Most of us have experienced "buyer's remorse." We rush, or allow ourselves to be rushed, into a decision we are unprepared to make. The usual pattern involves the purchase of a car or something else of value. At first we try our best to be happy with our choice. But, invariably, the next morning we awake to the feeling that we may have made a poor decision. We suffer from "buyer's remorse."

There is also something known as "donor's remorse." Perhaps we respond to an opportunity by making a gift we later regret. It may not be exactly what we wanted to do and we feel badly about it the next morning. Our remorse may be compounded if the gift was significant to us and we are locked into an irrevocable agreement.

The development staff of the Masonic Homes is committed to helping brethren and friends create a remorse-free gift arrangement. We want satisfied donors. Our goal is "peace of mind in the morning." In order to accomplish this, we follow these steps:

1. Discover what brethren and friends want to accomplish for themselves and their loved ones as well as for the Masonic Homes.
2. Present various options to help our donors and their advisors discover the plan that makes the most sense of their objectives and circumstances.
3. Take all the time needed to explore and answer every question and concern.
4. Endeavor to protect brethren and friends from making gifts that would place them in financial jeopardy.
5. If other professionals such as financial planners, insurance advisors, or CPAs need to be consulted during the planning process, we help to orchestrate this and, if desired, even accompany our donors to these appointments.
6. Most importantly, we encourage every donor to review his or her gift plan with their own attorney before completing any planned gift arrangement.

Again, instead of "donor's remorse," we want "peace of mind in the morning."

If you have been thinking of making a planned gift to the Masonic Homes which now include the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Masonic Eastern Star Homes at Pittsburgh or Warminster, we invite you to contact Bro. Fred Rissinger, Director of Development, or Bro. John McFadden, Planned Giving Officer. They will be happy to assist you through the gift-planning process in complete confidence and at no cost or obligation. You may reach them through the response form below or telephone them at (800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311. They will be glad to hear from you.

(Please complete and return this coupon)

Dear Friends of the Masonic Homes:

☐ Send me information about gift annuities.
☐ Contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.
☐ I have already provided for Masonic Homes in my will.
☐ 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.
☐ Making a Will.

Name
Address
City
State, Zip
Phones:

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Fred R. Rissinger, Director of Development
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
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You are VITAL to VITALITY

You - Pennsylvania Masons want their fraternity to be all that it can be - in the lodges, among the family, and in the community. There is a place for each of us in our lodge activities. There is something to interest and involve you.

You are a VITAL part of our VITALITY. Sincerely and fratERNALLY,

James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master

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You are an important part of the business community. Bro. James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, determined that it is essential for Freemasonry to play a role in this new communications phenomenon. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania entered "cyberspace" on February 15th when the first pages of the newest Masonic site on the "World Wide Web" were made available.

Since that time, two complete issues of The Pennsylvania Freemason have been displayed, the On-Line Gift Shop has opened for business, more than 1,300 people have taken the "virtual on-line tour of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia" and 158 visitors have left messages in the "Guestbook." In just six weeks, more than 5,100 people from 40 different countries have visited the web site to learn more about the programs of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. The site has received an average of ten e-mail messages each day from members and visitors requesting specific information about a program of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Already being called one of the finest Masonic web sites available, this is only the beginning of a very ambitious plan to provide an interactive, fun-filled, educational, and inspirational Internet experience for members and visitors.

In the next few months there will be comprehensive materials online about the Masonic Homes, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and all of the Masonic Youth Groups, the Masonic Foundation for Children, The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, and more. The Masonic Book Bank / Organ Donor Committee, and the Masonic Education Steering Committee to Pennsylvania Masonic, the Committee on Masonic scholarship and a wide variety of other activities will also be made available.

Life-saving actions taken quickly by four staff members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia saved the life of Arthur Buzzard, P.D.D.G.M.

On Feb. 12, while Bro. Buzzard was in the Masonic Temple doing volunteers as Treasurer of the Masonic Blood Bank and Organ Donor Committee, he collapsed with a heart attack. Quickly, Thomas W. Jackson, D.D.G.M., Grand Secretary; Carius C. Gensheimer, of the Maintenance Department; Patrick M. Lamplty, a tour guide for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania; and Ronald C. Stoecker, of the Masonic Education Department, responded. Bro. Buzzard had stopped breathing and there was no pulse. Quick action revived him once; however, he stopped breathing again. CPR was continued and Bro. Buzzard again responded before the paramedics arrived. The paramedics and the doctor at the hospital said without a doubt that because the four responded promptly and knew what to do, Bro. Buzzard's life was saved.

At the dinner preceding the March Quarterly Communication, James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master (left), cited the life-saving actions of the four and presented certificates of commendation to (1-r): Bros. Gensheimer, Jackson, Lamplty, and Stoecker.
FAST START FOR MATCHING GRANTS

The Masonic Matching Charity Grants Program is a big hit among the lodges of Pennsylvania. In just three months, there have been 95 Matching Grant applications from 74 lodges representing an estimated total of over $101,000. As of May 1, there had been 145 grants made, totaling $46,077. Only three applications were rejected, and only nine applications were returned for further information or clarification.

The Masonic Matching Charity Grants program is already a huge success, as the variety of beneficiaries can attest. Charitable gifts have been granted to numerous causes, including the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, numerous scholarships, the Scotland School for Boys, many school athletic and musical activities, several preservation programs, and six with catastrophic medical bills.

Every grant provides a "feel good" story which lodge members can share with their family and friends. Here is just one of those stories.

Edensheit Lodge No. 550, Knox, wanted to help the single mother of a local family, who needs to receive a bone marrow transplant, but needs between $25,000 and $30,000 to cover donor expenses, in addition to her treatment, which is covered by insurance. In January, the members of the Lodge voted to help by conducting a chicken and biscuit dinner at a local community building. On their preliminary application, they estimated that they would make approximately $1,700.

The dinner was held on Feb. 28 and was an overwhelming success, raising $3,492, which will be matched to make a gift from Edensheit Lodge No. 550 of $6,084. As Worshipful Master Stephen J. Perez, P.M., tells it:

"With the help of the entire Lodge interacting and working within the community, no expenses were incurred for the dinner. All supplies, hall space, and help were donated. The community response for great support and some surprise at seeing the Masons working visibly and in large numbers for a local cause. No doubt because of the visibility of the Lodge and the large donation we are about to make for a local cause, membership development is in the making. It is our estimation that the Matching Grants Program is a good one, and should be continued for the good of Freemasonry in general, and this Lodge in particular."
MASONIC NOTES

Guyatsuta Lodge No. 513, Ingersoll, in the 37th Masonic District honored Ellis F. Kramer of Coraopolis, a past master of Ambriidge Lodge No. 701, in the 37th Masonic District, for years of special friendship and service. Robert D. Miller, W.M., of Guyatsuta Lodge presented the plaque inscribed "...for your devoted service, friendship, and labor rendered as a guide and teacher to our new officers and for your unfurled assistance as a thoughtful and comforting officer. Through your efforts, our lodge has emerged from a successful rebuilding program with a promising future."

During the year, Bro. Kramer, who is the Principal of the School of Instruction in the 37th Masonic District, attended Guyatsuta rehearsals, helped to tutor their officers, and conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees, ten Fellowcraft Degrees, and four Master Mason Degrees. Bro. Kramer, who has been active in the 37th Masonic District School of Instruction since 1974, is a retired school teacher and assistant band director from the Montour School District in Pittsburgh. He now owns and operates the Kramer Band Instrument Repair Co.

German-speaking Lodges Lead Parade

Leading with the banner of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, members of the two German-speaking lodges in the Philadelphia area prepare to step off in the 27th annual parade to honor Bro. and Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Stueben, the drillmaster of the Continental Army at Valley Forge, and to recognize the contributions of all German-Americans to the national heritage. German ethnic groups from numerous surrounding communities join with the two German-speaking lodges, Herrmann Lodge No. 123 and Humboldt Lodge No. 89.

During the presentation of Charles L. Klingaman, D.D.G.M. of the 45th Masonic District (left) at Tamaqua Lodge No. 238 on Jan. 9, R.W. Grand Master James J. Ernette (center) presented 50-Year Emblems of Gold to George A. Christ (second from left) and Raymond R. Fogserling (second from right). At right is Michael P. Burns, W.M., of Tamaqua Lodge.

Masonic Temple Tour and Arch Rededication Videos Available

Two interesting Pennsylvania Masonic video tapes are available for home viewing, as well as for lodge or club programs. They may be purchased in person, or by mail, from the Gift Shop in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

A Tour of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is a narrative showing all of the lodge meeting rooms, hallways, and points of interest of the Masonic Temple. This 25-minute, full-color video that was produced by Multi Media Videos for The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania costs $19.95. If ordering by mail, include $4 for shipping. (Pennsylvania residents add 6% sales tax.)

A full-color video of the Rededication Ceremony at the National Memorial Arch last August produced by Lulu Show is available. The full capstone-laying and dedication ceremonies are recorded in the video of approximate-ly 90 minutes. The cost is $14.95. If ordering by mail, add $4 for shipping. (Pennsylvania residents add 6% sales tax.)

The mail address for the Gift Shop is: Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2520.

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The Masonic Education Steering Committee, under the chairanship of Edward Fowler, Jr., R.W. Past Grand Master, has been meeting regularly since December to develop an innovative approach toward improving the understanding of Freemasonry and its programs. Toward that ambitious goal, the Committee adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will assist the Grand Lodge in fulfilling its mission by creating and implementing programs and disseminating information that acquaints and educates better both the membership and the public about the mission of Freemasonry. Further, the Committee shall prepare programs and present information which develop moral, intellectual, and social character and which explain, instruct, and demonstrate Masonic ideals, principles, and activities and how Freemasonry improves the quality of life for our members, their families, and their communities."

The Committee said that it hopes that during 1998 each lodge will develop a program that defines better for its members "What Freemasonry is and what Freemasonry does and why."

In carrying forth this agenda, the Committee has been structured and the job responsibilities of lodge, district, and regional chairmen have been rededicated "...to permit those filling the important positions (to have) a greater degree of latitude in working together in this critical endeavor."

Regional Masonic Education Chairmen have been appointed:

Region 1 - Jerry Hamilton, Southport-Radnor Star Lodge No. 804, 8th Masonic District; Region 2 - George D. Sowers, William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, 2nd Masonic District; Region 3 - Lowell D. Shaffer, Cambria Lodge No. 278, 41st Masonic District; Region 4 - Jay E. McCrawford, Vought-Goodyear Lodge No. 583, 49th Masonic District; Region 5 - John W. Postlewait, Hobah Lodge No. 276, 52nd Masonic District; Region 6 - William R. Ringer, Old Fort Lodge No. 537, 21st Masonic District; and Region 7 - John R. Thomas, Oriental Lodge No. 460, 35th Masonic District.

The Committee will continue to review various material and media for the dissemination of information related to its Mission Statement. That will include the development of a Masonic Education web page, a video program to be used by the Committees on Inquiry when they visit candidates and their families, and a major revision of the Masonic Education Handbook with updates for clarity and relevance.

The annual Masonic Education Seminar is planned for Oct. 9 and 10 at Elizabethtown.

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Overture's First Sessions Generate Enthusiastic Feedback

The Overture Series in the Spring will be followed by the Conductor's Series in the Fall, when the lodge will revisit important leadership management skills. For six hours at each of the get-togethers, members are being taught their role as the elected leader. What are the right choices you can consider? What to do when your programs need fixing.

Bringing together the lodge leaders in these seminars was the result of outstanding support by 58 District Membership Chairmen who assisted the lodges in arranging to send three representatives, comprising the Senior Warden and one brother charged with membership development. To enable the District Chairman to guide the lodge leaders, they first attended day-long Overture seminars during January. The Overture Series in the Spring will be followed by the Conductor's Series in the Fall, when the lodge will revisit important leadership management skills.

At the time that this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason was completed, nearly a thousand Masons representing the leadership of more than half of the lodges in Pennsylvania, had attended one of the eight Overture sessions planned statewide and offered enthusiastic feedback. "Overture" is the recognized identification for Grand Master Ernette's Program for Membership Development and Leadership Training Through Excellence in Leadership.

The first of the dialogue sessions was held in Philadelphia on Feb. 28, with subsequent programs in State College on March 7; Oil City on March 13; and Fogelsville on March 21. The remaining sessions were to be held in Wilkes-Barre, April 4; Harrisburg, April 8; and Pittsburgh, April 25 and May 2.

For six hours at each of the get-togethers, the leaders among Pennsylvania Masons explored, debated, questioned and accepted a new definition of their roles as leaders in their lodges. By attending these seminars, they are being helped to discover new skills that will be required of them for their lodges to succeed in the 21st Century and they will be receiving the tools and materials that will help to make them successful.

Grand Master Ernette has attended most of the sessions and expressed the same kind of enthusiasm shown by the participants. Reiterating his leadership development and retention goal as "Net Zero for 1998," the Grand Master said, "First, we have to stop the bleeding, that is, turn around the decline; then we have to keep our members by offering programs and services they want." As a businessman, he sees a problem in providing customer service principles to the Fraternity. He points out to the leaders of lodges, "The new member is your new customer.

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Members and pledges of Franklin Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity are pictured during a meeting early in March in the Grand Master's Conference Room of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The collegiate or university fraternity based on Masonic principles is planning formal ceremonies in Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple during May to initiate pledges and honorary members.

Standing in the photo is Bro. James Katsaounis, an Ohio Mason who is Communications Director of the International Acacia Fraternity headquartered in Indianapolis. At the head of the table are Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., R. W. Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Anthony L. Ciccarello, Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations. Seated at the table are members and pledges of Franklin Chapter. Joseph DiPinto, Jr., D.D.G.M. of Masonic District C, who took the picture, is the Chapter Advisor. Anyone desiring to become an alumnus of the Franklin Chapter or wanting information about Acacia may contact Bro. DiPinto at (215) 862-0430, or e-mail <dpitoj@msn.com>.

Those brethren who attended the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will recall the presentation by Bro. Katsaounis, who explained the Acacia Fraternity and its relationship with the Craft. Acacia was founded in 1902 at the University of Michigan by 14 Master Masons.

G. Kent Harkove, P.D.G.D.M., Deputy Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations and Director of the Overture Program, passes the microphone to one of the participants in the first seminar in Philadelphia. At right, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette observes with Anthony J. Garvey (standing), Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations, looks on.
Effective January 23, 1998, Admission Policy for the Masonic Homes

The Masonic Homes, which include the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the Masonic Homes-Downtown at Westminister, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home - West at Pittsburgh, are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, whose membership includes both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

On January 23, 1998, the Committee on Masonic Homes reviewed the service levels and approved a revised Admissions policy to ensure that the best service is given to our members and their family members. Current eligibility for admission to the Masonic Homes includes the following service levels:

Service Level 1 will continue to be our core admissions policy. Individuals in this level are eligible, first and foremost, for admissions to all areas of the Masonic Homes.

The revised Admissions Policy, which is currently in effect, is provided below along with definitions for the service levels and approved a revised Admissions policy to ensure that the best service is given to our members and their family members.

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NOW is the Time to Call about Residential Living at the Masonic Homes!

Single and double rooms in Residential Living will become available this Spring, after completing renovations to the beautiful Village Green Area are completed.

A variety of activities and services are conveniently located in this area and can be accessed, without going outdoors, including: beauty/hairdresser services, a post office, an auditorium, an ice cream parlor, a library, a museum, a recreation area, a ballroom, and easy access to lodge, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay meetings.

For more information, or an application to the Masonic Homes' Village Green Area, send the coupon on the right. Or, call 1-800-422-1207, and the Admissions Department will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Residential Living at the Masonic Homes. Make an appointment to meet with the staff personally and to tour the Village Green Area.

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Advisory Boards Planned

The Masonic Homes are planning to organize an advisory board for each Masonic Eastern Star Home. All former Eastern Star Board members have been invited to continue their involvement in the homes' operations through their advisory board. The facilities also welcome any Masons or Eastern Star members who have an interest in serving in some capacity to contact one of the administrators listed below. An organizational meeting will be planned to develop the advisory boards to support the Masonic Eastern Star facilities with volunteer efforts, special projects, and providing education and information to Chapters and Lodges.

If you are interested in joining the advisory board at either facility, please contact:

David B. Carter, N.H.A., Administrator
Masonic Eastern Star Home - East
220 Bellevue Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15229-2189
(412) 931-8000

Cynthia L. Steff, N.H.A., Administrator
Masonic Eastern Star Home - West
805 Norristown Road
Warminster, PA 18974-2604
(215) 672-2500

If you are interested, please contact the appropriate administrator to learn more about the opportunity.

Respite Cottage Open to Serve Guests

In March 1998, the Masonic Homes opened a Respite Cottage to serve adults with special needs. The Respite Cottage accommodates up to eight adult residents who are interested in moderate retardation and/or other similar developmental challenges. Within the home-like atmosphere of the Masonic Homes, the program provides guests three nutritious meals a day, social and recreational activities, assistance with personal care, and access to medical care if needed.

The Respite Cottage provides a needed service to the community, offering quality, short-term respite services to caregivers, thereby enabling them to have time away from their responsibilities and enhance their quality of life. At the same time, it allows guests to enjoy fun and relaxing vacations.

The Masonic Homes is working with mental health/mental retardation agencies from surrounding counties to offer this community service program to their clientele. For more information call (717) 367-1121, extension 33751.

Masonic Blazers Now Available

Forms have been designed and the distribution system put into place in the Gift Shop in the Masonic Temple for ordering the Masonic Blazers by Bill Blass Menswear in the recently announced program that will benefit the Masonic Library and Museum.

To order, complete the request form and send it to the Masonic Temple, attention John H. Platt Jr., the Executive Director of the Library and Museum, and the top quality blazers will cost $200 from which the Library and Museum will receive a substantial donation.

The blazer is tailored from the finest worsted wool and has two-toned gold buttons that bear the Pennsylvania Masons' insignia. Each coat will have a removable silver bullion pocket crest of the same insignia. Since the pockets are normally attached magnetically, a person with a pacemaker should so indicate and a special attachment will be provided.

To order, complete the request form and send it with a check or money order payable to "The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania," Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2521. (You can also call for a credit card order to the Masonic Temple, attention John H. Platt, Jr., at 215-948-1972. Be sure to include necessary credit card information.)

Wellness and Fitness Center Open to Serve Guests

The Masonic Homes' Wellness and Fitness Center offers a mid-day respite for those unable to participate in the Masonic Homes or the community. The center will be equipped with aerobic and strength-building equipment, and provide many of the same services offered at other assisted living facilities.

The new Wellness and Fitness Center will be staffed by professional instructors and will offer a full-time Wellness Program Manager.

The Wellness and Fitness Center initially will be open to residents and employees of the Masonic Homes, as well as to other customers served such as Adult Living Center participants. An assessment will be completed after the facility has been operational for a period of time to determine if it is feasible to provide quality services to other groups of people.

For further information, call (717) 361-5656.
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The search brought us to the Masonic Homes.

A Master Mason in Pennsylvania since 1954 (never having departed from Charity Lodge No. 190, Jeffersonville, I came here with my wife to look at Hollis Smith (Marketing Consultant). We were immediately impressed with the entire situation and thought it was for the United Way, the Heart or Cancer Fund drives, the Scouts, our local hospital, and the work with our church. We had lived there for over 40 years.

We look forward to a new phase in our lives and began searching for a retirement community — particularly in the area of our heritage — in Pennsylvania. The search brought us to the Masonic Homes.

We chose the Masonic Homes for many reasons, among them:

...the warm, friendly, and gracious treatment by the employees in every area;

...the wonderful facilities of Independent Living, Residential Living, and the Masonic Health Care Center;

...the care taken of the buildings and grounds; and

...it was in line with our financial plans.

After our application was approved for one of the new Independent Living cottages, we sold our home in Virginia and moved into our new home on September 5, 1999.

We love our new home, have made new friends, enjoy the new meal plan (with superb meals and service), and have become involved in some of the many activities provided. The residents are from broad and diverse backgrounds and are indeed a strong brotherhood.

Our adjustment was made easier with the help of employees too numerous to mention.

We are happy we didn’t wait. If you even think to ask — “AM I DOING THIS TOO LATER?” — it may already be too late.

Marilyn and Dick Emery
18 Franklin Drive

Mail the coupon or call 1-800-676-6452. The Marketing Office will be happy to show you all the reasons why Independent Living at the Masonic Homes is the right option for you now. Don’t wait to enjoy the rest of your retirement years among friends.

Paul Wylie, a Mason in New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, wrote to the Editor of the Pennsylvania Freemasons, reminding that the next summer Olympic Games will be held in Sydney in September 2000 ...[and] that there will be many thousands of visitors from around the world taking the opportunity to visit Sydney and other parts of Australia.

He suggested that while so many people are visiting there, they would like to visit here for three or four weeks. He would like to know if there is a Pennsylvania Mason who would be interested in “swapping” homes at that time.

The writer is employed as the Financial Controller of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the Masonic Centre. He lives in a suburb called Wollongong, which is 24 kms (1.5 miles) north of Sydney. Anyone interested may write to him at 239 Independent Living at the Masonic Cardiff, New South Wales, P.O. Box 259, Sydney, NSW 1235, Australia.

Tips For Sponsoring Masonic Youth Groups

Many lodges in Pennsylvania already sponsor one or more Masonic youth groups while others are considering the possibility. These few “Steps to Success” will help your lodge improve its support of youth groups in your area:

Promote membership in the Masonic youth groups: Spread the word about the great programs of Rainbow, DeMolay, and Job’s Daughters, among the children, grandchildren, relatives, and neighbors of the members of the sponsoring body.

Visit youth meetings or public functions: It is important that the sponsoring body be represented by an officer at the public installation of officers held several times each year. Occasional visits to a regular meeting or an activity by members or officers will show the young people that the sponsoring body is committed to their organization.

Financial assistance is helpful, but not necessary. The youth groups know that they are expected to raise their own funds for activities, charity, Masonic service, etc. However, Masonic sponsorship of some of the special educational activities available to the youth will be helpful.

Provide a proper place for the youth members to meet. Masonic Youth Groups should meet in a lodge room. After all, their rituals were written by Masons, and were designed for lodge rooms. If it is not always available, a social room may suffice for informal meetings, but a lodge room is almost essential for all ritualistic presentations such as degrees and the semi-annual installation of officers. If rent must be charged, it should be reasonable, and within the funding capabilities of young people. If rent is being contemplated, ask this question: “How much rent does a church charge its youth group?” Is Freemasonry’s relationship to Masonic youth any different?

Provide a good moral and fraternal example for the youth. The purpose of your youth groups is to take good young people and make them into good adult Masons. We are, in essence, imparting Masonic principles to our youth. If you follow those guidelines, you will be providing a great service to the youth of your community.

The Grand Master’s Itinerary

Paul Wylie, a Mason in New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, wrote to the Editor of the Pennsylvania Freemasons, reminding that the next summer Olympic Games will be held in Sydney in September 2000 ...[and] that there will be many thousands of visitors from around the world taking the opportunity to visit Sydney and other parts of Australia.

He suggested that while so many people are visiting there, they would like to visit here for three or four weeks. He would like to know if there is a Pennsylvania Mason who would be interested in “swapping” homes at that time.

The writer is employed as the Financial Controller of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the Masonic Centre. He lives in a suburb called Wollongong, which is 24 kms (1.5 miles) north of Sydney. Anyone interested may write to him at 239 Independent Living at the Masonic Cardiff, New South Wales, P.O. Box 259, Sydney, NSW 1235, Australia.
**PLAY BALL!**

Masons’ Days Set for Cross-State Baseball Rivalries

**PIRATES AT PHILS**

**JUNE 17**

It will be a day at the ball game for Masons, their families, and friends Wednesday afternoon, June 17, when the Philadelphia Phillies host the Pittsburgh Pirates at Veterans Stadium. R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette will throw out the first ball for the 1:05 p.m. start of the game.

Proceeds from the ticket sales support the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Masonically affiliated Acacia Fraternity of the University of Pennsylvania. During pregame ceremonies on the field, Grand Master Ernette will present a check to Acacia Fraternity.

Tickets for seating together in the 200 level are being sold on a first-come basis at $16 per ticket. Send your check for the tickets to your lodge secretary who, in turn, will send a check for all his lodge’s ticket requests to Walter Mehl, P.D.D.G.M., 5720 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19120-1627. Brother Mehl will return tickets to the respective secretaries for their lodges’ seats in the same general section. The deadline for the preferred seating is May 15, after which seating location can not be guaranteed. Tickets also are available up to game time from the Philadelphia Phillies.

**PHILS AT PIRATES**

**JULY 10**

In Western Pennsylvania, Masons’ night at the ball park will be Friday, July 10, when the Pittsburgh Pirates host the Philadelphia Phillies at Three Rivers Stadium. Again, R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette will throw out the first ball for the 7:05 p.m. start of the game. Lodges will receive notice for stated meetings preceding Aug. 22.

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**Grand Master Announces Extra Communication on August 22**

James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master has announced an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, at 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 22, 1999, for the purpose of Making a Mason at Sight.

Notice of the Extra Communication will be included in all lodge notices for stated meetings preceding Aug. 22.

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**Three Golf Tournaments To Benefit Masonic Homes Are Being Planned**

Three Grand Master’s Charities Golf Tournaments to benefit the three Masonic Homes are being planned to be held across the state during the first two weeks of September.

As The Pennsylvania Freemason was ready for printing, the Development Subcommittee of the Committee on Masonic Homes had approved a proposal for benefit tournaments to be held at premier golf courses in the areas of the Masonic Homes in Central Pennsylvania; the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster; and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West near Pittsburgh.

The proposal recommends afternoon shotgun scramble tournaments, buffet, prizes and Masonic Homes services and development displays. Committees are being formed in the respective areas to organize and conduct the tournaments, including seeking sponsors for tee and greens and various aspects of the event.

It is proposed that reservations for tee times will begin being taken about July 1. For sponsorship or advance information on registration call the Development Office at the Masonic Homes, 1-800-599-6454.

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**It’s “All in the Family”**

John R. Stutzman, the W.M. of Puritan Lodge No. 740, West Reading, visited Laurel Lodge No. 407, White Haven, to confer all three degrees on his father, David John Stutzman, Sr., and his brother, David John Stutzman, Jr. Also when the Master Mason Degree was conferred by Robert Mangle, W.M. of Laurel Lodge, William H. Dixon helped to raise his son, William T. Dixon.

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The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was host to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Philadelphia, Feb. 22 through 24. Sixty of the 63 Grand Masters in North America plus their ladies attended, along with other officers, representatives, and guests of their jurisdictions. Also, there were 23 dignitaries, including grand masters from nations around the world. More than 800 persons attended.


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The Grand Masters of Masons in North America posed for a historical picture at the Liberty Bell prior to the opening of their three-day Conference hosted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22 through 24.

Flanking the Liberty Bell are the host James L. Ernette (left), R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the Conference Chairman, William B. Jeffers, M.W. Grand Master of Arizona.

To the left of the Liberty Bell are Grand Masters (l-r): Front Row - Harry R. Cunningham, Texas; Bruce S. Sim, Wisconsin; Thomas C. Ehlers, Washington; Albert T. Ames, P.G.M., Massachusetts, Executive Secretary of the Conference; and Michael Watson, Ohio. Row 2 - Benny L. Grisham, Illinois; James V. Voyles, Idaho; Edward J. Wildblood, Jr., Vermont; Richard A. H. Brown, Saskatchewan; and Ralph A. Livermore, Iowa. Row 3 - Eldon J. Brown, District of Columbia; Stephen M. Muntzinger, Colorado; Robert W. Stevens, Michigan; Douglas O. Fegenbush, Indiana; and Stanley R. Foulke, Alaska. Row 4 - Earle J. Hino, Jr., New York; Arthur Johnson, Massachusetts; Herbert P. Fullmer, Delaware; J.V. Christianson, Minnesota; and Max L. Schumacher, Oregon. Row 5 - Gerald H. Grosskopf, New Jersey; John C. Naquin, Maryland; Frank Dias, Jr., Rhode Island; Jeffrey O. Nations, Missouri; and Charles I. Ottern, North Dakota.

To the right of the Liberty Bell are Grand Masters (l-r): Front Row - Hugh Young, Alberta; Samuel E. Cowan, Florida; Jeffrey L. Sowder, Kansas; Ronnie G. Bell, Kentucky; and Joseph L. Boster, Illinois. Row 2 - Charles E. Haddad-Wilson, Manitoba; Garry Eldon, Oklahoma; Don E. Ramussen, Nebraska; Anthony P. Wordlow, California; Arnold M. Ashley, New Hampshire; and Carlos Marban, York, Mexico. Row 3 - William T. Anderson, Ontario; Paul D. Jones, Hawaii; Luis F. Crespo Cowen, Puerto Rico; Leslie L. Morrow, New Mexico; and Arthur K. Cronin, Nevada. Row 4 - Steve J. Brownfield, Alabama; D. Satreul Tenenby, South Carolina; James A. Forbes, Mississippi; John L. Palmer, Tennessee; Lowell C. Holmgren, South Dakota; and William H. Brown, Louisiana. Row 5 - David W. Burr, Utah; W. Kent Bell, Montana; Walter M. Macdougald, Maine; Jimmy R. Aver, American-Canadian; James W. Seymour, Georgia; and William F. Carpenter, Connecticut.

Not pictured are Grand Masters: O. G. Boyd, Arkansas; Alan R. Tomlins, British Columbia; Othome I. Nason, New Brunswick; Gerry T. Smith, North Carolina; E. Carson Jackson, Nova Scotia; S. Forrest Dunville, Prince Edward Island; Maurice A. Kershaw, Quebec; Albert H. Tignor, Jr., Virginia; and Paul V. Cotrell, West Virginia.

During their stay in Philadelphia, the grand masters visited historic sites, including the Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and as a memento had a group picture and individual pictures taken at the Liberty Bell.

At the Monday luncheon, R.W. Grand Master Ernette was presented with the unique Medal of Excellence Award by the National Foundation For Children. Two days before, Grand Master Ernette retired from the Board of Directors of the National Foundation and for years was the President of the Pennsylvania Foundation. Pennsylvania's program and its organization served as the model for the National Foundation and its programs. The only previous recipient of the Medal of Excellence Award was the late R.W. Past Grand Master Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., the founder of the Pennsylvania Foundation and a spearhead of the national organization.

The luncheon speaker was Celia Van Horn, a former nun, now a teacher and leader of a successful Student Assistance Program in Mesa, Arizona. She related the great need and the progress in counseling Native American children from the reservation. Ms. Van Horn has a unique background for facing her challenges in counseling. She grins as she explains what she learned "during my years in prison," where she counseled inmates.

At the closing session, Bro. and Marine General Thomas Wilkerson presented a moving and challenging talk on patriotism and paid tribute to all men who served their country.
We Need Active and Passive Leaders

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

My Brothers:

One of the great contributions that our Fraternity has made to the world has been in the area of the development of leaders. We have been able to take men with potential, but with limited skills, and transform them from a relatively shy introvert or an untrained extrovert to become dynamic leaders of the Craft on all levels. They then carried this leadership ability into the world outside the Craft. Think how often you have observed members of your lodge begin progression through the chairs and watched them improve in their capabilities prior to completing their terms as Worshipful Master.

Today, we are recognizing a lack of qualified leaders to guide our Craft. Why? Are we failing to attract the potential? Or are we failing to transform the potential? Or both? Because of the significance of this contribution, however, it merits our concern.

Over the years, I have observed two significant types of leadership. First, there is the one whom we would recognize and regard as the active leader. He is the visible one, the one listed on programs as a leader. He is the one wearing the jewels of the Craft. I have been afforded the privilege of personally knowing some of the great Masonic leaders of our time. I would not attempt to name them for fear of overlooking those of equal talents and contributions. They are the ones whose names are most frequently related to our Craft and the ones who are receiving the most credit.

But, there is a second type — one who is frequently overlooked as a leader. He is the one whose name is not listed as an officer, but is always there to participate. He doesn’t wear jewels, but his presence is imperative for our success. Both have been significant in the development and existence of the Craft.

When I first joined Freemasonry, I met an older brother of the lodge who exemplified a different style of leadership than that with which I was familiar. He never held an office of any kind of which I am aware. But, he served on every committee for which he was asked. He did not drive an automobile, but he rarely missed a meeting of any Masonic body to which he belonged. Frequently, that meant waiting for a bus to get him to a meeting and hoping he could get a ride home. This older brother was as totally ego free as anyone I have ever met. He never asked for, nor sought, recognition, but he offered to help all who were in an active leadership role.

Was this old man a leader? He was, in my opinion, one of the great Masonic leaders I have known because he served as an example for others. He epitomized to me what is significant as a passive leader. He led simply by setting an admirable example. Without men like that, there, our Brothers, there could be no men like we who are regarded as leaders. Of what value would the greatest leader be if there were some like him to follow our lead?

Freemasonry today needs both active and passive leaders. We need to find those with the potential to lead either actively or passively. We need to continue to provide to the world the leaders we have developed within the enclaves of our lodge rooms. We, therefore, must attract and develop the qualified leader. When we develop leaders, we serve not only the Craft, but we also serve the world. After all, is that not our intent?
Masonic Charities

Brethren and Friends:

In one of the earliest of charges to a new Master Mason, he is told, “Universal benevolence you are zealous to inculcate.”

The multitude of lives touched by the human services that are made possible through all of the Masonic Charities verifies the sincerity with which that challenge has been accepted and how important it is among the Masons, their families, and the many friends who support our good works. That is why this annual report is more than printed words. It tells the story of caring people reaching out to help those in need.

As you read this report, it is easy to appreciate why the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania remains the premier example of universal benevolence at work.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown just completed a seven-year building program that included the modern Masonic Health Care Center. It is your generosity that helps to provide the comfort and care in residential congregate or independent living; in health care, from respite care to adult day care; and to reach out to hundreds more through the Outreach Program. It is pure charity that keeps the Masonic Homes’ Children’s Home caring for youth in family-style homelike cottages.

We are enthusiastic about the merger of the Masonic Homes and the Eastern Star Homes. The kind of caring for which the Masonic Homes has been known is now available not just in Elizabethtown, but also at the Masonic Eastern Star Home - West in Pittsburgh, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster. During 1998, watch for master plans for expansion of the Masonic Eastern Star Homes.

Masons continue to show their great concern for the welfare of youth. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation consistently offers leadership and guidance, scholarships, activities, and facilities for Masonically-related youth organizations. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, which you know as the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, makes possible training programs for teachers, counselors, and law enforcement personnel throughout Pennsylvania to interface and interact with youngsters in drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs.

Culture and Heritage of our fraternity, nation, and society are valuable. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is world-renowned for its outstanding historical art collection and research capabilities.

Among the Masonic Charities, there is the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Fund. It quietly, but effectively, helps people and communities, supporting worthy programs for education, treatment, personal relief, and disaster relief when and where it is needed.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution anytime to all of the Masonic Charities or directly to one of them simply by designating where you want your gift directed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Universal benevolence seems an appropriate reference for your support. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternal,

James L. Emette
R.W. Grand Master

Annual Report

Masonic Health Care Center

On January 16, 1997, the new Renaissance Unit opened on the second floor of the Ben Franklin Building in the Masonic Health Care Center. This area is designed for the provision of subacute care which is in line with health care changes over the last seven years. As hospitals have been discharging more acute patients to less costly settings, the Masonic Homes operates this unit to accept residents requiring a great deal more care in a setting that is more cost effective than a hospital.

The 51-bed unit offers comprehensive medical, rehabilitation and consultation programs, and services to meet the needs of each patient. Immediately after or instead of acute hospitalization, an individual can receive active, complex medical treatments through subacute care until stabilization occurs. Rehabilitation services for patients with orthopedic problems and for patients recovering from strokes, surgery or deconditioning are provided. The unit has the capacity to administer respiratory care services, IV therapy, nutrition, pain management, and care and monitoring of residents receiving dialysis treatments.

Individuals eligible for admission to the Masonic Homes may receive short-term services on the Renaissance Unit, and then return home after stabilization occurs. This service was established to meet the health care needs of the changing times, as individuals are being discharged earlier from hospitals and often require specialized, skilled care before they can return home or to their most independent living situation possible.

The last phase of the Masonic Health Care Center Project involves renovating the Masons Care Building to provide Assisted Living services to 127 individuals in this area. To differentiate between nursing facility and assisted living care, the Masons Care Building was renamed the Freemasons Building. The opening of the Freemasons Building in May 1998 will allow the personal care residents living in the Village Green Area the opportunity to move into a new building complete with accessible services for their needs.

For more information about the Renaissance Unit or the Freemasons Building, call 1-800-422-1207.

Adult Daily Living Center

Located on the Ground Floor of the Masonic Health Care Center, the Adult Daily Living Center is nearing its third year of service. The program offers quality, cost-effective adult day care services to individuals with physical and/or cognitive challenges, within a caring, supportive environment.

The Adult Daily Living Center provides goal-oriented programs and services during the day that allow clients to live at home with their families instead of entering a nursing facility. The comfortable, homelike facility is ideal for adults who require assistance for some of their daily needs, but who prefer to live at home with their loved ones.

The center accommodates up to 41 clients, and allows easy access to all ancillary clinics without leaving the building.

Throughout 1997, the center has expanded its clientele, has received many referrals from agencies and by word-of-mouth, and has enjoyed positive feedback from yearly client/family surveys which indicated a high satisfaction level with the program. A new activity director has joined the staff to accommodate the increased number of clients, and the activity areas have been set up in the center to encourage independent recreation participation. The center continues to provide the following programs: community outings; intergenerational, pet therapy, music, sports and educational programs; and more holiday-themed-oriented special events.

For more information on the Adult Daily Living Center, call (717) 361-5353.

Lafayette Special Care Unit

The Lafayette Special Care Unit provides state-of-the-art care and treatment for up to 69 residents living their lives with dementia. The unit is split into two separate resident care units, Lafayette East and Lafayette West, so the staff can provide the appropriate level of care required for residents who are at a higher or lower level of functioning.
The Masonic

The program continues to grow and improve to provide the opportunity for the children to develop the life skills and values necessary for the future. The children attend local area public schools and are encouraged to participate in numerous extracurricular activities and sports. The Masonic Home's goal is to give each child a chance to receive friendship, care, and guidance. A Masonic affiliation is not required for admission to the Masonic Children's Home, but each child must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge.

Independent Living

The Masonic Homes' Independent Living program has continued to expand throughout 1997. Phase I of the independent living cottage construction project, consisting of 36 cottages, began in August 1996 and was completed and ready for occupancy in July 1997. The second phase of construction, which will add 36 cottages, is expected to be completed in June 1998. If demand exists, a third phase of 38 cottages will complete the project for a total of 100 new independent living cottages on the Masonic Homes' campus.

The Smith South Apartments opened in September 1997, and offered the availability of an additional eight one-bedroom and two-bedroom units under a rental plan.

The Smith North Building opened for occupancy in January 1998. In addition to offering the availability of 23 apartments, this building provides space for additional leisure and recreation opportunities for residents across the campus. These areas include a ceramic room, card playing areas, pool tables and a general craft area. Including the Village Green Apartments, Brown Apartments, Charles and Louis Eisenlohr Apartments, and the Smith South Apartments, all of which opened between 1993 and 1997, there are now 51 Independent Living apartments available under a rental option at the Masonic Homes.

As of December 31, 1997, 485 residents occupied 332 Independent Living apartments or cottages on the Masonic Homes' campus. The Independent Living areas of the Masonic Homes currently consist of 311 apartments and 52 cottages, where residents gain access to the security and quality care services of the Masonic Homes in an independent, active environment.

For more information about independent living options, call 1-800-4-MASONIC (800-462-7664).

Masonic Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides education, information, and direction to Masonic and non-Masonic families across the United States. Information and referral services help locate service agencies, nursing homes, transportation services, hot meals, and health providers. Information for senior citizens, direction for families, and aid for children.

Presentations in lodges statewide, community events, and health fairs have taken the Outreach Program's message to Masons and friends wherever need exists. Working with service providers and health agencies nationally, the Outreach Program can help a friend find help anywhere in the nation. Locally, the Masonic Outreach Program can direct a caregiver to a support group, or we can refer you to a Caregiver Support Group in your hometown. The Outreach Program extends Masonic Homes' reach into the community for the benefit of all Masons and non-Masonic friends in our own hometowns.

Literature on many subjects including the aging process, Medicare and Medicaid, grief and loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, health maintenance organizations, prostate cancer and treatment, and Living Wills is available free of charge through the Outreach Program.

Individuals in need of assistance can call a toll-free number: 1-800-4-MASONIC (800-462-7664).
The mission of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is the prevention of drug, alcohol, and other abuses by children through education, intervention, and counseling. This mission is accomplished through the support of well-established programs of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and other existing programs concerned with juvenile additions. The Foundation is also committed to the Fraternity and the Masonic organizations of Pennsylvania in providing and supporting addiction awareness education. This is done through a speaker's network and grants to community involvement.

Masonic Charities

Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation provides support and programs for the Masonic-related youth organizations; the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay for young men, and the Order of Job's Daughters. Most of these programs are held at the Masonic Foundation Center in Elizabethtown, on the campus of the former Pennsylvania Ranken Patron Masonic Institution for Boys. These programs are specially designed to teach self-improvement, character development, physical fitness, and public speaking. In 1997, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation provided programming, meals, and housing for 1,135 youth group members in 51 different programs at the Masonic Foundation Center. In addition, the Foundation hosted the annual convention of the Knights of Pythias for young men, sponsored by the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Of particular note, was the fourteenth consecutive annual DeMolay/Knights of Pythias Brotherhood Retreat in August.

Two unusual events highlighted the programs for 1997. In January, the Foundation coordinated the attendance of 212 youth and adult chaplains at the Presidential Inauguration and Parade in Washington, D.C. The trip included an opportunity to tour the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

In August, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Rededication of the Memorial Arch at Valley Forge, the Foundation sponsored a youth leader weekend at the Freemasons' Forest at Valley Forge for 78 youth members working on personal freedoms during the American Revolution. Over 175 youth participated in the dedication parade.

In addition to providing programs and displays about the Masonic youth groups to numerous lodges and other organizations, the Foundation continued its growing program of Scholarship Grants. The dissemination of information about scholarships available through the Masonic Fraternity.

Over 4,000 Masonic Scholarship Resource Guides were printed and distributed to lodges, public and private high schools, and individuals. More than $46,000 in College Scholarships were given by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation in 1997.

Prevention, through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is reaching out to youth all across the Commonwealth, and providing assistance to students through the品德 of moral, educated, and religious lives. The Foundation is helping to fulfill the ancient principle which tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children.

The mission of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children is the reduction of drug and alcohol abuse by young people, through education, intervention, and counseling. In 1997, the Foundation carried out the request by its continued support of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Student Assistance Program. These are now student assistance teams in place at high schools and elementary level training is beginning. Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program, thanks to Pennsylvania Masons.

In May, the selection committee for the girl W. Steinberg Scholarship met in Philadelphia and awarded five college scholarships to students first and second place in each category.

Several grant forms will be used to support the work of the Foundation. These scholarships are for the purpose of providing the children with the best possible education, and turn their lives around. Thanks to Student Assistance and the help of the Foundation, these young people are now getting the chance at a college education. The scholarships maintain a "C" average and be drug and alcohol free. Nineteen of these scholarships were awarded in 1993.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children continued its support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). At the facility, Low Enforcement Officers from throughout the Commonwealth, train to teach the students. The 5th and 6th grade elementary level training at the Masonic Foundation Center-Patton Campus has been designated the D.A.R.E. Training Center of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation each new D.A.R.E. Officer received a supply of 2,000 Cop Training Tools. Each card has the Squared and Compasses on both the front and back with an acknowledgment that they were supplied with Masonic Permissions of Masons of Pennsylvania.

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The Foundation, in cooperation with The Committee on Masonic Education, published a list of drug and alcohol speakers in the 1996 Speakers Guide. These speakers are available to all Masonic bodies, IC4 groups, and community organizations. The Foundation gave the national support to the Masonic Foundation for Children, and such treatment and rehabilitation centers as Aldehyde Village in Western Pennsylvania. The Foundation is a member of the Philadelphia Prevention Partnership and P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education). The Foundation helped sponsor the Success President's Visionary WHIO CMOS Program.

The Director is a member of the steering committee for Pennsylvania's Against Underage Drinking (PAUD) coalition. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board formed this coalition at the direction of the Governor. The coalition is funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The invitation to be part of the steering committee for PAUD shows that the Freemasonry and the Foundation are becoming recognized leaders statewide in the fight against juvenile additions.

The Foundation's District Chairs encouraged lodges to support their local community programs, in drug and alcohol treatment efforts.

There is an effort to make the public aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Freemasonry. A quarterly newsletter with this very simple and straightforward activities are finding out that Masons care.

The Foundation's work could not be possible without your help. Thank you for all you support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic charity contributions.

The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

The videotape-tour of the Masonic Temple was completed, and made its public appearance on November 26. Librarian and Curator Glorv Waldman was invited to publish the brief history of Grand Lodge she had originally written at the request of Grand Secretary Thomas W. Jackson. It appeared in the June 1997 issue of the East Central Intelligencer, the journal of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, and the transcribed for the Archives.

In an effort to bolster interest in the Friends of the Library and in the satellite libraries, meetings were held for Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Grand Lodge.

The Archives had a busy year: Pursuant to a request to vacate basement lockers, the record books of approximately 25 Blue Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters have been received for the Archives. These include records of any lodges and chapters that have been merged into these 25. In addition, the Grand Master's in his book has been relocated from the Masonic Master's Office "alley" to the Archives, for reasons mostly of safety and accessibility. These records begin in 1867 and run into the 1970's.

The Museum acquired 85 items among them: 1. Painting by William Thomas Taps: "Valley Forge Memorial Arch" 2. Painting of an American made silk, ca. 1800 from Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782. 3. Portrait miniature of M.W. Grand Master of Germany, Kainer J. Schlecke, of Brother Frederick IV's (the Great 1712-1718) silhouettes in gold with the German words: "Our life leads us with quick steps from birth to death. In this short span of time it is the purpose of a person to find the true destination of his being - "a is menheit." 4. Watercolor (1997) by John Baubl, a young Philadelphia artist, of the Masonic Temple. 5. Apen worn at the Dedication of the Masonic Temple building June 24, 1924, with the photograph of the weathers. 6. Cushion with Masonic symbols.

Several exhibits were mounted: 1. "John Sartain, 33rd 1800-1899, Exemplary Exemplary, Devoted Freeman" was mounted as of January 29th, and an accompanying checklist was completed. This Sartain exhibit forms part of Philadelphia's city-wide celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge.

Assistant Curator John Minott wrote an article on Egyptian Hall which was published in the (Valley Philadelphia) Scotch Rite Newsletter.

The Masonic Temple continued to be popular: 22,298 people came to visit. August was the busiest month with 2,400 people.

Events of interest were the following: In July 11, Bro. John Wansamaker's birthday, a wreath was laid at his statue on the east side of City Hall. A similar statue of Judge Joseph B. Wight of the Drug and Alcohol Foundation, Assistant Librarian Catherine Givens and Librarian and Curator Glynis Walsman represented Grand Lodge and the Library and Museum. The party was completed by the Rev. Dr. W.A. Zulker, author of John Wansamaker, King of Merchants, which is sold in the Gift Shop. The dedication of the newly-restored National Memorial Arch was held at Valley Forge, August 24. The replica of Brother of the Council of Grand Commandery and of the Royal Arch called "The Peninsula" exhibit at the Visiting's Center. The Library and Museum mounted an exhibit in honor of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Involvement, and assisted the Grand Secretary in assembling artifacts for the Capitol vault.
A Gift That Endures

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of those individuals who benefit from the Masonic Charities from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania? If so, you may wish to consider a charitable bequest.

Why a bequest?

A charitable bequest is a method for Masons and friends to perpetuate their interest in Masonic Charities.

Your Will can be drafted to leave a specific gift or a percentage of your estate to a Masonic Charity. A specific gift can be a dollar amount, a particular piece of real estate or personal property. A residual gift is either a specific percentage of your estate or it can be remaining of your estate after you have provided for your family, church, college, Blue Lodge or other such charitable organizations to which you have a personal connection.

More complex bequests can involve the creation of trusts providing financial security for one or more loved ones during their lifetime and for the Masonic Charities of your choice.

Where should you start?

We suggest you begin by determining the Masonic Charity(ies) you wish to remember. You may choose from among any or all of the following: the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown; the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation; The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; Masonic Charities Fund; and The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania.

You should then make an appointment with your attorney. Your attorney will advise you whether you can give to Masonic Charities(ies) by adding an amendment name called a Codicil to your Will or whether it would be better to draft an entirely new Will.

While your attorney will be able to provide you with the exact wording for your gift, the following suggestions may be helpful. Simply insert the proper name for the specific Masonic Charity(ies) you wish to remember in the appropriate blank.

Devising of Real Estate: You may include the bequest in your Will as either a specific gift or a percentage of your estate to a Masonic Charity(ies) of your choice.

Bequest of Residuary Interest: You may bequeath the net estate to the Masonic Charity(ies) of your choice at the death of your spouse.

Bequest of Real Estate: The device of devise can be drafted to leave either a specific gift of a percentage of your estate to a Masonic Charity(ies) of your choice.

Bequest of Personal Property: The devise of devise can be drafted to leave your entire estate to the Masonic Charity(ies) of your choice.

Do not hesitate to contact the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation, 2000 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, or the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, 601 North Beaver Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19113, for further information on charitable bequests.