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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER:

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Special Message continued on page 3

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The Grand Master Speaks

Brethren:
I have assured you that my total involvement in Grand Lodge programs, family, and Masonic Pennsylvania Lodges is a goal for my tenure as Grand Master. It is my hope that the Lodges become personally involved with the activities offered by our Fraternity so that each of your members will develop a feeling of brotherhood, enrichment, and a feeling of worthiness as you exercise charity and reward to me as I have begun presenting Grand Lodge replica model banks for those brethren completing the balance of 15 noble fraternal activities. These Masons have had many wonderful experiences and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Charity is a theme and an accountable. As you read The Pennsylvania Freemason, notice how Masons have responded. Masons are involved sincerely, whether it's the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, responding to the messages of the Blood and Organ Donor Club, or in projects to have their communities and handicapped or distressed neighbors and friends. Charity is being there for another when needed. We need to be there for our brothers when they need us.

Let me relate an event that I spoke about to those attending the Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication in Johnstown. The Grand Lodge Office visited the Children's Hospital on the traditional Memorial Day, May 30th. We, in our Masonic regalia, were welcomed and received by the staff and handed out presents. Our guides took us to many of the hospital facilities, and I can assure you that our visits are getting fine care. On one floor we noticed two ladies lovingly spoon-feeding their patients. We stopped to visit and they informed us that their husbands had been Masons, but were put out of the lodge when they became sick and didn't remember to pay their dues. I ask you, brethren, why did we allow this to happen? How many of our brethren have been suspended who are in the same condition as the ones fed by their wives? Why are we living up to our obligation to help a brother when in need? Why aren't we cognizant of our responsibility as officers and members of our lodges when a member is up for non-payment of dues this year? It is your duty to visit them after your brothers and their families.

Remember our Ancient Charge at Initiation when the Worshipful Master told you, "You are to be a man of benevolence and charity..." You can make a difference in the lives of your brothers. Do you realize that a penny a week from each Mason in your lodge could pay the hospital bills of a brother who is ill? We cannot afford to allow brethren to be suspended when they are in the condition of the men we visited at the Veterans Hospital. Over 1,600 members have been suspended for non-payment of dues this year. We must all become concerned about these brethren. Perhaps the secretary of your lodge could provide the names of the suspended members for the Masons of your lodge so that personal contact could be made to show Masonic care. Have you called a sick brother lately?

Education, culture, and promoting the useful arts are also our responsibility. We have begun announcing the awarding of scholarships for the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the National School Senior Talent Search competition and essay contest promoted by the Masonic Education Committee. The exceptional talent and the perceptions of the essays were truly inspirational to those who attended the performances. Please make any 1996-1997 High School Seniors aware that these programs will be available for scholarship opportunities to be awarded in the spring of 1997.

Be a "lover of the arts" and visit the Grand Lodge-sponsored Sunday afternoon entertainment programs in October when they resume. Those who attended the shows in the Spring enjoyed the programs and found them to be afternoons of wholesome fun shared with families and friends. Also, invite a non-Masonic friend to join you at our Masonic Homes for Autumn Day September 28th.

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Joining Grand Master's Team

During the Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Temple in Johnstown, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser welcomed 14 Masons to the Grand Master's Team and presented them with purple Friend to Friend Jackets. After the candidate has become member, he contacts the Mason who was the first-line signer of his petition.

Shown with Grand Master Weisser after the presentation are: Front Row (l-r) - Grand Sword Bearer William W. Weisser (left) and R.W. Past Grand Master James C. M. S. (right); Center row - Clarence Snyder, Jr., Paul L. Zepietzick, Lawrence Sollenberger, P. Franklin Hartzell, Jr., Brooks L. Breyer, and John J. Ludik; Back row - D.D.G.M. Danny McKnight, Louis Ludwig, Emery Dave Andrus, Jr., Gary E. Moody, James Alexander, and Robert Zettelmeyer.

On the Cover

INVIOLABLE ... in the Lodge, the family, and the community ... in charity, youth programs, education, fraternalism, and membership development

Throughout The Pennsylvania Freemason are reports of Pennsylvania Masons, lodges and districts involved in fraternalism, charity, and service. Representative of the involved Masons, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser is shown on the cover of this issue taking part in some fraternal, service, educational and fellowship activities.

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Special Message continued from cover

I would like to see every Freemason congratulate every brother he sees who is wearing a Friend to Friend Builders Pin or the Grand Master’s purple team jacket. These brethren are making a difference in a most critical period of Masonic history.

Brethren, Friend to Friend is working; but our work has just begun! We have slowed the pace of membership losses dramatically; but we need the involvement of all members — NOW. As we join hands in unanimity, success will crown our efforts. The Masons of Pennsylvania have joined hands and we are No. 1. Are you committed to keep Freemasonry alive and well?

With the Friend to Friend brochure and the newly released 14-minute Friend to Friend video, we have the most effective tools ever developed to enlighten our worthy non-Masonic friends about Freemasonry. It is simple; it is easy; and we are doing it without solicitation. I urge you to share the Friend to Friend brochure and video with those whom you honestly believe to be qualified for membership. It is one of the finest things you can ever do for a friend. It is a message of kindness that lasts a lifetime!

Sincerely and fraternaly,

Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master

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Since 1994, Pennsylvania Masons have hosted the training at no cost to the state, participating municipalities, or individual officers. The Masonic Conference Center has been designated the Pennsylvania D.A.R.E Training Center. This class brings the total of D.A.R.E. officers trained at the facility to 177.

Ashara Lodge Presents Check
Past Master Terry L. Sheppard, of Ashara Lodge No. 386, Mt. Joy, presents a check for $2,000 representing the proceeds of its annual spaghetti fundraiser to Joseph W. Witte, Director of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

Scottish Rite Research Society Offers “Nickel’s Worth” Deal
The Scottish Rite Research Society has grown from 400 members four years ago to nearly 2,000 today. It now has a goal of 5,000 members. To put the Society on the road toward its goal, there is a special 1996 membership promotion. For the first year’s dues of $20, the Society will waive the initiation fee, give a new book on Masonry, and place the new member on the mailing list for the Society’s newsletter, The Plumbline.

The Society calls it, “... getting your nickel’s worth — and more,” because the book, Bro. Jim Tresner’s Albert Pike: Man Beyond the Monument, — already in its second printing — is a $19.95 value. Also, the first 1,000 new members will receive a bonus copy of a poster with 32 illustrations of Scottish Rite Regalia paintings that are displayed in the House of the Temple, headquarters of the A.A.S.R., S.M.I., in Washington, D.C.

To become a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, a Mason should send a note of application including his name, address, lodge, Scottish Rite Valley (if applicable), along with his check for $20 for 1996 dues to: Scottish Rite Research Society, 1733 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-3103. Life membership is available at $300.
ORIENTAL HALL: 100th ANNIVERSARY

ne hundred years ago, decoration of Oriental Hall, described as one of the finest, most colorfully designed lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, was completed and formally opened. Throughout the century, the stately hall has served Masonic well and today is the meeting place of five Blue Lodges and two York Rite Bodies.

Looking east - 1990's

Oriental Hall, a superb exemplification of Moorish architecture, is one of the smallest among the seven magnificent lodge halls in the Masonic Temple. Oriental Hall is 53 feet long, 41 feet wide and 23 feet high. As described in The Keystone, a Masonic publication of the time, "Oriental Hall is the work of Bro. Murray Gibson, Sr. .... His plans were reproductions of the several parts of the famous Alhambra, at Grenada, Spain ... all of it in the raised relief characteristic of the Sarsenic style. The design of the main panel of the ceiling is from the Hall of the Ambassadors and is subdivided into seven thousand smaller panels ... [with] interfacing golden lines ... that culminate into larger star-shaped clusters, out of the centre of each ... buids an electric light enclosed in a stalacite globe...."

The border around the ceiling is from the Salon of the Tribunal. The large wall spaces between the shafts of the columns are from the Court of the Lions. ... to the height of about five feet, the wall is covered with semi-glassed tiles.... This is from the Court of the Fish Pond. The borders are from the Hall of the Abencerrages.... The ornamentation of the spandrels of the arches is from the Hall of the Two Sisters...."

Clearly no detail in decorating the hall was left to chance!

Looking east - 1990's

Friend to Friend Lucite Award

William A. Laughlin, Sr. (right), of Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Shippingport, receives the Lucite award from 37th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master William R. Marvin. The Lucite award is earned by being the first-line signer on the petitions of six initiated Masons. Bro. Laughlin wears his gold Friend to Friend lapel pin that he had previously earned for having been the first-line signer on three petitions.

Plaque For Contest Winner

The winner of the 1995 Masonic Education Media Contest, William Winberg (second from right) of John W. Jenkins Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawny, was presented with the first-place trophy by the Region 3 Masonic Education Chairman, F. Rick Knopp (second from left), the 37th District Deputy Grand Master Frederick T. Hemphill (left), and Worshipful Master Ralph R. Smith. His award-winning photo of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial at Gettysburg now hangs in the Masonic Education Office of Grand Lodge in Philadelphia and is the picture for this month (August) in the Grand Master's 1996-97 commemorative calendar.

A Mason for 84 Years

Few Masons celebrate their 84th Masonic anniversary. Bro. Thomas Farrell, who will be 106 on October 21, was entered in Pollock Lodge No. 502, Tarantum, on April 19, 1912. In honor of the anniversary, he received special recognition from his Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. William M. Kratzenberg (left), 54th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, awards a Grand Lodge certificate of recognition and a Robert M. Armstrong (right), Worshipful Master of Pollock Lodge, presents a Grand Lodge achievement award to Bro. Farrell. While the presentation was being made at Bro. Farrell's residence in Belair Nursing Center, Lower Burrell, RV. W. P. G. M. Arthur J. Kurtz is a member of that Lodge and for the Grand Master's medalion struck to commemorate his term, 1988-89, Bro. Burns and the Lodge name were depicted on the reverse. Bro. John Minott, Assistant Curator, has mounted an exhibit in the Grand Lodge Museum in commemoration of the poet's life.

ASERB Masons Confer Degree

A team of American Serbian Eastern Rite Brothers (ASERB) conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Daniel P. Gojosioh in John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743, Baldwin Township, Pittsburgh. Forty American Serbian Masonic brethren attended the February 14 meeting. Conferring the degree were: As W.M., Milan M. Tomich, P.M., Lodge No. 743; S.W., David Vranesovic, P.M., East McKeesport Lodge No. 765; J.W., Stan Drbac, Sec'y, Union Lodge No. 295, New Brighton; J.D., Theodore J. Erdel, Jr., Lodge No. 743; S.M.C., Rudy Karas, Jr., P.M., Franklin-St. John's-Temple Lodge No. 221; J.M.C., Milan Drakulic, Jr., P.M., Forbes Trail Lodge No. 783, Export; and Guide, Marko Godich, P.M., Lodge No. 783.

ASERB is a group of men of Serbian ancestry (or married to Serbs) who share a common bond of Freemasonry. It now numbers more than 320 brethren. They organized in 1963 for friendship, fellowship and to establish a scholarship fund. In 1965, two $250 scholarships were awarded; for the past six years $1,000 scholarships have been awarded. Over 31 years ASERB has awarded 146 scholarships amounting to $82,300.

Past Master Councilors Made Masons

It was DeMolay night during an extra meeting on George Washington's birthday at Homestead-Amyt-McCandless Lodge No. 582, Dravosburg, when two past master councilors received Masonic degrees. The degrees were conferred by brethren who are "Dads" of Templar Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The Masons occupying the stations and places in the lodge were advisors and active supporters of the DeMolay chapter. Pictured are (l-r): Lincoln W. Will and his son, Thomas, who received the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree; Jeffrey S. Henderson, who received the Master Mason's Degree, and his father, Ernest W., Secretary of Homestead-Amyt-McCandless Lodge.
Dedication of Chapel in the Masonic Homes Assembly Room

The all-purpose Assembly Room of the new West Wing of the Masonic Health Care Center was dedicated as a place for Christian worship on Saturday, April 13. More than 300 residents, families, and friends attended the dedication. Ashley Van Deursen led the procession of pastors, followed by the Acolyte Allison Litecoin. Bro. and Rev. Ted Bowers, Rev. Preston Van Deursen, and Bro. and Rev. George Jackson assisted in the dedication. The service was begun by the R.W. Grand Master Edward L. Thompson, who served as emcee. The dedication of the chapel was given by the R.W. Grand Master Edward L. Thompson, who served as emcee. The dedication of the chapel was given by the Worshipful Master Fred T. Hemphill. The dedication of the chapel was given by the worshipful Master Fred T. Hemphill. The dedication of the chapel was given by the Worshipful Master Fred T. Hemphill.
Look Who Came to Breakfast!

All the expected “guests of honor” — the Easter Bunny, Donald and Daisy Duck, and the Shining Clowns — showed up at Woodside Masonic Temple to thrill more than 120 children and their parents at the annual “Breakfast With the Easter Bunny” for Morrisville Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 107. Suddenly, there was a surprise guest (center of the photo): R.W. Grand Master Edward G. Weisser.

Masons of the lodges that meet in Woodside Masonic Temple and the Advisory Board for Rainbow work together each year to entertain the girls at Easter and serve the pancake and sausage breakfast. The lodges that meet in Woodside Temple are: Newtown Lodge No. 427; Penn Morris Lodge No. 778; and C. Grant Brittingham Lodge No. 788.

Work Progresses in Restoring Arch

In a cocoon of scaffolding, the National Memorial Arch, now in the process of being restored by the Masons of Pennsylvania, presents an imposing sight for visitors to the Valley Forge National Park. As of the end of June, restoration of the Monument was slightly more than 18 percent complete.

The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge has stood for more than 80 years as a tribute to Brother and General George Washington and his beleaguered soldiers who, at this site, suffered the terrible hardships of the historic winter of 1777. With renewed spirit, this same army emerged to successfully engage the British army in June of 1778.

Today, the Arch, which is 60 feet high and 30 feet wide, stands in disrepair. It is closed to the public for safety reasons.

The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge was dedicated on August 24, 1997. In the spirit of charity, Harry Feld, P.M. (second from left), of Athelstan Lodge No. 482, donated a display of gavels to the Masonic Homes on behalf of his uncle, the late Bro. Max Brody and Bro. Sam Brody. R.W. Grand Master Edward G. Weisser (second from right) and Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director of the Masonic Homes, received the gift. Max, who had made four of the displays which include all of the tools used in Masonry, asked that they be given to the Masonic Homes. Max established a tradition of giving a handmade gavel to each new Master of Lodge No. 482, a custom still carried on in his memory. Daniel P. Martin, W.M. (left), is the most recent recipient of a gavel.

To contribute to the restoration of the Arch, use this side.

All Masons and friends are being given the opportunity to participate in the restoration and preservation of this magnificent national monument. To learn how you can have your name inscribed in the Gold Book that will be placed in the time capsule on the day of dedication, please see the attached brochure.
A Day of Celebration!
A great day of celebration is planned for Sunday, August 24, 1997 when the dedication of the restored Arch will take place. Plan ahead to attend an old fashioned picnic with your family and also enjoy a parade, the dedication ceremonies and laying of the capstone.

Why the Freemasons of Pennsylvania are restoring the National Memorial Arch
"Freemasons have always been there to answer the call," said R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Edward O. Weisser. "Certainly, Brother Washington and his embattled troops did when they endured that brutal winter encampment in 1777 and 1778. "We, as Freemasons, believe our children and their children need to know that the men in 1777 cared about freedom. They need to know that Freemasons in 1996 still care about freedom."

George Washington and Freemasonry
George Washington was a great Freemason. He served as Master of his Masonic Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia at the same time he was President of the United States.

Freemasons are most proud of George Washington, whose leadership, strength and courage gave him the will to survive against terrible odds at Valley Forge and helped give birth to our nation.

To Find Out More About Freemasonry
Freemasonry is "The World's Premier Men's Organization." Its singular purpose is "to make good men better." It accepts only those believed to be of the highest character. To inquire about how you may be considered for membership, call 1-800-234-9213 or write to:

The Grand Lodge of F&AM of Pennsylvania
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"It is my hope that every Pennsylvania Freemason will support our restoration of the National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge - one of the most visible symbols of our nation's freedom."

- Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master

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Team In Bavarian Attire Confers The First Degree

The traditional Past Masters’ Night on the third Thursday of April was extra special this year for the German-speaking Teutonia Lodge No. 367 in West Reading.

An Entered Apprentice Masonic Degree was conferred in German with the stations and places occupied by brethren in original and authentic Bavarian costumes — lederhosen, vests, knee socks, ties, and other traditional parts of the tracht (costume). The candidate was Karl Wolter, the son of the Worshipful Master, Dieter Wolter, P.M. Serving as Senior and Junior Wardens were two of the candidate’s uncles, Rainer Wolter, P.M., and Robin Printz, P.M.

The candidate and all of the those serving on the Degree Team are members of the G.T.V. Edelewise Schuhplattler group, which is the reason that the Grand Master granted a special dispensation to have the degree conferred in authentic Bavarian attire.

Teutonia is one of three German-speaking lodges in Pennsylvania. Traditionally, the Past Masters’ Night attracts many visitors. This year, there were 144 visitors from 39 lodges in four states. They came not only from Hermann Lodge No. 125 and Humboldt Lodge No. 359, Pennsylvania’s other two German-speaking lodges (in Philadelphia), but also from across the state, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Kentucky.

4th Charity Tourney Announced

After the April 10 stated meeting, Concord Lodge No. 625, Concodville, invited representatives from three school districts, community groups, and law enforcement officials to the Lodge to announce plans for their fourth annual golf tournament (October 14 at Penn Oaks Country Club) to benefit student anti-drug and alcohol programs.

Grand Master of D.C. Visits

William E. Chaney, Jr. (front left), the M.W. Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, was an honored visitor on March 7 at Lehighton Lodge No. 621. He is pictured with Lehighton Worshipful Master Leroy E. Leibenspergh (front center) and 46th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master William J. Ray, Sr. In the middle row are: Darryl W. Arnet; Bruce A. Strausberger, Pursuivant; Glennia G. Windbeck, P.M.; Acting Secretary; Melvin E. Muffley, J.W.; Herbert A. Henry, S.W.; and Paul J. Ebets. In the back row: Vernon L. Fritz, J.D.; Harold C. Long, P.M., acting Treasurer; William H. Ravert, S.D.; David B. Mantz, P.M., Acting Chaplain; and Duane A. Delleskog.

The same evening, R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser visited the Lodge and spoke of the many good works performed by Masons across the state. Joseph W. Witte, the Director of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children (left in photo), along with 36th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Lyndon J. Dixon (right), presented a “Mekoni Care About Children” plaque to Worshipful Master Edward D. Miles (center) in recognition of the Lodge’s support and community partnership in the fight to keep the future of children drug-free.

Autumn Day 1996 at the Masonic Homes

Mark your calendar now to attend Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes on Saturday, September 28. Come experience first-hand the beauty of the facility and learn about the variety of caring services provided at our annual open house for Masons, family members, and friends. The fun and festivities start at 2 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

The following is a preview of Autumn Day highlights:

Delicious food will be provided at several locations on the grounds until 4 p.m. Just wait until you taste the Home-made sausage and baked beans, plus sauerkraut, hot dogs, refreshing ice cream, and beverages!

Visit our many stands where you can find answers to questions regarding our Masonic organizations. Don’t forget to take a look at the Masonic Homes’ numerous gift display tables of handmade craft items provided by our residents. Before you leave, be sure to stop by a Masonic Homes’ fruit stand.

Many residents of the Village Green area (Congregate and Personal Care sections) will open their rooms for you to see the services and accommodations available at the Masonic Homes. In the Independent Living areas, senior residents’ apartments and cottages so you can observe first-hand the excellent living arrangements provided by the Masonic Homes.

Tours also will be available at the Masonic Health Care Center, including the new Phase 4 additions: Assembly Room, Meditation Room, gift shop, library, therapy pool, beauty and barber shops, septuagenarian lounge, Activity rooms, and three floors of nursing services.

Bands will perform throughout the day for your entertainment. Also planned are wide varieties of activities especially for children, including art and face painting. Visit from rimes, jugglers, and clowns are anticipated! (And... remember to keep an eye in the sky for skydivers!)

If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, take a moment right now, complete the coupon on this page, and send it to the Masonic Homes. The Masonic Homes is unable to provide wheelchairs, so bring your own if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must advise the Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so that special tickets can be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

Autumn Day, September 28, 1996 Registration Coupon

Name: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________
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Transportation: __________
1. Driving Own Car ____________
2. Passenger ____________
3. Charter Bus ____________
4. Require Handicapped Parking ____________
5. Arrive By Train ____________

If handicapped parking is required, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with this coupon. We will send a special parking permit which you must bring with you.

Mail to: Autumn Day, Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-0199

Children’s Home Anticipates Openings

The Masonic Homes Children’s Home opened a fifth cottage on January 1, 1996, because of an increase in applications from youth who expressed an interest in living there. The facility currently has the capacity to house 40 youths. According to Bro. Gilson Cush, Director of Children’s Services, the Home may have two to three openings for boys to begin the 1996-97 school year. If any Mason of Pennsylvania who could benefit from the positive experiences provided at the Children’s Home in Elizabethtown, please contact your local lodge secretary or forward a referral to: Masonic Homes, Children’s Services, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199.

There are three criteria for a youth to be accepted into the Children’s Home:

1. The youth must desire to come to the Home.
2. The Children’s Home staff must, through a thorough assessment of the applicant, feel that the youth would be a good match with the Home’s services and environment.
3. Although the youth does not have to be affiliated with a Mason, he or she must be sponsored by a lodge.

For the fiscal year on March 16 Zereczuk Lodge No. 451, York, has hosted the widows of the lodge, serving lunch in the Lafayette Room of the Masonic Center. Following the meal, the widows received a gift from the lodge and were entertained by Amy Hanman who presented a Pennsylvania Diamonds interpretation that compared a wedding of the “plain people” of bygone days with a typical wedding of the 1960’s. Worshipful Master William L. Gladdifier, Jr., is shown at the function with the senior guest, Margaret Webster, 85.
MASONS OF NOTE

Burgar Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg, is thankful for the watchful eye and quick actions of Daniel S. Tataroff, of Stratford Lodge No. 440, Bro. Tataroff and a Stroudsburg University friend split a fire in a dumpster behind the lodge. He sent his friend to call 911 while he controlled the fire. In a letter of appreciation, Burgar Lodge said, “We are forever grateful for having a Brother at the right place at the right time.” Only the outer hallway and stairway received minor smoke damage.

During an evening meeting of Excelsior Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg, Elmer W. Herrman, who has been a Mason for nearly 56 years, a Past Master for 46 years, and Secretary of the lodge for more than 44 years, honored his grandson, James D. Hermann, Jr., who became the fourth generation of the family who are members of that lodge. At the same meeting, Past Master James D. Quijley raised his brother, Deenan Quijley.

When Charles L. Sober, Worshipful Master of Dietrich Lamade Lodge No. 755, Altamont, and Adjutant of the 5th Masonic District, had to rush to catch up on family news. His father, William H. Sober, Sr., is Senior Master of Ceremonies, and his brother, William H., Jr., is Chaplain. All are active in Grotto, York Rite, and Scottish Rite.

For 66 years, Hiram Lodge No. 81, in Philadelphia and Maple Shade-Moorstown Masonic Lodge No. 281, in Maple Shade, New Jersey, have exchanged fraternal visits in the Spring and Fall. In May, members of Hiram Lodge, accompanied by District E Deputy Grand Master Dale H. Fella, traveled across the Delaware River and exemplified a Master Mason’s Degree. Maple Shade-Moorstown Lodge will visit Hiram Lodge in October and exemplify a Third Degree.

Sanford G. Oringer, a member of Robert Burn's Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, received national recognition for his 65 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scout President Norman R. Augustine and Chief Scout Executive James B. Ratchiffe sent a personal congratulatory letter to Sanford Oringer.

When Clarence R. “Buzz” Snyder, Jr., P.M. of Kittanning East Brady Lodge No. 244, conferred a Master Mason’s Degree for the 144th time, it was for his grandson, Brian J. Boltz. In his Masonic career, P.M. Snyder has conferred more than 200 degrees.

Two Brothers, Robert and Edward Morris of Honesdale Lodge No. 218, were each awarded a 50-year emblem by 14th District Deputy Grand Master Ronald A. Thorne and Worshipful Master Steven E. Burlein. The presentation was made in the Ellen Memorial Health Care Facility, where Robert is a resident. Also attending the ceremony were lodge officers and several Masons who are also residents of the Health Care Facility.

L. Howard Jones, 97, the oldest living Past Master of Persecution Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, was recognized for his 75 years as a Mason. The 2nd Masonic District Deputy Grand Master John J. Cullen, Jr., along with Worshipful Master Edmond R. Smith, presented the Grand Lodge 75-Year Certificate of Recognition in ceremonies at Clament Farms, where Bro. Jones is a resident.

Masons from six lodges who are employees of the County of Butler have formed a degree team for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason’s Degree on fellow employees who become Masons in the future.

Yeager Unique in Red Cross of Constantine Leadership

William E. Yeager Jr., 68th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, presided at the Mell Illustrious Grand Masonic Lodge No. 22 over the 124th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council No. 1 of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the U.S.A., Mexico and Philippines held in Harrisburg, June 6–9. Approximately 500 members and ladies attended.

In serving in this capacity, he is the only Grand Sovereign whose father had preceded him in the same position. The late William E. Yeager, Sr. served 25 years ago, presiding over the 90th Annual Assembly in Harrisburg. Yeager, Sr. served as R.W. Grand Master in Pennsylvania in 1956-31. Yeager, Jr.’s sister, Shirley, is the daughter of the late W.E. Past Grand Master Earl F. Hordel (1964-65).

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Sunday Entertainment Programs Resume October and November

The Grand Master’s Sunday afternoon Family Cultural Entertainments will be held at 3 p.m. each Sunday in October and November at Photography by Tom Schaffer, vocalist, at Williamsport Consistory Tom Yuraitis, magician, Scottish Rite Cathedral, vocalists, at Williamsport Consistory Sound of Nashville, Coummassie Consistory There will be a nominal donation of $2 per adult (children under 12, free). Tickets for each month’s shows will be available from your Blue Million Dollar, or at the door on a first-come basis the afternoon of the show.

Masons Throughout District Help Afflicted 4-Year-Old

Four-year-old Craig Eberly suffers from myoclonic dystonia, a rare affliction that affects part of the brain and attacks the fine motor skills. His mother, Carolann Eberly said that there may be only a half-dozen known cases. For example, Craig would be able to take the cap off a pen, but he would not be able to put it back together. He must have his hand guided when he eats so that he doesn’t stab his face with the fork.

Carolann said she sought help everywhere, but to no avail until she asked the Masons. Help for Craig became a story of fraternal networking that now has established a Craig Eberly trust fund with nearly $5,000 initially.

Following a call to the Masonic Homes in Elizabeth, a second call reached the Harrisburg Consistory, 25, Cedar of Lebanon. Weist enlisted the aid of the Forests’ Estate, Arthur L. Hepler, of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf. Together they talked to the 60th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master William S. Arnold. With the approval of R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisss, the Masons of the 60th District — lodges and appendant lodges raised almost $4,000, including the gift from Craig’s mother. As a charitable community service, the trust fund of Fulton Bank is administering a trust fund for Craig.

The Eberly family lives in the community of Reinholds at the northeastern tip of Lancaster County abutting Lebanon and Berks Counties.

Blood and Organ Donor Club Sets Poster Contest for Youth

The Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has announced a poster contest designed to involve youth in the promotion of the important humanitarian blood and organ donation program. It is open to any member of the four Masonically-related youth organizations — Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters, DeMolay and Knights of Pythias.

Entries are to prepare an 18” x 24” poster in any appropriate medium relating to either the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club, the Masonic Blood Club or the Masonic Organ Donor Club. The posters will be judged on artistic merit, creativity, originality, professionalism with the selected medium, clarity of the message and quality of the lettering.

The first place winner will receive a $300 prize and his or her poster reproduced and sent to all lodges and youth groups. Second place will receive $200, and third place, $100.

Deadline for entering the contest is October 1. Entries are to be submitted to: Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2599.

One Person’s Organ Transplant Donations Give at Least Six Others Fuller Lives

At least six people are living fuller lives today and untold more are likely to benefit from medical research because one Masonic family has taken part in the organ and tissue transplant program that is encouraged by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Delaware Valley Transplant Program was contacted quickly after the late Shirley Labe, 60, wife of Richard Labe, immediate Past Master of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf, was finallystripped with a massive aneurism in the brain and taken to the Reading Hospital. Past Master Labe, who has been a registered, “card-carrying” transplant donor volunteer for some time, said he and his wife had agreed on the humanitarian importance of the program.

One can best appreciate the human value of Shirley’s donation by reading the following excerpts from a letter of thanks from the Delaware Valley Transplant Program: “The liver recipient is a 40-year-old single gentleman who is looking forward to working with his brother in a family-owned construction business. The recipient of the kidney is a 35-year-old single gentleman who was fortunate to be on the transplant list and was able to receive a kidney from his sister. She was married just one week prior to her transplant, and her husband has continued to do well with her heart valves, with your consent, we did proceed with Shirley’s donation of her heart for research.”

Shirley was serving as Secretary of Conrad Weiser Chapter No. 449, the Order of the Eastern Star, and had recently agreed to a life appointment. Past Master Labe said that Shirley had just finished addressing the Chapter’s monthly meeting notice when she was stricken.

William S. Arnold (left), D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District, shows Carolann Eberly the check for $3,720 that will establish a trust fund for her 4-year-old son, Craig. Behind Craig are (l-r): Fred D. Mazur, Director of Development for the Masonic Homes; Arthur L. Hepler, Scribe, Quitapannah Forest 25, Cedar of Lebanon; and Thomas J. Weisss, P.M., Grand Tall Cedar, Quitapannah Forest 25.
PYF Foundation Awards Scholarships

After reviewing 221 applications, the Educational Endowment Committee of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation awarded scholarships totaling $21,750. Scholarships were awarded to children or grandchildren of Pennsylvania Masons, or members of Pennsylvania Rainbow DeMolay, or Job’s Daughters. Awards are determined on the basis of competitive review of academic development, financial need, fraternal involvement, and other activities.

Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships: William P. Higgins, Harrisburg (DeMolay) - $2,000

Guides and Applications may be requested from the PYF. September with the distribution of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide and applications. Resource Pamela Emily J Staman, Kristen Ford, Juliane Ann Regal, Anna Marie V Zambito, Grand Master’s Mitchell Ann Lake, Lawrence Dietrich other activities. 

PA Youth Wins National DeMolay Scholarship

Mark G. Tracy, 20, a Past Master Councillor of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was the $1,200 first-place scholarship in the Paul R. Kach DeMolay Essay Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. His topic was “Civil Rights.” In the photo, C. DeForest Tessler, 33°, Deputee for Pennsylvania of A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, presents the award check. Joining them are his father, Bro. Gerald Tracy (right), and R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, 33°. Mark will continue studying animal bioscience as a junior at Pennsylvania State University.

Grand Master’s Scholarships:

Pamela C. Lyny, Cranberry Township (Rainbow) - $2,500

Julie Ann Regal, Parkensburg, WV - $2,500

Jennie Ann Luke, Sisgetown (Rainbow) - $1,000

Anna Marie V. Zambito, York - $1,000

Joseph A. Buchman, III, Columbus (DeMolay) - $1,000

Herman Wittke Scholarship:

Vanessa Renee Krauser, Flushing, NY - $2,500

PA Youth Foundation Scholarships:

Kristen Ford, York - $2,500

Georgia Lynn Mitchell, Erie - $1,000

Loretta M. Scheier Memorial Nursing Scholarships:

Michelle A. Krystofat, Latrobe (Job’s Daughters) - $250

Carin M. Krenzak, Girard - $250

Natalie K. Weaver, Knoxville - $250

Since starting awards in 1988, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation has given over $104,000 in 82 scholarships awarded by the Educational Endowment Committee. The 1997 Scholarship Awards Program will begin in September with the distribution of the Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide and applications. Resource Guides and applications may be requested from the PYF.

7 Earn Essay Contest Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to senior high school students from each of the seven Masonic Regions of Pennsylvania in a ceremony on May 9 at the Independent Living Center, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, attended by the winners and their parents. Each entrant in the Senior Essay Contest was required to prepare a 1,500-word essay on “How Important Charity is to Me.” The state winner and recipient of a $2,500 Grand Lodge Scholarship was Nicole Koneffko, of Belle Vernon in Region 4. Six Regional winners, who each received a $1,000 Grand Lodge Scholarship, were: Jessica Wells, Maple Glen, Region 1; Adam Alford, Camp Hill, Region 2; Kathryn Pecht, Blair Mills, Region 3; Kelley Cawthorne, Butler, Region 5; Brian Buck, Jersey Shore, Region 7; and Kristi McClintock, Berwick, Region 7.

Scholarships Awarded in Statewide Talent Search; Second Annual Competition Announced for 1997

As a service to those who need information about the Masonic youth or scholarship programs, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation now has a toll-free phone number in Pennsylvania. It is 1-800-266-8424. Outside of Pennsylvania, call the regular PYF number, (717) 367-1536.

Rainbows Spruce Up Monument

Members of York Assembly No. 92 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls spent a day cleaning up and landscaping at the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial in Gettysburg. The service project, organized by Worthy Advisor Amanda Beck, had members, friends, and families working some eight hours clearing leaves, weeding, mulching and planting shrubs. The group spent the weekend in Gettysburg, working during the day and enjoying one of Gettysburg’s ghost tours in the evening.

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R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, conducted the awards ceremony and presented the scholarships. Dr. Elvin G. Warfel, Secretary to the Masonic Education Committee, assisted the Grand Master. Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W.J.G.W.; Glenn Olsen, Region 5 Chairman; Thomas Eyrton, D.D.G.M., Region 1 Chairman; Ronald A. Aunger, Sr., Region 6 Chairman and Kenneth R. House, D.D.G.M. of the 34th Masonic District, attended the awards ceremony. Grand Master Weisser asked each of the recipients to relate the many activities in which he or she is involved in school and community. The state winner presented her essay to the audience.

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Anthony Carasofa, a saxophonist from the Pittston Area High School in Region 6, was the first-place winner and recipient of a $5,000 scholarship from the statewide Masonic Musical Talent Search Competition. The finals, in which the top winner from each of the seven Masonic Regions competed, were held in the Harrisburg Consistory on Sunday afternoon, February 1, 1997.

Mimi Song, a pianist from Milton Hershey High School in Region 2, was the second-place winner and received a $3,000 scholarship. David Crawford, a baritone vocalist from Quaker Valley High School in Region 4, was the third-place winner and received a $2,000 scholarship.

Masons of Pennsylvania always have been interested in supporting activities for youth. The Masonic Musical Talent Search is a new scholarship program introduced this year by R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser for high school seniors with talent in all musical areas of dance, vocal, and instrumental.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser has announced that the Second Annual Masonic Musical Talent Search for high school seniors will be held in May and June of 1997. Applications to participate in the 1997 competition must be submitted to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598, by August 1996.

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Construction Set For 36 Cottages

Construction will begin in the Fall for 36 cottages. The first two phases will offer cottages with independent living settings (shown in the rendering, along with the site layout), with many of the cottages having been reserved in conjunction with the interest shown by members of the Fraternity.

If you are interested, call 1-800-676-6452 for more information.

My Brothers:

For a considerable number of years I have been wondering how an organization with as much influence as Freemasonry has had over several hundred years, could fail to be acknowledged for its contribution to the development of civilization and human thought. I even developed a talk which I titled "How Can They Ignore Us?" In it, I ask those to whom I am speaking how often they ever saw Freemasonry presented in a history text. I simply was unable to comprehend how we could be ignored.

With the exception of organized religion, Freemasonry probably has created a greater beneficial impact upon the development of present-day civilization than any other organization that has existed on Earth, and yet, when you read historical documentation of the evolution of civilization, Freemasonry is rarely mentioned and, if it is, it is only peripherally.

Last year, the first World Conference of Grand Masters was held in Mexico City. Out of that conference came the Charter of Anahuac. The third item in that Charter presented the need of the Craft in the 21st Century "to fight against... ecological depredation, contamination of the environment..., social instability... and religious commitments in education," amongst others.

I have a very serious concern with any proposal that suggests Freemasonry's involvement in political and/or religious issues, and item three of that Charter suggests precisely that. There is no way social and ecological issues can be dealt with, without involving politics or religion. This Craft has been able to weather the storms which wiped out many organizations and even toppled governments because they stayed above the controversies of religion and politics.

When I presented my concerns about the Charter to some Masonic leaders, the rebuttal I received was that Masonry must have been involved in political and religious issues in the past. Freemasonry's influence in the American Revolution was cited as an example. They pointed to the actions of men like Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, and others, as Masonic involvement. In addition, Simon Bolivar in South America, Losjo Kusuta in Hungary, Theodore Kolokotronis in Greece, Benito Juarez in Mexico, amongst many others who contributed to the political development of modern countries, were examples of political involvement in other countries.

And then, for the first time I began to understand why the influence of Freemasonry is not discussed in history books. We cannot deny the impact of Washington and so many others in the development of American freedom; but it was not Freemasonry on the man, but the organization. Thus we read about the man in history texts, not the organization.

So, now I understand why Freemasonry does not occupy a prominent place in history books, but that does lessens its place in history. It probably would behoove historians to discuss the influence of Freemasonry on the man, and perhaps that is starting to occur.