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Brethren:

the Scottish Rite, York Rite, well.

Lodge Officers, because of you, those programs have been the four cornerstones of our Fraternity. Of the last two years possible. The program for progress was well defined by Bro. Hohen shmidt and, like etchings on a Trestleboard, work for the Craft was delineated on the Grand Master’s Medallion. On the face, three elements of service in the Circle of Friendship surround the Square and Compasses. They are “Preserve and Enhance, Help to a Brother... Help to Mankind.”

Inside the circle are the Seven Cardinal Virtues:

Freedom Education Community Family Leadership Participation Membership

The Pennsylvania Freemason chronicles the achievements of the Family of Freemasonry working to meet their resolve. In this issue, the Editors highlighted stories that reflect the achievements toward our commitments.

Some men join Freemasonry and then set aside retirement as the time to become active in Masonic work. But if Brother J. Franklyn Runkle had done that, he would still be waiting for the “right time” to arrive.

At age 89, Brother Runkle is still working an eight-hour day, in his 45th year as an architectural hardware consultant for Hershocks, Inc., of Harrisburg. Five years ago Brother Frank requested a change to part-time status, to take some extra vacation, but that has only amounted to two months, in short segments during the year. Combine this work ethic with visits to his son and grandchildren in Arizona, and his continuing work in the Faith United Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, and you would say that Frank Runkle has an active lifestyle.

But anyone who knows Brother Runkle in Masonic circles wonders how he found the time to work! He was Cremated with the same Masonic rite in 1984, but even reaching that pinnacle in his Masonic resume hasn’t prompted him to slow down. Freemasonry and Fraternity, it seems, is in his blood—it is the very essence of his character.

You see, Brother Runkle got his introduction to the Fraternal way of life in 1930, at age 15, when he became a member of Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay. It was through DeMolay that he initially learned the values of Brotherhood, honor and fair play which he practices to this day. Sixty-five years later, Runkle still participates in DeMolay as the Chapter Advisor to Pilgrim Chapter, and as a Deputy Master of the International Supreme Council. He has been rewarded with all of the awards and honors issued by the Supreme Council, including the Degree of Chevalier, the Degree of Knight in 1949, and in 1985, the Guild of the Leather Apron, also known as the prestigious Advisor of the Year Award.

It is the Degree of Chevalier that perhaps made the greatest impact on him. Awarded to him in 1930, at the age of 17, for outstanding and conspicuous service to Pilgrim Chapter, he recalls that it may also have come to him as a result of having learned a hard lesson in honesty.

As he tells the story, he was involved with some of Frank Runkle brothers were supposed to be making chocolate ice cream sundaes, but instead, got into some mischief dropping cups of water out of the 7th floor window of the old Masonic Temple in downtown Harrisburg. When the inevitable complaints finally reached the DeMolay Advisor, Runkle stepped forward and confessed his guilt.

This act of accepting responsibility, and the consequences of his actions, showed a big step in his personal development, and allowed the Advisory Council to recognize this growth in his maturity, as an example to the other Chapter members.

Runkle still wears the sterling silver Chevalier ring he received in 1932, although it has worn Soviet, the United States, the World, the Country, and the Community. Freemasonry is very much alive and well in Pennsylvania and Around the World. May it always be so.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George H. Hohen shmidt, R. W. Grand Master

Achievements Highlight Resolve to Succeed in Building for the Future

Service is a Life-Long Habit

Traditional Strawberries for Fathers and Sons at Newtown Lodge No. 427

The traditional June Strawberry Night was for all ages at Newtown Lodge. 427, Woodside. It was a 

Friendly Evening with Rainbow Girls “hired” to supervise the younger sons while the Brethren attended the Lodge Meeting. The Rainbow Girls “pay” was tickets to the Shrine Circus.

Sixty-eight Brethren, some of whom were fathers and sons, attended the Lodge Meeting and 25 more were visitors for the program.

As the Lodge Youth Representative, Bro. Charles H. Pruppacher arranged the Meeting. Bro. Paul Anderson spoke on the topic of “Drug and Alcohol Abuse.”

After refreshments, R.W. Deputy Master of Lodge Bro. Edward G. Weisser, a Past Master of Newtown Lodge, invited the group to the Lodge Room of Woodside Temple for a Friendly to contact discount.

Grand Master Speaks ...
Lodge Visitors See Fine Art

When Ephrata’s Main Street was blocked off for the Community Crafts Fair, Lodge No. 656 offered tours of the Masonic Hall. Visitors found interest in the artwork in the Lodge Room. Behind the Secretary’s desk is a framed sculpture of “Bro. George Washington at Prayer” overlaid on the Square and Compasses. (Only three sculptures were cast; one was retained by the artist and the other by the foundryman.) Behind the Treasurer’s desk is an oil painting of “Brother George Washington in the East.” Both original pieces of art were created by the late Bro. Arthur Etris, who was a Member of Red Lion Lodge No. 649. Bro. Etris originally created the artwork as a gift for his personal friend, who then presented it to Ephrata Lodge.

Two Lodges Field A Winning Team

The two Masonic Lodges in Unióntown joined forces and contributions for a most heart-warming project, sponsoring a handicapped Little League Team. Fayette Lodge No. 228 and Laurel Lodge No. 651 each contributed $175 to make it possible for the youth to play in the Pennsylvania (Handicapped) Little League. Then, some of the Members turned out for the game to support “their team.” District Deputy Grand Master John W. Hisiro said, “I went to the game. Unbelievable! If we give to charity, you should see this.”

Wearing their blue “FRAM” shirts, here are the Challenger Little League players posing for a team picture (photo above). The tall man wearing a red shirt in the back row is Bro. Hisiro. To his right with the white hat is Bro. Robert W. McKinley, Worshipful Master of Fayette Lodge, and on the left end of the back row is Bro. Jackson B. Thomas, Worshipful Master of Laurel Lodge.

Masonic Education Committee, Office Busy With “Friend to Friend” Support

Supporting Friend to Friend has been a dedicated and busy effort for the Committee on Masonic Education in the Masonic Education Office in Grand Lodge.

More than 50,000 Friend to Friend brochures have been sent to Lodges in Pennsylvania and to other Masonic Jurisdictions. Many requests for Friend to Friend have been received, not only from Jurisdictions in the United States, but also from foreign countries.

Friend to Friend, as depicted on the cover of the brochure, was the topic for Lodges across the Commonwealth to prepare and present this past year’s Masonic Education competition program. The seven Regional winners of that competition were to present their programs at the annual Masonic Education Conference in Elizabethtown on October 14.

Nursery Rhyme Inspires New Year’s Theme

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, All the King’s horses and all the King’s men, Couldn’t put Humpty together again.

That famous nursery rhyme serves as the inspiration for the Family of Freemasonry float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year’s Day, 1996.

Sitting on the wall of the flower-bedrocked float, the colorful egg-shaped figure will symbolize the Parade theme, “KIDS—LAUGHTER AND DREAMS” and our entry title “WE SUPPORT YOUTH.” The title is particularly appropriate for Masons. As the world’s oldest and largest Fraternity, its Members contribute millions of dollars annually toward the welfare of children.

Masons donate more than 1.5 million dollars a day in many charities, with a large share of it going to young people.

Preserve and Enhance

Some exciting activities around the Jurisdiction emphasize the sincerity with which the Masonic Fraternity believes in “Preserve and Enhance” the principles of Freemasonry.

A Rededication Ceremony was incorporated into the Stated Meeting of Seneca Lodge No. 865, Kittanning, during the Official Visitation of the District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Danny R. McKeight. The Ceremony, first performed in Milton Lodge No. 187, Pittsburgh, was created in 1976 by the late Bro. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Past Grand Master, and Richard M. Crossley, then Grand Chaplain.

Four Are Honored at Age 100

Another at 103 is a Mason 82 Years

Four Brethren—three in one Lodge—were honored for celebrating their 100th birthdays. Another Lodge presented a certificate to a 103-year-old Brother who has been a Member of the Fraternity for 82 years.

The 13th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Roger L. Wheeler, along with Past District Deputy Lester A. Kern and four Past Masters of Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle, visited two Brethren, each of whom has been a Member of the Fraternity for 68 years. For health reasons, they were not able to visit the Lodge’s third 100-year-old Member. They visited and presented letters of congratulations from R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshildt and Recognition Certificates to:

- Bro. D. Howard Barnhart, a resident of the Franklin County Home, who was born March 24, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge in March, 1927.
- Bro. Samuel H. Shellter, at home in Marion, who was born June 20, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 on December 20, 1927.

A Letter from the Grand Master and the Certificate were sent to:

- Bro. Robert F. Failer, at home in Lemasters, PA, was born January 24, 1895. He was Entered in Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443 in 1921.

The 30th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Richard J. Stemmler, along with the Worshipful Master, Bro. William P. Davis, Jr., and Secretary James E. McCracken, PM, and the recipient’s son, Bro. William M. Dice, presented a Letter of Congratulations from the Grand Master and the Certificate of Recognition to Bro. William B. Dice. The elder Bro. Dice, of Lemasters, was born July 25, 1895. He was Entered in Ligonier Lodge No. 331 in September, 1935.

- Bro. Martin L. Bogdin, Worshipful Master of Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135, Philadelphia, traveled to Ocean City, NJ, to honor Bro. Charles Miller for being a Member of the Fraternity for 82 years. Bro. Miller, who is 103, resides with his daughter in Ocean City. Accompanying the Worshipful Master for the visit was Bro. Dennis delSalsick of Cape May, District Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey’s 24th Masonic District.

21-Program Education Series To Be Reproduced for Lodges

Education has been one of the four Cornerstones of R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshildt’s administration. A bulwark in support of that Cornerstone has been the series of 21 education programs for Lodge Officers and Members developed, instituted and carried forth successfully by the Masonic Education Committee. Throughout these two years, the programs were presented in the Schools of Instruction throughout the Jurisdiction.

A group of capable instructors from districts across the Commonwealth presented the programs of varied Masonic topics ranging from “The History of Freemasonry” to “How to Develop a Lodge Budget.” For each topic, the Masonic Education Committee provided printed programs and educational materials.

After this December, when the full two years of programs have been presented in the Schools of Instruction, they will be collected in a bound publication. Each Lodge in the Jurisdiction will receive a copy as a valuable resource for future Lodge programs.

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With that recognition, R. W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshlitt presented one of the Grand Master's Medallions to Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, and paid tribute to his dedication and work as the creator of today's Friend to Friend program and of the former Solomon II program.

Without a doubt, Friend to Friend is the most effective public awareness and membership development medium available to Masons today. Its principles, methodology and corollary materials are being adopted by Jurisdictions across the United States, like Wyoming where it already has turned the tide in Membership. Friend to Friend is spoken and practiced in Canada, Australia, Brazil, France, Greece, Israel and India. Today, Friend to Friend is reported to be the most widely distributed brochure in Freemasonry.

Today's Friend to Friend Program is a rebirth of the successful Solomon II program of the 1980s. At that time, Bro. Vaughn created the emphasis that likened the rebuiling of Membership in the Masonic Fraternity to the building of King Solomon's Temple; hence, "Solomon II." In that program, which resulted in the most significant increase in Membership in decades, Bro. Vaughn introduced the bronze, silver and gold "Solomon's Temple" lapel pins of recognition like those now used in Friend to Friend.

Bro. Vaughn has been, and continues to be, a most active Freemason. In addition to being a Past Master of his Lodge, he is a Past Potentate of Zembo Shrine Temple, Harrisburg and Past President of the Pennsylvania Shrine Association. He is serving on the Grand Master's Executive Agency Board, the Masonic Homes Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania

Chapter three or four Degrees depending on the Jurisdiction: Mark Master; seminal elements Degree in its present form Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. One Degree in the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, December 6, 1993 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Hues will be elected.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania preserves and enhances, as it cares for the collections and aids to them, to ensure their continuing viability and usefulness. The staff is completing an exhibit in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was held by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1796. It is our hope that the exhibit will enhance the collection, and educate all who visit the Masonic Temple, by making the history of Grand Chapter come alive with pictures, documents and jewels.

Capitular Masonry—so named because of the nineteenth century notion that it headed and consummated the Craft of Freemasonry (an English Masonic historian calls it the "root, heart and marrow of Masonry")—consists of three or four Degrees depending on the Jurisdiction: Mark Master; Past Master; Most Excellent Master (unique to USA, created c.1845); and Royal Arch Mason. The early history of these Degrees has, for the most part, been lost to the passage of time; however, seminal elements of the Mark Degree can be traced back to the middle ages. Molders of operatic Masonry, and the Royal Degree in its present form emerged in the England of the early 1740's. In contrast to the "Brothers" of Symbolic Masonry, who are called "Lodges," the "Companions" of Royal Arch Masonry meet in "Chapters." In the same manner, Worshipful Master and Right Worshipful Grand Master are equivalent in rank to High Priest and Most Excellent Grand High Priest. King Henry VI of England decreed in 1425 that Masons should not gather together in "Chapters" or "Congregations." This medieval word "Chapter" may have been the root of the Royal Arch use of "Chapter." In 1795, James Molan, basing his authority on Warrants from several Philadelphia Lodges (Nos. 19, 52, and 67) created a Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the same year, sanctioned the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as a separate, but Subordinate Body, to itself. This was in response to Mr. Molan's Grand Chapter that was viewed as "irregular" and the source of much confusion and disarray. The Grand Lodge approved in 1798 Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which largely followed the rules of English Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter adopted its own Constitution and became independent of the Grand Lodge in 1824. Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania chose not to join the General Grand Chapter of the United States (est. 1798, Hartford, CT); and has to this day remained an autonomous body. The Grand Chapter, as of 1995, has under its Jurisdiction 17,503 Companions Meeting in 116 Chapters and 4 Mark Lodges.

100 Visit DeMolay

One hundred Masons accompanied District Deputy Gran Master zu Dencky of the 27th Masonic District's first Official Visit to the Lorraine Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Amendment No. 4

Eliminating Disparities to the Chair

Article 10.01 shall be amended by deleting "3. Disparities to pass to the Chair" and renumbering those numerical items which appear subsequent to number 3.

Article 12.03 shall be amended by eliminating therefore the eighth paragraph the words ""3."

Article 12.11 shall be amended by eliminating, therefrom the phrase "and to pass Brethren to another Chair, with regular petition made in writing for that purpose, signed by the petitioners, and recommended by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge."

Amendment No. 5

Grand Lodge Fees Increase

Item 7 under Article 10.01 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

7. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodge, visit

Grand Lodge dues annually for each Member who was a Life Member on December 7, 1955

$12.00

Grand Lodge dues annually for all other Members

$12.00

The Subordinate Lodge shall be relieved from paying the above annual dues to the Grand Lodge of any Member whose Lodge dues are remitted because of the inability of such Member to pay his Lodge dues or where the Lodge dues are remitted because he has been a Mason in good standing for 50 or more years, provided such Lodge action in either case is by Resolution duly certified as such to the Grand Secretary.

Fee for each initiation, or admission of a Brother from a Lodge of another Jurisdiction $125.00

Amendment No. 6

Reducing Age Requirement

Article 19.05 shall be amended so that as amended the same shall read:

Not more than Five Freemasons may be made for any one and the same session of the Lodge, or on the same day; nor anyone under the age of eighteen years.

The Members of the Grand Lodge are also requested to attend the Annual Grand Communication in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 27, 1995 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at which time the Grand Officers will be installed.

Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary

Friend to Friend, Help to a Brother, Help to Mankind...

...are, and always have been, a stock in trade of your Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania. Service to the community is what the Staff renders itself to educate by answering questions - not always purely Masonic - in person or by mail. Circularizing libraries contributes to this service by enabling the Brethren to borrow books - even by mail - and enjoy learning from them at home.

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What better way to continue walking in the footsteps of those illustrious Brethren, so aptly shown on the Right Worshipful Grand Master's Desk in the "Friend to Friend" brochure, than to continue服務 to the community, educate the Mason and Mason, and to preserve and enhance the outstanding collections of your Library and Museum.

Edwin L. Douglas, Grand Master
Children's Home Remembers
The Events of Summer 1995

Many years ago when the Brown Home was a boys' dormitory, a large bell would toll, and the boys had five minutes to return to the building from play. That bell will now be preserved for future generations at its new home near the Children's Home buildings. The "Meneley Bell" was cast in 1921 and is a duplicate of a bell Captain Brown and his brother, Samuel V. Brown, had placed on a chapel they erected in Pittsburgh in 1908 as a memorial to their mother. Through donations from the Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association, the bell was restored to its original beauty. The inspirational inscription on the bell was copied from a bell at the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, Syria. Originally a temple dedicated to Jupiter, the building was turned into a cathedral in the fourth century and dedicated to St. John the Baptist. Between 961 and 790, the caliphate purchased the cathedral and turned it into what is now the Umayyad Mosque. The inscription reads, "Thy Kingdom, O Christ, is an everlasting Kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

A flagpole, purchased with donations in memory of the late Bro. Paul Rodenhauser, a former resident of Masonic Homes, has been installed at the new Children's Home. The flag was donated by his wife, Hans, who currently resides at the Masonic Homes. A new basketball court was constructed near the Lloyd Cottage and the youth are making use of it. Smaller children are thrilled with the addition of a new play area which includes swings, slides, a seesaw, sand box, climbing ladder, and chalet house.

The summer finale at the Children's Home is always group vacation time. Each cottage family planned its own vacation, from shore points in Maryland to Williamsburg and from Sesame Place in Pennsylvania to Niagara Falls in New York and Canada.

Brother Paul M. Dennehay
Gives Original Painting to Masonic Homes

Brother Paul M. Dennehay, an accomplished artist who has exhibited artwork at several art shows, has now given one of his works to the Masonic Homes. The painting entitled "Masons Care," made specifically for the Masonic Homes, is the epitome of the three elements of the Circle of Friendship. A symbolic work of art, it depicts in his own words, "...a widow and orphan being admitted to the Masonic Homes...coming out of the storm of hopelessness and adversity to a place of warmth and security." Many of his other paintings are in private collections and fraternal organizations.

Brother Dennehay retired from AMP, Inc., a large manufacturer of electronic connectors based in Harrisburg, where he worked as a commercial/technical artist. At the time of his presentation, Brother Dennehay resided in Avon Park, Florida and was a forty-two year member of Perseverance Lodge No. 21 of Harrisburg.

Construction Update
Masonic Homes' Cottage Expansion Progresses

On July 28, 1995, the Committee on Masonic Homes approved the plans for the development of additional Independent Living Cottages at the Masonic Homes. Plans for the project have been submitted to the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and the local township Board of Supervisors for review and approval.

We plan to have a contractor ready to begin construction of the first phase of the cottages in the fall of 1996. Eighteen cottages should be completed within the first six months.

The residents will pay an entrance fee and a monthly fee for a full array of services. Residents will have access to health care services on the Masonic Home's campus on a fee-for-service basis.

The plans allow for as many as one hundred cottages with three basic floor plans and the availability of basements in some, depending on the site. As of September 1, 1995, twenty-six cottages have been reserved, and Phase II cottages are now being sold. The first phase will comprise those cottages sold at the time construction is to begin.

Watch for Masonic Homes' Construction Updates for further developments on this and other exciting projects. Contact the Independent Living Marketing Staff about planning for your future at Masonic Homes' Independent Living. Call 1-717-381-4514 or 1-800-876-6452.

Brother Donald Morgan, Past Master of Perseverance Lodge, served as the model for the Mason in this painting. The images of the woman and girl were inspired by local neighbors.
Grand Master’s Day
One of the Annual Highlights at the Masonic Homes.

On Grand Master’s Day – a day when Pennsylvanians can experience the splendor of the Masonic Homes and understand first-hand the mission of love at Masonic Homes. On Saturday, August 26, more than 300 Masonic Homes’ employees volunteered to work and served 11,248 sausage sandwiches, 7,048 hot dogs, over 20,000 drinks, and 15,828 ice cream items to more than 10,000 Pennsylvania Masons, their families, and friends. There were stands providing information on the Masonic Homes and Masonic-affiliated groups, and the highlight of the day was the four parachute gliders gliding to earth with a blue Masonic “Friend to Friend” banner.

Masonic Homes’ Admissions Policy

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Currently eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes are a Master Mason in Good Standing in his Pennsylvania Blue Lodge; for five or more years, his wife, widow, mother, sister, and never married daughter. If the Master Mason is deceased, these relationships are also eligible without regard to the length of his Membership, provided he was in Good Standing at the time of his death.

Admission to the Masonic Homes is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, Members of which are selected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves or disapproves applications for admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap of the applicant. Application for admission to the Masonic Homes by a Master Mason in Good Standing in his Pennsylvania Blue Lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and never married daughters is also received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
Families of Freemasonry

The Geary Family

District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Dieter G. Dauber of the 15th Masonic District explained that Bro. William J. Geary, Sr., A Past Master of Factoryville Lodge No. 341, heads a family of truly active Masons that includes: his three sons, Bros. William, Jr., Kenneth, and Richard, all Past Masters; his son-in-law and nephew, Bros. Martin Migliori and George A. Stephens, Jr., respectively, both of whom are Past Masters. Bro. Stephens also is serving as Secretary.

The distaff part of the family is just as active. The senior Geary’s wife, Kitty, is a Most Worthy Matron and Treasurer of Tunkhannock Chapter No. 74, Order of Eastern Star. One daughter, Judi, is now Worthy Matron of the Chapter and another, Kathy, is a Worthy Matron and remains active in the Chapter.

Also, the senior Gearys have six granddaughters in Sunshine Assembly No. 41, Order of Rainbow for Girls: Angela serves as Grand Hope in Grand Assembly; Missy is Grand Representative to Kentucky; Katie is Grand Usherette; Jennifer is Grand Lecturer for District 31, and Maria and Candy are active Assembly Members. Kitty Geary serves as Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy to District 31 and Kathy Geary serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the Advisory Board. Finally, Bro. Bill, Sr., is on the Advisory Board.

The Collins Family

It’s three in a row for the Collins family in Canawacta Lodge No. 360, Susquehanna, in the 15th Masonic District. Bro. Frederick E. Collins is the present Worshipful Master; his son, Bro. Clark, follows him as Senior Warden, and his brother, Bro. Edward preceded him and is the Immediate Past Master and Representative to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edward is also Chapter Chairman of Mountain Laurel Chapter, Order of DeMoyl, of which his son, Joshua, is a Past Master Counselor and District Representative. Bro. Frederick is Chapter “Dad,” and Bro. Clark is Chapter Advisor as well as the 15th Masonic District’s Youth Chairman.

The Worshipful Master’s wife, Judy, is Associate Matron of Gill Chapter No. 12, Order of Eastern Star, Great Bend.

Syria Cornerstone

Right Worshipful Grand Master Bro. George H. Hohenshildt performs one of the Symbalic Rites in the Cornerstone ceremonies for the new Syria Shrine Mosque in Pittsburgh. Numerous Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Officials participated in the event and many Appendant Bodies were represented.

Medal of Honor Winners Meet In Grand Lodge

During a luncheon in the Grand Banquet Hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on September 26, Major General Patrick H. Brady, President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, presented R.W. Grand Master George H. Hohenshildt with a copy of Above and Beyond, a book of stories and pictures of Congressional Honor winners. Seventy percent of living Congressional Honor winners attended. Also attending the luncheon were R.W. Deputy Grand Master Edward G. Weisser and R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson.

SECOND CHANCE

The beat goes on.

President of Second Chance

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Brothers:

I bring you greetings from seven Freemasons who have been given a second chance in life by receiving a life-saving heart transplant. Our support group is rightly known as “Second Chance,” and we represent heart transplant recipients and their families from both Hahnemann and Temple University Hospitals here in Philadelphia.

Each year, we have a gala celebration here. A dance is present on May 13. Clockwise from upper left are: Edward R. Green, Sr., Past Master, St. Alban-Swan Lodge No. 529; S. Frederick Schlegel, Past Master, William Penn Lodge No. 732; Wayman Walker, James W. Bell-Allen Lodge No. 97, Prince Hall; Joseph Pearlstein (myself), Junior Master Cerns, Shikinah Lodge No. 246; Thomas Perkins, Jr., Newtstown Lodge No. 628; Frank M. Gell, Senior Warden, Quakertown Lodge No. 512; and Herb Ostroff, Crudwawy Lodge No. 33 (Delaware).

If we can be of assistance to any other Brothers or their families who may have to undergo the same procedure, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Joseph Pearlstein, J.M.C., Shekinah Lodge No. 246

The Annual Grand Communication and Grand Master’s High Hat Gala Set for December 27, in Philadelphia.

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is scheduled to be held in The Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 27, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Communication will mark the end of the Administration of Bro. George H. Hohenshildt as the R.W. Grand Master and the beginning of the expected term of Bro. Edward O. Weisser.

Tickets for the Grand Master’s High Hat Gala are available for $10.00 per person and will be sold through Lodges or the Grand Master’s Office on a first request basis. Early reservations are encouraged. See coupons on this page.
Youth Program Making Progress

The programs of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation continue to support the R.W. Grand Master's love of "Help to a Brother...Help to Mankind." By working to preserve and enhance the Masonic Youth Groups, the Foundation provides Masons, their families and their friends with quality opportunities for youth development. Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters each provide programs which improve confidence, enhance public speaking ability, encourage teamwork, offer scholarships, create opportunities for service and charity work, and offer programs of travel which lead to the development of friendships across the country.

During the course of the past two years, the Job’s Daughters have halted their Membership loss trend by initiating as many new Members as they lost. The Rainbow Girls have constituted several Assemblies, most recently in Hermitage and in Clarion. DeMolay has opened new Lodges in Norristown and Susquehanna, with others working toward that goal in Gettysburg, New Castle, Athens, and Kittanning. DeMolay is on the verge of real Membership growth this year, hoping to meet this goal by December 31.

The Foundation’s scholarship program continues to grow. New scholarship programs include Euphra Lee Phillips Lodge No. 337, and the Stillman Leadership Scholarship. Distribution of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide continues to bring information about our Fraternity to young people and school administrators, offering opportunities for scholarship assistance with our Lodge Members and invited families.

Encouraging Masons to support the Masonic Youth Groups has been a recent focus of the R. W. Grand Master and the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. This was the impetus for publication of the Masonic Youth Group Directory, with information about every Rainbow, DeMolay and Job’s Daughters group in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Now, Masons across the state may contact, visit, or refer potential Members to any one of our Masonic Youth Groups.

Our youth programs need Masons to visit and learn about their beautiful ritual work and exciting programs for youth. Masons need to help promote Membership in these organizations, and visiting is the first step toward understanding the service they provide to youth, and the vital role they play in the community. Every Lodge has been asked to visit the youth groups, and while all have not yet participated, the list of visiting delegations grows each month.

At the Masonic Conference Center-Patrick Campus at the Masonic Homes, the Foundation supported over 60 activities in 1994 and 1995 for Masonic Youth by providing the facility and meals at no cost to the youth members. The programs at the campus vary with each group, and include athletic tournaments, ritual competitions, educational seminars, programming workshops, public speaking opportunities, musical performances, team-building exercises, and leadership opportunities. There is no finer facility which improves the youth which is made available for Masonic Youth Groups.

It is our duty as Freemasons to Preserve and Enhance these wonderful youth programs, conceived and developed by Masons for the improvement of the young people of our communities. Through these organizations we can share and teach Masonic virtues, the examples of our loving brothers and mankind, to the youth who will lead our communities in the future.

Scholarships Awarded

The Educational Endowment Fund Committee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation reviewed 170 applications this year. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of a competitive review of academic achievement, financial need, fraternal involvement and other activities. Additional awards were approved on behalf of the following affiliated bodies which sponsor scholarships within the Educational Endowment Fund. Since its inception in 1989, there have been 66 recipients of Foundation scholarship awards totalling over $82,000, through this program. These scholarships are awarded as fulfillment of part of our mission to aid and assist in the development of the youth of Pennsylvania.

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarship $1,000 each

Alphonso C. Knoll, Reinholds, Berks County, Pa., Franklin and Marshall College, Government and Law

Brian Reiter, New Eagle, Washington County, Pa., Washington and Jefferson College, Biology and Chemistry

Grand Master’s Scholarships $2,000 each

Jody L. Fordyce, Darfur, Fayette County, Pa., University of Pittsburgh, Geography

Brian Reiter, New Eagle, Washington County, Pa., Washington and Jefferson College, Biology and Chemistry

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships $1,000 each

Heather M. Andring, Rust Valley, Armstrong County, Pa., University of Rochester, Biological Sciences and Genetics

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Scholarship Resource Guide Available

Masonically sponsored scholarship programs support our R.W. Grand Master’s theme of providing “Help to a Brother...Help to Mankind.” The eighth edition of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, produced by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is now available. It includes a summary of more than 50 scholarship or grant programs provided by various Masonic Bodies for Masons, their families, and Members of the Masonically related youth groups, and in some cases, to the general public. Over 4000 copies of the guidebook have already been distributed, free of charge, to youth group leaders, Lodges, and over 500 high school principals in Pennsylvania. Additional copies are available upon request. An application for the 1996 PEF Scholarship is included in each guidebook edition.

Brian K. Reiter received a $1,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Scholarship from Bro. John Hicks, D.D.G.M. of District 11, and Chairman of the PEF Educational Endowment Fund Committee. Looking on are our guests, grand master, William Combs (left) and Bro. Robert C. Hayden, W.M. of Hornell, Phillips Lodge No. 117, Maysanahula.

Heather M. Andring received the largest grant ever given by the PEF, a $4,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Scholarship from Bro. Fred S. Yeomans, D.D.G.M. of District 19. Looking on is Bro. Elden C. Harris, District Youth Chairman.

Please Support Your Masonic Charities

The deeds and services that make up the Masonic Charities prove that "Masons Care." We care about, and care for, the people and the purposes that need and deserve support, such as our elderly Brothers and loved ones; the youth of our families, friends and neighbors; the heritage and culture of our Fraternity and nation; and the Lodges and our communities.

By now, you should have received the Masonic Charities Annual Appeal Letter. The success of the appeal helps tremendously to assure that the Masonic Charities will continue to provide “Help to a Brother...Help to Mankind.”

Please send your contribution to provide for the needs of our residents, young and old at the Masonic Homes; the youth of our Fraternity during their group activities; the abolishment of the devastating drug and alcohol abuse problem; and the preservation of our Masonic heritage. Say you care by mailing your check today. If the forms are mislaid or not available, all a Member has to do is to make out a check to Masonic Charities and return it to the Masonic Charities, Development Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, PA 17022-2199. - Thank you.

Azalea Lodge No. 687 Invites Friends, Families to Masonic ‘Weekend Retreat’

A Saturday afternoon of outdoor games, an evening pig roast, a Civil War historic program and a Sunday Family Day bus trip tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield were all in one weekend event, a Friend to Friend retreat for Masons, their families, friends and neighbors of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Haslet.

Bro. Raymond S. Beishline, W.M. of Azalea Lodge, asked each Mason to invite a family friend — especially those who is younger, for the outing and trip on October 14 and 15. Every Mason was welcomed, with or without a friend.

Activities began Saturday afternoon at Bro. Don Book’s home with an ice-breaker followed by pig roast, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Later, Dr. John Magill gave an audio-visual presentation on the Battle of Gettysburg as a prelude to the next day’s trip. On Sunday, the Masons, and friends with their wives and children left at 8 a.m. for Gettysburg, where Bro. Book conducted the tour of the Battlefield and visited the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial Monument.
Annual Lodge Awards First Stated Meeting in June. There were distribution within the four
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