Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1991
Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom
Allentown, Pennsylvania
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission to Dorney and Wildwater Kingdom, including all rides, parking and 5 hours of food and soda: $20.00
Senior Citizens: 65 years and older and children 2 years to 6 years: $10.50
Children under 2 years: Free
Food will be served from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Routes 22 and 309.
Open for 4,000. First come, first served.
Excerpted is my check for $______________
for __________ tickets. Make check payable to: "Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic."
Name
Lodge No.
Address
City State Zip
Telephone No.
Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and coupon.
MAIL TO:
The Office of the Grand Master
The Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

On Friday evening, August 28, 1991, at seven o'clock, the newly-decorated Norman Hall in the Masonic Temple was opened for Inspection. It had been closed since January 23 of that year so that it could be refurbished and decorated. Hundreds of the Brethren, their friends, and the Grand Lodge Officers, including the R. W. Grand Master Bro. John Simpson Africa (1859-1900, member of Mr. Mevish Lodge No. 200, Huntington, Pennsylvania), availed themselves of the opportunity to view the third Hall decorated at the behest of the Masonic Temple Art Association.
Pennsylvania Masonic Flag
Complete Kit: $700.00

Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries

Grand Master's Itinerary

JULY 1991
1-4 Imperial Shrine of North America, San Francisco, California
12-13 Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R., Hershey
14-15 Northeast Conference, Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries, Cockeysville, MD
16-17 Grand Lodge of Ontario
18-19 Order of Job's Daughters, Elizabeth College
AUGUST 1991
17 DeMolay, Grand Master's Class
24 Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the West Shore School District
31 Lodge No. 578, 125th Anniversary, Mt. Carmel

SEPTMBER 1991
7 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of dedicating the Lodge Rooms, Lodge No. 655, Prince George
12 Lodge No. 663, 75th Anniversary, Monroeville
14 Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Lancaster
15 Salvation Army, 100th Anniversary, Pottstown
21 Lodge No. 578, 125th Anniversary, Millinocket
25-30 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Indianapolis, IN
27 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
28 Lodge No. 508, 125th Anniversary, Philadelphia

OCTOBER 1991
5 Lodge No. 509, 125th Anniversary, Susquehanna
7 Lodge No. 53, 200th Anniversary, Philadelphia
18 Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
19 Autumn Days, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
26 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Meeting, Elizabethtown
26 Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of dedicating Lodge Room and Commemoration evening, Greensburg Masonic Center, Greensburg

Norman Hall, continued from front page

Association was founded in October 1887, with R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Clifford Payton McCullough (1857-1892, member of Conestoga Lodge No. 67) as its first President (1887-1892). The Association had already decorated Egyptian Hall in 1889 at a cost of $2,290 and Ionic Hall in 1890 for $1,000.

The artist and decorator who executed the paintings and embellishments in Norman Hall was Brother George Herzog (1851-1930, member of Lodge No. 51, now University Lodge, No. 51), Bro. Herzog, who had also shared in the decoration of Egyptian and Ionic Halls, as well as the hallway leading to these three rooms, did so at his own expense.

The Report of the Committee on Temple for December 2, 1891 put the cost of decorating Norman Hall at $4,300 (excluding the price of the new carpet). Norman Hall is a fine example of Norman decorative art, which resembles an early medieval northern European architectural style, more properly called "Rhenish Romanesque." The plasterwork is, perhaps, one of the most outstanding features of this Hall. It is the work of Bro. Thomas Heath (1821-1874, member of Lodge No. 2). Surprisingly, even the ceiling beams are made of plaster, painted and "grained" to look like English oak. Sixteen wall piers from the base which vaulting leads through massive moulding to these beams, which divide the ceiling into twenty-five multi-colored foliated panels. The designs for these panels were copied from Irish and Scandinavian manuscripts. Those same sixteen wall piers divide the hall into twenty bays, decorated with designs copied from Celtic manuscripts and placed against a gold mosaic background. Illustrations from The Book of Kells (in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin) probably provided the models. Six of the bays show full-sized human figures each holding a medieval stonemason's tool, which represent the working tools of Freemasonry: Plumb, Trowel, Level, Square, Mallet, Rule and Compasses.

The first Blue Lodge to hold a Stated Meeting in Norman Hall was Hamburg Lodge No. 359, on Thursday evening, October 2, 1873, and the first Blue Lodge to meet there after the decorations were completed, was Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487, on Tuesday evening, September 1, 1891.

District E Community Project At Work

On Saturday night, February 23, 1991, the City of Philadelphia experienced its worst high-rise building fire in history, both in terms of human life and property damage. Floors twenty-one through twenty-nine of The Meridian Building, a thirty-eight story office structure, were destroyed by a 12-Alarm fire which burned for almost twenty-four hours and took the lives of three firefighters.

Masons in Lodges of Masonic District E, through the District E Community Project, can share in the comfort and knowledge that they indirectly helped provide some relief to the exhausted firefighters during that long battle. Hand-held two-way radios, donated to the Second Alarmer's Association of Philadelphia, Inc., a non-profit emergency disaster response organization, provided valuable communications, that supplemented Fire Department Channels and enabled the delivery of much needed oxygen, compressed air and refreshments, that were ferried from street level to a rest station set up on the twenty-fifth floor.

Fire Commissioner Uhlshaker thanked the Second Alarmer's for their help, made possible in part through the good work of Masons in Lodges of Masonic District E.

Bow W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master

In a recent communication to the Masonic Education Committee, I pointed out that,"Our Masonic Fraternity has not gained its long history and great success by avoiding challenges. The Masonic principles are as helpful now as they have always been. As we share our Masonic knowledge among ourselves and meet the great challenge of selling . . . the Masonic story ... we will place Masonry in a strong community service. Masons are experienced in the changing times and are a significant force in their communities. We see the developing — emerging — as we travel across the state and visit in your Lodges and communities.

The feedback is positive and progressive. The dynamics of the changing times are happening where there has been good planning and mature leadership. And, when it has happened, the results are gratifying — even dramatic. I am told in many Lodges that the programs are more interesting; that the Brethren appreciate varied programs that bring them to Lodge and keep them coming back.

With involvement in the Lodge comes Masonic Knowledge. Knowledge — Masonic Education, if you will — renews an appreciation for our heritage, our values and the principles of Freemasonry and better enables us to tell others about our Fraternity. Knowledge rekindles pride.

Across the state, Masons are responding to the call for Lodges to become involved in their communities — to work with their neighbors for the good of all — to let the world know who we are, realize what we stand for and see what we do. Lodges are reaching out into real life to tell the story of Masonry.

It is a change we have all accepted. Grand Lodge has been quite visible in the community, recently presenting President Buchanan Day activities and participating in the Loyalty Day parade in Lancaster. Likewise, Lodges across the state are participating in community anniversary celebrations, parades and charitable events. Some are opening the doors of their Lodge Halls to invite their friends and neighbors in for tours.

Masonry in Pennsylvania has moved into the nineties, addressing the challenge of change, being dynamic today while "...we act in conformity to our precepts and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular and uniform Fraternity."

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master

In a recent communication to the Masonic Education Committee, I pointed out that, "Our Masonic Fraternity has not gained its long history and great success by avoiding challenges. The Masonic principles are as helpful now as they have always been. As we share our Masonic knowledge among ourselves and meet the great challenge of selling... the Masonic story... we will place Masonry in a strong community service. Masons are experienced in the changing times and are a significant force in their communities. We see the developing... emerging... as we travel across the state and visit in your Lodges and communities.

The feedback is positive and progressive. The dynamics of the changing times are happening where there has been good planning and mature leadership. And, when it has happened, the results are gratifying... even dramatic. I am told in many Lodges that the programs are more interesting; that the Brethren appreciate varied programs that bring them to Lodge and keep them coming back.

With involvement in the Lodge comes Masonic Knowledge. Knowledge... Masonic Education, if you will... renews an appreciation for our heritage, our values and the principles of Freemasonry and better enables us to tell others about our Fraternity. Knowledge rekindles pride.

Across the state, Masons are responding to the call for Lodges to become involved in their communities... to work with their neighbors for the good of all... to let the world know who we are, realize what we stand for and see what we do. Lodges are reaching out into real life to tell the story of Masonry.

It is a change we have all accepted. Grand Lodge has been quite visible in the community, recently presenting President Buchanan Day activities and participating in the Loyalty Day parade in Lancaster. Likewise, Lodges across the state are participating in community anniversary celebrations, parades and charitable events. Some are opening the doors of their Lodge Halls to invite their friends and neighbors in for tours.

Masonry in Pennsylvania has moved into the nineties, addressing the challenge of change, being dynamic today while... "...we act in conformity to our precepts and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular and uniform Fraternity."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master

In a recent communication to the Masonic Education Committee, I noted: "Our Masonic Fraternity has not gained its long history and great success by avoiding challenges. The Masonic principles are as helpful now as they have always been. As we share our Masonic knowledge among ourselves and meet the great challenge of selling... the Masonic story... we will place Masonry in a strong community service. Masons are experienced in the changing times and are a significant force in their communities. We see the developing... emerging... as we travel across the state and visit in your Lodges and communities.

The feedback is positive and progressive. The dynamics of the changing times are happening where there has been good planning and mature leadership. And, when it has happened, the results are gratifying... even dramatic. I am told in many Lodges that the programs are more interesting; that the Brethren appreciate varied programs that bring them to Lodge and keep them coming back.

With involvement in the Lodge comes Masonic Knowledge. Knowledge... Masonic Education, if you will... renews an appreciation for our heritage, our values and the principles of Freemasonry and better enables us to tell others about our Fraternity. Knowledge rekindles pride.

Across the state, Masons are responding to the call for Lodges to become involved in their communities... to work with their neighbors for the good of all... to let the world know who we are, realize what we stand for and see what we do. Lodges are reaching out into real life to tell the story of Masonry.

It is a change we have all accepted. Grand Lodge has been quite visible in the community, recently presenting President Buchanan Day activities and participating in the Loyalty Day parade in Lancaster. Likewise, Lodges across the state are participating in community anniversary celebrations, parades and charitable events. Some are opening the doors of their Lodge Halls to invite their friends and neighbors in for tours.

Masonry in Pennsylvania has moved into the nineties, addressing the challenge of change, being dynamic today while... "...we act in conformity to our precepts and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular and uniform Fraternity."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. W. Scott Stoner
R. W. Grand Master
“Keeping the Promise” Awareness Program

Going from Grand Lodge to Grassroots

THE MASON: Men Who Make A Difference

4-5

“Pennsylvania Masons are committed to the values that built America. Values such as family, character, integrity and the promise for tomorrow.”

That’s the beginning of the message spread statewide this Spring in the Grand Lodge’s “Keeping the Promise of America” advertising. It’s a message designed to awaken the world to Freemasonry and to let people know who we are and what we stand for.

“More than ever before, Masons want you to know how important our organization is in making life better for all of us - for the individual, the...”

All ads and commercials end with the invitation for the viewer, the listener or reader to “Call now and ask for our brochure, ‘We Stand With You’, and provides the toll-free number, 1-800-545-1980.

This is an Awareness Program, not a recruiting campaign; but, there is no doubt good people naturally want to be associated with good people. Response on the 800-line to the advertising messages in 1990 were good and results of follow-up contacts indicate that good men are interested in knowing more about Freemasonry.

The goal of our Awareness Program is to revitalize our own values, commitment and leadership in Freemasonry...”

“Mr. Mason.” Available in the program are two 30-second television commercials; a 30-second and 60-second radio spots and two newspaper ads. For each medium, one version presents “Mr. Mason” in leisure attire and the other in business dress. Billboard sheets have been produced for a “MASON’S Men Who Make A Difference” message.

The “Keeping the Promise of America” brochure titled, “We Stand With You,” has been redesigned with larger type to be more reader friendly. It is sent to all who call the 800-number in response to the advertising. So the brochure also may be effective for use at open houses, parades or other community events, a mailing address and phone number for more information has been included.

“Taking the message of Freemasonry throughout the large state of Pennsylvania is a big task, but it is a major challenge of our times. In his inaugural address, Grand Master W. Scott Snook proclaimed, “over the next two years, Masonic Awareness is our Grand Lodge Mission.”

Masons of Pennsylvania continuing to work together will “Keep the Promise of America.”

April 1990 Lodge Program Competition Participants

The response to the Committee on Masonic Education’s April Program Competition was tremendous, and indicative of the interest the members have in participating in the Lodge Program of America. Below is the remainder of the list of participants in the 1990 Competition. The District winners are marked with an asterisk (*). We thank those departments who look forward to meeting the challenge and to head up the project at the Grand Lodge level.

The Committee is so fortunate to have Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to assist them in the program. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.

The tapes developed by the guests at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will be available through The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Knights Ten Masonic Education. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.

Mr. Mason’s records are filled with family names that show how his membership consisted of entire families; fathers, sons, grandfathers, as well as uncles and other relatives — all belonging to the community Masonic Lodge. Today we are beginning to see a resumption of this Masonic lineage. But it is important to know how important our organization is in making life better for all of us - for the individual, the community...”

The committee on Masonic Education realises that there is a need for a brochure entitled, “Father to Son and Father to Son,” to promote renewed family interest in Masonry. This brochure will tell us that a father and/or son can use to communicate his feelings about the Fraternity, without violating his Masonic obligations. The Education Committee will publish this brochure for use by our membership in the near future. This program can be used in conjunction with “Friendly to Friend.”

If you have a need for this publication, please let your Lodge Education chairmen know so that he can order a supply for your Lodge from the Education Office when they are available.

April 1990 Lodge Program Competition Participants

The response to the Committee on Masonic Education’s April Program Competition was tremendous, and indicative of the interest the members have in participating in the Lodge Program of America. Below is the remainder of the list of participants in the 1990 Competition. The District winners are marked with an asterisk (*). We thank those departments who look forward to meeting the challenge and to head up the project at the Grand Lodge level.

The Committee is so fortunate to have Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to assist them in the program. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.

The tapes developed by the guests at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will be available through The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Knights Ten Masonic Education. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.

Mr. Mason’s records are filled with family names that show how his membership consisted of entire families; fathers, sons, grandfathers, as well as uncles and other relatives — all belonging to the community Masonic Lodge. Today we are beginning to see a resumption of this Masonic lineage. But it is important to know how important our organization is in making life better for all of us - for the individual, the community...”

The committee on Masonic Education realises that there is a need for a brochure entitled, “Father to Son and Father to Son,” to promote renewed family interest in Masonry. This brochure will tell us that a father...”

If you have a need for this publication, please let your Lodge Education chairman know so that he can order a supply for your Lodge from the Education Office when they are available.

April 1990 Lodge Program Competition Participants

The response to the Committee on Masonic Education’s April Program Competition was tremendous, and indicative of the interest the members have in participating in the Lodge Program of America. Below is the remainder of the list of participants in the 1990 Competition. The District winners are marked with an asterisk (*). We thank those departments who look forward to meeting the challenge and to head up the project at the Grand Lodge level.

The Committee is so fortunate to have Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to assist them in the program. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.

The tapes developed by the guests at The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will be available through The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Knights Ten Masonic Education. We will keep you apprised of the progress of this fine committee. Future issues of the Pennsylvania Freemason will list those topics available on tape.
A Beginning and An End

The year 1991 marks a double Masonic bicentennial. On April 23, 1791 a baby began his life among us in a log cabin near Cove Gap, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and a man, though still young, left this life, in Vienna, Austria, on December 30, 1791. It was the same year that they were a generation apart in age, and each was a child of his time. Both were Freemasons. There, the similarity ends. The baby grew up to be a solid son of nineteenth-century America, to the extent that he became the nineteenth President of the United States; James Buchanan (1791-1868), District Deputy Grand Master and member of Lodge No. 43 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The young man, an eighteenth-century European cosmopolitan, left a legacy unmatchted in the world of music Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

Masonic Reading By Tape

It was just one of those normally busy days at The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when my telephone rang yet again. The most pleasant voice on the other end of the line introduced itself as Bro. C. Edward Elling, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. A most interesting and enlightening conversation ensued concern a project that Bro. Elling had undertaken: that of publishing some of the more important Masonic books onto tape for the use of those persons who have problems reading the normal texts. This group would include those with partial vision problems and those who have lost their sight entirely. Who says that we cannot continue to educate those interested in the Craft and to continue to feed those of our Brethren “to Masonic Light”?

In further discussions, I found that this project would include several of the books authored by Brother Allen E. Roberts, who over the years has made an exciting impact on the Craft and in the field of Masonic Education particularly. Wanting to know more of the details about this project, I called Bro. Roberts and learned that the various tapes would be handled through The Philalethes Society and their Librarian Bro. Harold L. Davidson. During our conversation, Bro. Roberts and I discussed the possibility of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania securing copies for use in our own Circulating Library here in Philadelphia. His response was an enthusiastic “Yes!” which could and would be possible. Just as soon as the details can be worked out, copies will be secured and placed in our Circulating Library for those wishing to use these valuable “Working Tools.”

Just a brief word to bring you up to date on The Friends of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania: We are pleased that interest is beginning to grow in this area. We now have over thirty persons who have joined this group of three categories available. The Board of Directors and I sincerely hope that we will be able to count many of you as part of this important group within The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.
Has Your Will Had a Check-Up Lately?

Have you put your Will away and forgotten it? It could be time to take a good look at it and review it. It may require minor treatment. Or, a complete check-up could reveal the necessity of major surgery.

Making a Will is serious business. Anyone who has made a Will can recall feeling a real sense of accomplishment: “That’s it. It’s over and finished!” A perfectly natural reaction . . . but it leads to the most common mistake than an individual can make concerning their Will. Now that your Will remains sound permanently. Years pass; families grow, multiply, and decline; circumstances change; friends move away; your named executor becomes ill and cannot longer handle your affairs . . .

Because of these, and many more similar reasons, it is just a good practice to read your Will once a year. As a result you will be reminded of prior decisions and changes.

Symptoms To Look For:
1. Growing children. Special provisions related to needs of minors may indicate the need for revisions.
2. Change in marital status. If you marry, divorce, or if you are separated and seriously considering divorce. Death of a spouse. Common law marriages are recognized as legal in some states including Pennsylvania. The marriage will be valid even if the persons later move to a state that does not allow common law marriages. There is no such thing as a common law divorce; no matter how a marriage begins, to end it must go through formal divorce proceedings. It is often difficult to verify the legitimacy of an out-of-country divorce, discuss this with your lawyer to evaluate its legitimacy when preparing your Will.
3. Birth of a child. A new family member could necessitate changes to carry out your wishes and make the proper provisions for future education. This would also include the adoption of a child.

4. Death of a parent, spouse, child, beneficiary, or executor calls for a close examination of your Will. This is assuming you have no provision for such a change in your current Will, i.e. “in the event this person named predeceases me I leave that specific portion to another (named) or another specific institution.”

5. Move. A change in permanent legal residence from one state to another requires consultation with your attorney concerning this will put your mind at ease.

6. Exchange of assets. A change in the nature or growth of assets is an occasion for examination.

7. Tax laws. Recent changes in estate tax laws have made many Wills out of date in light of these many changes, a review is very wise.

8. Gifts. Recent or contemplated gifts, to you or others, could make changes and additions and reviews.

A change in permanent legal residence in your current Will, i.e. “in the event this person named predeceases me I leave that specific portion to another (named) or another specific institution.”

9. Change in marital status. If you marry, divorce, or if you are separated and seriously considering divorce. Death of a spouse. Common law marriages are recognized as legal in some states including Pennsylvania. The marriage will be valid even if the persons later move to a state that does not allow common law marriages. There is no such thing as a common law divorce; no matter how a marriage begins, to end it must go through formal divorce proceedings. It is often difficult to verify the legitimacy of an out-of-country divorce, discuss this with your lawyer to evaluate its legitimacy when preparing your Will.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has prepared a Will for which you will automatically and immediately go into effect if you have not written your own , regardless of your known personal desires. You are determined to have died “intestate” and the laws and statutes of “Descent and Distribution” will govern whom will be given your personal estate and in what proportion.

Let’s consider for a moment that you did die prior to the preparation of a Will or any other instrument which would pass outside your estate. The intestate share to your spouse is as follows:

First, if there are no children or parents, your spouse would receive your entire estate;

Second, if there are no children and, you are survived by a parent or parents, your spouse would receive the first $30,000 plus one-half of the balance of your estate. The other half would go to the parent or parents;

Third, if there are children, all of whom are of the surviving spouse also, the first $30,000 plus one-half of the balance of your estate would go to your spouse and, the other half would go directly to the child or children.

Fourth, if there are surviving children, one or more of whom are not issue of the surviving spouse, your spouse would only receive one-half of your estate.

...continued on page 9
Belleville Masonic Lodge Pays Tribute To Bro. Harry C. Menold

The Lodge No. 256 Free and Accepted Masons recently paid a tribute to Bro. Harry C. Menold.

Bro. Menold was initiated into the Belleville Lodge April 15, 1919. Now 101 years old, he was born September 13, 1888, in Mill Creek, Huntingdon County. In 1926, he married the former Edith D. Dickert, who died in April 1985.

He continued to be a pattern maker. He then was hired as a manual training department. He worked for the D & A Speakers Talking To Lodges, Civic Clubs

Since the formation of the Speakers Team for the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, members have addressed a number of Masonic Lodge meetings, meetings of Masons and their wives, Royal and Select Masons, and Rotary Clubs.

A number of the presentations have generated gifts to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation — D & A.

Members can arrange for a program speaker for their Lodges and civic and social groups by contacting the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation — D & A at the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. Phone (717) 367-1121.

D & A Speakers Talking To Lodges, Civic Clubs

Demonstrating a case study during a Student Assistance Team training program in March for Philadelphia School District participants at the Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, are (left to right) Novella Abel-Haqq, a counselor; Stephen Welch, an administrator; Linda Golden, a nurse; R. W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. (standing); Gwendolyn Porter, the Philadelphia project administrator, and Gregory Shannon, a special education teacher. Other program participants in the background observe the demonstration of the case study.

By the end of this school year there are 60 Student Assistance Teams serving the 194,000 students in the Philadelphia School District. The help of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children has played a key role in making that possible.

Gwendolyn A. Porter, the Project Administrator for Student Substance Abuse Programs in the Philadelphia School District, in January wrote R. W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., President of the Masonic Foundation — D & A:

"Over the past three years, 47 Student Assistance core teams have been trained in Elizabethtown at the Patton Campus. Over 100 police officers, community members and other professionals have also attended these trainings...

"Without your support, thousands of students, teachers and administrators would never have had the opportunity to engage in an initiative of this magnitude. I cannot express my appreciation adequately. However, I would like to convey to all of the Masonic leaders that the Patton Campus has truly become a fertile ground on which our staff development hinges."

Early in March, 60 Philadelphia teachers, nurses and administrators completed training at the Patton Campus increasing the number of the city's School District teams to 57. During that training session, Past Grand Masters Steinberg and Harlan B. Ball met with Ms. Porter to confirm a contract from the Masonic Foundation — D & A that will enable the training to continue next year.

The importance and effectiveness of the Student Assistance Program supported by the Masonic Foundation is evident in statistics Ms. Porter described of the Philadelphia project now in its third year.

Throughout the eight city school districts during the first five months of this year, 54 Student Assistance Teams have been involved with 1,517 students. Compare that with 13 teams involved with 261 cases in 1988-89 and 27 teams involved with 1,472 in 1989-90.

From those cases, through January of this term 614 were assessed for drug and alcohol assistance referrals (108 in all of '87-85 and 274 in all of '89-90) and 216 were assessed for mental health assistance referrals (80 in all of '89-90).

The kind of assistance rendered to the Philadelphia Student Assistance Program is just one of the important projects the Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children makes possible by virtue of grants totaling more than $1 million dollars that it has made in its five-year history.
From the Grand Secretary's Desk...

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

My Brethren,

While at the Conference of Grand Secretaries recently, I had the opportunity to be with Grand Officers from the newly re-organized Grand Lodges of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. I was impressed with the cost and desirability of getting them to adopt the Highway Program. The genuine expression of Brotherly Love was very evident. It has been many years since Eastern Rite lodges had the privilege of Masonic membership. It is significant that Freemasonry became one of the first organizations to be re-established upon shedding the mantle of dictatorial Communism. Hungary has also had a re-organization of its Grand Lodge.

This experience has caused me to reassess some thoughts and concerns which have been bothering me for years. Mainly, why do so many Members in the United States fail to see the value of the Highway Program? Is it because of its relationship to cost. How many of us purchase the cheapest priced item available in the category in which we are looking? Know that when I am looking to purchase I assume the more expensive to be better quality.

I am convinced that we have created Freemasonry's greatest problem by making it too easily obtainable and too cheaply reusable. I believe that to be better quality.

For jurisdictions in the United States, the financial cost to become a Member and the dues to remain a Member are considerably less than other Grand Jurisdictions. However, many Members are too many times higher than those of any Lodge in our Jurisdictions. The cost to affiliate with the Fraternity, in many, represents a large percentage of a petitioner's annual salary. In addition, many Grand Jurisdictions require a notch and setting, which are required to be in advance, giving justifiable cause. Failure to do so can result in suspension. Recently received a Lodge Notice from St. Oswald Lodge No. 520 in Burlington, England, and I quote from this Notice: "From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge especially when warned to appear at it, without inviting a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him."

For many years we have heard it stated that we have "sold" Freemasonry too cheaply. Our greatest concern seems to be to make Freemasonry readily accessible to anyone who wishes to say "I am a Freemason." It is my evaluation that the result has been that far too many of our Members take their membership for granted, and this fact alone has undeniably caused a decline in the prestige of Masonic membership.

Lack of interest must be directly related to lack of assumed value, and lack of value to lack of what we expect and require.

To reverse this trend, we should take a very serious look at how easy we have made it to be a Freemason and give some serious consideration to whether this is the pathway we wish to continue to follow. Our decision may well determine our future.

Subordinate Lodge Accounting Program

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is beginning the first full year of the Subordinate Lodge Accounting Program. This program was designed to assist the Subordinate Lodges in their accounting system and also to provide for a simplified procedure of completing Subordinate Lodge audits. Forty-six Lodges participated in the program this past year, and, although there were some "bugs" to be ironed out of the system, which generally the results with any new program, the responses received from most of the participants have been highly favorable.

The program utilizes financial information provided by Subordinate Lodges through the Grand Lodge computer system to compile a hard copy return on a monthly basis. The return is then sent to the Subordinate Lodge to verify accuracy. At the end of the year this final program should supply all information necessary to complete the Subordinate Lodge audits. The numbers assigned to the accounting system ties in with those of the audit report.

It was Grand Lodge's purpose in developing this program to decrease the amount of time required by Subordinate Lodge Secretaries and Audit Committees when dealing with their financial responsibilities. It is the hope of the Grand Lodge that other Lodges will avail themselves of this opportunity in the future.

Your Lodge Needs You

Are your 1991 dues paid? Suspension from your symbolic Lodge automatically excludes you from all Masonic privileges including membership in all Appendant Bodies.
“Grand Lodge Special Communication”

A Special Communication was held in lieu of the March Quarterly Communication on Tuesday, April 12, 1991 at the Lancaster Masonic Center, 213 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Communication was held to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the birthdate of President and Brother James Buchanan. A Vesper Service was held Monday, April 22, 1991 at First Presbyterian Church — 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, this being the Church Brother James Buchanan attended. Tours of Wheatland, the home of Brother Buchanan, originated from the Willow Valley Family Resort. Also, a banquet, with entertainment, was held in Willow Valley Family Resort’s Palm Court.

CONFERENCE, continued from page 2

The month of February was a busy month for the Officers of your Grand Lodge. Included during the month was the Conference of Grand Masters and the Conference of Grand Secretaries meeting in San Diego. The Conferences were attended by all Officers of the Grand Lodge as well as six of your R.W. Past Grand Masters.

Our R.W. Grand Master, Bro. W. Scott Stoner, was elected to the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association during their meeting held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters.

On our R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, presided over the Conference of Grand Secretaries as President concluding his term of office. The banquet hosted by the Conference of Grand Secretaries on Monday, February 18, 1991, was extremely honored by having as its speaker Bro. Ernest Bourgaine, the Academy Award winning actor. He is probably best known as Commander McHale on television’s McHale’s Navy.

More importantly to us, however, he is a dedicated Freemason who gives freely of his time on behalf of the Fraternity and its charities. The photographs on page 2 was taken prior to the Monday night banquet.

Lodge No. 61

At an Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 61, Wilkes-Barre, held on November 9, 1990, Past Master Randolph H. Yekel, had the honor of seeing two of his sons, his son-in-law and an adopted nephew, raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.


Mason Honored for 50 Years

On February 7, 1991, Cressona Lodge No. 426 honored Bro. Allen A. Becker, Past Master, for 50 years of Masonic service. Bro. Becker was initiated into Freemasonry on March 6, 1941. He served as Worshipful Master of Cressona Lodge No. 426 in 1963. He also served as treasurer for 45 years. On November 12, 1984 he was presented the Grand Master’s Award for “Outstanding Services to Freemasonry.” It was presented in person by the then Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter. Presenting the 50 year pin to Bro. Allen A. Becker, Past Master, is Bro. Charles H. Detwiler I, District Deputy Grand Master. Also participating in the 50 year pin presentation are Bro. Jeffrey H. Potts, Worshipful Master and Bro. Ray Becker, Past Master.


Independent Living Community — Enhance Your Leisure

The Independent Living Community is a place where your choices on how to spend your leisure time are enhanced. For those who prefer an active lifestyle, the Independent Living Community (I.L.C.) offers a variety of facilities and activities to accommodate you. Our facilities include a fitness center, a game room featuring a full-sized pool table and dartboard, a wood-working shop, nature walking trails and areas for bicycling, and gardening plots for those with a “green thumb.” Activities offered on a regular basis include craft workshops; special trips to local attractions such as Longwood Gardens, Hershey’s Chocolate World, and Columbia’s Watch and Clock Museum; festivities (often featuring live entertainment); special speakers; and planned weekly trips to area shopping malls, bowling lanes, and grocery stores.

As a member of our Community, you also have access to recreational facilities located elsewhere on the grounds of Masonic Homes. These facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a gymnasium, and a fishing pond.

For those who prefer a more restful form of leisure, the I.L.C. offers a library where you can relax with a good novel, work on a puzzle, or engage in a quiet game of cards. Our coffee shop is the ideal place to meet with friends for food and lively conversation.

To Receive More Information About Our Community, Please Return the Reply Coupon in This Issue.

(To complete coupon, see page 10.)

To: Independent Living Community

6555 Braden Road

c/o Masonic Homes

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Name ___________________________

Address _________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________

Evening Phone: ____________________

To complete coupon, see page 10.