Why does Masonic Homes offer gift annuities? Many of our friends want to give more to the Masonic Homes but live on fixed incomes and can’t afford to donate income-producing assets. With our gift annuity program, they can make a significant gift and still retain lifetime payments. In some cases, they can even increase their annual cash flow.

Example: Wilma Williams is 80 years old and has common stock in a company that pays her a dividend of 2 percent per year. Assuming a gift annuity rate of 8.8 percent, she could receive $220 each quarter, or $880 for the year. And her payments are secured by all the assets of the Masonic Homes.

Fixed payments, income tax deduction for itemizers, partial bypass of capital gains tax, possible reduction of estate taxes — these and other benefits make a Masonic Homes gift annuity a prudent option for many of our older friends. In fact, we find that some of our donors obtain additional annuities as they get older because of the higher payment rates.

There’s something else our gift annuity donors receive: Recognition in our “Mason of Love” plaque shown above. This special group of forward-thinking people are partners with us in planning for the future. Their gift annuities and other planned gifts let us know that vital resources are in the pipeline to help Masonic Homes fulfill our mission to the next generation.

Would you like to learn more about the Masonic Homes program? Fred D. Rastinger, Director of Development, or John E. McFadden, Planned Giving Officer, can provide you, without obligation, with a tailor-made illustration showing you exactly how a gift annuity can work for you. Please complete and return the coupon below, or call 1-800-599-6454.

(Please complete and return this coupon)

Dear Friends at Masonic Homes:

☐ Please send me information about gift annuities.

☐ Please contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.

☐ I have already provided for the Masonic Homes in my Will or other estate-planning document.

☐ Please send me information about any of the following:
☐ Gifts of Appreciated Property — A way to reduce taxes.

☐ How you Benefit from a Pooled Income Fund.

☐ Use Your Will Power.

Name:

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ____________

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Winter at Valley Forge - 1997

Displaying a gigantic banner with the Square and Compasses and shrouded by construction tarp to protect it from the weather, the National Memorial Arch overlooks the rude huts where beleaguered soldiers of the Continental Army huddled to combat the harshness of Winter more than two centuries ago.

Restoration on Schedule

The original splendor and dignity of the National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge will be there again for all Americans to appreciate with pride when the restoration that is made possible by Freemasons of Pennsylvania is completed this Summer. At the end of 1996, extensive restoration was well on schedule and slightly more than fifty percent completed. R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisner has announced plans for dedication ceremonies, a parade and celebration at the restored Arch in Valley Forge National Park on Sunday, August 24. Every Mason and friend should want it — and can be — a part of this historic project. It is easy to join in the tribute. See “On the Cover” on page 2.

Similar Arch Dates to 81 A.D.

The National Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, erected by an act of Congress in 1910 to honor the soldiers who fell during the Revolutionary War, is a clone of the Arch of Titus in Rome.

The triumphal arch is a form of monument attributed to the Romans who constructed them to celebrate military victories. One of the earliest is the Arch of Titus, dating to 81 A.D., still standing in the Forum of Rome. In the modern era, structures that copy Roman triumphal arches were built mostly as memorials rather than to commemorate battles. They are to be found throughout the Western World, such as the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, the Arc of Triumph in Paris, the Marble Arch in London, and The Washington Arch in New York City.

Research by Paul D. Fisher of the Committee for The Pennsylvania Freemason
The Grand Master Speaks ...

Brethren:

Letters received by the Grand Master are an indication of the concerns and interests of the members. Many of the communications that have come to me question if the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is considering class-type conferment of degrees. I have considered the advantages and disadvantages of such classes for confering degrees in Pennsylvania. Looking at our society, we find many types of occupations that require good men to spend many hours away from their homes to meet the demands of their occupations. Doctors, pharmacists, police officers, pilots, over-the-road truck drivers, servicemen, and salesmen are a few examples of jobs that require men to work unusual hours. These men would make good members; we need them, but because of their work schedule many find it difficult to find time to join any type of organizations.

I have sent several members of the Friend to Friend Committee to Illinois and Florida to observe the procedures of those jurisdictions where degrees have been conferred on several hundred members as a class. I do not believe this type of conferment of degrees would be in keeping with our Masonic Law, and I do not want to break the Law. I have reviewed the voluminous reports of the investigative committee, and after consulting with the Landmarks Committee (our Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Line Officers) and presenting this information to the members at Grand Lodge on December 4, I have concluded that we can apply our current law and offer a class-type program for May to be used at the Grand Lodge.

Since this is my first opportunity to address the membership following the December Quarterly Communication, I wish to thank the many brethren who attended the meeting in Philadelphia. This was the largest attendance that anyone can remember. The lodge rooms were overflowing with interested brethren. Lodge and individual contributions to the many Grand Lodge Charities were very generous. The totals were well over $100,000.00. I wish to thank those who are supporting the National Memorial Arch Fund. This project is truly a Pennsylvania Masonic project with numerous individuals as well as lodges and other Masonically affiliated groups responding. Masonic charity is again reaching out to provide stewardship of our national treasures. Thank you all.

Sincerely and fraternaly,

Edward O. Weisser
R.W. Grand Master

On The Cover

You can be a part of this historic project for a donation of $5 or more and have your name or a memorial included in the Gold Book that will be placed in the time capsule at the Dedication in August. Please use the form available at all lodges or print clearly on a sheet of paper your name and (if applicable the name to accompany "In Honor of" or "In Memory of") and your Lodge No. or Organization. Make checks payable to "Grand Lodge Charity Fund/National Memorial Arch" and mail to the Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2558.

Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

110 at Masonic Education Conference

More than 110 Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputics, and Regional and District Chairman of Masonic Education and the Friend to Friend Committee attended the Eleventh Annual Masonic Education Conference at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12.

The Friday evening program included: remarks by R.W.G.M. Edward O. Weisser, Committee Chairman; John Suchanek, Director of the Masonic Outreach Program of the Masonic Homes; and F. Rick Knepper, P.D.G.G.M., Co-Chairman of the Blood and Organ Donor Committee.

After Dr. Charles H. Lecquement, Grand Lodge Chaplain, opened the Saturday session, there was a stirring keynote address presented by James B. Winston, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He spoke eloquently on the need for all Masons to be involved in the activities of the lodge and the fraternity.

The Lodge Program Competition followed and state winners were selected. The after­noon session was devoted to taking the information of the Friend to Friend Program and of Masonic Education to the lodges. Grand Master Weisser announced that he was combining the Friend to Friend and the Masonic Education Committees as a means of informing the lodges.

Dr. Elvin Warfel, Secretary to the Committee, spoke to the conference on the role of the District Chairman. District Chairs are being asked to visit each lodge to present information on membership, the Friend to Friend Incentive Program, and the Masonic Education activities that are needed to build strong lodges and enhance the fraternity.

R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser presents a beautiful to R.W. Grand Master James B. Wilkinson (second from right of Virginia, who was the keynote speaker for the Eleventh Annual Masonic Education Conferences. At left is Marvin A. Cunningham, S.W. Junior Warden; at right is Marvin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and in the center is Dr. Charles Lecquement, Grand Chaplain.

Winners of Lodge Program Competition Are Announced

The winners of the 1996 Lodge Program Competition in the seven Masonic Regions presented their programs at the Eleventh Annual Masonic Education Conference on Oct. 12. The state winner of the Lodge Program Competitions in the written category was John M. Roushey, of Jerusalem Lodge No. 560, Dunroy (Philadelphia) in District D, Region 1, who portrayed Benedict Arnold. Michael Epstein, of Columbia Lodges No. 91, Philadelphia, in District G, Region 1 was the state winner in the Media category for his collection of "Freemasonry and Stamps." The other Masonic Regional Winners were:


Region 4: Written: Charles Collins, P.M., Daymont Lodge No. 684, 57th Masonic District and Media, Philip M. Sanders, P.M., William D. McIlroy Lodge No. 758, Dormans, 57th Masonic District.

Region 5: Written: Lloyd A. Rigge, P.M., Serenity Lodge No. 805, Kittanning, 37th Masonic District.

Region 6: Written: Harvey E. Haag, P.M., Clearfield Lodge No. 314, 21st Masonic District.

Region 7: Bradley L. Orn, Knap Lodge No. 462, Berwick, 35th Masonic District.

Prince Hall's Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 14 Moves To The Lancaster Masonic Center

Members of Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 14, Prince Hall Affiliation, met in the Lancaster Masonic Center for the first time on Friday, Oct. 4.

There was a violation by the Rev. Thomas A. Jackson, then the Prince Hall Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who performed dedication and consecration ceremonies. He was accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers and members of the six Prince Hall lodges in Prince Hall's 5th Masonic District.

The Prince Hall in Lancaster has outgrown the facilities it owns and found that it would be difficult to expand or upgrade the building. Discussion leading toward locating Mt. Horeb Lodge in the Lancaster Masonic Center began a few years ago. Approvals were received several months ago from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliation, as well as the Masonic Center trustees.

Prior to the first meeting of Mt. Horeb Lodge No. 14, Prince Hall Affiliation in the Lancaster Masonic Center, Worshipful Master Douglas Gray (second from right), receives keys from Bro. John A. Kassee (second from left), President of the Center's Board of Directors. At right is the Rev. Thomas A. Jackson, then W.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Prince Hall Affiliation and at left is Joy W. Smith, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District.

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Ground Breaking For New Danville Masonic Center

Ground was broken Oct. 23, for the construction of a new Danville Masonic Center. A ten-story, 5,800-square-foot building will be built on a two-and-a-half-acre plot at the intersection of Rts. 642 and 54, north of the community. The $230,000 building will be the eternal home for more than 400 members who make up the Masonic Hall Association and will serve as the meeting place for Danville Lodge No. 224, Mahoning Lodge No. 516, Danville Royal Arch Chapter No. 259, Calkins Commandery No. 37, and Danville Chapter No. 186, Order of the Eastern Star.

The new center is to be completed during next summer with cornerstone-laying ceremonies scheduled for Sept. 20. That date will coincide with the 150th anniversary of Danville Lodge and the 125th anniversary of Mahoning Lodge.

MASONS OF NOTE

Two Lucite Awards, each earned by having been the first line signer on the petitions of six new Masons, were presented on behalf of R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Waiser during the Sept. 12 Stated Meeting of Marietta Lodge No. 556, Smithville, by Richard J. Steamer, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District to Worshipful Master Ralph E. King, Sr., and Karl Burkhart, Sr.

Elsewhere, Lucite Awards also were presented to:

Dean E. Vaughn, F.M., Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, by Edward O. Waiser, R.W.G.M. at the December Quarterly.


Alfred M. Pedder, F.M., Acacia Lodge No. 633, Marienville, by William E. Yeager, Jr., D.D.G.M., 56th Masonic District.

Members of Warren Lodge No. 240, in Montrose, 15th Masonic District, extended their hands to help a Brother in the finest traditio of Freemasonry. Fifteen members of the Lodge gathered on Saturday, Sept. 14, to cut, transport, and stock a trailer load of logs for Warren R. Williams, Jr., P.M., who is recuperating from an extended illness. The warmth of the Freemasons will only be exceeded by the warmth of friendship and brotherly love provided by the Lodge brethren.

When Past Master Arthur L. Dym of William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg, conferred the Master Mason’s Degree for his son Aaron, on Nov. 6, R.W. Past Grand Master George H. Hohenshilt served in the station of Junior Warden.

R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson, who is Intendant General, East of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Officers, installed R.W. Grand Treasurer Marvin G. Speicher as Puisant Sovereign of Constantine Conclave, Reading. This was the fourth time Bro. Jackson has installed his Grand Lodge associate, Bro. Speicher, into a Masonic office. He previously installed him as the R.W. Grand Treasurer, as Worshipful Master of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, and as Presentent Governor of Liberty Bell York Rice College.

TAKING TO THE ROAD

Lancaster Lodge No. 43 has joined the “Adopt A Highway Program” taking the responsibility to clean trash from a two-mile stretch of roadway four times a year. Signs at each end of the road segment identify the Masonic Lodge as the responsible community-minded organization keeping the area clean. Worshipful Master Nathaniel Gilchrist is shown at work with other officers and members of the lodge in their first cleanup session.

Connecticut Grand Master Visits PA Lodge


Pennsylvania Freemasons Notified of New Life Insurance Benefit Plan

During November, all Pennsylvania Freemasons were notified of the new benefit program that offers group term life insurance to qualifying members of the fraternity and their spouses at attractively low rates and with no physical examinations necessary. The brochure that accompanied a letter from R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Waiser included an “easy to 1-2-3-4” application form and charts detailing the low premiums.

The life insurance program is not only a major benefit for the Freemason and his spouse, but also, if he chooses, it can benefit the permanent fund of his lodge and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The member may select from options whereby 100% to 50% to his designated beneficiaries or 50% to his designated beneficiaries and 50% to Freemasonry; or 100% to Freemasonry.

The group term life insurance benefit is underwritten by the Ohio National Life Insurance Company. For further information, or if you have misplaced your application form, contact North American Benefits Co., P.O. Box 3056, Southeastern, PA 13963-3056, or call toll-free 1-800-537-4565.

Abuse Prevention Efforts Recognized

At the October stated meeting of Hobah Lodge No. 276, Brockway, John W. Postlewait (second from right) was recognized by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children for his dedication in helping to stamp out addictions among the youth in our society. The award, a pewter plate and certificate, was presented by James D. Obrine, (left) D.D.G.M., 52nd Masonic District who had recommended him for the recognition.

Bro. Postlewait is the Director of Alcohol and Drug Awareness Education and Training at Clarion University, the 52nd Masonic District Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Chairman, and an active public speaker for the Foundation. Associates who joined in recognizing Bro. Postlewait are: Dr. Charles L. Deach (holding the certificate at right), former President of Clarion University, and Shaun W. Taylor (holding the pewter plate), a student employee in the Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs at the University.

PA Masons Notified of New Life Insurance Benefit Plan
e-Mason Square Club of PA Formed

Masonry in Pennsylvania looks to the future with the formation of the "e-Mason Square Club of Pennsylvania." A Square Club is a social organization for brethren who share a common interest or hobby. This Square Club was formed by Pennsylvania Masons who enjoy working with computers. R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser suggests that all Masons with an interest in computers ought to join, even if they do not own a computer. The goals of the e-Mason Square Club is to help Pennsylvania Masons learn about and enjoy all of the advantages that current technology has to offer.

An electronic Mason — an "e-Mason" — is someone who wants to share the common bond of Freemasonry with other Masons in the electronic age. The e-Mason Square Club of Pennsylvania offers fellowship and an exchange of information. Charity is also an important part of the club. The Square Club already donated software recently to a local high school in the Pittsburgh area.

Encouraged by almost daily growth, the club is dividing the state into districts to allow future growth as local chapters club is formed by colleagues at City Hall to climb on scaffolding around the statue, not only to attend to receiv e their 50-Year Emblems. Backed by his "idea of hard work by him," Edward J. Dazio, of the 5th Masonic District, "The tremendously successful awareness effort was the idea of Worshipful Master Edward J. Dazio, of Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown, and the result of a lot of hard work by him." Edward J. Stemen, the District's Chairman of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and many brethren throughout the District contributed to the success of the event.

More Than 1,000 Attend District's Awareness Expo

More than 1,000 persons attended a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Expo for the communities of Coatesville, Downingtown, and surrounding areas of Chester County on Sept. 28.

According to Russell W. Baker, D.D.G.M. of the 5th Masonic District, "The tremendously successful awareness effort was the idea of Worshipful Master Edward J. Dazio, of Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown, and the result of a lot of hard work by him." Edward J. Stemen, the District's Chairman of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, and many brethren throughout the District contributed to the success of the event.

Perseverance, Euclid Lodge Masons Work for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

During Harrisburg's Kipona Days that attract thousands to Riverfront Park, volunteers from Perseverance Lodge No. 24 and Euclid Lodge No. 698 in the 2nd Masonic District, staffed several Pizza Hut concessions to raise funds for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Capital Region. D.D.G.M. John D. Wittmer, Jr. noted, "The mission of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters is to strengthen the community's future through one-to-one service to youth, and Masons are happy to have a part in the effort."

For many years, Kipona has been Harrisburg's annual Labor Day Festival along the Susquehanna River. It features swimming and boating competitions and in recent years has been expanded to include rides, food concessions, and other attractions.
A Tribute to Brother and Pastor Charles H. Lacquement, D.D.

On Friday, Dec. 13, Bro. and Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, D.D., Director of Pastoral Care for the Masonic Homes, was honored for devoting more than 23 years to providing for the spiritual needs of the brethren and their family members residing at the Masonic Homes. The 23rd Pastime Stained Glass Window in the Robert Roosevelt Building at the Masonic Health Care Center was dedicated to Bro. Lacquement by the following:

Abraham C. Teichler Lodge No. 682; Lorna Kimmel Boer in honor of her father, W. Orville Kimmel, R.W.P.G.M.; Robert Burns Lodge No. 464; Perseverance Lodge No. 21; Roger Kramer, W.M.-Elect; Persister Lodge No. 21; Dean Vaughn, member of Committee on Masonic Homes; George Maxx, Masonic Constitution; Rev. Charles H. Lacquement, Director of Pastoral Care, Masonic Homes; Fred Kaylor, W.M., Abraham C. Teichler Lodge No. 682; Edward O. Weisser, R.W.G.M.; and Lorna Kimmel Boer, daughter of W. Orville Kimmel, R.W.P.G.M.

Bro. Lacquement was honored with a plaque inscribed with Psalm 23 and the following verse:

"A quiet man who walks among us as an example of Christ's life. A faithful pastor caring for others as one "sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness" (Titus 2:2), reminding us on our destination that it matters not how we arrive at our destination but who walks with us on our way."

Masonic Homes Will Visit Florida in 1997

Over the past few years the Masonic Homes has developed and expanded its services to continue its long tradition of providing excellent care. A representative from the Masonic Homes will visit several sites in Florida during 1997 to inform brethren and their families about the new services offered through Independent Living, the Masonic Health Care Center, the new Hebrew Special Care Unit, the Children's Home, the new Adult Daily Living Center, the Outreach Program, and more.

"It is our hope that many of our friends residing in Florida will accept an invitation to join us, share refreshments and discover how the Masonic Homes continues its dedication to providing the highest quality service in every aspect of care," said John Suchanec, Masonic Homes Outreach Director.

Locations and dates have not yet been set. Look for more information about the visit in the May issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason. In the meantime, if you have questions about the upcoming visit call John Suchanec at 1-800-462-7064.

Resident, employees, and guests enjoy refreshments at the Adult Daily Living Center Open House.

Construction of New Independent Living Cottages Progresses

Many of the independent living cottages in Phase 2 are now under roof, and much progress has been made since December, 1996 when the photo was taken. This is an exciting time for everyone concerned with the project, but especially for those who are waiting to move into their new homes. Several future residents have already sold their present homes and have moved into temporary apartments in the Elizabethtown area in anticipation of their moving day.

Cottages are available in Phase 2 of the cottage construction project which will be completed the latter part of 1997. Call the Marketing Office at 1-800-676-6452 or return the coupon for more information on how you, too, can become a resident in one of the beautiful cottages, and enjoy all of the benefits of living here at the Masonic Homes.

Please send the coupon to: Marketing Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Benefits for Handicapped

Masonic District C in Philadelphia held its first Awards Night Banquet at the Philadelphia Racquet Club on Oct. 19, during which it presented its charity project proceeds of $2,500 to the Pegasus Riding Academy. Pegasus offers a program through which handicapped riders gain therapeutic benefits from the motion of the horses. District C plans for the Awards Night to be an annual event. Participating in the presentation are (l-r): George Haynes, W.M., Leonard Ferrman Lodge No. 178; Eugene M. Poller, District Masonic Education Chairman; Harvey Perlman, W.M., M.S. Brotherhood Lodge No. 174; and Robert C. O'Connor, W.M., Williamston-Corinthian Lodge No. 368; and Martin L. Bogdon, W.M., Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135.

Dedication of Chapel/Multipurpose Room

On Dec. 10, Rabbi Mark Greenspan formally dedicated the One West Chapel/Multipurpose Room as a beit hamidrash, with a mezuzah on the doorpost entering the building. To further appreciate in the religious significance of the mezuzah, read Deuteronomy 6: 4-10. Jewish services are currently held in the facility during Passover, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashana and Chanukah.

Last April the Chapel/Multipurpose Room had been dedicated as a Christian place for worship. A Christian service is held in the facility Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
If You Have A Child With Mental Retardation, Could Your Family Benefit from Quality Respite Care? If your Answer is "Yes!" We Need to Hear from You!

The Masonic Homes is working to determine whether a sufficient number of Pennsylvania Masons' families would benefit from such services to warrant the development of a Mental Retardation Respite Care Program.

In Pennsylvania today, approximately 65,000 people are served by the State Mental Retardation System. Services include residential facilities, employment, adult rehabilitation services and family support services. Unfortunately, up to 13,000 more people are currently waiting on waiting lists, unable to benefit from this assistance network until their names move up on the list. In the meantime, they wait, their families wait, and they hold out hoping that they will receive help soon.

A diagnosis of mental retardation includes a broad spectrum of mental impairments ranging from those persons with mildly diminished mental capacity to those so severely impaired that they cannot care for themselves.

Many of these individuals, broadly classified as "severely" or "profoundly" mentally retarded, are cared for in group homes or institutionalized. However, there are many more, diagnosed as "mildly" or "moderately" mentally retarded, who are able to function at a relatively high level and live in the community, most often with their families.

Respite care is defined as an interval of rest or relief. Available in periods for up to two weeks at a time and annually for up to 30 total days, respite care would offer a safe and secure environment for the adult with mental retardation as well as assurance for the parent who must be apart from his or her adult child for a period of time.

It is expected that the parents of a child with mental retardation will receive the most basic forms of care that many of us take for granted, and the parents will continue to provide this assistance as their mentally retarded child ages. Although adult children with mental retardation are generally not in a position to live entirely on their own, in many ways they expect to be treated as adults. Parents maintain concern that their adult children will succeed in their endeavors, build relationships of their own, and be safe throughout the process. In so doing, the parents try to help their children develop those skills necessary to be as independent as possible; yet they constantly recognize the dependence their adult child has on them.

The proposed Respite Care Program would serve as a temporary shelter or "home," for an adult child with mental retardation within the quality environment and beauty of the Masonic Homes.

The responsibility of caring for a child with Mental Retardation is enormous. What are otherwise considered to be normal tasks - meals, toiletting, clothing, teaching, exercising, and moving - become stressful, continuous efforts that take a severe toll on parents.

Some of these individuals are fortunate enough to attend sheltered workshops, maintaining a degree of productivity which enhance the quality of their lives. Some become productive citizens, holding jobs and functioning within their respective communities. However, even those who maintain a high level of functioning require basic assistance from their parents. As the mentally retarded child ages, so do the parents, and the natural aging process creates a serious concern as to how that child will ultimately receive care.

The Masonic Homes Respite Care for Adults Diagnosed with Mental Retardation

Survey

If you would be interested in using the Respite Care program at the Masonic Homes should it be approved, please provide the following information and return this reply letter to the Masonic Homes. Please apply postage.

1. I provide care to an adult child with mental retardation.  
   - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

2. County of Residence ____________

3. I am interested in respite care for my child(ren).  
   - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

4. I am able to provide transportation to the Masonic Homes for my adult child  
   - [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

5. With a maximum use of 30 days per calendar year, approximately how many days per year would you use the respite care facility at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown?
   [ ] 1-7 DAYS  [ ] 8-14 DAYS  [ ] 15-21 DAYS  [ ] 22-30 DAYS

NAME: ______________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________

CITY _______ STATE _______ ZIP _______

LODGE NAME & NUMBER _______

TELEPHONE NUMBERS _______

DAYTIME _______

EVENING _______

Thank you for your participation in this survey. We look forward to investigating ways in which we can improve the quality of life for all Masons and their families.
Respite care services are offered to families with mentally retarded children throughout the Commonwealth at the county level by local MH/MR offices or through private providers; however, in many areas it is often difficult to find available bed space for individuals who require respite care services. The Masonic Homes is surveying Pennsylvania Masons and their families to determine the needs of our Fraternity. Based on the response of the enclosed survey, the Masonic Homes will determine the need to establish a respite care program in Elizabethtown.

With all their time devoted to the disabled child, a couple finds little time or energy to get out and relax together. With so much energy directed to their child, a couple is afforded minimal time with each other. An immeasurable amount of energy is spent trying to locate services for a child with mental retardation. If a family is fortunate enough to find a provider, endure the waiting list, and have services in place, how will it be funded? Frequently, one parent takes a part-time job to make the extra money to pay for the services.

In order to continue to perform these care-giving duties, parents must find time provided the opportunity to get away, to exercise, to relax, to find some support, and to reflect, refresh and renew themselves.

Masonic Homes Food Services Featured in National Magazine

The Masonic Homes' Food Services Department was featured in the November issue of Food Management magazine because of its versatility in providing food service for many levels of care. The department consists of more than 180 employees, who serve a variety of appetizing menu items daily to more than 1,200 residents and 950 employees. The article focused on the department's unique ability to prepare a wide variety of delicious and nutritious meals for a large number of repeat diners; adhere to special needs of individuals with specific requirements; and present the food in a consistent, attractive and timely manner.
Attn: Respite Care

Masonic Homes is considering offering parents of adult children with mental retardation the Respite Care Program, if offered by the Masonic Homes, would greatly benefit their family.

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"An umbrella to hold over her." A strong metaphor for the kind of care the Masonic Homes is offering to parents of adult children with mental retardation. This proposed Respite Care Program would serve as a temporary shelter, or "home," within the beautiful environment of the Masonic Homes. Here, an adult child with mental retardation could find respite for themselves and their parents, in a quality, safe, and caring setting.

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Maintaining the physical and emotional health to continue to perform these care-giving duties, parents must find time to take care of themselves as well. They must be provided the opportunity to get away, to exercise, to relax, to find some measure of personal enjoyment...to vent, to garner support, and to reflect, refresh and renew themselves.

Guest Lodging Rooms Available at Masonic Homes

Two guest lodging rooms are available to families and friends of residents of any area at the Masonic Homes. These rooms are in the Masonic Health Care Center between Lafayette West and Lafayette East. Each room has two single beds, a bathroom with a shower, television, and fresh linens, soap, and towels. The rooms are near the cafeteria, where guests may purchase lunch and dinner.

The guest lodging rooms may be reserved for one night or several. Cots or baby cribs are not available. Phone-in reservations may be placed through the Masonic Health Care Center Gift Shop, (717) 367-1121, ext. 33636, during normal operating hours: Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.

A "bulletin board message" on the Gift Shop extension (33636) will provide instructions on reserving those rooms; however, it will not be programmed to take messages. If a family needs lodging after hours, the family or staff members may dial the Masonic Homes' operator ("0").

Rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. If plans are altered, advance cancellation is requested so another family may have the opportunity to use the room.

Cost per room per night is $32.00 plus tax, payable by cash, check, or traveler's check at the time of check-in. Check-in times are Monday through Friday, after 2:00 p.m.; and weekends after 4:00 p.m. Check-out times are Monday through Friday at 11:00 a.m. and weekends at 1:00 p.m.

Brother Kenneth W. Beilier, D.D.G.M., his daughter Debbie and wife Elaine, Rytel, PA feel that the Respite Care Program, if offered by the Masonic Homes, would greatly benefit their family.

Masonic Homes

Food Services

Featured in National Magazine

The Masonic Homes' Food Services Department was featured in the November issue of Food Management magazine because of its versatility in providing food service for many levels of care. The department consists of more than 180 employees, who serve a variety of appetizing menu items daily to more than 1,200 residents and 950 employees. The article focused on the department's unique ability to prepare a wide variety of delicious and nutritious meals for a large number of repeat diners; adhere to special needs of individuals with specific requirements; and present the food in a consistent, attractive and timely manner.
To celebrate the opening of the Lafayette Special Care Unit (formerly the Dementia Unit), the Masonic Homes hosted two events to help people understand the disease and treat the needs of those affected. On Monday, Nov. 4, at 1:00 p.m., a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held to celebrate the opening with the families of the residents who live in the unit. From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., residents and employees of the Masonic Homes toured the unit and enjoyed refreshments.

The seminar was open to the public. More than 275 residents, employees, health care workers, and family members attended the seminar, which featured experts in a variety of fields related to dementia, including current trends and treatments in Alzheimer’s care, support for family caregivers of an individual with dementia, and how to develop a special care unit, public policy issues regarding long-term care, and horticulture therapy.

Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodge, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, and never-married daughters are also accepted by the Committee on Masonic Homes, which may approve or disapprove on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, sex, age, or handicap which includes but is not limited to persons with AIDS or HIV infection.

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cornered by Erie Chapter. The Flower Talk was presented by Past State Master Councilor A. Nathaniel Conover. The members and candidates were housed at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campus for the weekend, and participated in various athletic and social functions, including a Hawaiian Theme "Sock Hop" Dance. Prior to departing on Sunday morning, a worship service was conducted by the State Officers in the William A. Carpenter Chapel.

"That Takes The Cake!"
The Square and Compasses were on more than the Emblem of Gold lapel pins for 50-year members of Venona Lodge No. 548. After Charles A. Garnes (left), D.D.G.M., 38th Masonic District and Gordon J. A. Weisser that Fr. Raymond H. Eason (from left), who is the Mayor of Oakmont, and George B. McLaughlin (second from right), they were honored with a chocolate-covered cake adorned with the Masonic symbols and the inscription, "Congratulations 50-Year Members."

One Videotape Enlightens At Least Four Worthy Men
If a picture is worth a thousand words, what's a video worth?

What was it worth? By the year's end, two of his colleagues had petitioned a lodge and were favorably ballots upon, the other two had asked for petitions. Bro. Bennett, who has been a Mason since 1975, is the Scout Executive for Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Reading. He said he is glad that he looked at the videotape the day it arrived in the mail, because the next day at a regional meeting of Scout Executives, an associate asked him about Freemasonry. He had the answer right away, saying, "I have just the thing you ought to see — it will tell you all about the Fraternity." It's as easy as that. We could turn the tide and put an end to the declining membership immediately if each Mason in Pennsylvania would show the Friend to Friend video to just one of his good friends and follow up with answers to his questions.

Scout Executive Richard C. Bennett loads the Friend to Friend video into his VCR. Within days, four of his professional associates benefited from his one copy of the video.

Two Lodges, State Association Join To Aid Special Students
Help came almost computer quick, after a school teacher of developmentally delayed children sent a letter by way of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit to Lynwood J. Dixon, D.D.G.M., 36th Masonic District. The teacher indicated a desperate need for a computer system to aid in the education of the special children and wanted to know if the Masons could help.

D.D.G.M. Dixon informed Prospect Lodge No. 578, Prospect Park, of the need and they contributed $2,000 to purchase the computer and its hardware. Shu Brown, who is a vice president of the Pennsylvania State League of Masonic Clubs, was present in another lodge in the district when the contribution was mentioned, and he tendered a $1,500 contribution to purchase additional hardware and software. Then, Edward Miles, W.M. of Concord Lodge No. 625, Concordville, acquired the equipment through professional connections and had the special education software installed at no charge.

The Delaware County Intermediate Unit gave certificates of appreciation to the Masons involved in the contribution. But the best honor came when the Masons received letters from the students and the teacher indicating that great strides already had been made by the students using the equipment.

60 Officers Complete D.A.R.E. Training
Thirty-six more police officers from across Pennsylvania were graduated Oct. 18 from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training program hosted at the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus by The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among children. Pennsylvania Attorney General Thomas Corbett, who also is Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, was the keynote speaker at graduation ceremonies and presented the officers with certificates of completion. (Attorney General Corbett is seated at center, with Anthony J. Garvey, Assistant to the Grand Master, left, and Joseph W. Weisse, Worshipful Master of Venona Lodge No. 578, right.)

Since 1994, the Foundation has hosted the training program for law enforcement personnel at no cost to the state, participating municipalities or the individual officers. Attorney General Corbett expressed his personal thanks for the support the Masonic Foundation has given to the D.A.R.E. program.

Law enforcement officers who are pictured below represent the following municipalities:


Also on the picture are two instructors from the Philadelphia Police Department, Officers Michael Cohen and Daniel Richardson.
Brethren From 4 States in Phila. For “German Masonic Lodge Day”

By proclamation of Mayor Ed Rendell, Sept. 7 was “German Masonic Lodge Day” in Philadelphia, when brethren of German-speaking lodges from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York met in Normann Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. German Masonic Lodge No. 19 is an annual multi-state event hosted each year by a different German-speaking lodge. Humboldt Lodge No. 359, Harrisburg, was the host in Philadelphia.

German-speaking Lodges represented were: Germantown Lodge No. 160, Baltimore, by Rolf F. Sorg, W.M.; Mozart Lodge No. 121, Pennsauken, N.J., by Julius W. Timbach, W.M.; Gompertz Lodge No. 545, NY, by Gustav Segenberger, W.M.; United Burris Lodge No. 356, NY, by Hubert Kotzstrand, W.M.; Trinity Lodge No. 12, NY, by Werner Kress, W.M.; Teutonia Lodge No. 356, Reading, by Horst Hilliebrand, P.M.; Hermann Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia, by Arno Reutzel, P.M.; and the host, Humboldt Lodge No. 359, by Kurt E. Fago, W.M.

Mayor Ed Rendell (right) presents the proclamation declaring September 7 to be “German Masonic Day” in Philadelphia to Kurt Fago (center), W.M. of Humboldt Lodge No. 359. At left is Thomas B. Rydon, D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District.

Grand Lodge, Zembo Temple Host Organ Donor Appreciation Events

In conjunction with the vital Organ Donor Program vigorously supported by R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Zembo Temple No. 196 each hosted an annual donor Family Appreciation ceremony of the Delaware Valley Transplant Program (D.V.T.P.). The programs were in Philadelphia on Nov. 3, and in Harrisburg on Nov. 10.

During the programs, each donor family was presented with a donor medal and a yellow rose. At the conclusion of each program, there was an emotional video tribute honoring each donor.

In Philadelphia, Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Junior Grand Warden welcomed more than 60 donor families to the Grand Lodge building. Other featured speakers were: Howard Nofron, Director of D.V.T.P.; the Rev. Thomas A. Jackson, Past Grand Master, Prince Hall Affiliation; F. Rick Knepper, Co-chairman of the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Committee; and Bro. Joseph Pearlstein, of Shelshur Lodge No. 246, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

Organ Donor Poster Contest Winners

Larry Rosenberry, of George Washington Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Chamberburg, was the winner of the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Contest and received $300 first-place award for creating the poster. Tania A. Murtos, of Pottsville Rainbow Assembly No. 75, received $200 as the second-place winner, and Gwen Peters, of John’s Daughters Bethel No. 15, Elizabethtown, received $100 as the third-place winner.

The first-place winner’s poster is being reproduced for display in each lodge and each youth group meeting place. It is hoped that by having the posters displayed in the lodges, everyone will be encouraged to become blood and organ donors. In addition, speakers are available for presentations on blood and organ donor programs.

For information concerning the Blood and Organ Donor Program, contact either of the Committee Co-Chairmen: Norman A. Fox, 33 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19123; or F. Rick Knepper, HCR 60 - Box 135, Oriskany, PA 17243.

Shown with the winner are (1-r): Mark Bumbaugh, W.M. of George Washington Lodge No. 143; F. Rick Knepper, Co-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Blood and Organ Donor Committee; prize-winner Rosenberry; Jess Leidig, DeMolay Chapter Advisor; and Roger L. Wheeler, D.D.G.M., 3rd Masonic District.

Amendment for Spanish-Speaking Lodges Adopted at Quarterly

An Amendment to the Altman Mason was adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 4, to allow the warranting of lodges in Pennsylvania to work in the Spanish language.

A number of Masons have asked that if they had the opportunity to become a warrant member of a new Spanish-speaking lodge could they do so as dual membership. R.W. Grand Master Edward O. Weisser said that the answer is “Yes, seldom does a Mason have the opportunity to become a warrant master.”

Any Mason interested in joining a Spanish-speaking lodge should call the Office of the Grand Master, (215) 968-1925.

Grand Secretary on Panel at World G.M. Conference

The second annual world “Conference of Grand Masters” was held in Lisbon, Portugal, Oct. 24th, 25th and 27th of September. The Conference was attend­ed by representatives of 43 Grand Lodges, including three from the United States of America.

R.W. Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson presented a paper to the Conference and served on two of the four panels. The two panels on which he served dealt with “Limits of actions of Freemasonry in the profane world, with the due respect of the tradition and the Landmarks” and “Evaluation of the Masonic philosophical production during the 20th Century.”

The other two panels discussed “Freemasonry and youth” and “Secrecy: advantages or disadvantages?”

1996 Resident Volunteer Recognition Event

Approximately 150 resident volunteers from the Masonic Health Care Center and Village Green area attended the 1996 Resident Volunteer Recognition Event on Nov. 15, in the Masonic Health Care Center Assembly Room. The theme for the event was “Thanks for Giving of Yourself and the volunteers were recognized for their unselfish service and accomplishments during the past year.

Over the past twelve months, more than 270 volunteers contributed more than 46,750 hours of volunteer work toward the Masonic Homes’ “Mission of Love.”

The volunteers enjoyed a delicious buffet and entertainment that was provided by a pianist soloist.
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Century Lodge No. 505
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58th Masonic District
Kevin A. Miller
Eagle Lodge No. 414
For Lodges Nos. 235, 294, 357, 376, 416, and 737

OTHER APPOINTMENTS
Floor Steward
Grand Steward
William A. Wehrman
Southampton Redfield Star Lodge No. 806, Hatboro
Grand Pursuivant
Emanuel Iglesias
Leonard Forman
Lodge No. 782, Philadelphia

Aides To The Grand Master
James T. Young
Thomson Lodge No. 340, Pauli
David Jacobs
G. Grant Brimingham
Lodge No. 781, Woodside
Nelson M. Baird
Norristown Lodge No. 630

R.W. Grand Lodge Officers Re-elected at Quarterly:

R.W. Grand Lodge Officers were re-elected during the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge on December 4. They are:


Elected to serve on the Committee of Masonic Homes are: Carl R. Flowers, William L. McCracken, Norman A. Fox, Dean E. Vaughan, D. William Roberts, Robert L. Engel, and Gary T. Matthews.

Have We Helped Too Much?

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

My Brothers:

You have heard and read my concern for years about the lack of knowledge of Freemasonry by our membership. While attending the World. She told him of Grand Masters in Portugal in September, I learned that their lodges meet weekly with two of those meetings each month dedicated to Masonic education. I relate to you a little tale I heard a number of years ago which illustrates a vital issue affecting our society in general, and could affect our fraternity in particular, because of its inherent goals.

A little boy one day found a cocoon of a moth and observed movements within the cocoon. He realized that the moth was attempting to emerge into its final metamorphic state—that of a vibrant, living adult. The boy decided that he would help the moth in escaping the confines of the cocoon, so he cut the cocoon to permit the moth to emerge. To his disappointment, the moth failed to open its wings and develop into the adult he expected and soon died.

His mother, noting the disappointment on the face of the little boy, explained to him that, in order for the moth to reach its full potential, it was necessary for it to emerge on its own. The struggles of the moth were a part of its life. She told him that because he did not allow it to struggle to maturity, it would neither walk nor fly. When the boy reduced the struggle, the moth was never able to achieve its potential.

Is this perhaps indicative of what is happening to much of our society in general today? It has been the goal of generations to attempt to make life easier for each succeeding one, to give much and require little, and, in effect, the requirements to struggle to achieve are possibly reducing much of the hope for reaching full potential. There is no way to fully quantify or qualify the effect of this attitude upon society, but there is enough evidence to express concern.

In my last few years in education, I watched a high-quality, highly-respected private college continually lessen the requirements of performance by the student body. These requirements ranged from academic standards to dress codes. The school is no longer in existence and it died as a little-respected institution.

Perhaps in Freemasonry today we are not requiring enough from our members to learn more about the Craft, its ideals and its purposes. We never witnessed more enthusiasm for Freemasonry than I did in Portugal, and the average age of their members is 39 years. Those Brothers know the Craft and respect its meaning. They have created a successful operation, and success breeds success.

Is it possible that we have helped too much to open a Masonic cocoon and thereby removed a requirement for maturation? Our ancient Brethren knew well that membership carried with it responsibility. Maybe, in our attempts to make life easier, we are requiring too little. A number of times in my life, I have felt that less was required, less is what was received. If we don’t know what we are, we can’t be what we were. Think about it...

Santa Says Thanks

Dear Editor:

How do Mrs. Claus and I say “thank you” to so many gracious people who helped us make the holidays happier for the many residents at the Masonic Homes each year. Perhaps this letter will let us know.

Each year as we make our rounds spreading joy so to many, we are filled with joy ourselves. We would like you to know that as we are doing that, we are also wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah to all of you “Santa’s helpers” who make it possible.

Our “Ho-Ho-Ho” would not be so joyful—in fact, we would not be able to be the gracious Santa and Mrs. Claus—without the help of so many loving, caring people like you, members of many lodges and personal friends who made all the homemade cookies and candy available.

Thank You to all, and let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah for 1997.

Fraternally,
Santa Claus (J. Walter Price)

P.S.: Jolly Ol’ St. Nick also owes special thanks to Mrs. Claus (Elaine) for her great personal efforts.

Santa (J. Walter Price) and Mrs. Claus (Elaine Price) spread holiday joy among the residents at the Masonic Homes each year.

15th Masonic District
Wayne W. Warden
Aberdeen Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia
For Lodges Nos. 297, 305, and 501

24th Masonic District
Glen W. Oster
Osro Lodge No. 416, Edinboro
For Lodges Nos. 347, 362, 366, 392, 399, 416, 425, 453, 695, and 790

38th Masonic District
W. Robert Samsky, Jr.
Infinity Lodge No. 546, Penn Hills, Pa.
For Lodges Nos. 546, 548, 635, 683, 716, and 786

40th Masonic District
William R. Dillon
Boyertown Lodge No. 741
For Lodges Nos. 715, 735, 446, 553, 585, 595, and 741

52nd Masonic District
Erich Varner
Parker City Lodge No. 521
For Lodges Nos. 277, 277, 320, 521, 522, 536, and 559

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A Lafayette Lodge Missed

In the story about “Lafayette and Washington Together in Fayette County” on Page 4 of the November issue, it was reported that there are three lodges in Pennsylvania named for Bro. Lafayette. There are four: three listed under “Lafayette” and the fourth listed as “General Marquis de Lafayette.”

Apologies to General Marquis de Lafayette No. 795, Bensalem, for the oversight, and thanks to the Lodge Secretary, W. Kenneth Stout, Jr., for setting the record straight.

In Perry Lodge No. 392 Receive Jackets

Seven brethren of Perry Lodge No. 392, Erie, who were first-line signers for eleven new Masons, were presented Grand Master’s purple jackets at the October 8 stated meeting by Worshipful Master James W. Berger. Recipients with their jackets are (l-r): Front row - Richard D. Hanks, Donald W. Schich, Paul E. Mesters, and Richard N. Fitzsimmons; Second row - Dennis W. Weed, Robert D. Gornel, Jr., and Edward C. Horner.

In the new with the Worshipful Master is Robert K. Perrish, P.D.D.G.M., 24th Masonic District.

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Philadelphia, PA
For Lodges Nos. 115, 125, 230, 271, 487, 591, and 646

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