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Friend to Friend
“Do a Friend a Favor - Use it!”

The Master Mason and his Blue Lodge are the keystone of Freemasonry—the centerpiece in making it all come together for Friend to Friend to “turn the tide” in Membership Development.

Five Masons met Friend to Friend one evening late in March in the home of Bro. Robert L. Corle, Worshipful Master of Bedford Lodge No. 320, to talk on the Level about Freemasonry and the Friend to Friend Program. With him were two Brethren from his Lodge: Bro. Tom L. Livingston, a long-time Member of the Craft, and Bro. Steven D. Miller, who was Raised just months ago. The other two were Bro. George H. Hohenshmidt R.W. Grand Master, and Bro. Kenneth R. House, District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th Masonic District.

It was an evening of on-the-Level discussion among Brethren that started in the living room then carried over to the dinner table. The Brethren began talking about who Masons are, what Masons do and what they believe. Then they considered public awareness and education. Friend to Friend topped off the conversation emphasizing the value and importance of those activities NOW.

Early in the dialogue, when Bro. Miller explained why he had wanted to join the Fraternity, the other Brethren recognized the impact that the Friend to Friend message is bound to have upon good men in the community. An entrepreneur with a young family and owner of two businesses, Bro. Miller explained: “I joined to see what I could do for somebody else... I felt that I could join and my share of my commitment would be representative of the ways it (Freemasonry) helps others. Once I became a Mason, though, I realized that what I was thinking was just the tip of the iceberg—there is a lot more to it. I mean, the brotherhood, the camaraderie... Now, I find myself being more involved.”

The Grand Master observed, “Steve, you wouldn’t be a Mason—you wouldn’t have joined, if you hadn’t had, as you termed it, a favorable opinion. That opinion had to be derived from people you know or heard about who are Masons... and obviously that attracted you to this Fraternity.”

“That’s really what Friend to Friend is about — an educational tool we can use with non-Masons to let them know who we are, what we do and what we believe... Maybe non-Masons will do as you have done and find a favorable opinion of us and become a Member of our Fraternity.”

Bro. Livingston, who heads the sales operations for a large dairy, has been active in Bedford Lodge, serving in a number of ways over the years. He is as enthusiastic in talking about Masonry as he is in his successful sales work. He said: “I’m very grateful that Masonry is saying that we’re a proud organization, we’re doing a lot of wonderful things and there are lots of good people who ought to be a part of it!”

“When you meet a good man—and you know he is a good man—Friend to Friend, give him a brochure.”

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Friend to Friend, Friend to Friend, Friend to Friend.

In the business world, one is taught that the three most important things are "get a Client, get a Client, get a Client." The reason that is so important should be obvious: Without the client, or customer, there is no business. Freemasonry needs, in its Fraternal way, to apply that business imperative to its Membership Development program (if we have one and we do).

To be successful in business, one needs good products and good services. In Freemasonry, we have good products and outstanding services (although there are our Members and clients — worthy men among our friends, neighbors, and business associates — who do not know what they are).

Our Members and our clients need to know what Masons, what Masons do and what Masons believe. Freemasonry is 278 years "young" and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is 264 years "young." The reason we have such longevity is obvious, at least to this Mason: We stand for the right things, we do the right things and we believe the right things. I believe most all Masons feel the same way I do.

If you agree with me, you can — I hope you will — tell them something about it right now. Friend to Friend is the most outstanding Masonic Education and Membership Development tool that has ever been devised. With Friend to Friend, we have raised the level of awareness. I believe we have been the premier men's organization for the last three centuries and that we will be the premier men's organization of the Twenty-First Century. From General Washington at Valley Forge to General Armistead at Gettysburg to Colonel Buzz Aldrin on the moon, Freemasons have made a premier difference.

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Bro. Miller's observations followed right in line: "...to enhance the Friend to Friend Program, I need to know how to be able to present some type of program to the person who is not a Mason (and wants to know about us)."

Grand Master Hohenhildt recalled to him his earlier comments to recall: "Freemasonry stands for Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

"Masonry is important — it has always been important in the world. If someone asks, 'Why would I really want to join?' ... it (Freemasonry) going to do for me?" "What can I do for it?" A Mason should be able to answer those questions. That's what we call Masonic Education — and the basics of it are all put together in one little brochure we call Friend to Friend."

Bro. House remarked: "We are all salesmen. We have the greatest product to sell. You've given us the tools in Friend to Friend. It's up to us to use them."

And, Bro. Livingston was quick to comment: always carry a Friend to Friend brochure in my pocket during my daily sales activities. As I talk to various businesses, various service directors, I get to know them over a time and I can see that a person would make a great Mason. And, what better way (to let a good man know) than to hand him a Friend to Friend?"

Friend to Friend is very positive when you're talking about building membership; but also I think we're protecting about the Degrees. "Like many," he said, "that he didn't know that he had to ask." "In fact," he added, "my father told me that years ago, and I don't know what to do or whom to ask." Continuing, he queried rhetorically, "When a friend asks, 'What do you do in Lodge?' We can't tell them every single Masonic program, can we?" "Do you want to answer that question very simply," the Grand Master responded, "What do we do? We take a good man and make him better. We're making a better community. We're making a better country. Yes Sir!"

Bro. Livingston followed up, "If someone suggests Freemasonry is a secret organization, I would offer to give that person a tour of the Lodge Hall and the Lodge Room, "Secrecy! There's a good question," the Grand Master joined in. "...Freemasonry is not secret. Every Masonic lodge is marked in the country with the Square and Compasses."

Masons proudly wear identification. "Freemasonry is indeed selective and that does exclude some people for very definite reasons. Everybody can't become a Mason. There's no doubt about that. Freemasonry is not for everybody. Freemasonry is for people who adopt the philosophy or whose tendency is to be a builder ... to be a helper ... to help their Brothers ... to help mankind."

Who are the Masons? Answering his own question, the Grand Master said: "The Masons whom you see (today) are in your local Lodge Hall, in your community or in your business. It's not easy for you, unless you read or study or hear from others, to realize that men like George Washington or Benjamin Franklin — men you learned about way back in school — were strong supporters of this fine program Nobody ever told you they were Masons. You don't think of them in those terms."

"It's a little overwhelming to think that Benjamin Franklin 264 years ago (as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania) was just as much interested in Freemasonry as I am today. Why? Because, as you mentioned, it's in the fellowship and in what they were trying to build — to build for a better tomorrow — for a better way of life. I think that is what Freemasonry and people who are interested in Freemasonry are really about. Now, when you recognize Masons, even as you pointed out, you're not looking at those famous people-famous Masons — you're talking about your neighbors."

To which, Bro. L. Livingston observed, "I think each of those men had his own kind of Friend to Friend Program. It probably wasn't the same Friend to Friend, but they were selling the Fraternity through their life, the way they lived it. All of which prompted the Grand Master to cap the discussion by saying, 'Here's a good question: How would anybody ever have asked George Washington ... or Ben Franklin ... or Franklin Delano Roosevelt ... or Buzz Aldrin? Will you sign my Petition? Don't you think any one of them would have, in some fashion, said to a good man, 'You ought to belong to this Fraternity. Have you ever thought about it? Do you know what we really are trying to do?'"

Friend to Friend, the conversation continues. Where it has spanned some three hours. In summary, the participants' own words reflect the unanimity of their dialogue: From the veteran Mason — "I love Masonry. Masonry can be exciting. Let's take a bus load of Masons to see a friend made a Mason." From the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania — "Friend to Friend, he can make it happen. We can do ... we can get things done ... we will turn the tide."
COMMUNICATOR is Friend to Friend

"There might be as many ways that Masons are reaching out, Friend to Friend, into the community and generating enthusiasm among the Brethren as there are Masons in Pennsylvania." That was an observation by R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt a year after he launched the Friend to Friend public awareness and education program that positively impacts Membership Development.

There is a quarterly newsletter called the COMMUNICATOR that exchanges Friend to Friend ideas and success stories among some 6,000 Friend to Friend Task Force Members, Worshipful Masters, Secretaries and District Deputy Grand Masters. In its rapid-fire style, the COMMUNICATOR reflects the ingenuity, creativity, sincerity and success with which Pennsylvania Masons are touching lives in their communities and Lodges.

"You can sense the enthusiasm and innovation that permeates the Friend to Friend activities in the communications from all of the seven Masonic Regions across the state," Grand Master Hohenshilt said as the latest issue of the COMMUNICATOR was being assembled.

Following are some excerpts from the first year's issues of the COMMUNICATOR that demonstrate exciting, creative Friend to Friend involvement.

A Real Dutch Treat! Brethren of Huguenot Lodge No. 377 served chicken pot pie at the annual Hermet Fescht on the Kutztown University campus ... handed out the Freemasonry in Pennsylvania ... And Around the World tableau, Drug and Alcohol Foundation bumper stickers and literature. Friend to Friend brochures were there for friends who asked about the Fraternity while visiting the Pennsylvania German food stand.

On a Roll! Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 697, rolled a strike for Friend to Friend in Pittsburgh-Cranberry area, organizing a six-team "Friend to Friend" summer bowling league with each team made up of three Masons and two non-Masonic friends.

On the March! All District 36 Lodges paraded to help the community of Prospect Park celebrate its 100th birthday, after which Prospect Lodge No. 578 held a Friend to Friend open house and more than 600 people visited. Also, Prospect Lodge has adopted Honey Brook Elementary School and polices it regularly. Signs tell of the Masons' community work.

Friend to Friend Registers! Members of Milton Lodge No. 256 suggested 46 worthy friends to be invited with their spouses to dinner at the Masonic Temple and to learn about Freemasonry, the Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities. Milton Lodge received triple the number of Petitions for any previous year.

Activate New Masons! Lodges in District 13 see that every new Master Mason receives a Friend to Friend pin and brochure. The new Master Mason is encouraged to pass the brochure to a friend whom he knows to be worthy and would like to have in Lodge with him.

Answering the phones! Seventy-five Masons and families from Lodges in Philadelphia Masonic Districts A, B, C and D staffed telephones for six hours in a "Telethon" to raise $18,000 for Public TV Ch. 12 (WHYY-TV). In 3 minutes "on air," the Friend to Friend Program was described and questions answered about the Fraternity to an audience of two million.

Friend to Friend — Reaching Around the World!

The Friend to Friend Membership Development Program developed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is generating interest by Grand Lodges throughout North America and around the world. Pennsylvania's dramatic 38 percent increase in initiations during the first year of the program clearly validated Friend to Friend as Freemasonry's most effective Membership Development Program.

Requests to implement the program have come from as far away as Western Australia, Israel and Brazil, Ontario, Canada, has adopted the program, changing the brochure cover to honor famous Canadian Freemasons. Right Thankful Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson has presented the program during Meetings with Grand Lodge Officers in France and Greece.

Membership development is absolutely essential to the survival of the Masonic Fraternity, not only in Pennsylvania but throughout North America and around the world. Friend to Friend is working because it provides Freemasons with a dramatic, simple and effective tool that makes it easy to proudly share this great and very special Fraternity with others.

At the request of Imperial Potentate, Burton Revellette, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenshilt and Bro. Dean E. Vaughan, PM, PP, author of the Friend to Friend Program were the key presenters at the recent Imperial Shrine Membership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. In their 90-minute presentation they discussed the Friend to Friend Program and how its strategies can help the Imperial Shrine achieve its goal of one million Members by the year 2000. A standing ovation reflected the conferences' enthusiasm for the hopes and promise offered by the Friend to Friend program which Grand Master Hohenshilt has freely offered to all Grand Lodges and all appendant Bodies for the good of Freemasonry.

Bro. Dean E. Vaughan, PM, PP, is shown with Imperial Potentate Burton Revellette following Bro. Vaughan's presentation in St. Louis.


R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt is shown with Imperial Potentate Burton Revellette and Bro. Dean E. Vaughan, PP, PM, during the Imperial Membership Conference in St. Louis.
Task Force Members Are The Guides!

Every Mason Involved in Friend to Friend

Friend to Friend is a public awareness and education program involving every Pennsylvania Mason; therefore, the Lodge Task Forces provide yeoman’s services for the Lodge and their Brethren, transcending the generations and tracking of Friend to Friend contacts. It is the role of Brethren on the Task Forces to:

- **Involve all Members in Friend to Friend activities and contacts, remembering to include newly made Masons and family.**
- **Guide their Brethren in how to make Friend to Friend public awareness contacts and how to use the Friend to Friend brochure effectively.**
- **Coach Brethren, especially new Masons, about the Fraternity and how to tell their friends who they are, what we do and what we believe.**
- **Communicate the mechanism of getting a blank Petition form (even assist in doing so) and assure the Brethren’s knowledge about completing and presenting a Petition.**
- **Report Friend to Friend activities monthly in the Lodge, both to inform and to motivate the Brethren.**

Every Brother Should Keep Friend To Friend Handy - and Use It

(These are edited excerpts from a letter by Bro. Danny R. McKnight, DDGM, 27th District (Diocese of Harrisburg))

Friend to Friend is a welcome asset. How many Masons knew (before becoming Masons) that they had to ask to join? I keeping Friend to Friend in easy reach - the glove compartment, my daily diary, my dresser - to be sure I have a Friend to Friend on my person. I was at a State Police Camp Cadet lunch, and during the lunch conversations the Caravaner told me that Shriners were Masons, which led to talking about the Fraternity and Family of Freemasonry. I asked each person to read Friend to Friend and get back to me if they had any questions.

A week later, the Township cruiser was in my driveway. An officer I had known for years said he was returning my Friend to Friend and said that this appeared to be the kind of organization that he would like to belong to and asked if I could help get an application.

Every Brother should take heart to the future of Freemasonry - ask for Friend to Friend brochures and USE them. It is gratifying when a friend returns the Friend to Friend and asks, "How can I join?"

Blue Lodge Task Force Responsibilities & Duties

Responsibility - The Blue Lodge Task Force of four Committees of three Brethren each is responsible for implementing the Blue Lodge Task Force of three Brethren each is responsible for implementing the B.W. Grand Master's Friend to Friend Program.

Specific Duties - Each three-Member Committee is to make at least one personal contact per month with a non-Mason who they unanimously agree is worthy of Membership. During each personal visit, the Committee Members should:

- Hand him the Friend to Friend brochure.
- Explain that the purpose of the visit is to enlighten him about Freemasonry and answer questions.
- Explain that the Committee Members may not ask him to Petition the Lodge, but they unanimously agree that he is worthy, should he choose to Petition.
- Explain that he has been contacted because, often good men are not familiar with the Fraternity, its friendship, fellowship and opportunities for service to one another and to all mankind through its many Masonic Charities.

Report progress each Stated Meeting and submit a monthly Report to the DDGM.

Friend to Friend At The Post Office

When Syria Temple’s first Ceremonial Master Bro. Jim Allison picked up mail, a postal worker asked how he could become a Mason and a Shriner. Bro. Allison told Bro. Donald A. Chiavaro, Senior Warden of Dallas Lodge No. 598, in Pittsburgh, who delivered a Friend to Friend brochure to the postal worker and invited him to a Masonic symposium. The postal worker attended and followed up on his interest in Freemasonry asking for a Petition.

Uniformed PA State Policemen Confer Master Mason’s Degree in Barger Lodge

For the first time, a Degree Team of all active or retired Pennsylvania State Policemen in uniform Conferred a Master Mason’s Degree in Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg. The newly Raised Mason is Bro. Gerald W. Catina, also a retired Pennsylvania State Policeman.

Permission to Confer the Degree was granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Retired State Policeman Bro. Homer Jones, District Deputy Grand Master of the 50th Masonic District and a Past Master of Mt. Pocono Lodge No. 780, served as Worshipful Master for the Degree. Together, the Members of the Degree Team represented eight Lodges in five counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bro. Jones retired from the Pennsylvania State Police after 30 years of service. He was made a Mason in 1954 and served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1963. He will be completing ten years as a District Deputy Grand Master and will retire from that service.

It is reported that the Lodge Room was packed in more ways than one - the 206 Brethren who attended had enjoyed a bountiful venison dinner before the Stated Meeting.

Bro. William T. Bergman Sworn in as Deputy Commissioner of Philadelphia Police

The All Pennsylvania State Police Team that Conferred a Master Mason’s Degree in Barger Lodge No. 325 are shown (l to r) indicating an active State Policeman: "B" indicates retired. They are left to right, kneeling: Bro. Richard W. Arndt, Wesley Lodge No. 381 (A); Robert H. Kirkland, Homestead Lodge No. 318 (A); Carl E. Meier, Pocono Lodge No. 780 (A); and Harold S. McKnight, Pocono Lodge No. 780 (K). Standing: Paul E. Backman, Masonic Lodge No. 304 (R); Patrick J. Fox, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466 (A); Gary H. Stamer, Union Lodge No. 291 (A); William R. Quinn, P.M., Union Lodge No. 291 (B); Homer Jonas, D.D.G.M., Pocono Lodge No. 780 (R); Gerard W. Catina, (Candidate) Barger Lodge No. 125 (R); Evan J. Jonas, P.M., Union Lodge No. 291 (R); John R. Cuskey, Kingsbury Lodge No. 466 (R); John G. Richards, St. John’s Lodge No. 213 (A); and Harrison F. Rockefeller, V.F. Lodge No. 406 (B).
My Brethren:

I assume that those who will read this column have read a number of my writings. Many of you have also heard me speak. In all probability, some of you have not always agreed with my thoughts and opinions. However, I don't think anyone can disagree with my devotion and dedication to this Craft. Over half my life has been one of concern with keeping Freemasonry a viable force in the world.

One of the first Masonic speeches I developed almost thirty years ago was devoted to my concern about Membership decline, and some will remember that I have concentrated much of my efforts through writing and speaking on this concern. Today I would like to discuss the quantity versus the quality.

Some of our Members have not given full support to Friend to Friend because they think it is a solicitation program. It IS NOT. It is designed to be an educational program—a program wherein we have the opportunity to let the good qualified man know who we are and what we do.

I doubt whether anyone could have a solicitation any more than I do. Freemasonry has always operated under the philosophy that if we are great enough others will seek us, but we must let those qualified men know we are here. I am convinced that Friend to Friend is the best program which could be devised to give each of us an opportunity to let those men who would make good Members know we are here. It does not lessen the responsibility of any of us to make sure that the man we recommend is Masonic quality material.

One has to wonder how many good men who might have been good Masons, or even great men who might have been great Masons, never became Masons because they did not know we existed, or, if they knew we existed, did not know who we were or what we did. A recent national survey revealed that 45% of all men over the age of 21 never heard of Freemasonry, and less than 10% knew how to join.

I became a Freemason when a friend said to me, "Tom, you should be a Freemason." This was not an invitation to join, it was a statement of his evaluation of me. Yet to this day, there are those within the Craft who sincerely believe they cannot talk about it. How sad, and what a loss to Freemasonry and to the world! Freemasonry's future is in the hands of each of us today. It is imperative that we are united in our effort to increase the quantity of good men in our Craft. The Friend to Friend program gives us the tools. We may not get another chance. If we truly believe in the philosophy of Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, I believe that this philosophy can make a difference, then we welcome you to become a part of a program that will impact our future.

Attention All Scouts!

In honor of the 85th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, your Brethren might like to hear a tale or two about how Scouting influenced your Masonic career or how your Masonic ties have influenced Scouting. Please send your thoughts and reminiscences to: Bro. Byron Lee, 2905 Village of Penbrook Levittown, PA 19054

John Jenks Lodge No. 534 Makes Punxutawney Blood Drive A Success

For the second year, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxutawney, in the 39th Masonic District, made the Red Cross Bloodmobile program a success and enrolled additional Brethren in the Masonic Blood Donor Club. Red Cross reports that this Lodge-sponsored effort realized 213 units from 223 potential donors, whereas typical Bloodmobile visits have been averaging 162 units.

Masonic Blood Donor Club Membership is available to all Pennsylvania Freemasons, wives, widows and dependent children. To become a Member, donate one unit of blood to the Red Cross or any recognized blood donor center, then fill out and submit a membership form confirming the donation to the Lodge Blood Donor Chairman or by contacting the Blood Donor Club Secretary, Bro. William E. Riley, 2615 Franklin Ave., Broomall, PA 19008.

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Attending the AutoMasonry Seminar, the Fraternity for today’s extensive Fraternal business community, has been expedited by the foresight to help establish a network, worked through an all-day AutoMasonry Development Seminar at the Masonic Conference Center early in March. Bro. Robert G. Boone, the Executive Director of Grand Lodge Operations, and Bro. Richard H. Owens, the Friend to Friend Coordinator, organized and conducted the AutoMasonry Seminar. Bro. George E. Susavidge, Facilitator for the Friend to Friend Program, led discussions.

Bro. Boone explained that “In addition to the 25 who were in attendance, there were 75 more interested and capable Brethren who want to help develop a strategy for putting into place what is needed for the Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodges to conduct the business of the Fraternity for the future.”

Citing the growing activities of the Friend to Friend programs an indicator of the increasing challenges of today, Bro. Boone set the stage for the strategy session with an anonymous quotation: “Organizations can’t stop the world from changing. The best they do is adapt. The smart ones change before they have to. The lucky ones manage to scramble and adjust when push comes to shove. The rest are losers and they become history.” He emphasized, “Now is the Hour,” and added, “This Fraternity has to be the first ones (smart) and not the last ones (losers).”

The Vision Statement for AutoMasonry clearly addressed the challenge of the times:

- That the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the individual Lodges of Pennsylvania Freemasons will maintain and preserve our preeminence and our uniqueness in global Freemasonry.
- That dedicated Brethren of Pennsylvania Freemasonry will develop and provide those aspects and mechanisms of systems automation necessary for us to move forward in this The Information Age.
- That the informational processes of the Grand Lodge and Blue Lodges of Pennsylvania be systemized and automated for the greatest benefits of the Craft.
- That the Craft be at Labor, with future, manifold visions in their thoughts.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Bros. Delvin Zeiders of Region 2, Franklin P. Hartzel, Jr. of Region 6 and Martin Snyder of Region 7 volunteered to serve as Team leaders for developing AutoMasonry.

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**A Friend to Friend Educational Update**

**HMO - MEDICARE COVERAGE**

Current trends in health care insurance indicate an increased shift from traditional, fee-for-service payment systems provided through Medicare and Medigap policies which was the primary system for a long time, to coordinated systems of health care providers and insurers which work together to provide essentially the same services. The most common system is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

We have seen a trend in the last several months where people interested in services through the Masonic Homes found out that their HMO Medicare Plan only provided services at one nursing home. We share this so that you or a family member will not be disappointed in the future. If you find out your Medicare Plan will not cover services at the Masonic Homes, contact the Admissions Office at (717)367-1121, ext. 33101 or (800)422-1207.

Fee-for-service plans reimburse your physician’s charges and services you receive from a hospital, health care provider, or other medical facilities certified by Medicare. With this system there are deductibles, co-insurance amounts, and other permissible charges that may not be covered by Medicare. And in those cases, out-of-pocket charges must be paid by us, the consumers. A supplemental Medigap policy may be purchased to compensate for some of the out-of-pocket charges. These plans are offered by private insurers and some associations.

Coordinated care plans offer another way to manage health care costs. These plans are made up of comprehensive networks of physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other health care providers. Many coordinated care plans have contracts with Medicare which offer senior citizens a choice of health care insurance. Members (those who participate in the plan) can obtain services from the participating providers at any of the predetermined sites.

**Should I Select HMO Medicare Coverage?**

- What about dental or eye care? Prescriptions?
- Where can I receive skilled nursing care or rehab services?

We are currently planning how we will change in order to continue to meet the needs of our residents. Your input will help us develop our plans for future service.

When making decisions on health insurance, it is essential to have information available to aid in making educated decisions. For a list of resources, contact the Masonic Homes’ Outreach Program at (717) 381-5080 or (800) 4-MASONIC (800-462-7664).

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For more information about the OUTREACH PROGRAM, visit the OUTREACH booth at Grand Masters Day, August 36.
Frances Staffiere DiMassa Celebrates Her 100th Birthday at The Masonic Health Care Center

On February 17, 1995, Frances Staffiere DiMassa was born to her Italian parents who had emigrated to the United States. On February 17, 1995, Frances celebrated her 100th birthday in grand fashion.

Her special day began with recognition from Willard Scott of the NBC Today Show. The day continued with a drop-in reception honoring Frances in the Activities Area of the Masonic Health Care Center. The guest of honor warmly welcomed her 125 well-wishers and was excited to receive birthday greetings from President and Mrs. Clinton, Governor Ridge of Pennsylvania, Mayor Rendell of Philadelphia, and the Masonic Homes.

On this day Frances joined the group of other centenarians residing at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Frances, a native of Philadelphia, has been a resident since 1988. She attributes her longevity to “olive oil and garlic, doing everything in moderation and no drinking or smoking.”

The other individuals who comprise this elite group of centenarians are: Flora Berger, 102 years old, born June 5, 1892; Darley Spangler, 102, born April 7, 1892; Sarah Cuthbertson, 103, born May 19, 1891; and Eleanor Anderson, 104, born October 3, 1890.

As the reception drew to an end, Frances’ smile was equal to the glow of the candles from her birthday cake. She was energized by the day’s events and returned to her residence with a lap full of cards, gifts, flowers, and a balloon bouquet to add to her memories of the past one hundred years.

Independent Living-Rental Apartments

Construction Update

Renovation of the Brown Home, the second existing building at the Masonic Homes to be renovated for use as resident apartments under a rental plan, continues on schedule. This building initially will house 46 residents in 31 one bedroom apartments and efficiency units. Plans for this building include an addition to the existing structure and a beautiful atrium in the center of the building for the enjoyment of all residents.

Is the Independent Living Community in My Future?

If you are 65 or older, answer this question: “Where will I be on the priority list when I decide to join the community?”

By placing your name on the priority list now, you will be making those plans for your future. Plan to be a part of our wonderful community TOMORROW by sending in your deposit TODAY. You’ll be glad you did!

Masonic Health Care Center Update on Phase 4 of Construction Project

In the final stage of Phase 4, Bro. C. Richard Spieth (right), President of the Masonic Health Care Center’s Resident Council, reviews the plans incorporating his recommendation. It was his dream that a therapy swimming pool would be included in the project.

Freemasonry in Action - Masonic Homes Service Update

Upon the approval of the Committee on Masonic Homes’ Bro. Carl R. Flohr (left), President of Flohr Pools, shared his willingness to contribute the pumps and piping for the swimming pool.

The Masonic Homes greatly appreciates these two Brethren working together, Friend to Friend, in providing this new service for current and future residents of the Masonic Homes.

Help Support the New Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown

TODAY a new aspect of the Friend to Friend campaign has emerged. In order to give substance to the theme “Preserve and Enhance...Help to a Brother...Help to Mankind” a major five-phase construction program is underway at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The current Phase IV includes a major new four-story building to house the Masonic Health Care Center. A new building with 150 replacement beds rises from the spot where the original 1915 building stood.

Whether the gift is an in-kind tangible gift like the one made by Bro. Flohr—(as indicated in above article) or a financial gift—we can all work together Friend to Friend to make this the miracle of a new Masonic Health Care Center come true. If your direct mail Gift Response Form has been mislaid or is not available, all you have to do is make out a check to Masonic Homes and return it to the Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2189.

All Members of the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania have received an invitation to support this building campaign. We look forward to receiving thousands of gifts to bolster our efforts to provide brand new facilities to meet the modern health care needs of our friends and loved ones.

Left to right: Jeffrey J. Grooms, Facilities Engineer; Bro. William C. Davis, Jr., Administrator of Health Care Services; Bro. Carl R. Flohr, Chairman of Building and Grounds, Subcommittee and Member of the Committee on Masonic Homes; Bro. George Rakocy, President of Wurfl Construction Company; and Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director, review drawings at the construction site.
Help to a Friend, Help to Mankind
Santa Came to Town

Who was the beautiful woman with her hands, spreading cheer and hope? Who was that white-bearded man dressed in a bright red suit, chatting warmly, grasping residents’ eyes and love in her heart, generously giving hugs to all? Of course, it was December, so it must have been Santa and Mrs. Claus! But we know them better as Walter and Elaine Price.

Nineteen years ago, they came as volunteers to Masonic Homes, bringing with them one shopping bag of goodies to share with residents. That day they made people smile and feel happy because someone, although a stranger, had thought of them. Elaine and Walter, knowing the impact they had made by reaching out, went home thinking, “Wouldn’t it be great to return next Christmas season with a car load of gifts?” With Masonic dedication, gentle persuasion, and the creativity of all the elves in Santa’s workshop, the Prices came back the following Christmas with cases of candy and cookies. They had successfully spread the word to other Lodges in the Philadelphia area, Assemblies of Rainbow Girls, and personal friends who responded with donations of money, cookies, cans, and candies. Almost two decades later, the Prices still become Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Masonic Homes. Now spending four to five days at the Masonic Homes, they know that without the support and conviction of volunteers and friends like Al and Truth Reiser of Philadelphia, they would not be able to continue their mission of cheer on such a grand scale.

Walter now spends ten to twelve hours weekly in his role as a licensed Episcopal Chaplain in hospital settings as well as at Graterford Prison, serving as one-on-one counselor. A 32-year Member of the Masonic Fraternity, Walter attends Meetings at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and is a Member of Pilgrim Lodge No. 712. He has served as Worshipful Master, District Deputy Grand Master from 1978 to 1987, and in other Offices. Walter, a Member of the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, was awarded the Purple Cross of Honor of the York Rite, along with 100 other Masons, in Anaheim, California.

Both Elaine and Walter proclaim that their pet love is serving as admission counselors for our facility. He began as a counselor in 1988 when Elaine joined the team. Their territory centers around their home in Philadelphia, but includes other areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Sharing admissions information with families and being involved with home assistance and reevaluation suits these two perfectly. They are proud to represent our Masonic Homes and, according to Claudia Stephens, Director of Admissions and Resident Services, “They provide an invaluable service to the Masonic Homes with sincere dedication.”

They are already collecting containers for next year—the type containing fruit cake or butter cookies. (Donations may be dropped off in the Volunteer Office in the Masonic Health Care Center!)

When asked what keeps them coming back, they answered without hesitation, “There is a real and certain benefit that residents get from visits, whether it is from Santa or a fellow Mason. We know how great the Masonic Homes is, and we feel privileged and proud to be a part of it. We have made some wonderful friends, and we are truly enriched by our visits. We could never do this without the support of many Lodges in our area. As long as the good Lord is willing, we’ll be back in 1996”

Brownsville Lodge No. 60 Celebrates 200th Anniversary

On April 23, 1994, Brownsville Lodge No. 60 celebrated its 200th Anniversary. A public open house was held Wednesday, April 20 through Friday, April 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The celebration continued Saturday, April 23 with a formal Visitation at the Lodge by Bro. George H. Hohnshildt, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

A banquet was held at the Hiller Voluntary Fire Company social hall. The highlight of the entire anniversary was an excellent address made by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, George H. Hohnshildt.

The 200th Anniversary celebration of Brownsville Lodge No. 60 closed on Sunday, April 24, 1994, with a memorial service held at the First United Methodist Church.

Restored Major Chairs on Display

Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, was pleased to receive the three Major Chairs from the original Lodge No. 200 dated 1826. Following 66 hours of detailed work, the Chairs were restored to original condition by Bro. Harold E. Hess, a very capable craftsman and Member of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, and are permanent display at the Lodge.

A Family Affair

Bro. John R. Seiders, P.M. Confers the Entered Apprentice Mason Degrees on his son, Bro. Jan Seiders and son-in-law Bro. Michael Kunkle. These were the first Entered Apprentice Degrees that Bro. Seiders, P.M. has conferred in twenty-five years.
Two Awarded Throat Medallions as First-Line Signers Resulting from Friend to Friend

In separate visitations during the first week of April, R.W. Grand Master, Bro. George H. Hohenshildt presented Friend to Friend Outstanding Achievement Awards to two Brethren in recognition of their having been the first-line Signer on twelve or more Petitions.

Bro. Robert R. Panosetti, Sr., a member of Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg, was honored during a visitation to his Lodge on Thursday, April 4. He was the first-line Signer on 21 Petitions as a result of the Friend to Friend public awareness and education program. As Grand Master Hohenshildt noted in conversation, Bro. Panosetti’s achievement demonstrates the positive impact that every Brother’s Friend to Friend effort—not just that of Task Force Members—can have in the vitality of his Lodge.

Bro. William A. Bailey, Sr., a member of Christians Lodge No. 417, was honored during a visitation to his Lodge on Thursday, April 4. He was the first-line Signer on 12 Petitions as a result of Friend to Friend awareness. Bro. Bailey is Chairman of the Friend to Friend Task Force of his Lodge.

Bros. Bailey and Panosetti became the second and third Brethren in the state to receive the Friend to Friend Outstanding Achievement Award. Bro. Peter Szpak, a member of Reading Lodge No. 549, was the first to receive the Award in a visitation to his Lodge last November. At the time, Bro. Szpak had been the first-line Signer on 17 Petitions.

The Awards comprise a gold throat medallion with a replica of King Solomon’s Temple and a handsome polished brass Square and Compasses desk piece.

Central Pennsylvania Masonic Picnic

Knobels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, PA 17824
Saturday, May 20, 1995 - 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. - Pavilion "E"

PACKAGE #1 - FOOD & RIDES: ($20.00)
(Hand stamp, good on all rides from 12:00-6:00 P.M. Two meals: Noon Lunch: hamburger barbeque, hot dogs and smothered meat, with all fixings. Dinner: (5:00 P.M.) - 1/2 Bar-B-Que Chicken, Homestyle Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Rolls, Butter, Ice Cream, Coffee and Iced Tea.

PACKAGE #2 - RIDES ONLY: ($10.00)

PACKAGE #3 - ABOVE FOOD ONLY: ($10.00)
Children under 4 yrs. - Free (this package only)

EASIEST PICNIC YOU WILL EVER ATTEND PARKING INCLUDED

Knoebels Park

open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
On Route 487, between Elysburg and Catawissa, PA

NAME: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City: ___________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Total: $ ___________
(Number of 13 packages) (Number of 52 packages) (Number of 13 packages)

Make Checks payable to: MASONIC PICNIC

P.O. Box 301, Mount Carmel, PA 17851-0301

Surprise Entertainment After Dinner

Masonic picnic - It’s a main event. Come out and enjoy the day. Free, and it’s a main event! Don’t miss it!

5th Eastern PA Friend to Friend Masonic Picnic

Dorney Park WildWater Kingdom, Rt. 309 & 222
Saturday, June 10, — 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Five Hours of Food, Sodas and Free Parking.

Admission and rides to Dorney and WildWater Kingdom included.

Make Checks payable to: MASONIC PICNIC

P.O. Box 301, Mount Carmel, PA 17851-0301

Surprise Entertainment After Dinner

Our pavilion is on the Food First Area. Guards will be on duty until 10:00 P.M. We have room for 4,000 people this year. Enter the parking lot from Rt. 222, that’s between WildWater Kingdom and Dorney. Many rides have been added since last year at only a $1.00 additional charge.

Senior Citizens over 60 and Children ages 4 to 6 years $14.00
Children under 48 inches Free

Don’t miss it! It’s a main event. Come out and enjoy the day. Free, and it’s a main event! Don’t miss it!

A Complete Guide to Charitable Giving

1. Please note that I have made provisions in my Will for the Masonic Homes of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

This is a wonderful way to use some of your assets to help not only yourself, but to provide needed resources for the Masonic Homes in the years ahead.

1. Turn your investment into a Charitable Gift

1. Please consider the Masonic Homes of Pennsylvania.

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Program Established to Honor Drug Law Enforcement Officers

In the beginning of 1994, the Drug and Alcohol Foundation had announced the creation of a program to honor Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officers for their work in drug law enforcement. The program, titled “Excellence in Drug Law Enforcement,” is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, in cooperation with the office of the Attorney General.

Each year, three law enforcement officers—one each from the Eastern, Central, and Western parts of the State—will be selected for an “Excellence in Drug Law Enforcement” award. They will receive a plaque and a $500 check. Officers eligible for the award are those who have distinguished themselves in the field of Drug Law Enforcement and whose salaries are paid by the Commonwealth, by counties, or municipalities in Pennsylvania.

The review board consisted of Bros. James L. Ernette, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Ernest W. Prate, Jr., Attorney General; and Anthony J. Garvey, Director of the Drug and Alcohol Foundation. The first annual program took place in Philadelphia at a dinner hosted by Bro. George H. Hohenshilt, Right Worshipful Grand Master and Mrs. Lena Hohenshilt.

Those receiving the awards for the year 1994 were: Detective Charles H. Dugan, a 29-year veteran of the Milton Police Department, S.U.N. Municipal Police Task Force; Bro. and Detective Terrence A. Kuhns, Westmoreland County District Attorney’s Office (and a Member of Pollock Lodge No. 502); and Trooper James J. Hischar, Pennsylvania State Police and the Bureau of Drug Enforcement. Due to Pennsylvania State Police regulations, Trooper Hischar could not accept the $500 check. Therefore, at Trooper Hischar’s request, that donation was given to a needy family in his area. Our heartiest congratulations to a fine group of men who exemplify everything that is good about Law Enforcement.

Youth Visits Yield Praise

In the spirit of Friend to Friend and to further the Cornerstone of his administration, the R.W. Grand Master has asked all Lodges to reach out and offer friendship and support to the Masonic Youth Groups. Early reports indicate that the Lodges in Pennsylvania have indeed accepted the R.W. Grand Master’s challenge to visit our Rainbow Assemblies, DeMolay Chapters, and Job’s Daughter Bethels.

Sending one card-load of Members per Lodge per month is an ambitious goal. Participating Lodges are finding it to be a rewarding experience. It is particularly effective to have new Masons participate in these visits, to learn more about Freemasonry’s outreach to the youth of their community. This is a great way to involve our newest Members in the work of the Lodge. Here are some of the comments we have received:

Rainbow Service Program at Masonic Homes

Rainbow Girls are active teenagers who respect and love the Masonic Fraternity for its sponsorship, heritage, and support. They are happy for the opportunity to volunteer at the Masonic Homes to show their appreciation. On December 16–18, 1994, the Grand Officers held their annual Christmas Weekend at the Masonic Conference Center at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

They spent Saturday morning learning and singing Christmas Carols. In the afternoon, they traveled to the Recreation Center at the Masonic Homes Health Care Center where they helped to convey residents from their rooms to a special entertainment planned by the Recreation Director. Although there was no time to do any caroling, they kept busy transporting residents to and from their rooms, and visiting with each one.

They were thankful that their participation helped many more residents to attend this holiday program. Rainbow’s main teaching is service to others. They certainly had a golden opportunity to Exemplify their great teaching, and to care and share with Masons and their families.
**District Deputies Support Grand Master’s Masonic Education Program**

The District Deputies Grand Masters play a very important role in all of the Masonic Education work in their Districts. Their support is vital to the success of the Masonic Education Program.

District Deputies have actively encouraged the Masonic Education Programs presented in the Schools of Instruction. We are sharing comments from some of the Deputies:

**District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Glen Paulhamus of the 18th Masonic District**

Talking about the Masonic Education Program on “How to Improve Lodge Attendance.” In his School of Instruction, Brother William T. Albenathia Jr., District Chairman, had an excellent presentation and several of those present had some questions and offered some suggestions on how to improve attendance.

“Some suggestion was to Call Off between Degrees in order for the Members to greet and congratulate the Candidate. This way he might feel more at home with the Lodge. Another suggestion was to greet the Members at the door as they come into the Lodge Room. Since the wives are not a part of the Lodge, it was suggested that the Master ask the wife if she would like to write congratulations to her husband and have it read the night he receives his Master Mason Degree.”

**District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Gary E. Narehood of the 33rd Masonic District**

Presented his program on “Masonic Values.” The program was very well received.

**District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Ralph H. Reeseker of the 33rd Masonic District**

“The Meeting was then turned over to Bro. Carl Johnson, the District Education Chairman, who presented the monthly education program entitled How to Improve Attendance. The material presented was very interesting and well received by all the Brethren present. There was a lot of discussion on many of the subjects presented. I am sure that the Brethren have a better understanding as to how they can improve their Lodge attendance. Bro. Carl Johnson does a very good job of presenting the education material. I really appreciate the work he does for the 33rd Masonic District.”

**District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. John F. Cooper of the 40th Masonic District**

Presented a message of Freemasonry in a three dimensional manner of Masonic Education for the 30th Masonic District, presented his program on “Masonic Values.” The program was very well received.

Bro. Thomas Cooper (right), of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, Monongahela, 31st Masonic District, was presented a plaque by Region 4 Chairman of Masonic Education, Bro. Albert G. Lebedda, P.D.D.G.M. (left), at the January 10, 1995, Meeting of his Lodge. Bro. Cooper has prepared entries for the Media Category of the April Lodge Program Competition in 1993 and 1994. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education appreciates the efforts of Masons like Bro. Cooper who can bring the message of Freemasonry in a three dimensional manner.

**F. Rick Knepper Speaks About Organ Donor Program**

The Feast of St. John, the Evangelist, was celebrated on December 27, 1994, by three Lodges in the 20th Masonic District: Mountain Lodge No. 281, Logan Lodge No. 490, and Hiram Lodge No. 818.

More than two hundred Members, Ladies and guests assembled at the Jaffa Mosque for an evening of fine food, fellowship and entertainment. Featured speaker was Bro. F. Rick Knepper, P.D.D.G.M. of the 34th Masonic District, who is currently serving as Region 3 Chairman of Masonic Education.

Bro. Knepper’s topic was one which emphasized the need for Masons to consider the worthwhile cause of “Organ Donation.” His presentation dealt with four main areas: (1) Explanation of the donor process; (2) Dispelling misconceptions about organ donation; (3) Description of the transplantation process as he experienced it and (4) Encouraging all to consider becoming Organ Donors.

Bro. George S. Glashauser, P.M. of Logan Lodge No. 490 stressed that this was an impressive presentation. Forty-two donor cards were picked up at the information table following the banquet.

**Brother Thomas Cooper Presented Plaque**

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[Image of recipient holding plaque]
An Open Invitation to our Newly Raised Brethren to Experience the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Brother Wesley Orville Kimmel, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

Our good friend and Bro. Wesley Orville Kimmel, died at the age of 87 on March 9, 1995. He was a member of Green Street Lodge, 345, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was for many years a prominent Mason and a Freemason. His funeral was held on March 12, 1995, at the Masonic Home, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520.

We hope to see you all here with your families very soon, so that you may learn for yourself why our Grand Master's "Friend to Friend" program is so important to the future of this great Fraternity. In addition to individual visits to the Temple, we also suggest to the Lodges and their Officers that they consider organizing a group trip to Philadelphia. In conjunction with the tour, arrangements can be made by the Lodge to have a luncheon served to them through our catering service. Our staff looks forward to seeing you soon!

Concord Lodge enjoys its busy Fraternal and Community Life

Members of Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville, in the southeastern corner of the Commonwealth, are thoroughly enjoying their dedicated Fraternal and community labors, successfully putting the Principles of Freemasonry and Friend to Friend to work both inside and out of the Lodge.

HIRAM I (a Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia) has opened a new impetus for the Lodge to reach beyond the paradigms of tradition. Immediate Past Master James L. Crothers explained, "A lot of effort went into building on and strengthening our already established programs and committees..."

After the three Elected Officers of the Lodge attended a HIRAM I Seminar, they took the information and the challenge back to the Lodge and used those principles to establish their Vision and to work to fulfill their long-term plan. Bro. G. Kent Hackney, Director of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Leadership and Management, Inc., stated that it added a vital new dimension to their Labors. One of the first things they did was create and produce a newsletter to let the Brethren know what's going on and to generate enthusiasm for the activities and concerns of the Lodge. They communicated the "doings" of the Lodge, Masonic Education, "Did You Know" information, tidbits about Freemasonry, and even clever Fraternal cartoons.

Next, they planned, promoted, and staged a highly successful Friend to Friend benefit golf tournament, raising more than $4,000 that was divided among three local school districts to use in drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. The Districts will use the funds to educate parents in how to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among children. They are sending a wise and practical message to parents.

In November of 1994, Concord Lodge, No. 625, Masonic Temple, held the "Circulating Library" newsletter, the newsletter that was started after the Officers attended the HIRAM I Seminar. Bro. Crothers, who was the Worshipful Master at the time, said: "It is not the building, the Officers' Jewelry, the Aprons or the suits and tuxes. It is the MEMBERS that make Concord Lodge No. 625 what it is. Concord Lodge is a live, vibrant body of Freemasonry. We can take pleasure in the number of members who attend Staff Meetings. We have fun and enjoy each other's presence. We share our concerns and the lighter moments of our lives with each other.

Perhaps nothing speaks more eloquently about the programs at Concord Lodge than the closing comments of Bro. Crothers in a letter to Bro. Hackney: "And, as above, all we had a good time. Friend to Friend, that's what it's all about!"

Thanks to the reception of the Right Worshipful Grand Master's program, Friend to Friend, the Fraternity in itself plus the hope of why our Grand Master's "Friend to Friend" program is so important to the future of this great Fraternity. In addition to individual visits to the Temple, we also suggest to the Lodges and their Officers that they consider organizing a group trip to Philadelphia. In conjunction with the tour, arrangements can be made by the Lodge to have a luncheon served to them through our catering service. Our staff looks forward to seeing you soon!