
PREPARING FOR THE PARADE—Two Brethren from Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, (left), Patrolman, are shown prior to the parade with R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt and 14th District Deputy Grand Master Randall A. Thorne, Sr.


Joining R.W. Grand Master Hohenshilt and his Lady, Lena, in leading the division of Freemasons was Bro. Robert G. Boone, P.D.D.G.M., Executive Director of Grand Lodge Operations and his Lady, Barbara, and Bro. Richard G. Hawk, Junior Grand Deacon, and his Lady, Marilyn.

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The Grand Lodge Leads 400 In Friendship to Friend Unit Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Throop Borough

More than 400 Brethren and youth of the Masonic Family lead by R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt not only showed the Friend to Friend colors, but also took top honors as the longest marching unit in the parade to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Throop.

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Brother Carl W. Stenberg, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, died at the age of 77 on August 4, 1994.

Born December 6, 1916, he was educated in the Pittsburgh public schools and was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1946 after service in the Army, he settled in Whitehall Borough.

Brother Stenberg was Entered, Passed and Raised in Dallas Lodge No. 508 in 1948 and became a Warrant Member of Whitehall Lodge No. 794, serving as its Worshipful Master in 1966. He served as a Lodge Trustee in 1967 and was representative to the Grand Lodge from 1968 to 1979.

He was elected in Mt. Moriah Council No. 2 R. & S. M., was Exalted in Crafton Royal Arch Chapter No. 312 and was Knighted in Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1. He held Membership in WA-CHA-GREE Forest No. 149, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal Order of Jesters, the Red Cross of Constantine, and Exsultor Mark Lodge Mark No. 396. He was elected to the Masonic Order of Jesters, Temple Chapter, Order of DeMolay; Trustee of the Masonic Fund Society for Allegheny County; and a Member of the Valley of Pittsburgh, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

In 1983, he was Coronated a 33rd Degree, having served as a District Deputy Grand Master for the 57th Masonic District, was Elected to the Grand Lodge Line as Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden in December 1980, served as Senior Grand Warden in 1982-1983, as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master in 1984-1985 and as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1986 and 1987.

Our Right Worshipful Past Grand Master's other activities included membership in the Boy Scouts of America in which he was an Eagle Scout, the Whitehall Athletic League, the Baldwin-Whitehall School Authority, and the Baldwin Community United Methodist Church.

He was a retired Vice President in the Trust Department of Mellon Bank and besides his widow, Mildred G. Bagga Stenberg, he leaves three sons - Carl III, Richard W. and Chris D., and seven grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Brother Stenberg, with Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Hiram P. Bell, founded The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. This organization became the model for the National Foundation. Using the slogan "Masons Care About Children," Brother Stenberg announced the Pennsylvania Foundation's formation at his Installation at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, 1985. In addition, Brother Stenberg was deeply involved in the Grand Lodge Task Force for Project Solomon II which commenced the rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

During his term as Grand Master, Brother Stenberg created and issued medallions and his clasps commemorate the Bicentennials of the Independence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the Grand Lodge of England, and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Brother Stenberg secured for our Masonic tradition the Masonic care about children. He has guaranteed that Masons and non-Masons alike know that although we are one of the world's oldest Fraternities, we address the vital questions that plague our youth today.

R. W. Past Grand Master John K. Young


Over the Net

One of five Lodges in Pennsylvania (20.4%) has a net Membership increase through September. Nicholson Lodge No. 438 (Dist. 15) in Region 7 leads with a 5.83% increase. Parker City Lodge No. 521 (Dist. 51) in Region 5 is second with a 4.77% increase. Lodges with a September YTD net increase of 2% or more:

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Memorial Contributions may be made to The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037.
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deaths, suspensions, etc. Grand Master Hohenhildt said enthusiastically: “The increases may not be big numbers right now, but they are PLUS — and there’s every indication we can look for greater results each month.”

In the first of a series of monthly progress reports provided to the Worshipful Master to present at his Stated Meeting, R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenhildt answered his own question: “Does Friend to Friend really work? Is Friend to Friend having an impact on Membership Development? After six months, I can say ‘yes’ with confidence.”

If we look at the facts, it is obvious that when good men hear about the Fraternity, they want to know more about Freemasonry and are likely to ask for Petitions. Right now, more good men are being initiated into our Fraternity — many because they responded to the Friend to Friend suggestion to ask a Friend who is a Mason. Grand Master Hohenhildt said, “After thirty-three consecutive years of casading Membership, it now appears that public education about Freemasonry communicated Friend to Friend style, is stemming the slide. With unanimity, we must be dedicated to the goal of turning the tide.”

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The enthusiasm with which the Friend to Friend Program was launched (despite being delayed until April 1 by severe winter weather), the diligence of the Lodge Task Force and the support of the Brethren are key elements of the Friend to Friend Program. If each of the four sub-committees – North, South, East and West – of the Task Forces of the 505 Lodges in Pennsylvania meets the goal of contacting one Friend to Friend contact a month, in a year’s time there could be 24,240 men who know more about Freemasonry and may take the opportunity to ask a Friend about the Fraternity.

Reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters verify that Lodges across the Jurisdiction have been very active in community involvement designed to communicate to the public, Friend to Friend, about Freemasonry. There have been Friend to Friend dinners, golf tournaments, parades, pancake breakfasts and bus trips – just to note a few events – to provide forums for Brethren to show worthy friends who we are, what we do and the educational value.

Grand Master Hohenhildt has said repeatedly that Friend to Friend is a program for every Mason in every Lodge – a program to involve every Mason and to benefit every Mason. Commenting about the impact of Friend to Friend on Membership Development, Grand Master Hohenhildt was noticeably elated and said: “For myself, for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and for Freemasons in Pennsylvania and Around the World, I say ‘thank you Brethren’ for your individual Friend to Friend enthusiasm and support.”

R. W. Grand Lodge Officers Conduct Cornerstone Ceremonies for Susquehanna Correctional Facility

On Saturday, Aug. 20, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania conducted a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for a new $4.6 million correctional facility in Northeastern Pennsylvania. An area newspaper, The Susquehanna County Transcript, reported the impressive event:

“If you’re big on pomp and circumstance and didn’t make the Cornerstone Laying and Dedication Ceremonies at the Susquehanna County Correctional Facility (fall in South Montrose on Saturday, you missed out. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons performed an elaborate ceremony according to ancient usages and customs... conducted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Brother George H. Hohenhildt of Harrisburg.”

Local Officials and dignitaries, including the Grand Lodge Officers and the Montrose Area High School students, conducted the program from under a large tent while more than 300 attendees enjoyed the ceremonies beneath a clear sky.

According to Bro. Dieter G. Dauber, District Deputy Grand Master for the 19th Masonic District, the community appreciated the participation of the Masonic Fraternity in placing the Cornerstone of the much-needed facility. He noted that this was another excellent Friend to Friend opportunity for the public to see and learn what Masons are, what Masons do and what Masons stand for.

The facility required almost 16 years to site and build. It replaces an outdated 127-year-old building which had failed to pass building codes. It presently holds 32 prisoners, but if utilized fully, it could house 102.

R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenhildt leads the Procession for the Laying of the Cornerstones for the Susquehanna County Correctional Facilities, South Montrose.

Perry Lodge a Good Example — Leadership Training Paying Dividends!

The Elected Officers of Perry Lodge No. 458 in Marysville attended the HIRAM I Leadership and Management Seminar in March of 1993 and it has resulted in progressive changes in the Lodge. Today’s Worshipful Master John A. Heffner credits participation in the Leadership and Management Program for good things happening. He says, “We are becoming more progressive, attitude at Stated Meetings averages about a hundred, and there seems to be a sense of rejuvenation, a real excitement that we are on the move.”

Senior Warden Larry A. Watts and immediate Past Master Henry A. Holman, III, the fellow Officers who also took part in the 16 hour of training last year, agree that they immediately began to view their Lodge from a different perspective. They recognize, especially for Perry Lodge, that HIRAM I made an important difference.

The HIRAM I process provides the Lodges’ leadership with methods to minimize the resources that their Lodges possess in order to enhance their Masonic Renewal effort. This is accomplished by training the leaders in basic skills for “Visioning, Goal-Setting, Planning, Communication-Building, Motivation, Team Building and Management.” In the process, the basic programs of Grand Lodge are integrated and the Lodge leadership is taught to stretch beyond their current paradigms — to be able to see a more positive way of managing the Lodge.

Bros. Holman, Heffner and Watts all say they have learned the importance of talking with their Members and finding out what their interests are. As a result, a number of changes has been made, such as:

With the cooperation and consensus of the Members, the Stated Meeting has become more efficient, shortened about 25 percent of one and a half hours. For example, the Secretary summarizes the minutes, but sees that the full minutes are posted for Members to read before or after the Meeting.

Perry Lodge No. 458 is one example where the investment in Leadership and Management training is paying fine Fraternal dividends.

Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. Scholarships Awarded

What better way to perpetuate the memory of our Founder, Brother Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W.P.G.M., than by the awarding of the Carl W. Stenberg, Jr. Scholarships? Bro. Stenberg made many things possible, most importantly the education of young people about substance abuse problems.

The scholarships have been established to honor students who have been referrer to local Department of Education teams. They must have had an assessment, and completed the recommendations of that assessment. These students must be seniors and have been accepted at an accredited post-secondary school.

Usually two scholarships are awarded each year. Each scholarship will provide the student with $5,000.00 per year, renewable for up to three additional years, for a total of $4,000.00. Students must maintain at least a “C” average on the equivalent of GPA on a 4.0 scale each year of their post-secondary education.

This year, because of a student who dropped out of the program last year, we were able to award three scholarships. One scholarship went to the 25th Masonic District – Mason Lodge No. 562, Scottsdale; the 27th Masonic District – Parian Lodge No. 662, Beaver Falls; and to the 45th Masonic District – Phoenix Lodge No. 75, Phoenixville.

These young people have overcome tremendous odds. They all start college this year with our best wishes and many prayers.

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Ches-Mont DeMolay Instituted

On May 21, Ches-Mont Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Norristown, became the second new DeMolay group to be organized in Pennsylvania this year. The Chapter joins Mountain Laurel Chapter in Susquehanna as the newest and one of the most enthusiastic DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania. Ches-Mont Chapter is co-sponsored by Warren Lodge No. 310, Fritz Lodge No. 420, Shiloh Lodge No. 558, and Norristown Lodge No. 620, where they now meet. The Chapter Advisor is Bro. David Quinn, and the Advisory Council Chairman is Bro. Harold Dennison. Ches-Mont Chapter is currently leading Pennsylvania DeMolay’s Membership recruitment efforts, having reached 150% of its annual goal.

DeMolay Leader Joins the Craft

While serving as State Master Councillor of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, Bro. Kris G. Sabin became a Member of Crafton Lodge No. 653 in Ingram. Bro. Sabin was Raised a Master Mason by Bro. Eugene L. Ballinger, Jr., P.M., assisted by a Team of Senior DeMolays who are also currently serving as DeMolay Advisors. Also, in attendance were Bros. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W.P.G.M. and Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania; Daniel L. Huber, D.D.G.M. of District No. 23; Kim W. Jeffreys, D.D.G.M. of District No. 25; David W. Kielman, D.D.G.M. of District No. 47; Sir Knight Robert E. Rayner, R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Thomas R. Lahagh, Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and David W. Berry, Executive Secretary for the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania.

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

Through the efforts of the Educational Endowment Fund Committee and the Masonic Organizations which sponsor programs within the Fund, 25 scholarships have been awarded in 1994, totaling $25,800.

Lodges Sponsor New Car

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of three Lodges in the Philadelphia area, The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has a new 1995 Chevrolet Caprice station wagon. St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529 contributed $10,000; Williamson-Corinthian Lodge No. 386 contributed $5,000; and Concordia Lodge No. 67 contributed $1,000 toward the purchase, which replaced a 1987 station wagon which has travelled over 115,000 miles. Special appreciation is extended to Bro. Joseph DiPinto, member of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation’s Advisory Board, for the coordination of this project.

Masonic Homes Grand Master’s Day

Sponsoring DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Job’s Daughters Bethels can bring new excitement and a stronger sense of community service. The youth groups provide a vital social and Fraternal outlet for young people. How can your Lodge sponsor new youth groups? Call The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation for details.
Bro. Vern H. Woodward, Inducted into International Society of Poets

Bro. Vern H. Woodward, a resident of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, is a gentleman who has taken hold of each day of his life. He has created lasting impressions through his earlier work as an engineer and now, at the age of 94, as an author, playwright, and poet.

In August, Bro. Woodward was invited to join the prestigious International Society of Poets and attended their three-day convention in Washington, D.C. He presented his poem, *Winter Night*, reminiscent of childhood nights spent on his family's 500-acre farm in frosty Minnesota. "... when the sky was so clear you felt you could just reach up and take a star from the sky." The convention was attended by poets of every state, every Canadian Province, and 32 foreign countries, as well as honored guests such as former Senator Eugene McCarthy, with whom Bro. Woodward had a chance to speak and discovered that they once lived within miles of each other.

At the convention, Bro. Woodward was presented with a plaque; but, more importantly, he attended seminars where he gained valuable information on copyright laws and was able to make contact with publishers. One or more of his poems will be published in an anthology of poetry by Lake Shore Publishing later this year or early next year. This will be the third anthology containing Bro. Woodward's poetry. His work was published by the National Library of Poetry and won the Editor's Award in 1993 and again in 1994; an honor presented to the top three percent of the hundreds of poems submitted. Bro. Woodward has written many stories, three plays, and a number of poems since starting to write in 1989 when he taught himself to type and use the word processor.

**WINTER NIGHT**

The wind blows hard and cold and harsh
Of frozen land and lake and marsh.
The skies are bright
with the northern light.
The stars are aglow
with a heavenly show.
If only one could reach that high
he could pluck a jewel from the night sky.
The universe in beauty shown
is God's creation, all His own.
The snow flake on which I trod
is one more precious gift from God.

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Vern H. Woodward

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**A New "HOME" for the Children at the Masonic Homes**

The Committee on Masonic Homes approved, as part of a comprehensive master plan for the Masonic Homes, the move of its Children's Home program into a more homelike environment.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new Children's Home, a new facility consisting of two renovated and expanded houses on campus with a new duplex built between the two houses. The new facility, when completed by year-end, will house all thirty-two residents of the Children's Home.

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**ENJOY GOLFING**

The PGA tour is not the only game in town! The residents may not be quite ready for the tour, but they do have a lot of fun playing the game.

The residents get together several times a year as a group and play at various courses in the area. This particular golf outing was played at Par-Line Golf Course which is just ten minutes from the Masonic Homes.

The winners were Colleen Garver, John VanHorn, Bill Moore, and Bill Handy. Second-place winners were John Plantz, Ben Kell, Art Nuss, and Woody Watts. The closest to the pin was Colleen Garver and the longest drive was hit by John Plantz.

They are always looking for new members to join them. If you would like to play in their tournaments, sign up now for the priority list so that maybe next summer you'll be in one of the foursomes.

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**Director of Children's Services Needed at the Masonic Homes**

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is seeking a Director of Children's Services for the administration of its Children's Home program. The current director will be retiring on January 5, 1995. The Children's Home currently has the capacity to serve 32 children and is undergoing a construction project to move children from a dormitory setting into a more homelike environment. Completion of this project is anticipated by the end of this year.

Preference will be given to applicants with a Master's degree or equivalent combination of training and education, at least five years' experience with children and adolescents and at least three years in a management or supervisory capacity. Interested applicants should submit their resume to:

Director of Human Resources
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199
717/367-4522

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**New Rental Apartments Schedule**

Construction is underway for three additional rental apartment buildings which will include efficiency and one-bedroom apartments. Floor plans have been developed and are available to prospective residents. The following is the projected number of units and dates of completion:

**Brown Apartments**
29 one-bedroom and 2 efficiency - Completion: 8/95
21 one-bedroom and 3 efficiency - Completion: 9/95
9 one-bedroom and 4 efficiency - Completion: 10/95

We are continuing to accept applications for the priority list for these apartments. As of August 31, there were 94 names on the list, so don't delay if you are interested.

For additional information on rates and other services, complete and mail the coupon above or call our Marketing office at 1-800-676-6452.
**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Masonic Homes’ Outreach Program is continuing its effort to serve the Masonic community in new and innovative ways. As an alternative to serving Masons only at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, the Outreach Program has been working with Masons and their families all across the United States to help locate long-term housing, arrange property tax abatement, establish in-home medical care, arrange community-sponsored adult day care, and provide financial assistance. While many of the people we serve live in Pennsylvania, we have been privileged to help some other Pennsylvania Masons as far away as Florida, Arizona, California, and Oregon.

We can look back on our first six months and easily identify our accomplishments and maintain a keen understanding that we have only touched a very small portion of an ever-growing population. The aging of the Masonic Fraternity will continue; even while the Friend to Friend campaign grows. This phenomenon is not unique to Freemasonry. It is common across our entire society. And as our aging population increases, the demands on our social support systems become greater. Nursing and retirement home space is limited; the financial support offered by private and governmental bodies is being strained; tax burdens are causing communities to re-evaluate the services they provide. The Masonic Homes is fortunate to be able to provide excellent care to a large and grateful group of people. The management of the Masonic Homes has been strong and progressive in the midst of ever-changing times. As Pennsylvania Freemasons have traditionally provided for ourselves, we must continue to develop our own responses to the difficulties presented to our aging population.

Education is a vital tool we can apply in this effort. Our understanding of services and programs can help us plan for our own futures properly. Even when we plan well, circumstances can drastically change our plans. A serious illness, an automobile accident, or loss of employment might upset the best laid plans for the future. The knowledge of what support exists in the community may often mean the difference between an active, confident response to a crisis or a feeling of despair and failure that would have destroyed long-term effects.

The Outreach Program wants to bring this education to the Masonic Brethren. Our plan is to provide educational seminars across the state at the regional level. Topics may include Living Wills, Medicare, Alzheimer’s, Family, Raising Mortgages, or Coping with Grief. For information please call 1-800-462-7664.

Since we are now in the process of developing this program, Outreach requests your input to help us determine which topics would be most interesting and most helpful to you. With that, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete and return the survey located between pages 8 & 9 of this Newsletter.

**MASONIC CHARITIES**

**‘94 Fund Drive off to a great start!**

Each Fall Pennsylvania Masons are asked to contribute to the annual Masonic Charities appeal. Already thousands of Brothers throughout the state have responded to R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt’s recent letter, “It’s truly amazing” says Bro. Fred Rissinger, Development and Public Relations Manager for Masonic Charities. “One of the things I look forward to each Fall is the outstanding response from Brothers to our annual Appeal.”

**Six different charities benefit**


**How to make your gift to Masonic Charities**

Members make their gifts in response to the mailings sent in the Fall months. If the forms are mislaid or not available, all a Member has to do is make out a check to Masonic Charities and return it to Masonic Charities Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199.

**“How much should I give?”**

Bro. Rissinger is encouraged by an increase in the average gift. Last year it averaged just under $45.00. “If we can maintain this average gift—or just a little bit more—and get another 10% of the Fraternity Members to participate we’ll go over the top,” says Bro. Rissinger.

**Grand Lodge Of Pennsylvania Introduces New Visa Card**

First USA is pleased to announce a great new benefit being offered on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. You can now carry the only Visa card that helps support the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at an extraordinary low rate. We’ve also made arrangements for the Members and their families to get this Visa card with no annual fee.

**A Breath of Fresh Air - CPR and DeMolay**

Some Masons are never too busy to be active in community work. Bro. Jerome A. Sculillo, P.M. of Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift, Past Advisor to DeMolay’s Kisk Valley Chapter and Past Deputy to DeMolay, definitely does not live in the past. Having learned cardiac-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques from the American Red Cross and taught them to his DeMolays, he “got hooked,” as he says, and now serves the Red Cross as a CPR, safety and first aid instructor. A quality assurance inspector at Westinghouse Electric, he also gives CPR courses at work. He gets great satisfaction when former CPR students who return for refresher courses tell him of lives saved because of the skills they taught him. Bro. Sculillo is a volunteer par excellence!

**A "Grand" Degree Confirmed**

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Past Grand Master, second from right, had the distinct pleasure of Conferring the Entered Apprentice Mason’s Degree on his grandson, Bro. Scott D. Harris, second from left. Robert Burns Lodge No. 44, assisting in the Degree were Bros. Charles R. Trimmer, R.W., as Senior Warden and W. Scott Stout, R.W. Past Grand Master, right, who served as Junior Warden.
Masonic Education

Bristol Lodge No. 25

Lodge has been one of the perfect autumn weather, popular attractions on the tour. October, the Borough of Bristol

with a tall ship or two, a strong and personal responsibility to every one of his Brothers in the Lodge. We are told that only 10% you? What are you doing about it? the Members do not come to Lodge Meeting on a regular basis. We have been told that 90% of the Members do not come to Lodge Meetings on a regular basis. Is this true in your Lodge? Does this bother you? What are you doing about it?

Each Member of every Blue Lodge has a strong and personal responsibility to every one of his Brothers in the Lodge. Each of us is charged to care about his fellow Masons and to be concerned whether or not they do not attend Lodge. We must do something about the Members who do not attend.

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Sons to Father Brochure

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Grand Master Presents 60-Year Certificate

Bro. George H. Hohenshilt, R.W. Grand Master (pictured left), presented a 60-year certificate to Bro. David M. Myers (center), Member of Newport Lodge No. 381. Also assisting in the presentation was Bro. Michael L. Smith (right), D.D.G.M., 19th Masonic District.

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Where are the Members of Your Lodge?

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If we take these comments and apply them to our Blue Lodge, does the story change? What percentage of the Members of the Lodge attend Lodge Meetings on a regular basis? We have been told that 90% of the Members do not come to Lodge Meetings on a regular basis. Is this true in your Lodge? Does this bother you? What are you doing about it?

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Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

Office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 will be held on Thursday, September 7, 1994 at 10:00 A.M., at which time the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Homes will be elected.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Eliminating One Year Rule for Petitioners

WHEREAS, FRIEND TO FRIEND has been initiated to bring about Membership gains; and

WHEREAS, each Lodge in Pennsylvania has appointed or will appoint four Task Force committees to organize and coordinate the FRIEND TO FRIEND program; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of ARTICLE 21.01 of the Ahiman Rezon may be detrimental to the Membership Increase; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Master has issued a directive to suspend that portion of ARTICLE 21.01 which requires that one Recommender of a Petitioner must have known the Petitioner for a minimum period of one year;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved That ARTICLE 21.01 be amended by removing from the last sentence of the second paragraph the following: "and one of whom shall have known the Petitioner for at least one year" so that the last sentence of the second paragraph of ARTICLE 21.01 shall now read "He must be recommended by two Master Masons, Members of the Lodge."
My Brethren:

I recall a quotation I heard many years ago, "When you place your hand in a flowing stream, you touch the last that has gone before and the first that is yet to come." A man's relevant position in history and our position in Freemasonry is as that hand. We stand today as the hand in the flowing stream of Freemasonry touching the last that has gone before and the first that is yet to come. There is a distinctive difference, however, between the hand in the water and us. The hand has no power to change the ultimate destiny of the flow of the water. But we, my Brethren, have the capacity and the power to change the ultimate destiny of Freemasonry. Indeed, what we are doing today will determine where Freemasonry is in all of the tomorrows.

Regrettably, many Members of our Craft will not only leave no Fraternal impact but will not even leave evidence of their presence. Yet, we all have the capability of doing so. If each of us influenced only one man in a way that caused him to see the greatness of our Fraternity, that influence could change his life and thus be passed on through generations yet unborn.

Our R.W. Grand Master has instituted a new program in Pennsylvania Freemasonry known as Friend to Friend. Since influential effort is self-perpetuating, this program offers each to us the opportunity to extend our influence through the ages. It is normally designed not only to influence but also to have a major impact on our Fraternity's future. It is to function as an educational program to let those outside the Craft know who we are and what we do. It is a program not just to increase the quantity of our influence but to improve quality through the education of quality men. The quality man is out there. Our goal must be to educate him to the value of Freemasonry to him, to society, and to the world.

Even though, due to severe weather conditions, the program did get off the ground until April, our Lodges have reported an increase of 547 Initiations through the end of July. If the impact this will have on Lodge operations is immeasurable. Lodge operation depends upon both the quantity and quality of its Members. Our influence is expanded as our numbers are increased.

The Friend to Friend program is perhaps the greatest that could be developed to provide a mechanism whereby we can increase Membership through a methodology of education, eliminating any need to consider solicitation.

I am convinced that Freemasonry's greatness is the result of two major precepts which guide our practices: (1) We have provided an environment whereby men of all walks of life could sit as equals, and (2) We have attracted the greatest minds available in all ages. Our future depends on retaining these precepts.

This is the reason that the Friend to Friend program can be so successful! We have provided the opportunity to improve the quality of the Craft while improving the quantity of the Craft. When we evolved from a Fraternity of the practitioner to a Fraternity of the idealist, we forged the character of an organization that was idealistic. We must never lose that idealism. Society needs that character perhaps more than ever before. Freemasonry was the source from which it was drawn in the past; it can be now, and it can remain so in the future.

The Friend to Friend program has provided each one of us with the opportunity to ensure not only a Masonic future, but a GREAT Masonic future. It is our fervent hope that each of you will be a part of that future. May it never be said of us that we failed to direct the flowing stream of Freemasonry to anything but a glowing future of contribution to mankind. Thus, we will be as we have always been.

There have been some fine additions to the Circulating Library since the Circulating Library Catalogue was reprinted in early 1992. Some of these are tape recordings (indicated by AT) before the number) and video tapes (VHS, whose numbers are prefixed by AVT). A partial list follows:

- Scottish Rite Freemasonry: A Conscience for America.
- The story of the Scottish Rite. By The Supreme Council, 33º, A.A.S.R., N.M.J. AVT 28
- Friend to Friend: A Brotherhood Undivided.
- The account of the festivities surrounding the dedication of the Friend to Friend Monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1993. By The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania AVT 32
- Truman: An excellent biography of Bro. and President Harry S. Truman. By David McCullough 118
- Beneath the Masonic secrecy. By C. Bruce Hunter 86B
- The account of the Freemason who was given the privilege of addressing those assembled. On August 5, Brother Jackson also made an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming with the title of "Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretary".

S.O.S. Do Not Throw, Sell, or Have!

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania needs your help! After an informational meeting held by the Board of Directors last August and based upon information presented by Bro. Edward O. Weisen, B. W. Deputy Grand Master, it was agreed that we would undertake a new and exciting program for the benefit of The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

There are many occasions when families of Members of the Craft do not know what to do with some of the items that our Brothers collect over the years in the Fraternity. What we need from our readers are any of the Grand Master Medallions which may have made their way into your houses. Rather than having them make their way into the trash or being sold at flea markets, why not donate them to The Masonic Library and Museum? Should you have such Medallions, please contact the Director at the above address so that you might be completely informed concerning this important project.

NORTH TO ALASKA

The Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

Alaska Glacier Route Cruise Tour

(First Week of August 1997)

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Plus selected options.

The total cost for the cruise, airfare and options has not been determined at this time. However, the cruise fare has been guaranteed at 1994 prices.

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Enclosed is my check payable to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the amount of $100.00 for each reservation. Refund of deposit will be made up to May 1, 1997 on all cancellations except for 10%.

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