Age Is Not a Barrier to Reaching Objectives

Martha Elizabeth Frazee, a guest at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, believes in setting goals.

She established one goal this past winter when she called the Elizabethtown Child Care Center to ask if the children could use some knit caps. The center accepted the offer and 60 days later she called to report that 60 caps were ready.

Martha’s project came to the attention of the Elizabethtown Chronicle. The photograph that accompanies this article was given to the Pennsylvania Freemason after it was published in the newspaper.

Martha told the Chronicle reporter that she had been knitting for the past six years, having gotten started during World War I by knitting items for the British.

“I love to knit,” Martha told the reporter. “I hate just sitting around and not doing anything.”

“ar have to keep myself busy. If I didn’t have my knitting, I’d go crazy,” she said, adding, “I always try to set a goal for myself. It’s too good to have a reason for what you’re doing, an objective you want to reach.”

Martha is a native of Johnstown. A former piano teacher, she and her husband, the late Bro. William J. Frazee, became guests at the Masonic Homes in October of 1971. Bro. Frazee, a member of Nanticoke Lodge No. 3579, died in March of 1976.

There is the temptation in telling Martha’s story to point out that the establishing of goals is not just the province of the young; that age is not a barrier to reaching an objective. Martha Elizabeth Frazee, by her witness, tells her own story.

Library Service Available

Pennsylvania Masons are again reminded of the special service provided by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture whereby Masonic books may be borrowed from the Summer Travel Program circulating library free of charge for a period of two weeks required for return postage.

Members of Pennsylvania Lodges may borrow books for a three-week period, or longer if circumstances require.

A 32-page circulating library brochure, containing the rules, regulations, and listings of more than 250 Masonic titles, will be mailed upon request. Write to the Librarian and Curator, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107.

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optional tours such as those to the Alps, the Swiss Rivers, the Black Forest and Austria.

Both trips represent exciting opportunities for those who look forward to the enjoyment, fellowship and educational experience of travel.

Those desiring further information may call Bro. Bill Carey, travel chairman, at (814) 274-8555, or the office of the Grand Master at (215) 967-5592.

Join Grand Lodge In Summer Travel

The summer travel program being conducted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been well received, with one portion of the Switzerland tours already sold out and several of the Scandinavian trips nearing capacity.

There is still time, however, to take advantage of either trip in the program designed to offer Pennsylvania Masons, their families and friends, the choice of a one or two-week vacation holiday combination.

The full travel program was published in the February edition of The Pennsylvania Freemason. The coupon portions of both trips have been reproduced for this edition to assist those who have not completed their vacation plans. (See page 7.)

The Summer tour departing Philadelphia on September 4 has been completely sold out. There is space available for the tour departing on the tour departing Philadelphia on September 12 as well as the tour that departs Philadelphia for the last week of the trip.

Space is still available on all of the Scandinavian trips. Those trips to be hosted by Grand Lodge officers are as follows:


The two-week Scandinavian tours include stays in the capital cities of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland, plus visits to Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn.

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BRETHREN

75 Years of Masonic Membership

Brog. Ernext L. Cronemeyer, shown at right with walking equipment well in hand, has the distinction of being the twentieth Californian to receive a special recognition for 75 years of Masonic service.

Togetherness In Masonry

Barger Lodge No. 333, Allentown, enjoyed a real family affair at one of its meetings last year. On that evening four members of the Sperling family were raised.

Brog. Jack J., Bro. Donald W., and Bro. Robert E. are blood brothers. Also in the group was Bro. William C., who is the son of Jack J. Sperling, so we had a father and a son raised together.

We also had a nephew and three uncles raised together. The nice part about it all is that they are now Brothers.

The father of Bros. Jack, Donald and Robert, Bro. Edwin C. Sperling, recently deceased, was also a member of Barger Lodge.

Brog. Russell F. Bear of the Committee on Instruction for the Lodge was assigned to instruct our newly-raised Brother. Bear has the distinction of having instructed 660 candidates thus far.

A Small, Small World

Freemasonry often results in togetherness. Bro. James M. Galloway of Bethlehem Lodge No. 283, Bethlehem, was appointed to the Committee of Inquiry in January, 1978, for the petition for membership of Bro. Louis W. Rehberg of Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.

Bro. Rehberg, now retired and residing in Bethlehem, decided it would be better for him to affiliate with a Lodge in the area where he would be residing the rest of his life.

During the investigation it was discovered that Bro. Galloway and Bro. Rehberg had worked together on the same construction project in Lakeland, Florida. Now residing within three city blocks of each other, they had neither seen nor heard from each other since they were teenagers working side by side as builders 52 years ago.

Let's be Masons — not just Members

MORTGAGE BURNING — Bro. H. Dean Smith, who has been Grand Master of Masonic Temple No. 50, received the symbolic house key from Bro. William C. Sperling, left, and the symbolic house from Bro. William H. Cronemeyer, right.


Bro. Cronemeyer, who will be 100 years old on July 19, received his degrees in our Youquahpany Lodge No. 583, McKeever, in 1902.

He transferred to Redlands Lodge No. 300, Redlands, Calif., in 1920 where he is still an active member.

Bro. Cronemeyer takes walks every day and is extremely alert mentally, keeping up on current events and reading fiction and other literature several hours each day.

Another Homes’ Guest Reaches 100th Milestone

Bro. William F. Jones, of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia, and also a guest at our Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., was the center of attraction recently when he celebrated his 100th birthday.

A Happy, Fraternal Reunion


Both had been playmates in a North Philadelphia neighborhood; played baseball on the same team before World War I, and were in the same confirmation class of a Lutheran church on Palm Sunday, 1916.

They became separated about 1918. Bro. Jeschoum later became associated with the Link Belt Company and retired after 47 years as a senior design engineer.

Bro. Callas, now in his 82nd year, retired several years ago from the United States Mint as its superintendent of machines and buildings.

Learning that his boyhood friend, Bro. Henry Callas, Jr., was serving as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, Bro. Jeschoum decided to pay a visit. Well, after 60 years of being separated, it would just be impossible to recede the chatter, expressions and emotional feelings that took place when the Worshipful Master embraced the old Tyler embraced each other.

It was Masonic brotherly love and affection at its best.

Just What Is a Right Worshipful Grand Lodge?

Grand Lodge is the power by which local symbolic lodges exist, not only in the sense that it issues their Warrants, but also that it brings to each symbolic lodge the strength of the entire craft.

Grand Lodge is a guarantee of Masonic regularity. Without it, each symbolic lodge could very well fall victim to its own local conditions.

Grand Lodge, expressing as it does the sovereign power of the craft as a whole, is the source of our rules and regulations, our Masonic law, our usages and customs.

Grand Lodge is that which constitutes us as a fraternity. A Brother made a Mason in one jurisdiction will find friends and brethren if he is traveling a distance from home or if he relocates in a distant state or country.

Grand Lodge is the center of distribution through which the craft in general can render service to each individual symbolic lodge or member — an agency, so to speak, through which the means and abilities of all are brought to meet the needs of each.

Grand Lodge is the custodian and preserver of our Masonic traditions, our spiritual ideals, our Masonic ideals and our rich inheritance of the past.

Grand Lodge is everywhere within the jurisdiction — wherever a symbolic lodge meets, or a Brother, perhaps, is isolated and trying to live the Masonic way of life. It is not a thing apart, but rather the whole membership of the craft organized to preserve our traditions, protect our interests, and satisfy our needs.

Becomes Worshipful Master At Age 82

Bro. Charles Walter Steel is the Worshipful Master of University Lodge No. 610, held at Philadelphia.

Bro. Steel, a retired Bell Telephone Company engineer, received his symbolic degrees 60 years ago and recalls that each degree was conferred in a small lodge room in the northwest tower of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Few remember the lodge rooms in the two towers of the Masonic Temple that are no longer used because of fire regulations.

Bro. Steel has been active in Masonry throughout 50 years and believes this year might be his busiest yet.

Born on June 11, 1896, he will soon be 82 years of age and will be one of our oldest Worshipful Masters.

Serves Lodge Over 50 Years As Trustee

Bro. Carl L. Fromuth, Past Master of Conshohocken Lodge No. 67, Jenkintown, may well be the longest-serving trustee of a symbolic lodge permanent charity fund.

Bro. Fromuth was first elected a trustee of the permanent charity fund of his Lodge in 1927 as the completion of his year as Worshipful Master. He has been reelected each year since.

He extends credit to the members of his Lodge, including his father, for establishing in the century to establish a permanent fund and a permanent charity fund.

3 Generations of Masters

Cowansusque Lodge No. 351, Knoxville, Pa., can now boast of having a Worshipful Master from the same family for three generations.

Bro. Brian W. Edgecomb was elected and installed on December 1, 1977, to serve as Worshipful Master for the current Masonic year.

His father, Bro. Robert R. Edgecomb, served as Worshipful Master for Cowansusque Lodge and again in 1963. His grandfather, Bro. Roy W. Edgecomb, was Worshipful Master in 1919.

Brother Installs Brother

Bro. Lester R. Brough, Past Master of Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, Her­­shay, Pa., received his symbolic degrees in 1971 and was elected and installed Worshipful Master for 1977.

His blood brother, Bro. Lewis S. Brough, received his symbolic degrees in Spring Creek Lodge in 1972. Bro. Lewis was elected and installed to serve as Worshipful Master for 1978.

So, Bro. Lester had the distinction and the privilege of installing his blood brother, Bro. Lewis, as Worshipful Master for the current Masonic year.

Quite a brotherly act to follow.

Bro. William A. Carpenter

R. W. Grand Secretary
William Rush's "Silence," carved from pine wood c. 1811, first stood in the entrance of the Masonic Hall on the north side of Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets, Philadelphia. It is a standing figure of a young woman with her right index finger to her lips, her left hand raised to head level and holding a small lamp from which a flame at one time appeared. The small lamp is connected to a metal tube through which illuminating gas was carried. The first successful use of illuminating gas in Philadelphia was in the Masonic Hall, 1820, and the presence of the metal tubing on the statue obviously dates at least from this time.

The figure of “Silence” is slightly under life size and from its excellent condition shows no evidence of ever having been placed out of doors. "Silence" is joined in the Grand Lodge Museum by four other statues carved from pine wood by William Rush. America's first native sculptor. "Virtue" is also a standing statue; "Faith," "Hope" and "Charity" are recumbent life-size figures. All were commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania early in the 19th Century. The figures were restored in 1973, when they were stripped to bare wood and then repainted to match as closely as possible their original "marbelized" finish.

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