieces of art were created by the late Bro. Arthur Etris, who was a Member of Red Lion Lodge No. 649. Bro. Etris originally created the artwork as a gift for a personal friend, who then presented it to Ephrata Lodge.



Two Lodges Field A Winning Team

The two Masonic Lodges in Uniontown joined forces and contributions for a most heart-warming project, sponsoring a handicapped Little League Team. Fayette Lodge No. 228 and Laurel Lodge No. 651 each contributed \$175 to make it possible for the youth to play in the Challenger (Handicapped) Little League. Then, some of the Members turned out for the game to support "their team." District Deputy Grand Master John W.



Hisiro said, "I went to the game. Unbelievable! If we give to charity, you should see this."

Wearing their blue "F&AM" shirts, here are the Challenger Little League players posing for a team

picture (photo above). The tall man wearing a red shirt in the back row is Bro. Hisiro. To his right with the white hat is Bro. Robert W. McKnight, Worshipful Master of Fayette Lodge, and on the left end of the back row is Bro. Jackson B. Thomas, Worshipful Master of Laurel Lodge.



On June 28, Bro. Russell W. Cochran, Senior Deacon of Rochester Lodge No. 229, Raised his fourth son to the Degree of a Master Mason. Those participating were Bro. Cochran's other three sons, his brother and cousins. Pictured Conferring the

Degree are (first row L to R): Bro. Russell Cochran, serving as Worshipful Master; sons Bros. Stewart, the Candidate; Bruce, Senior Warden; Douglas, Guide; and Christopher, Junior Warden. (Second row L to R): Cousins Bros. Garvin Cochran, Junior Deacon; Robert Cochran, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Uncle John Cochran, Senior Deacon; Cousin James Cochran, Junior Master of Ceremonies; and Delbert L. Ward, Sr., Worshipful Master of Rochester Lodge No. 229.



Nursery Rhyme Inspires New Year's Theme

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the King's horses
and all the King's men,
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*

That famous nursery rhyme serves as the inspiration for the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, 1996.

Sitting on the wall of the flower-bedecked float, the colorful egg-shaped figure will symbolize the Parade theme, "KIDS - LAUGHTER AND DREAMS" and our entry title "WE SUPPORT YOUTH." The title is particularly appropriate for Masons. As the world's oldest and largest Fraternity, its Members contribute millions of dollars annually toward the welfare of children.

Masons donate more than 1.5 million dollars a day to many charities, with a large share of it going to young people.

Masonic Education Committee, Office Busy With "Friend to Friend" Support

Supporting **Friend to Friend** has been a dedicated and busy effort for the Committee on Masonic Education and the Masonic Education Office in Grand Lodge.

More than 50,000 **Friend to Friend** brochures have been sent to Lodges in Pennsylvania and to other Masonic Jurisdictions. Many requests for **Friend to Friend** have been received, not only from Jurisdictions in the United States, but also from foreign countries.

Friend to Friend, as depicted on the cover of the brochure, was the topic for Lodges across the Commonwealth to prepare and present this past year's Masonic Education competition program. The seven Regional winners of that competition were to present their programs at the annual Masonic Education Conference in Elizabethtown on October 14.

Preserve and Enhance

Some exciting activities around the Jurisdiction emphasize the sincerity with which Pennsylvania Freemasons "Preserve and Enhance" the principles of Freemasonry.

A Rededication Ceremony was incorporated into the Stated Meeting of Seneca Lodge No. 805, Kittanning, during the Official Visitation of the District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Danny R. McKnight. The Ceremony, first performed in Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh, was created in 1976 by the late Bro. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Richard M. Cromie, then Grand Chaplain.

21-Program Education Series To Be Reproduced for Lodges

Education has been one of the four Cornerstones of R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt's administration. A bulwark in support of that Cornerstone has been the series of 21 education programs for Lodge Officers and Members developed, instituted and carried forth successfully by the Masonic Education Committee. Throughout these two years, the programs were presented

in the Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction.

A group of capable Instructors from districts across the Commonwealth presented the programs of varied Masonic topics ranging from "The History of Freemasonry" to "How to Develop a Lodge Budget." For each topic, the Masonic Education Committee provided printed pro-

grams and educational materials.

After this December, when the full two years of programs have been presented in the Schools of Instruction, they will be collected in a bound publication. Each Lodge in the Jurisdiction will receive a copy as a valuable resource for future Lodge programs.

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Four Are Honored at Age 100 Another at 103 is a Mason 82 Years

Four Brethren — three in one Lodge — were honored for celebrating their 100th birthdays. Another Lodge presented a certificate to a 103-year old Brother who has been a Member of the Fraternity for 82 years.

The 13th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Roger L. Wheeler, along with Past District Deputy Lester A. Kern and four Past Masters of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle, visited two Brethren, each of whom has been a Member of the Fraternity for 68 years. For health reasons, they were not able to visit the Lodge's third 100-year-old Member. They visited and presented letters of congratulations from R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt and Recognition Certificates to:

- Bro. D. Howard Barnhart, a resident of the Franklin County Home, who was born March 24, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge in March, 1927.
- Bro. Samuel H. Sheller, at home in Marion, who was born June 20, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 on December 20, 1927.

A Letter from the Grand Master and the Certificate were sent to:

- Bro. Robert F. Failor, at home in Lemasters, PA, was born January 24, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge in December, 1927.

The 30th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Richard J. Stemmler, along with the Worshipful Master, Bro. William P. Davis, Jr., and Secretary James E. McCracken, PM, and the recipient's son, Bro. William M. Dice, presented a Letter of Congratulations from the Grand Master and the Certificate of Recognition to Bro. William B. Dice. The elder Bro. Dice, of Ligonier, was born July 25, 1895. He was Entered in Ligonier Lodge No. 331 in September, 1935.

- Bro. Martin L. Bogdin, Worshipful Master of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135, Philadelphia, traveled to Ocean City, NJ, to honor Bro. Charles Miller for being a Member of the Fraternity for 82 years. Bro. Miller, who is 103, resides with his daughter in Ocean City. Accompanying the Worshipful Master for the visit was Bro. Dennis deSalnick of Cape May, District Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey's 24th Masonic District.

The Brother Who Had No Will

I asked him straight out, "Jim, do you have a Will?"

He replied without blinking, "No, and I don't need one either."

I swallowed. Here was a married Member of the Craft in his late 50's who was either grossly misinformed about the need for a Will, or who simply didn't care. Instead of backing off, I decided to press on. Perhaps I could persuade him to change his mind. If so, I could do both him and his family a favor.

"You know," I began, "you're wrong about not needing a Will."

He blinked.

"That's right," I said. "If you die without a valid Will or other appropriate documents, state laws will determine the disposition of your estate. And the state's Will for you may be far from what you might want."

Since they must "go by the book," they will not be able to consider your desires. Nor will they provide anything for the charities you have supported so faithfully over the years. Probate costs will likely be greater and a stranger may be named to represent you. Your lack of direction concerning your desires will likely cause confusion and frustration among your relatives. In short, you'll leave behind a mess.

I told him about estate taxes and how they could diminish what passes through to his children after his wife's death. "By making certain provisions in your Will," I explained, "these taxes could be reduced or avoided altogether."

I sensed he was having second thoughts about his no Will mind-set. I pressed on: "By the way, have you considered what would happen if you and your wife should die in a common disaster?"

He looked down. He had never allowed for that possibility. He just assumed he would die first and that his wife would then do some estate planning with the help of the kids and an attorney.

I could see the wheels turning as he imagined the various scenarios of a common death. Where would the estate go? How would the children and grandchildren benefit? What about the court-appointed administrator and the expenses of selling property and gathering records? What about all the misunderstandings and family problems that could develop? And what about those charitable organizations he supported? What about the good works of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown or the other Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania?

Finally, Jim spoke. "How do I go about making a Will?"

If you find yourself without a Will, or with a Will that is out-of-date, contact a reputable estate planning attorney and make an appointment today. To receive some helpful literature about making a Will, complete and mail the coupon below. Of course, you can reach us by phone. Dial 1 800-599-6454 and ask for either Bro. Fred Rissinger, Director of Development or Bro. John McFadden, Planned Giving Officer.

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Grand Master Presents Medallion To Recognize Brother Dean E. Vaughn

"The presentation of this Medallion expresses the profound appreciation and admiration of this Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Freemasons everywhere for the vision, creativity, devotion and dedication that created, produced and introduced **Friend to Friend** to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and Around the World."



With that recognition, R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt presented one of the Grand Master's Medallions to Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, and paid tribute to his dedication and work as the creator of today's **Friend to Friend** program and of the former Solomon II program.

Without a doubt, **Friend to Friend** is the most effective public awareness and membership development medium available to Masons today. Its principles, methodology and corollary materials are being adopted by Jurisdictions across the United States, like Wyoming where it already has turned the tide in Membership. **Friend to Friend** is spoken and practiced in Canada, Australia, Brazil, France, Greece, Israel and India. Today, **Friend to Friend** is reported to be the most widely distributed brochure in Freemasonry.

Today's **Friend to Friend** Program is a rebirth of the successful Solomon II program of the 1980s. At that time, Bro. Vaughn created the emphasis that likened the rebuilding of Membership in the Masonic Fraternity to the building of King Solomon's Temple; hence, "Solomon II." In that program, which resulted in the most significant increase in Membership in decades, Bro. Vaughn introduced the bronze, silver and gold "Solomon's Temple" lapel pins of recognition like those now used in **Friend to Friend**.

Bro. Vaughn has been, and continues to be, a most active Freemason. In addition to being a Past Master of his Lodge, he is a Past Potentate of Zembo Shrine Temple, Harrisburg and Past President of the Pennsylvania Shrine Association. He is serving on the Grand Master's Executive Advisory Board, the Masonic Homes Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Poem for Freemasonry

Bro. Guy F. Bucher, presented with a 50 year membership pin by R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt at the 75th Anniversary of Herndon Lodge No. 702 on October 10, 1995, addressed the Lodge with the following poem on how he felt about 50 years in Masonry.

*Masonry is like a golden chain
 the links are Masonic Brethren so dear.
 And like a rare and precious jewel
 it's treasured more each year...*

*It's clasped together firmly
 with love that's deep and true,
 and it's rich with happy memories
 and fond recollections too...*

*Time can't destroy this Brotherhood,
 for as long as those memories live,
 years can't erase the pleasures
 that the joy of Masonry gives...*

*For Masonry is a priceless gift
 that can't be bought or sold,
 but to have an understanding Brother
 is worth far more than gold...*

*And the golden chain of Masonry
 is a strong and blessed tie,
 binding Masonic hearts together
 as the years go passing by.*

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Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania

Exhibition Marks 200th Anniversary

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdictions Thereunto Belonging is the oldest Grand Chapter in the United States and the only Grand Chapter in the world to be Initiated and founded by its parent Grand Lodge. The lengthy title is a reminder of the days when the Grand Chapter chartered Chapters beyond the boundaries of Pennsylvania.

Capitular Masonry—so named because of the nineteenth century notion that it headed and consummated the Craft of Freemasonry (an English Masonic historian called it "... the root, heart and marrow of Masonry")—consists of three or four Degrees depending on the Jurisdiction: Mark Master; Past Master; Most Excellent Master (unique to USA, created c.1845); and Royal Arch Mason. The early history of these Degrees has, for the most part, been lost to the passage of time; however, seminal elements of the Mark Master Degree can be traced back to the medieval guilds of operative Masons, and the Royal Arch Degree in its present form emerged in the England of the early 1740's.

In contrast to the "Brothers" of Symbolic Masonry who meet in "Lodges," the "Companions" of Royal Arch Masonry meet in "Chapters." In the same manner, Worshipful Master and Right Worshipful Grand Master are equivalent in rank to High Priest and Most Excellent Grand High

Priest. King Henry VI of England decreed in 1425 that Masons should not gather together in "Chapters" or "Congregations." This medieval word "Chapter" may have been the root of the Royal Arch use of "Chapter."

In 1795, James Molan, basing his authority on Warrants from several Philadelphia Lodges (Nos. 19, 52, and 67) created a Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in that same year, sanctioned the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as a separate, but Subordinate Body, to itself. This was in response to Mr. Molan's Grand Chapter that was viewed as "irregular" and the source of much confusion and disharmony. The Grand Lodge approved in 1798 *Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter*, which largely followed the rules of England's Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter adopted its own Constitution and became independent of the Grand Lodge in 1824. Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania chose not to join the General Grand Chapter of the United States (est. 1798, Hartford, CT); and has to this day remained an autonomous body. The Grand Chapter, as of 1995, has under its Jurisdiction 17,503 Companions Meeting in 116 Chapters and 4 Mark Lodges.

Friend to Friend, Help to a Brother, Help to Mankind...

...are, and always have been, a stock in trade of your Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Service to the community is what the Staff renders as it helps to educate by answering questions - not always purely Masonic - in person, by mail and telephone. The Circulating Library contributes to this service by enabling the Brethren to borrow books - even by mail - and enjoy learning from them at home.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania preserves and enhances, as it cares for the collections and adds to them, to ensure their continuing viability and usefulness. The staff is completing an exhibit in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding by Grand Lodge of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, in 1795. It is our hope that the exhibit will enhance the celebration, and educate all who visit the Masonic Temple, by making the history of Grand Chapter come alive with pictures, documents and jewels.

What better way to continue walking in the footsteps of those illustrious Brethren, so aptly shown on the Right Worshipful Grand Master's **Friend to Friend** brochure, than to continue our service to the community, educate the Mason and, non-Mason, and to preserve and enhance the outstanding collections of your Library and Museum.

100 Visit DeMolay

One hundred Masons accompanied District Deputy Grand Master Danny R. McKnight for the 27th Masonic District's first Official Visit to the Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

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Philadelphia, October 1, A.D. 1995, A.L. 5995

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, Wednesday, December 6, 1995 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the *Ahiman Rezon*.

Amendment No. 1 Committee on Membership Development

There shall be added to Article 12 a new Article to be numbered 12.03.3, to read as follows:

The Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Membership Development consisting of seven members. It shall be their duty to develop plans and procedures leading to the stability and increase of the membership of the Craft. It shall maintain a complete and accurate record of all of its proceedings and report same to the Grand Lodge quarterly.

Amendment No. 2 Use of the Black Ball

Article 21.13 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

The right of each Member to vote by ballot is a right vested in him. It is the right of each Member of a Lodge to cast a ballot, as his conscience and Masonic light command. But it should never be exercised to gratify personal malice, spite, revenge, or any private animosity, or unkindness, or for personal objection of the Member, which is individual only to the petitioner, and does not affect his character as a member of society. The unscrupulous use of the black ball will result in the Lodge's loss of its Charter. The black ball is to protect the Lodge, the Craft, and the fair name of the Fraternity of Freemasons; and on such grounds it is a duty to cast a black ball, if the Member so voting, believes that the initiation and membership of the petitioner would bring reproach on the Fraternity, by reason of the unfitness of such petitioner to become a Freemason.

Article 21.14 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

At or before the expiration of three months from the date of his final rejection on the first petition, an investigation shall be made by the District Deputy Grand Master who shall report the outcome of same to the Grand Master. The Grand Master within thirty days will then confirm the report of the District Deputy Grand Master either by clearing the

ballot and permitting the petitioner to go forward with his petition or by confirming the need of a black ball, in which event the petitioner stands rejected.

Article 21.15 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

At or after the expiration of one year from the rejection, the petitioner may apply in writing to the same Lodge that rejected him, stating that he has been informed that he has been rejected therein, and that he believes that the objection, which previously existed against him, does not now exist, and asking the Lodge to permit him to present to it a second petition for initiation and membership. On receipt of this application, the Lodge shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the Members, that at the next Stated Meeting the Lodge will act on said application. At the next Stated Meeting, the Master shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and when the same is read, the Master shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous, it ends all action by the Lodge in the case for one year, after which the petitioner may again apply, when the application shall be subject to the same proceedings. If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a second petition, subject to the same Rules and Regulations governing the proceedings in cases of petitions for initiation and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Lodge in the case.

Amendment No. 3 Term of Office of District Deputy Grand Master

Article 12.13 shall be amended so that the same as amended shall read:

A District Deputy Grand Master may serve for a period not to exceed seven years and having served as such for a period of five years or more may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master. As such he shall be entitled to all the honors and privileges of a District Deputy Grand Master, including an assigned place in Grand Lodge processions (between Grand Chaplains and District Deputy Grand Masters) and listing *ad vitam* among Grand Lodge Officers, except that the office of Past District Deputy Grand Master shall carry with it no duties, responsibilities, or claim to payment of any expenses.

Upon the retirement of a District Deputy Grand Master, he shall surrender to the Grand Master his collar, jewel and apron. If, in accordance with the foregoing provision he becomes a Past District Deputy Grand Master, he shall retain his apron in recognition of his office.

Amendment No. 4 Eliminating Dispensations to Pass to the Chair

Article 10.01 shall be amended by eliminating "3. Dispensations to pass to the Chair" and renumbering those numerical items which appear subsequent to number 3.

Article 12.03 shall be amended by eliminating therefrom in the eighth paragraph the words "for passing to the Chair."

Article 12.11 shall be amended by eliminating therefrom the phrase "and to pass Brethren to the Chair, upon regular petition made to him in writing for that purpose, signed by the petitioner, and recommended by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge."

Amendment No. 5 Grand Lodge Fees Increase

Item 7 under Article 10.01 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

7. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodge, viz:

Grand Lodge dues annually for each Member who was a Life Member on December 7, 1955 \$2.00

Grand Lodge dues annually for all other Members \$12.00

The Subordinate Lodge shall be relieved from payment of any Grand Lodge dues for any Member whose Lodge dues are remitted because of the inability of such Member to pay his Lodge dues, or where the Lodge dues are remitted because he has been a Mason in good standing for 50 or more years; provided such Lodge action in either case is by Resolution duly certified as such to the Grand Secretary.

Fee for each initiation, or admission of a Brother from a Lodge of another Jurisdiction \$125.00

Amendment No. 6 Reducing Age Requirement

Article 19.05 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

Not more than five Freemasons can be made at any one and the same session of the Lodge, or on the same day; nor anyone under the age of eighteen years.

The Members of the Grand Lodge are also requested to attend the Annual Grand Communication in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 27, 1995 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which time the Grand Officers will be installed.

Thomas W. Jackson,
Grand Secretary



Masonic Homes

One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022-2199
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Children's Home Remembers The Events of Summer 1995

Many years ago when the Brown Home was a boys' dormitory, a large bell would toll, and the boys had five minutes to return to the building from play. That bell will now be preserved for future generations at its new home near the Children's Home buildings. The "Meneley Bell" was cast in 1921,



The recently restored Meneley Bell years ago called the young boys of the Brown Home to dinner, now rests next to the new Children's Home.

and is a duplicate of a bell Captain Brown and his brother, Samuel V. Brown, had placed on a chapel they erected in Pittsburgh in 1908 as a memorial to their mother. Through donations from the Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association, the bell was restored to its original beauty. The inspirational inscription on the bell was copied from a bell at the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, Syria. Originally a temple dedicated to Jupiter, the building was turned into a cathedral in the fourth century and dedicated to St. John the Baptist. Between 661 and 750, the caliphate purchased the cathedral and turned it into what is now the Umayyad Mosque. The inscription reads, "Thy Kingdom, O Christ, is an everlasting Kingdom, and Thy domain endureth throughout all generations."

A flagpole, purchased with donations in memory of the late Bro. Paul



Masonic Homes' Children's Homes Residents, Victor Carnes and Doug Sheppard enjoying their group vacation.

Rodenhauser, a former resident of Masonic Homes, has been installed at the new Children's Home. The flag was donated by his wife, Hazel, who currently resides at the Masonic Homes. A new basketball court was constructed near the Lloyd Cottage and the youth are making use of it. Smaller children are thrilled with the addition of a new play area which includes swings, slides, a seesaw, sand box, climbing ladder, and chalet house.

The summer finale at the Children's Home is always group vacation time. Each cottage family planned its own vacation, from shore points in Maryland to Williamsburg and from Sesame Place in Pennsylvania to Niagara Falls in New York and Canada.

Brother Paul M. Dennehy Gives Original Painting to Masonic Homes

Brother Paul M. Dennehy, an accomplished artist who has exhibited artwork at several art shows, has now given one of his works to the Masonic Homes. The painting entitled "Masons Care," made specifically for the Masonic Homes, is the epitome of the three elements of the Circle of Friendship. A symbolic work of art, it depicts in his own words, "... a widow and orphan being admitted to the Masonic Homes ... coming out of the storm of hopelessness and adversity to a place of

warmth and security." Many of his other paintings are in private collections and fraternal organizations.

Brother Dennehy retired from AMP, Inc., a large manufacturer of electronic connectors based in Harrisburg, where he worked as a commercial/technical artist. At the time of his presentation, Brother Dennehy resided in Avon Park, Florida and was a forty-two year Member of Perseverance Lodge No. 21 of Harrisburg.



Brother Donald Morgan, Past Master of Perseverance Lodge, served as the model for the Mason in this painting. The images of the woman and girl were inspired by local neighbors.

Construction Update

Masonic Homes' Cottage Expansion Progresses

On July 28, 1995, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the plans for the development of additional Independent Living Cottages at the Masonic Homes. Plans for the project have been submitted to the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the local township Board of Supervisors for review and approval.

We plan to have a contractor ready to begin construction of the first phase of the cottages in the fall of 1996. Eighteen cottages should be completed within the first six months.

The residents will pay an entrance fee and a monthly fee for a full array of services. Residents will have access to health care services on the Masonic Homes' campus on a fee-for-service basis.

The plans allow for as many as one hundred cottages with three basic floor plans and the availability of basements in some, depending on the site. As of September 1, 1995, twenty-six cottages have been reserved, and Phase II cottages are now being sold. The first phase will comprise those cottages sold at the time construction is to begin.

Watch for Masonic Homes' Construction Updates for further developments on this and other exciting projects. Contact the Independent Living Marketing Staff about planning for your future at Masonic Homes' Independent Living. Call 717-361-4514 or 1-800-676-6452.

Committee Members on Masonic Homes Officially Opened the Brown Apartments With a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Friday, September 22, 1995.

From left to right are: Bros. Joseph E. Murphy, NHA, Executive Director, Masonic Homes; Robert L. Engel; Dean Vaughn; William L. McCarrier; George H. Hohenschildt, R.W.G.M.; James L. Ernette, R.W.S.G.W.; Carl R. Flohr, Chairman, Building and Grounds Subcommittee; Robert Dlugie, Jr., R.W.J.G.W.; Edward O. Weisser, R.W.D.G.M.; Marvin G. Speicher, R.W.G.T.; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W.G.S.; Norman A. Fox; Marvin A. Cunningham, D.D.G.M., District 6; D. William Roberts; and Raymond E. Tierney, Administrator, Independent Living, Masonic Homes.

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Reaching Out—

The Masonic Homes Outreach Program Helps Pennsylvania Freemasons Across the Country

The Masonic Homes Outreach Program is a fine example of Freemasonry in action—helping Pennsylvania Freemasons across the United States. Recently an elderly couple living out-of-state was referred to the Outreach Program by a friend who had been reading his copy of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. This couple had been struggling financially for some time, but, through wise budgeting and the help of family, they were making it.

Unfortunately, the husband required laser heart surgery and had to travel to Louisville, KY to have the operation. The cost of the procedure was to be picked up entirely by the Audubon Regional Medical Center. Beyond that, the overall impact on their finances and health appeared to be devastating. They not only had to fly half-way across the country, but the wife needed lodging, local transportation, and meals for the duration of her time in Louisville.

A collaboration of effort among family, friends, and the Audubon Regional Medical Center, directed by the Outreach Program, helped these people have their needs met without any additional or undue burden. A family friend offered his frequent flyer miles for the airfare. Audubon Regional located an apartment for the wife while her husband recovered. The Medical Center also offered assistance with meals. The Outreach Program attempted to secure transportation between the apartment and the hospital, but after it became clear that this could not be arranged, Audubon Regional Medical Center personnel secured a room in the hospital. Transfers between the airport and hospital were arranged at no cost. Medical coverage was reassigned to Medicare. Upon returning home, the couple's HMO coverage was reinstated to cover prescription charges.

The Outreach Program's efforts did not end there. In reviewing this couple's financial situation it was determined that an on-going need for financial assistance existed. To help meet their monthly expenses throughout the difficult period of recovery, and until the financial need no longer existed, the couple was recommended for Home Assistance. With help from the Lodge Secretary, who initiated the application process, they received approval.

This couple's needs were met with a collaborative effort by many parties, not the least of which was the Masonic Homes' Outreach Program. Finances, housing, transportation, meals, and insurance problems were met head on with cooperation and the resolve to solve the problems that were presented. The end result was peace of mind, comfort, health, and security for a couple who otherwise would have had nowhere to turn.





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Grand Master's Day

One of the Annual Highlights at the Masonic Homes.

On Grand Master's Day – a day when Pennsylvania Masons can experience the splendor of the grounds and understand first-hand the mission of love at Masonic Homes. On Saturday, August 26, more than 300 Masonic Homes' employees volunteered to work and served 11,248 sausage sandwiches, 7,048 hot dogs, over 20,000 drinks, and 15,828 ice cream items to more than 10,000 Pennsylvania Masons, their families, and friends. There were stands providing information on the Masonic Homes and Masonic-affiliated groups, and the highlight of the day was the four parachutists gliding to earth with a blue Masonic "Friend to Friend" banner.



Masonic Homes' Admissions Policy

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Currently eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes are a Master Mason in Good Standing in his Pennsylvania Blue Lodge, for five or more years, his wife, widow, mother, sister, and never married daughter. If the Master Mason is deceased, these relationships are also eligible without regard to the length of his Membership, provided he was in Good Standing at the time of his death.

Admission to the Masonic Homes is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, Members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Application for admission to the Masonic Homes by a Master Mason in Good Standing in his Pennsylvania Blue Lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and never married daughters is also received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors, and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
3. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection) of either the patient or employee.
4. Staff privileges of professionally qualified personnel will not be denied on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to person with AIDS or HIV infection).
5. All facilities of this institution will be used without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection).
6. Transfers, discharges, and room assignments will not be made on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap (which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection); however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available and the patient is financially able to pay for the requested room.

Masonic Drug & Alcohol Foundation

Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 • (215) 988-1978



Freedom Walk / Run Boost Family, Fun, Charity and Community





Lodge No. 43 Masons, Families, Youth Volunteer In United Way "Day of Caring"

Fifty volunteers — Masons of Lancaster Lodge No. 43, their families, youth from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 4 and Lancaster Chapter of DeMolay — joined with the community to support the annual "Day of Caring" of the United Way of Lancaster County.

The "Day of Caring" is the kick-off of the annual United Way campaign with volunteers to work one morning throughout the County on projects needed by U. W. agencies. Lodge No. 43 volunteers assisted the Lancaster YMCA with its annual triathlon at Speedway Forge Lake in Lititz. They provided water, race and traffic control for the athletes during the competition. An afternoon picnic followed the morning work session.

Syria Cornerstone



Right Worshipful Grand Master Bro. George H. Hohenschildt performs one of the many Symbolic Rites in the Cornerstone ceremonies for the new Syria Shrine Mosque in Pittsburgh. Numerous Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Officials participated in the event and many Appendant Bodies were represented.

Families of Freemasonry

The Geary Family

District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Dieter G. Dauber of the 15th Masonic District explained that Bro. William J. Geary, Sr., a Past Master of Factoryville Lodge No. 341, heads a family of truly active Masons that includes: his three sons, Bros. William, Jr., Kenneth, and Richard, all Past Masters; his son-in-law and nephew, Bros. Martin Migliori and George A. Stephens, Jr., respectively, both of whom are Past Masters. Bro. Stephens also is serving as Secretary.

The distaff part of the family is just as active. The senior Geary's wife, Kitty, is a Most Worthy Matron and Treasurer of Tunkhannock Chapter No. 74, Order of Eastern Star. One daughter, Judi, is now Worthy Matron of the Chapter and another, Kathy, is a Past Worthy Matron and remains active in the Chapter.

Also, the senior Gearys have six granddaughters in Sunshine Assembly No. 41, Order of Rainbow for Girls: Angela serves as Grand Hope in Grand Assembly; Missy is Grand Representative to Kentucky; Katie is Grand Usherette; Jennifer is Grand Lecturer for District 31, and Maria and Candy are active Assembly Members. Kitty Geary serves as Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy to District 31 and Kathy Geary serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the Advisory Board. Finally, Bro. Bill, Sr., is on the Advisory Board.



The Collins Family

It's three in a row for the Collins Family in Canawacta Lodge No. 360, Susquehanna, in the 15th Masonic District. Bro. Frederick E. Collins is the present Worshipful Master; his son, Bro. Clark, follows him as Senior Warden, and his brother, Bro. Edward preceded him and is the Immediate Past Master and Representative to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edward is also Chapter Chairman of Mountain Laurel Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of which his son, Joshua, is a Past Master Counselor and District Representative. Bro. Frederick is Chapter "Dad," and Bro. Clark is Chapter Advisor as well as the 15th Masonic District's Youth Chairman.

The Worshipful Master's wife, Judy, is Associate Matron of Gill Chapter No. 12, Order of Eastern Star, Great Bend.

Medal of Honor Winners Meet In Grand Lodge

During a luncheon in the Grand Banquet Hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on September 26, Major General Patrick H. Brady, President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, presented R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenschildt with a copy of *Above and Beyond*, a book of stories and pictures of Congressional of Honor winners. Seventy percent of living Congressional Honor winners attended. Also attending the luncheon were R.W. Deputy Grand Master Edward O. Weisser and R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson.



SECOND CHANCE

The beat goes on

President of Second Chance
7210 Bradford Street
Philadelphia, PA 19149-1303

Brothers:

I bring you greetings from seven Freemasons who have been given a second chance in life by receiving a life-saving heart transplant. Our support group is rightly known as "Second Chance," and we represent heart transplant recipients and their families from both Hahnemann and Temple University Hospitals here in Philadelphia.

Each year, we have a gala celebration dinner dance. Here is a photograph of us seven who have gotten heart transplants, and are in attendance at our Ninth Annual Dinner Dance on May 13. Clockwise from upper left are: Edward R. Green, Sr., Past Master, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529; S. Frederick Schlegel, Past Master, William Penn Lodge No. 732; Wayman Walker, James W. Bell-Allen Lodge No. 97, Prince Hall; Joseph Pearlstein (myself), Junior Master Cerms, Shekinah Lodge No. 246; Thomas Perkins, Jr., Norristown Lodge No. 620; Frank M. Gell, Senior Warden, Quakertown Lodge No. 512; and Herb Ostroff, Brandywine Lodge No. 33 (Delaware).



If we can be of assistance to any other Brothers or their families who may have to undergo the same procedure, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph Pearlstein, J.M.C., Shekinah Lodge No. 246

The Annual Grand Communication and Grand Master's High Hat Gala Set for December 27, in Philadelphia.

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is scheduled to be held in The Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 27, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Communication will mark the end of the Administration of Bro. George H. Hohenschildt as the R.W. Grand Master and the beginning of the expected term of Bro. Edward O. Weisser.

Tickets for the Grand Master's High Hat Gala are available for \$30.00 per person and will be sold through Lodges or the Grand Master's Office on a first request basis. Early reservations are encouraged. See coupons on this page.

GRAND MASTER'S HIGH HAT GALA

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations at \$30.00 per ticket for the Grand Master's dinner-dance and entertainment to be held at 8:30 p.m., December 27, 1995, in the Ballroom, Philadelphia Marriott, 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Make check payable to "Grand Secretary."

Name _____

Lodge No. _____ Choice: Meat Fish

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send with coupon to:
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ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION LUNCHEON

December 26, 1995

Name _____

Lodge No. _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____

Luncheon Choice: Meat Fish

Number of Luncheon _____

Tickets Requested _____

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and send with coupon to:

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A Center For Fitness

The Social Hall of Howell Lodge No. 405, Honey Brook, has become an education center for fitness, wellness, health and personal improvement for the community. Recently, there have been free seminars conducted by the Ephrata Wellness Center on walking, fitness, women's health issues, organ tissue donations and resume writing and interviewing, as well as a blood test and health screening. After each seminar or program, the Lodge Hall was opened for those who are interested in seeing and learning about the Fraternity.



Youth Foundation

1244 Bainbridge Road
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Youth Program Making Progress

The programs of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation continue to support the R. W. Grand Master's theme of "Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind." By working to preserve and enhance the Masonic Youth Groups, the Foundation provides Masons, their families and their friends with quality opportunities for youth development. Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters each provide programs which improve confidence, enhance public speaking ability, encourage teamwork, offer scholarships, create opportunities for service and charity work, and offer programs of travel which lead to the development of friendships across the country.

During the course of the past two years, the Job's Daughters have halted their Membership loss trend by Initiating as many new Members as they lost. The Rainbow Girls have reconstituted several Assemblies, most recently in Hermitage and in Clarion. DeMolay has opened new Chapters in Norristown and Susquehanna, with others working toward that goal in Gettysburg, New Castle, Athens, and Kittanning. DeMolay is on the verge of real Membership growth this year, hoping to meet this goal by December 31.

The Foundation's scholarship program continues to grow. New scholarship programs include Ephrata Lodge No. 665 Scholarship and the Stillman Leadership Scholarship. Distribution of the *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide* continues to bring information about our Fraternity to young people and school administrators, while sharing opportunities for scholarship assistance with our Lodge Members and their families.

Encouraging Masons to support the Masonic Youth Groups has been a recent focus of the R. W. Grand Master and the Pennsylvania Youth

Foundation. This was the impetus for publication of the *Masonic Youth Group Directory*, with information about every Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters group in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Now, Masons across the state may contact, visit, or refer potential Members to any one of our Masonic Youth Groups.

Our youth programs need Masons to visit and learn about their beautiful ritual work and exciting programs for youth. Masons need to help promote Membership in these organizations, and visiting is the first step toward understanding the service they provide to youth, and the vital role they play in the community. Every Lodge has been asked to visit the youth groups, and while all have not yet participated, the list of visiting delegations grows each month.

At the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus at the Masonic Homes, the Foundation supported over 60 activities in 1994 and 1995 for Masonic Youth by providing the facility and meals at no cost to the youth members. The programs at the campus vary with each group, and include athletic tournaments, ritual competitions, educational seminars, programming workshops, public speaking opportunities, musical performances, team-building exercises, and leadership opportunities. There is no finer facility in the country which is made available for Masonic Youth Groups.

It is our duty as Freemasons to **Preserve and Enhance** these wonderful youth programs, conceived and developed by Masons for the improvement of the young people of our communities. Through these organizations we can share and teach our Masonic virtues, the principles of helping our brothers and mankind, to the youth who will lead our communities in the future.

Scholarships Awarded

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation reviewed 170 applications this year. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of a competitive review of academic achievement, financial need, fraternal involvement and other activities. Additional awards were approved on behalf of the various Lodges and affiliated Bodies which sponsor scholarships within the Educational Endowment Fund. Since its inception in 1989, there have been 66 recipients of Foundation scholarship awards totalling over \$82,000, through this program. These scholarships are awarded as fulfillment of part of our mission to aid and assist in the development of the youth of Pennsylvania.

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship \$4,000

Heather M. Andring, Rural Valley, Armstrong County, Pa., University of Rochester, Biological Sciences and Genetics

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships \$1,000 each

Alfonso C. Knoll, Reinholds, Berks County, Pa., Franklin and Marshall College, Government and Law

Brian Reiter, New Eagle, Washington County, Pa., Washington and Jefferson College, Biology and Chemistry

Grand Master's Scholarships \$2,000 each

Jody L. Fordyce, Dunbar, Fayette County, Pa., University of Pittsburgh, Pharmacy

Autumn Hanna, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pa., Penn State University, Environmental Communications

Megan Hickey, Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pa., Thiel College, Nursing

Brian P. Wyman, New Bethlehem, Clarion County, Pa., Edinboro University, Political Science and Spanish

Herman Witte Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

Grant C. Slegowski, West Lawn, Berks County, Pa., University of Richmond, VA, French and Education Administration

PYF Scholarships \$1,000 each

Terryl L. Aitken, State College, Centre County, Pa., Centre College, Danville, KY, Biology

Amy L. Heer, Altoona, Blair County, Pa., West Virginia Wesleyan College, Nursing and Microbiology

Michele A. Krisfalusi, Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pa., University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing

Andrew L. Hoffman, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa., Cornell University, Electrical Engineering

Jessica Rassler, Yardley, Bucks County, Pa., Boston College as a Sophomore, Mathematics



Brian K. Reiter received a \$1,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Scholarship from Bro. John Hisiro, D.D.G.M. of District 31, and Chairman of the PYF Educational Endowment Fund Committee. Looking on are Brian's grandfather, Bro. William Combs (left) and Bro. Robert C. Hayden, W.M. of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela.



Heather M. Andring received the largest grant ever given by the PYF, a \$4,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Scholarship, from Bro. Fred T. Hemphill, D.D.G.M. of District 39. Looking on is Bro. Elden C. Harris, District Youth Chairman.

Scholarship Resource Guide Available

Masonically sponsored scholarship programs support our R.W. Grand Master's theme of providing "Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind." The eighth edition of the *Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide*, produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is now available. It includes a summary of more than 50 scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic Bodies for Masons, their families, and Members of the Masonically related youth groups, and in some cases, to the general public. Over 4000 copies of the guidebook have already been distributed, free of charge, to youth group leaders, Lodges, and over 500 high school principals in Pennsylvania. Additional copies are available upon request. An application for the 1996 PYF Scholarship is included in each guide. To request a copy, write to The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, 1244 Bainbridge Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9423, or call (717) 367-1536.

Please Support Your Masonic Charities

The deeds and services that make up the Masonic Charities prove that "Masons Care." We care about, and care for, the people and the purposes that need and deserve support, such as our elderly Brethren and loved ones; the youth of our families, friends and neighbors; the heritage and culture of our Fraternity and nation; and the Lodges and our communities.

By now, you should have received the Masonic Charities Annual Appeal Letter. The success of the appeal helps tremendously to assure that the Masonic Charities will continue to provide "Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind."

Please send your contribution to provide for the needs of our residents, young and old at the Masonic Homes; the youth of our Fraternity during their growth years; the abolishment of the devastating drug and alcohol abuse problem; and the preservation of our Masonic heritage. Say you care by mailing your check today. If the forms are mislaid or not available, all a Member has to do is to make out a check to Masonic Charities and return it to the **Masonic Charities, Development Office**, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199. ~ Thank you.



Azalea Lodge No. 687 Invites Friends, Families to Masonic 'Weekend Retreat'

A Saturday afternoon of outdoor games, an evening pig roast, a Civil War historic program and a Sunday Family Day bus trip tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield were all in one weekend event, a **Friend to Friend** retreat for Masons, their families, friends and neighbors of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton.

Bro. Raymond S. Beishline, W.M. of Azalea Lodge, asked each Mason to invite a friend — especially a friend who is younger, for the outing and trip on October 14 and 15. Every Mason was welcomed, with or without a friend.

Activities began Saturday afternoon at Bro. Don Book's home with an ice-breaker followed by pig roast, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Later, Dr. John Magill gave an audio-visual presentation on the Battle of Gettysburg as a prelude to the next day's trip. On Sunday, the Masons, and friends with their wives and children left at 8 a.m. for Gettysburg, where Magill conducted the tour of the Battlefield and visited the **Friend to Friend** Masonic Memorial Monument.



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Lodge Awards First Annual Scholarship

A scholarship program was high on the agenda for the "2000 Committee" for strategic planning at Ephrata Lodge No. 665. A Scholarship Committee was named by then Worshipful Master Wm. Larry Bensing in January 1994. A year and half later, the first annual \$500 scholarship was awarded.

Within six months of its formation, the Committee submitted a proposal to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation whereby Ephrata Lodge would make restricted contributions to the P. Y. F. Scholarship Fund for distribution within the four school districts in the Ephrata Lodge area. The proposal was submitted to the Lodge Membership and approved at its Stated Meeting last November.

The first scholarship was awarded to Joyce C. Watson of Newmantown in a ceremony with her parents, Laura Jean and Jeff Watson, present prior to the Lodge's Stated Meeting in June. There were 34 applicants evaluated for the scholarship.



THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE of Ephrata Lodge No. 665 met late in July to prepare for the 1995-96 school term. Committee Secretary Bro. Al Forscht (standing next to flip chart) chaired the meeting with (left to right) Bros. Don Loucks; Frederick Whitely, Jr.; Wm. Larry Bensing, P. M.; Al Forscht; Roy L. Deamer, W. M.; William P. Ulrich, S. W.; Thomas R. Labagh, Director of P.Y.F.; and Rodney Fenstermacher, Financial Secretary. Unable to attend was the Committee Chairman, Bro. Gordon C. Diefenderfer, P. M.

After HIRAM I: 2000 Committee Plans Spurs Activities At Ephrata

Brother Roy L. Deamer was an Appointed Officer of Ephrata Lodge No. 665 in 1992, when he and the three Elected Officers participated in the Leadership and Management's **HIRAM I** Seminar. Today, he's the Worshipful Master of the Lodge with an energetic line of Officers pursuing programs of vision and plans for the future!

The Lodge's Elected Officers who attended **HIRAM I** in 1992 were Worshipful Master W. Randall Kegerise, Senior Warden David K. Strauss, and Junior Warden Wm. Larry Bensing, all now Past Masters. To a man, they agree that they returned from the two-day session highly motivated. "We were excited and determined to accomplish something positive . . . to lead the Brethren in building for the future within the Lodge and throughout the community," said Past Master Bensing.

Knowing from the **HIRAM I** training that accountability, vision and goal-setting are the place to start, then-Worshipful Master Kegerise named a "2000 Committee" comprised of a cross-section of Lodge Members and charged them to concentrate on the vision, and work to make it a reality as the Lodge approaches the next century. There has been a lot of progress in three years and that progress is manifested in diverse areas of Lodge endeavors: Members' interest in Meetings and involvement in activities, public awareness and Membership development, youth, continued financial stability, and the Lodge's property.

Immediately, the 2000 Committee developed a human resources and Members' interest survey. Results from the questionnaire were computerized, studied and put to good use. The Lodge Officers and the 2000 Committee learned of Members' interests, hobbies and desires for Lodge programs and events. To satisfy the Members' desires, Ephrata Lodge devised varied Meeting programs, most recently featuring Masons of history portrayed in costume or uniform, such as Bro. George Washington, Bro.

Benjamin Franklin and a Union soldier of the Civil War. For family participation, there have been bus trips with dinner stops in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the Capitol and Smithsonian Institution in Washington, and the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Ladies have been invited to the annual Lodge banquet in addition to the Ladies' Night.

The Officers also learned of those Brethren interested in Lodge leadership. A personal contact was made with every Brother who indicated an interest in serving; e.g. volunteer work around the Lodge (repairs, renovations, custodial); participating in Degree Work; joining the line to become an Officer, or serving on Masonic Education, Charity, Investigating, Transportation, Stewards or other Committees.

Worshipful Master Deamer has instituted a newsletter to be sure the Brethren know of the Lodge activities, programs and opportunities for them to be involved. Further, the Lodge installed an answering machine so that Members can leave messages, particularly regarding Brethren who are sick or hospitalized. It also can carry a message advising Brethren of the times of upcoming Stated and Extra Meetings and Degrees to be Conferred.

The Lodge leadership pays particular attention to Membership Development. Any worthy man inquiring about the Fraternity, mostly resulting from the **Friend to Friend** Awareness Program, is invited to the Lodge Hall, along with his wife, to meet with some Brethren, tour the building and view the Masonic Renewal video.

For all of its 85-year history, Ephrata Lodge has been a part of the community's downtown. Since the 1920s, the Square and Compasses have adorned the three-story Lodge Hall on Main Street, a half-block from the center of town. Last year, the Lodge placed identification signs with the Square and Compasses, address and Meeting times along the roads leading into town.



Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and Around the World

By Bro. Thomas W. Jackson
R.W. Grand Secretary

My Brothers:

In September, I received a telephone call from a friend in Paris who is also the Assistant Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of France. He asked authorization to purchase and to use our **Friend to Friend** brochure by the English-speaking Lodges operating under the National Grand Lodge of France.

This request is an indication of the ongoing impact that our **Friend to Friend** program is creating on Freemasonry. Approximately twenty Grand Lodges, both in this country and outside of it, are using the program as an educational tool to inform non-Members of the significance of our Craft. We receive ongoing inquiries from Grand Lodges in North America as to how to use the **Friend to Friend** program.

We also receive numerous calls and letters thanking us for **Friend to Friend**. I quote one: "Dear Worshipful Brother Jackson, It is with great joy and gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for promptly sending to us the eloquent **Friend to Friend** brochures that we asked for. We have never experienced such genuine unanimity of enthusiasm. You are to be congratulated for sharing this wonderful vehicle presenting our beloved Masonic Fraternity to our friends so tactfully. We have great faith that this brochure will promote great universal growth to our Masonic Fraternity. 'Bles't be the tie that binds us in Masonry'."

The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario adopted the brochure and changed the front cover so that those famous Freemasons displayed were Canadians. The Grand Lodge of India contacted me in August to let me know that they are planning to do the same thing, using famous Freemasons of India for the cover. We have received communications from several other Grand Lodges

outside of North America asking to use our **Friend to Friend** program or to discuss its merits, including the Grand Lodge of Western Australia and the Grand Lodge of Greece. I have been informed, although I have no documentation, that the Grand Lodge of Israel is also making use of the program in some form.

In my sixteen years as Grand Secretary, I have never experienced this type of reaction by other Grand Jurisdictions. It is indicative of the great concern that Masonic leaders have today for the future of the Craft. I have expressed many times my feelings that the future of Freemasonry lies within our abilities and dedication to educate both the Member and the non-Member of the character of Freemasonry. Several issues ago I raised the question, "How many good men who might have become great Masons never became so, simply because they never heard of us?" Used properly, the **Friend to Friend** program can fill that void. The man must still ask, and the Member must still vouch for the quality of the man. **Friend to Friend** does not change that.

With the use of **Friend to Friend**, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming had an increase in Membership for the first time in thirty-three years. Our Grand Lodge continues to show the benefits of utilization of the program, but we have yet to approach any numbers resulting in a net increase in Membership. I have been wondering why Wyoming's results have differed so from ours, and there probably is no single answer to that question. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming has far fewer Members than does the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and, on a numerical basis alone, it would be easier to show an increase. But percentage-wise, it would be an erroneous assumption to think this is the sole answer since the population of

the entire State of Wyoming is less than half a million.

I have been visiting in Wyoming for a number of years and have found that the relationship existing between Brothers is far more personable than we tend to find in our Jurisdiction. This factor probably has a great deal to do with the degree of success which has resulted in that Jurisdiction. This Craft characteristic also seems to exist more strongly in most Jurisdictions outside of the United States. The Brotherly bond between Members has been one of the strongest factors which led to success, even if for a limited time, of all Fraternities. The very name Fraternal means Brotherly. Freemasonry has coupled this Brotherhood of Man with the Fatherhood of God, and the result has been the greatest Fraternity of all time.

Perhaps we have tended to forget too much the Brother in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. This can easily happen in the fast-paced world we live in today. If this is what is happening, then more than the Craft is the loser. Make no doubt about it, my Brother; this world needs us, and it needs our philosophy. We must let the world know, and **Friend to Friend** provides that opportunity. We cannot exclude Brother from Brotherhood and remain Freemasonry.

If the more Brotherly personal relationship of the past sustained our greatness, and I believe it was an important factor, then it was probably a significant part of Wyoming's success. We must always be willing to study and learn from both the success and failure of others. Only by learning ourselves can we hope to educate others, and education is our hope for the future.

This is Friend to Friend!