The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Implements Changes to Better Serve the Masonic Fraternity

Assignment of All Assets

No Longer Required

After 78 continual years of requiring the turning over of all assets to the Masonic Homes upon admission, a new admission policy has been initiated by the Committee on Masonic Homes and will become effective June 6, 1988.

The Committee on Masonic Homes approved this change at their December 4, 1987 meeting which was recommended by a special sub-committee consisting of the following members: W. Scott Scearce, R.W.D.G.M., chairman; Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.S.G.W.; Samuel C. Williamsom, R.W.P.G.M.; John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. and Legal Counsel, and Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director.

This change was approved after careful consideration of all factors involved, with specific consideration on what would best serve the residents, as well as the Masonic Homes.

The new policy will permit applicants to control and retain their assets after certain three-year requirements for Homes care have been fulfilled. Utilizing a trust arrangement, individually supervised and monitored by a Trust Officer from an outside bank, each resident would be currently advised by a monthly statement as to all charges, income and balance of the account. All residents will have to maintain their eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare in the event it would ever be needed and each resident would be required to submit a financial report of their assets and execute a will of their choice upon admission.

This new policy will help those members or relatives who need or want to apply to the Masonic Homes and are reluctant to turn over all their assets.

The new policy does not in any way change the primary mission of the Masonic Homes which is to provide service to those who have a social, medical or financial need. The quality of care at the Masonic Homes has never and will not in the future, depend on an income derived from the homes and the sale of real property.
Brethren and their ladies from throughout Pennsylvania as well as other Masonic jurisdictions began to arrive in Hershey for the Annual Grand Communication in the early afternoon of Sunday, December 27, 1987 for the two day affair.

Shuttle buses then took the invited Brethren and their wives to Founders Hall of the Milton S. Hershey School where Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz hosted a Vesper Service. The solemn religious service included singing led by the Harrisburg Consistory Choir, responsive readings, and a scripture lesson conducted by The Rev. Martin Hopkins, D.D., one of the ministers from Brethren's church.


That evening, the Grand Master's Dinner, hosted by Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., was held in the Camelot Room of Founders Hall. After dinner, the prominent Brethren and their ladies were introduced. These Masonic notables included most of our Past Grand Masters, other Brethren from Pennsylvania and distinguished guests from sixteen other jurisdictions as far away as Washington state. Guests from twelve other Masonic bodies represented the York Rite of Freemasonry, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction A.A.S.R., the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, The Masonic Service Association, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the youth groups. Bro. George Holmes, Grand Marshal, said a few words about Bro. Stenberg's tenure as Grand Master and then presented him with a photographic Book of Remembrance and a ring inscribed with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, a gift from his appointed officers. Following the dinner, the evening concluded with a reception in the rotunda where a beautiful, decorated Christmas tree stood surrounded by the guests dancing while music filled the marbled rotunda.

Monday began with a buffet breakfast at the Hershey Lodge after which seven hundred Brethren attended the Annual Grand Communication in the auditorium of Founders Hall. Grand Lodge was opened and Bro. Stenberg greeted distinguished guests. Many of the Grand Lodge minutes and usual reports were dispensed with, excepting of those most important. Bro. Stenberg gave a short farewell address, after which the Grand Lodge Officers were installed in ancient form at high twelve. Grand Master Kurtz then delivered his Inaugural Address which was published in the February issue of this publication. After the business portion of the meeting, Bro. Kurtz was presented with a gavel made from a tree at the Masonic Homes. Presenting the gavel were Bros. Abraham C. Bucher, P.M. of William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756 and Stanley Kaylor of Abraham C. Tietchler Lodge No. 682. After a few remarks, the Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 1:30 p.m.

While the Brethren attended Grand Lodge, their ladies attended a luncheon at the Hershey Lodge. Julie Cummings, who holds a PhD. in Speech, discussed communication and the importance of laughter. Mrs. Stenberg introduced Mrs. Kurtz and turned the afternoon over to her.

Meanwhile, the Brethren were entertained at a luncheon held in the Camelot Room following the closing of Grand Lodge.

Following this, at 3:00 p.m. a Special Meeting of Bro. Kurtz's Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, was held to welcome the newly installed Grand Master. Dressed in traditional Scottish attire and playing the bagpipe, Bro. Charles Anderson of Robert Burns Lodge, led the Grand Lodge Procession. Bro. Kurtz gave a short talk on his experiences in the Craft.  

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Items from Our Museum: The New Wanamaker Collection

John Wanamaker, who was born on July 11, 1848, making this the 150th anniversary of his birth, rose from a very poor background. His first job was an errand boy making $1.25 a week in 1852. Just after the new year, the Temple received over two hundred books, principally concerned with spirituality, Christianity and American history. The books, along with a bust of Brother Wanamaker, were assembled in an enormous mahogany bookcase with glass doors removed from the Wanamaker Museum which also displays objects from the Grand Lodge Museum which had been donated by Bro. Wanamaker. This may be viewed at the lower level of the rear staircase. In the Museum, currently displayed are two large pieces from the Wanamaker Museum: A replica of the Singer’s Desk which served the early Federal Government when they met in Philadelphia from 1790 to 1800, and a replica of the Rising Sun Chair. The Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Wanamaker is most important because he was appointed the Chairman of the Committee on Library of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1906, and held that position until his death on December 12, 1932. Under his guidance, the Museum was created in October 1938, completed with carved mahogany cases donated by him, and are still in use today. As the obituary in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1932 stated, “He gave to the work of the Committee on Library much of his time and it is largely due to his untiring energy and excellent judgment that we today possess a library and museum unique, valuable, and without a rival.”

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The Pennsylvania Newspaper Project Comes to the Grand Lodge Library

On January 5th and 6th, 1988, Barbara Kurianchak of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project came to the Grand Lodge Library to catalogue the newspapers in our collection as part of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project. This Project, funded as part of the United States Newspaper Project by the National Endowment for the Humanities, has as its objectives, to find, catalogue, and microfilm every newspaper ever published within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge Library is of special value to this Project because of its rather unique collection. Fifty-one separate titles have been catalogued in the Grand Lodge Library thus far.

Some of the newspapers are representative only by one issue, but others have substantial runs. Many of those single issues contain the story of the laying of the cornerstone of the Temple in 1868, and of the Temple’s dedication in 1870. So far, the Newspaper Project has been able to determine that the Grand Lodge Library has three titles, the existence of which was previously unknown: The Pennsylvania and Anti-Masonic Investigator, and The Philadelphia and Southern Trade Journal. Each is represented by only one issue.

In addition to this, the Grand Lodge Library has two other titles that had been known to exist, but until this time had not been seen by Project personnel, or by any one else for that matter: The Anti-Masonic Examiner and Chester County Recorder and The Jamaica Herald and Anti-Masonic Democrat. Of the Masonic newspaper The Keystone, the Temple holds a nearly complete run, 1867-1905. There are issues of many newspapers published during the 1820’s and 1830’s, when the Anti-Masonic Party was very active, so that both sides of the story are represented. As work on our valuable collection continues, the Library and Museum staff find more newspapers tucked away, so that Mr. Kurianchak will be invited back.

Since each state has its own project under the United States Newspaper Project, no Pennsylvania newspapers are being processed. In order to make this colossal inventory and cataloguing project a success, it is hoped that eventually an exchange of information, and perhaps an exchange of newspapers themselves will occur. The whole project has been coordinated by the State Library in Harrisburg.

It should be mentioned that the Grand Lodge’s own Librarian and Curator, Bro. John H. Platt, was one of the small group of people who had the original idea for this project. It took the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and then the Federal Government several years to understand that this was not just a librarian’s amusement, but that newspapers, by their very nature as daily or weekly publications, do not last long, the most important single reason being that especially after 1800, they were printed on very cheap paper which disintegrates rapidly. Therefore, without this Project, almost all of the valuable first- and second-hand information would have been lost forever.

If anyone reading this article knows of any private collections no matter where in the state they may be located, please contact the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project, c/o Library Services Division, State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1661, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109. The Project has its own definition of what a newspaper is, so even if you are not sure whether your item is a newspaper or not, let the Project know about it.

The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program Presents Some Good Figures

The following was reported at the March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, by Bro. Carl W. Srenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., Chairman of the Foundation.

The Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has started its third year as it helps children fight this dreaded disease that is spreading across our country like a plague.

Since its inception, the Foundation has made forty-one grants totaling $141,846.

As a matter of interest, the annual gifts were:

- 1986 14 grants $140,041
- 1987 15 grants $171,124
- 1988 12 grants $100,681

The Grand Lodge Officers and Board of Directors of the Foundation who were available, met with the Advisory Committee on January 19, 1988 and again on March 18, 1988 at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The Advisory Committee consists of Loretta P. Finnegan, M.D. (Director of Family Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia), Chairwoman; Karole Kaltenbach, M.D. (Assistant to Dr. Finnegan); Michael T. Flaherty, Director of the Chemical Dependency Program at St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh; Jeanine Peres, Secretary of the Department of Health for Drug and Alcohol Programs; Sandra Morgan, Director of Student Assistance, Department of Education; Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W.P.G.M. and Robert P. Kinney, Jr., Secretary.

The Advisory Committee will provide proper assistance for the Board of Directors in helping them to administer future grants. Their contribution to this great project has been to review applications, perform reports and recommend to the Board such increases, decreases or discontinuance of grants that do not meet with the purpose of the Foundation.

The National Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children met on February 16, 1988...
Freemasonry: A Family Affair

Unity Lodge No. 719 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania is a family affair. Fifty eight per cent of the Lodge officers are related to the Worshipful Master. Pictured left to right:

David L. Bellamy, Junior Deacon, cousin; Joseph L. Bellamy, Jr., Treasurer, uncle; Nelson M. Baird, Jr., D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District. William R. Bellamy, Worshipful Master, son; George C. Bellamy, Senior Warden,

March Quarterly Review

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons met in Quarterly Communication on March 2, 1988. More than five hundred Brethren attended. This was the first Quarterly Communication for the newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

Along with the usual business, it was announced that Jefferson Lodge No. 298, held in Pittsburgh is to merge into Corinthian Lodge No. 575, Millvale. Both are in the 68th Masonic District.

In addition to this, the following Committees made their reports:

- By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms and the Committee on Temple. A report on Project SOLOMON II was also read.

It was resolved that Article 19:01 of the Ahiman Rezon be amended. This Article concerns the suspension date for non-payment of dues. Consideration of this Resolution will take place at the December, 1988 Quarterly Communication.

The deaths of Bro. William H. Goss of Lodge No. 52, Bursar of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund and of Bro. Richard L. Rudsill, Lodge No. 802, are deeply regretted.

Drug and Alcohol, continued

22, 1988 at the Conference of Grand Masters held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Foundation participated in the Conference by having Dr. Finnan present a program on pre and post-natal addiction of mothers and their children.

In a letter, a woman, who is currently attending Elizabethtown College, was also present. She spoke on her experiences as one who was addicted to drugs. She has now overcome her problems and her story was very interesting. Her mother also spoke briefly about the great problems which were suffered by the family due to their daughter's addiction. They are quite happy now that she has overcome her addiction, and they are willing to speak about their experiences.

Also presented at the Conference of Grand Masters was a student assistance program delivered by Linda F. Roebuck, the Governor of Maryland's Coordinator for Student Assistance Programs. This assistance program has been presented to Scott D. Thompson, Executive Director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

In addition to this, Mr. Thompson has endorsed the Student Assistance Programs presently being used by Pennsylvania and Maryland. The program that the Grand Lodge of Maryland is now using, was inspired by the Pennsylvania program and has been tailored to their needs.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has also agreed to support student assistance personnel for other Jurisdictions.

In addition to this, the program has received a letter from Gov. Robert P. Casey, in which he expresses his appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership in the field of drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Gov. Casey has mentioned that the Pennsylvania Students Assistance Program has trained over three thousand teachers, school administrators, counselors and others who, on a daily basis, help students confront the risk of drug and alcohol abuse.

It is obvious that our Fraternity at large can be very proud of what the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is doing for our young people and it is hoped that this very necessary program will continue to have the support of each and every one of you.

Drug and Alcohol, continued

Public Speaking Program is Available

"How to Master the Art of Public Speaking," is a program that was developed for exclusive use by members of the Masonic-related youth groups and the Masonic Fraternity. It was created by Dean Vaughn, a leader in the research and development of applied learning systems for education and business. This unique program applies the scientific method to the art of public speaking. It will provide our young people with a vital skill which they will use academically, professionally, and socially. A skill they will use for the rest of their lives. The program is equally effective for adults.

The program uses twelve hours of videotape instruction to teach basic techniques of improved memory skills, and applies these skills to public speaking. The course reaches vital information about the types of speeches, what to do when preparing a speech, what not to do when delivering a speech, and methods to evaluate one's performance as a public speaker.

This program provides youth and adult alike with skills that are essential to success in today's society. Individuals will acquire confidence by being able to speak to large audiences without the fear of forgetting what you wanted to say. This confidence, and the special skills taught, will help the individual in schoolwork, social events, work public presentations, jobs, presentations, and any other opportunity to speak.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a Local, Regional, and State-wide level of training, where individuals will compensate for training, and the individual will compete for recognition, awards and scholarships.

Initially, the cost for the program may seem high, but when compared to the cost of college credits, private instruction and today's textbooks, it becomes quite reasonable. This is truly a professional training program using the most advanced educational techniques and materials available today.

This is not a fund-raising venture for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Our sole aim is to provide the very best public speaking program for the benefit of the Fraternity we serve.

The program can be used to train all present members and leaders of each organization, as well as new members, year after year. Once the Group Training Program has been purchased, individuals only need to register for the program and purchase their Personal Kit. This program can be conducted for groups, big or small, or completed by an individual in his or her own home.

"How to Master the Art of Public Speaking" can become a very effective membership recruitment tool for the youth groups. By learning to speak well in public, members will be able to tell peers that they achieved this great ability by belonging to their Masonic-related youth group and participating in the Public Speaking Program. This is an opportunity that is not offered in any other youth organization, and our young people can benefit by the exclusive rights acquired by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

For further information about the Public Speaking Program, or for order forms, please write or call the Foundation offices, at:

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
204 Bainbridge Road
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022
(717) 927-1956

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Youth Groups Prepare for
Annual Meetings

The highlight of any youth program is the annual meeting where members from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania gather in a convention-style atmosphere to share in meetings, workshops, competitions and awards ceremonies.

Job's Daughters

This year the Grand Sessions of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters will be held June 16-19, 1988 at the Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg. The program will include a Carnival, a trip to the Miniature Horse Farm, a formal banquet, the Installation of Grand, Deputy and Grand Council Officers, arts and crafts, choir and speech competitions, presentation of awards and scholarships, and business meetings.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents Masonic Service Hours Awards and Community Service Hours Awards. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation also presents a $1000 Scholarship to Miss Job's Daughter of Pennsylvania.

DeMolay

The Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania DeMolay will be held at Grove City College on July 14-17, 1988. The schedule includes election of new State Officers, athletic and ritual competitions, workshops on public speaking and advisor training, awards banquet and the crowning of the new DeMolay State Scientist.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents trophies for the top three finishers in the Outstanding Chapter Competition. In addition, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation presents a $1000 Service Scholarship to the retiring State Master Councilor.

Rainbow

The 1988 Grand Assembly for Rainbow in Pennsylvania will be held in Altoona on July 15-17, 1988. This program includes the election of the new Grand Officers, the Investiture of the Grand Cross of Color, Drill Team competition, initiation and installation, and the Coronation program for the new Grand Worshipful Master.

Each year the Grand Lodge presents silver bowls to the winners of the following competitions: Ritualistic Protection, Petitions, Service, Visitations, and 100% Dues Collection. Additionally, a $1000 Service Scholarship will be presented to the retiring Grand Worshipful Master.

Nonagenarian, Assisted by Septuagenarian, Confer Entered Apprentice Degree on Septuagenarian.

Bro. Charles R. Conrad, P.M., age 90, of Logan Lodge No. 490, Altoona, filled a dream that he had for thirty-five years by conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on his nephew, Russell H. Conrad, age 74, on February 2, 1988. Bro. Donald C. Davis, Jr., P.M., was proud to serve as Friend and Guide for the Candidate. Bro. Harold J. Kraft, Chaplain, had prepared Bro. Russell Conrad with the brochure "Friend to Friend" and this was enough to prompt him to pursue membership. Bro. Conrad then asked Bro. Kraft to be his uncle to be his recommender.

When asked why he waited until so late in life to join, Bro. Conrad said, "Nobody ever asked me!" After reading the "Friend to Friend" brochure he decided that "Nobody ever would," that he had to do the asking. He further stated that he has known and has worked with Masons all his life, members of his family were Masons and he still did not know how to become a Mason. When Bro. Kraft gave him the brochure to read, he was pleased and surprised, his first reaction being, "I want to do it. Help me!" They did, and he is now a Mason.

The Past Masters of Logan Lodge, SOLOMON II District Director M. Dale VanHome, P.M., SOLOMON II Lodge Chairman Richard E. Shinner, P.M. and District Deputy Grand Master Spencer W. Hauserstein honored Past Master Conrad by being present for this event.

The elder Bro. Conrad was initiated into Logan Lodge No. 590 on June 4, 1929, and served as Worshipful Master in 1940. He served as Treasurer of the Lodge from 1953 through 1984.

This was the first Degree work performed by Bro. Conrad since he conferred the Degrees on his son, C.J. Conrad in 1950. His son James was present for his cousin Russell's initiation into Freemasonry.

Youth and Solomon II: Good News Stories of Pennsylvania Freemasons

You and Solomon II takes a New Location

In an attempt to provide a regular place for You and Solomon II in a simple means of distribution, the Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, has suggested that The Pennsylvania Freemason become your home. We welcome this invitation for it allows the support Project SOLOMON II in getting out from our Grand Master.

We are certain that here you will find many stories about Masons and Masonry that will be of great interest to you. The format has given us an opportunity to include more "good news" stories. With this article, we are bringing a new feature on Lodge Halls.

As we go forward together, to maintain and build Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, we thank you for your support.

Do You Recognize this Lodge Hall?

Beginning with this article, we will honor a Blue Lodge and the building where it meets. The Lodge pictured has entered in its 156th year of operation. A celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary was held on May 6, 1988.

According to the Lodge Notice of December 31, 1987, the membership of the Lodge on December 27, 1988 was 250. The Project SOLOMON II Report in the same Trestleboard indicated a present membership of 505 Masons. This growth of 56 members in five years speaks well of the Lodge as a dynamic and growing body.

Have you discovered the name of the Lodge we are highlighting? The photograph and the information speak of Brentwood Lodge No. 292 in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Bro. Dennis W. Liptak is serving as Worshipful Master. Bro. Larry Hill is Lodge Secretary and Treasurer is Clifford W. Swartz. Project SOLOMON II Chairman is James B. Geiger.

Masons Do Service for Others

Bro. James L. Good, a Life Member for 42 years, of West Chester Lodge No. 322, sent us the "good news" that he was given the Silver Beaver Award by the Chester County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At a recent annual recognition night, Bro. Good was very surprised to hear his name read and received the highest recognition the Council can give. He has given services to the local Troop, especially on camping trips.

Chairman for Osterreich Lodge is Bro. Kent D. Garmann. Bro. Dale F. Coons provided the information and the photograph for this story. Osterreich Lodge will soon be celebrating its Sesquicentennial Celebration.

A Mason Coaches in the Olympics

Bro. Gregory P. Mackrides of Haddonfield, New Jersey, will go to Seoul, Korea for the 1988 Olympics having been named the strength coach of the United States Olympic Team.

Bro. Mackrides was presented the Masonic Bronze Medal for heroism by Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Grand Master, at the September Quarterly Communication held in Philadelphia in 1982. Since that time, Bro. Mackrides has been his Lodge's sentry to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Five and one-half years ago, Bro. Greg lost a spot on the U.S. Olympic Weight Lifting Team after a near fatal beating he received. A 14 year old boy ran into the gym of his former sports clinic in Northeast Philadelphia and punched Bro. Greg to hide from two assailants who were chasing him. He hid the boy and fought off the men but the beating and stabbing Bro. Greg received left him with a shattered left shoulder, permanent nerve damage to the right eye and a fractured skull. He says, "The hardest thing for me was the doctors telling me in the hospital that I'd never lift weights again." He was back in training six weeks after the attack. His assailants were sentenced to prison terms.

In 1981, he opened a larger workout facility, the Sports Clinic, in Mayhew. He has worked with the Villanovan football team and is the men's and women's strength and conditioning coach at the University. He also has trained three Olympic wrestlers in 1981. One of these men, Bruce Baumgartner, won the Gold Medal in the Freestyle Heavyweight Division.

The Fraternity is proud of Bro. Gregory Mackrides for his talents, his courage and his tenacity in overcoming his injuries. The dedication and skill as a coach will aid many United States athletes in fulfilling their dreams.
Membership in the Fraternity

This information on Masonic membership has been taken from the May 1986 Short Talk Bulletin entitled “A Foundation Stone”. The exempt points out one of the problems facing Masonry’s search for men of integrity. We are indebted to Bro. Sidney Steckl of Arlithon Lodge No. 482 for bringing this important message to our attention.

One of the most misunderstood of the laws of Freemasonry is the rule that prohibits the solicitation of a candidate by any Mason. Every man who enters the portals of a Masonic Lodge must come of his own free will and accord he can only come if he knows of the opportunity.

Masonic Neighbors


Bro. Bertine B. Steigerwald, D.D.G.M. of the 9th Masonic District, provided this information and the photograph for this story.

Brothers Helping a Brother

Bro. John M. Waugaman, P. M. and Secretary of Plum Creek - Samuel Hamilton Lodge No. 799, Pittsburgh, sent one of the most heartwarming stories in this issue. Pictured from left to right are: Bro. James M. Simpson, Sr., P. M. and Treasurer; Bro. Harold Kroner; Bro. James R. Rainey, Worshipful Master and Bro. John M. Waugaman, P. M. and Secretary; all members of Lodge No. 799. The Brethren are presenting a check for over $20,000 to Bro. Kroner, who recently received a heart transplant. Bro. Waugaman stated: “This, I think, is truly Freemasonry at work. We agree to strongly and are happy to report Bro. Kroner is home and doing well.

Moscow Lodge Cares

Moscow Lodge No. 594, Moscow, has taken a hint from the Masonic highway billboard program and is spreading the word that Masons are helping in the fight against drug abuse. They have adopted a smaller version of the sign and have installed it at the local little league baseball park. The Dandy Lion Little League, like other non-profit youth groups, is always in need of financial support. The selling of advertising signs on the outfield fence is one of their sources of revenue.

Moscow Lodge members thought that the ball park would be a good place to let their community know about Masonry’s involvement in the nation-wide anti-drug program. What better group to address than Little Leaguers and their young families? Both Masonry and Little League benefit from this simple sign in right field. This story was submitted by Junior Warden Earl Trygar.

Masons Do Care

Dallas Lodge No. 396, Easton, proved once again through the “Food for the Local Needy, 1987” Drive that Masons do care. This annual project is started each November and compared shortly before the holiday festivities begin. The program was begun in 1986 by a committee of three men who made up food baskets. Each basket included a ham or turkey. The Salvation Army volunteers distributed the baskets to the needy.

The 1987 committee consisted of Worshipful Master, Bro. Clarence B. Howard, Jr.; Senior Deacon, Bro. William Van Brackle, Jr.; Bro. Sam Corpora, Jr. and Bro. James Fritts. This “good news” story was submitted by Bro. Frank A. Kehn, Sr., Secretary for the Lodge, and Bro. Bertine B. Steigerwald, District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District.

More Than 1100 Years of Service

Bro. Clarence V. Johns, P.M. of George W. Kendrick, Jr. Lodge No. 106, sent the following story to Project SOLOMON II Regional Director Edward Weiser.

He believes that the following Brethren deserve special recognition from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by having their names placed in You and SOLOMON II. Each one has served Masonry for more than fifty years and all of them are members of Kendrick Lodge.

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After Past Master Johns presented the list of men with over fifty years of service in the Fraternity, he stated, “Although we only had two petitions, one restored to membership and five deaths, we had a very good year. What frightens me is where are we going to obtain new members to replace our elderly Brethren a few years down the road? Any ideas you or the other Directors have would be greatly appreciated.”

The words of the Past Master speak eloquently of a problem facing a number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. This is a problem that should concern all Masons in our Commonwealth. What can you do to help the widow’s son?

We Hope Santa Walter Price Doesn’t Retire

Wait Price is one of those unique Masons who probably never uttered a discouraging word in his life, continually carrying a positive outlook and serving as an example of inspiration for all Masons. After ten years of service as District Deputy, he never says anything negative, carries no cynicism and in that respect he must have been when he began serving as a District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, shared a story he heard at a recent meeting of Masonic District “G” in Philadelphia. Bro. Tom reported that Past District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. Walter Price, “... is a rather roly-poly but good-natured Brother who plays Santa Claus annually and brings gifts to the District “G” guests and the children at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.”

He collects candy and gifts from the Brethren in the area lodges and gathers them together, then, in the month of December, he makes a visit to the Masonic Homes and delivers the presents.

Because Bre. Price ends up with extra gifts, he contacts Bro. and Rev. Dr. Charles H. Lackenbaugh, Director of Spiritual and Guest Services at the continued on page 16
The Ralph Slider Masonic Family

Bro. Ralph H. Slider, Sr., P.M., is a man who takes his Masonry seriously. On November 30, 1987, Bro. Slider raised both his son, Ralph, Jr., and his son-in-law, Bro. Daniel Wittman in Greenleaf Lodge No. 561 which meets in Allentown. The elder Bro. Slider also instructed, entered and worked his two candidates. Bro. Slider takes considerable fatherly pride in that two of his family members are worthy of Masonic membership.

The elder Bro. Slider is a Past Master of Greenleaf Lodge, and he currently serves as Lodge Director for Project SOLOMON II. He is also Vice President of the School of Instruction for the 10th Masonic District, Chairman of the Professional Committee of his Lodge and he also conducted the first course on public speaking held at Greenleaf Lodge.

Bro. Slider is active in Lehigh Valley Consistory, Shriners and Boy Scouts of America. One might well ask whether or not Bro. Slider has a job. As a matter of fact, he is the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Constable, Shriners and Boy Scouts of the County Fire Chiefs’ Association. Many members of the Craft throughout the United States know from this article said of Bro. Slider, “Congratulations, Bro. Slider. Your zeal and assistance is greatly appreciated by both your Fraternity in general and your Lodge in particular.”

Bro. Slider, Sr., was a member of the Craft since 1955, and he is the Past Master of the Craft.

One might also ask how Bro. Slider finds time to spend with his family. They, too, have strong Masonic connections. His wife, Rita, was recently the Worthy Matron of the New Temple Chapter No. 209, Order of Eastern Star. His daughters, Kathleen and Terry Mastro, have completed their respective years as Worthy Avisitors of Allentown Assembly No. 3, Order of Rainbow for Girls. His son, Ralph, Jr., was a member of DeMoy.

As Bro. Robert H. Hoffman, III, who reported this article said of Bro. Slider, “The companionship of Masonry has been a part of my life.”

Keep the “Good News” Stories Coming

From this beginning the exchanges continued with Bro. Jack Helms stating, “I’d like to get our Grand Lodge to print a pamphlet similar to Friend to Friend. Everyone who has seen it has liked it. I look to our Masonic Service Bureau (state) today.”

On March 27, 1987, Bro. Helms wrote, “I am mailing off my rough draft of Freemasonry for a Friend to the printer. I will send you a copy as soon as possible. I think you will see a strong resemblance to your (Pennsylvania) publication.”

We are pleased to present this story for it shows in a very dramatic way how one Mason with working tools like Friend to Friend can extend his influence for good across the nation. Masons need to support each other. We know from this story that Project SOLOMON II is working in a positive manner.

Bro. William Vogt Retires as Masonic Temple Superintendent

Bro. William Vogt, Superintendent of the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, retired October 30, 1987 after having served in this capacity since February 1, 1969. Bro. Vogt had previously spent twenty-five years in the Philadelphia Police Department having ended his career as a Sergeant after a distinguished career.

In addition to Bro. Vogt’s daily supervision of a staff of fifteen to twenty persons in building maintenance, building security and regular tours, he also supervised extensive alterations and renovations in various areas of the Masonic Temple, including the relocation of the Library and Museum. He also supervised the finding of additional and more functional office space for the Grand Master’s Office and his staff and the Grand Secretary’s Office and his staff. The Assembly Room was initially converted into an office for mail distribution and stationery supplies. Bro. Vogt later supervised this same area being converted into a data processing center. He handled all contracts with Catering Services for exclusive catering to be furnished to all Masonic Bodies meeting in the Temple. Expense being a constant factor, Bro. Vogt was instrumental in the installation of many cost-saving systems, the Energy Management System, monitored by computer, established an efficient control of the building heat and air conditioning.

Bro. William Vogt, a Charter member of the Law Enforcement Square Club and from this group of law enforcement members he formed details to supply security for many Grand Lodge functions. Toward the end of his career as Building Superintendent, Bro. Vogt was instrumental in locating the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple and in having it placed in a permanent position in the Grand Foyer, where his name will be forever “etched in stone” as a token of his devotion to the Lodge and the Temple.

Bro. William Vogt will be missed by Grand Lodge for his faithful and dedicated service to the maintenance and security of the Grand Lodge headquarters and magnificent Masonic Temple.

Bro. Paul S. Krasley Retires from Committee on Appeals

Bro. Paul S. Krasley, a fifty year member of Roversford Lodge No. 585 has retired from the Committee on Appeals, a position he had held since 1976. Bro. Richard B. Wickersham, a former Judge of The Superior Court of Pennsylvania has assumed the vacancy. Bro. Wickersham is a Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 461.

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The Masonic Homes, continued

Key to Halt Intergenerational Addiction

As one of its newly stated primary goals, the Pennsylvania Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has targeted the prevention of intergenerational addiction. By working toward this goal, the Foundation is working to prevent the intergenerational transmission of addiction.

The Foundation has partnered with the Masonic Homes to develop a comprehensive program that targets the needs of children and their families affected by addiction. The program includes counseling, educational workshops, and support groups. Through these initiatives, the Foundation aims to break the cycle of addiction and provide hope for a better future for the children affected.

December

Quarterly Review

More than eight hundred Brethren attended the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania where the following Grand Lodge Officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Bro. Arthur J. Hurf, R.W. Grand Master
Bro. W. Scott Stone, R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. George H. Hoshenshield, R.W. Junior Grand Warden

Also elected were seven Brethren to serve on the Committee on Masonic Homes. The resolution to raise the Grand Lodge dues was passed by a vote of one margin. This is the first time in more than thirty years that the Grand Lodge dues have been increased.

Bre. Peter A. Giancinte, P.O.M. of Solomon-Oakland-Fraternity Lodge No. 251 and Bro. Henry W. Cooper, Sr. P.M. and Secretary of Glenshaw Lodge No. 75 were awarded the SOLOMON II Through a Meritorious Service Award.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Award was given to Lodge No. 9 for their donation of one thousand dollars to the Foundation. Dauphin Lodge No. 681 was given the Award from the Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. The Foundation has contributed one thousand dollars to the Lodge.

In addition, Pennsylvania Commandery No. 1 was the recipient of two awards from the Foundation.

Freemasonry is at Work in Frackville

Frackville, Pennsylvania thanks to Frackville Lodge No. 757 and a local organization, Volunteers for Youth of Schuylkill County, Bro. David W. Bowes, Worshipful Master, decided to make the distribution of food baskets, as well as clothing to needy children in northern Schuylkill County, one of his projects during his tenure as Master of the Lodge.

More than $250 was raised through contributions. At a dinner given to thank the members of Frackville Lodge and their families, Bro. Bowes stated, “If we can help just one young person to have a Merry Christmas as well as the realization of significance of this season, with its love and brotherhood, then we have accomplished our purpose for humanity.”

Freemasonry is a way to involve in the lifeblood that the child will be predisposed to a life of addiction.”

Flaherty and the Maternal Addiction Project’s Coordinator, Ms. Jan Miller, RN, have used the Foundation’s support to formalize their learnings and approach both state and national authorities to seek regulations that would require but make it advantageous for other medical settings to replicate the special awareness and techniques of the St. Francis Maternal Addiction Project and the Family Center.

Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

“Pennsylvania is extremely fortunate in having Dr. Flaherty and two such sophisticated programs. As there are now only five such centers in America one has to wonder what is happening elsewhere. This is a big country and pregnant women are giving birth to chemically dependent newborns all across the nation. Early studies indicate that without special recognition and treatment nearly fifty percent of these children will themselves become addicts. First, however, we will need to educate a lot of people on what we know and why we all need to specialize in treating this high-risk population. We have solutions.” adds Flaherty.

The Pennsylvania Foundation is keenly interested and working with the proponents of Dr. Flaherty’s work. Mr. Flaherty to make their knowledge available for the prevention of multi-generational addiction.

Freemasonry, continued

munity, and will have much in common.

The Independent Living Units will be available in the near future.

Independent Living Units

To Be Added

Arthur J. Kurtz, Right Worshipful Grand Master, announced in his Inaugural Address the development of an Independent Retirement Community to be built on the Masonic Homes grounds.

The announcement is the culmination of eighteen months of intensive research and study by the Grand Lodge Officers, the Committee on Masonic Homes, the Executive Director and other professional advisors.

The addition of Independent Living Units at the Masonic Homes is a part of a Comprehensive Service Plan that was approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes at their October 22, 1987 meeting.

The Comprehensive Service Plan also addresses the need to offer assisted living or personal care to provide a continuum of services to the Masonic Fraternity.

An assisted living facility operating in long term care was selected from a field of five architectural firms to review the Comprehensive Service Plan and develop a Master Plan for implementation of these services.

This process will develop the design, costs, and time frame for the Independent Living Units and for work in the Masonic Health Care Center including developing an Assisted Living Program and upgrading the existing intermediate and skilled health care beds.

The Independent Living Community at the Masonic Homes

For information call or write to:
Executive Director
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 367-1121

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If you are interested in obtaining more information you can call or write to the Independent Living Unit and your name will be put on a mailing list for information as soon as it is available.

Foundation seeks to Halt Intergenerational Addiction

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Most recently St. Francis has sought to take their understanding and high sophistication of treatment protocols even further by seeking a special Pennsylvania license as the State's first neonatal detoxification and rehabilitation program.

Michael T. Flaherty, Director of the St. Francis Chemical Dependency Program, points out that the combined specialized learnings of chemical dependency and obstetrics can offer more to the field of prevention of chemical dependency than perhaps any other one area of current understanding. “Life is begun with a developed mistrust of one’s environment,” says Flaherty. In those outcomes of pregnancy and those early years of life we...
I Want To Know...

He joined Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, India, in 1886, by special dispensation as he was only twenty and a half years old. In March, 1924, he wrote, "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Soria, a Hindu; passed by a Moslem, and raised by an Equangian. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew." Brother Kipling was made a Mark Mason in 1887, and was active in other Masonic bodies throughout his life.

ANSWER: Several inquiries have protested the possible membership of a Ku Klux Klansman in a Masonic Lodge.

ANSWER: The original inquiry, which was broadly answered in the November Pennsylvania Freemason, resulted from the visitation of a Pennsylvania Mason to a southern Lodge. I have no knowledge of Klaussman in Pennsylvania Lodges.

The procedures for making a Mason are familiar: the petition, the recommendations, the Committee of Inquiry, the publication in the Lodge notice, sent to all members, of the candidate's name, residence, age and occupation, and the balloting, which is secret. One blackball rejects. It is the sole prerogative of each individual Lodge to decide on its members. Should there be a Masonic objection after a member of the Klan is made a member, Masonic charges may be brought by a member of the Lodge.

In Memoriam: Brother Frank W. Bobb

Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator Emeritus of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum died at the age of 76, on Thursday, March 24, 1988. Brother Bobb was appointed Librarian and Curator in 1959, by then W. Grand Master John K. Young. He was made an Entered Apprentice in June of 1907, when he was a member of the Master Carl W. Stengel, J. A. A fuller story on Bro. Bobb's accomplishments will appear in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

In Bro. Bobb's memory, an endowment fund has been established in accordance to the wishes of his widow, Lois Gates Bobb. The interest from this fund will be used by the Library and Museum for a myriad of projects. Many Brethren who were acquainted with Bro. Bobb know that Masonic research in general and the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in particular, were Bro. Bobb's hobbies. It is hoped that all will agree that this will be a fitting memorial to this Masonic scholar who labored long and well for the cause of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Contributions to the Frank W. Bobb Endowment Fund may be made by sending a check made payable to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with a note specifying that the contribution is for this Fund. Send the check to:

Office of the Librarian and Curator
Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-2308

We hope Santa, continued

Masonic Homes, to find out the names of guests least likely to receive visitors during the holidays, then "Santa" visits them.

Thank you, Bro. Tom, for this fine story and kind words about Bro. J. Walter Price, P.D.G.D.M. and we also thank the Lodges of District "G" for their support. We wish Bro. Price and his wife good traveling but we hope he will return in time to be Santa Claus again. After all, Santa never retires.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

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

My brethren:

On February 17, 1825 Silenium Lodge No. 198 was Constituted in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania but went out of existence on February 6, 1837.

On February 18, 1838 Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315 was Constituted in Shippensburg. The Warrant Master at that time was Brother Henry Ruby Sr. and his remarks when assuming the duties as Worshipful Master of the Lodge are well worthy of note:

"In assuming the honorable and elevated position as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, I cannot forbear thanking you for the part taken in having invested with the Constitutional Authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge by which this Lodge is to be directed in her labors and good government.

"Among the many honorable positions I have been favored with in public life, I regard this one as among the least merited, but the most exalted in my history. From my inexperience in the important labors I am called to perform, as Master, I would be violating my feelings, did I not give utterance in this communication, to my fears in not fully realizing your expectations.

"But in casting eyes around me and seeing myself encircled with brethren good and true, I take courage in going forward in the discharge of the duties of my office, and in doing so, I shall strive to perform them to the best of my ability.

"With the view of accomplishing successfully the work before us as a Lodge in accordance with the ancient and venerable marks of the craft, I shall look to you, my brethren, in office in the West, and in the South — on my right and on my left, for counsel and aid.

"Thus united in our effort, I feel assured we will be able to prove ourselves worthy of the confidence that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has been pleased to commit to our hands. And, my brethren, when done with carrying out the plans designed by the Sovereign Architect of the Universe, on our spiritual trestleboard of our earthly existence, may we all be well prepared to enter the door of our Great Divine Master into those mansions beyond the skies, where love and peace, and joy forever reigns."

June Quarterly will be Held at Masonic Temple

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania will meet in Quarterly Communication on June 1, 1988 at the Masonic Temple, located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia. As always, the Communication is open to all Master Masons. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. that evening. The Communication will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and the Grand Lodge Library have made available The Exemplar: A Guide to a Mason's Actions by William A. Carpenter, R.W.P.G.M. at a special purchase price: Soft bound, $84 per dozen

March Quarterly, continued

Announcement was then made of the upcoming Quarterly Communication that will be held at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, June 1, 1988 at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Grand Master's promise that he would finish the business of the Quarterly in under two hours, Grand Lodge was closed in Harmony at 8:19 p.m.
On October 2, 1998, Bro. John W. Hartman, as the Chairman of the Committee on Library, led the opening celebration of the new Museum of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Library, in existence since the end of the eighteenth century, had received numerous Masonic artifacts over the years, and the librarians were eager to display these acquisitions. Two events precipitated the founding of the Museum: The George Washington Loan Exhibition of 1962, and the Benjamin Franklin Loan Exhibition of 1906. Plans for a museum were approved in 1957, and the building was ready to be opened by the Fall of 1988. Eighty years later, the Museum proudly celebrates its history of Masonic collecting.

With the support of the Library and the Archives, the exhibit "Reflections in a Museum Case: Eight Decades of Masonic Collecting, 1906-1986," opened in early April, focusing on some of the important works of art, objects, books and graphics in the collection. In a new maneuver for the Library and Museum, eight new display cases in the Grand Banquet Hall carry a large part of the show, as well as some of the original 1998 cases in the Museum. Furthermore, the show is running in conjunction with a major exhibition throughout the greater Philadelphia area called "Legacy of Genius." Sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, the combined efforts of Philadelphia libraries celebrates the important book collections in the area.

R. W. Grand Master Arthur J. Kurtz has scheduled Autumn Day 1998 for October 22nd at the Masonic Homes. Many of the Brethren and their families have enjoyed previous Autumn Days at the Masonic Homes. For those who have not, this is the perfect place to enjoy your beautiful Masonic Homes and grounds. A full schedule will appear in the August Freemason.

Plan now to spend October 22nd with your Masonic Family at Elizabethtown.

Reserve October 22nd to be at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown to Enjoy Autumn Day!