Giving Back to Our Donors

When you give money or stock for a charitable gift annuity with the Masonic Homes, we give you back annual payments for the rest of your life. Too good to be true? Seems like it, but true nonetheless; and many of our friends are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Here's how it works.

Mr. and Mrs. Smiley give $5,000 to the Masonic Homes for a Charitable Gift Annuity. The annuity contract obligates the Masonic Homes to pay a set amount every year, either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The amount they receive is determined by their ages and, ordinarily, part of the payment is tax-free.

Since the Smileys are both 75 years of age when they establish the annuity, their annuity rate is 7.5 percent. This means they will receive a fixed amount every year of $375.00. These payments will continue to the survivor for life.

Why does the Masonic Homes provide gift annuities? To help our donors who want to make larger gifts, but don’t want to reduce their cash flow. Also, it helps our donors who are planning to provide a bequest to make the gift now so that they can take advantage of the income tax charitable deduction. For older donors, a Masonic Homes annuity actually may provide a larger payout from the asset than they might otherwise receive.

By careful management, the Masonic Homes is not only able to make the scheduled annuity payments, but also to have enough left over to help carry forward its mission. In other words, these annuities benefit the donors and the Masonic Homes.

Gift annuities offer other advantages in addition to those mentioned above. 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 and Warminster, we invite you to contact Bro. Fred D. Rissinger, Director of Development, or Bro. John R. 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 at right or telephone them at (800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311.

THE GRAND LODGE F.A.A.M. OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Return Service Requested
Today, Pennsylvania Masons and law enforcement officers added a new page to the history of Philadelphia. The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, Colonel Paul J. Evanko; Deputy Commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott; and Trooper Roberto Soto were made Masons-at-Sight.

It is fitting that this memorable event took place in our historic Masonic Temple in the City of Brotherly Love and the Cradle of Liberty — famous for so many dedicated Brethren, like Benjamin Franklin who served twice as Grand Master of Masons — and where many Masons were among the signers of the Constitution of the United States.

This evening, we join in fellowship in this building, a national historic site that bears the name of a renowned merchant and philanthropist, Brother John Wanamaker.

Masonry in America grew up in Philadelphia. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania lays claim to being the oldest in America.

It is evident that, nearly three centuries later, the brotherhood exists in this, the oldest, largest, greatest, and most charitable fraternity in the world. The participation of so many Brethren — especially the law enforcement officers who are friends, associates, and co-workers of our new Masons — is a testimony to the solidarity of brotherhood.

 Freemasonry and Law Enforcement are a perfect match; they naturally come together as a band of brothers. Both are prestigious groups with men of quality ... both espouse the highest of principles and values ... we are elite groups of professional men; both are directly involved in local charity and hometown improvement activities.

As Masons, we have tremendous opportunities to make favorable and progressive impacts on our communities. That is why the Grand Lodge put a Matching Grants Program with hometown impact in place this year. Pennsylvania’s 151,000 Masons in the 454 lodges throughout 60 of our 67 counties are encouraged to be directly involved in local charity and homeland improvement projects. The lodges commit their time and funds and Grand Lodge matches the money, up to $5,000 a year, making it possible for each of the lodges to double its hometown charitable contributions.

After only six months since the program was announced, there had been 316 perfect matches for grants totaling nearly $240,000. That means that there are well over a half-million dollars available to benefit communities across the state. Many of the grants are for community improvement programs, some including help to support and buy equipment for law enforcement agencies.

This year the Grand Lodge established a new Law Enforcement Scholarship Program. In the Spring, the first four scholarships were awarded. Two high school graduates planning careers in law enforcement were granted $2,500 a year for four years, and two who already are in college were granted $5,000 a year until their graduation.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children is closely allied to law enforcement. All of you should know the Executive Director, Bro. Joe Witting, a former Philadelphia police lieutenant. He has several dynamic programs actively combating the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.

You know about D.A.R.E. and the dedicated job it does in teaching drug resistance to youth. What you also should know is that our Fraternity and Law Enforcement are a perfect match; they are troopers and municipal law enforcement officers.

The brethren who served as the conferring Worshipful Masters were: Brother Thomas K. Coury (right), both Deputy Commissioners of the Pennsylvania State Police, await the arrival of Col. Paul J. Evanko, Commissioner, James L. McReen; and Master Mason's Degree, Lt. Col. George P. March, P.M.

Freemasons care! The world is a better place because of what we do — in Freemasonry and in law enforcement.

Thank you for being here today. You have all come here not only to be a part of a memorable occasion, but to extend your hands in a token of friendship and brotherly love to Brothers Evanko, Westcott and Soto.

It is my personal honor and privilege to greet them as “Brothers” in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James L. Ernette,
R.W. Grand Master

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**Three Made Masons-at-Sight**

On Aug. 22, in the presence of the Right Worshipful Grand Master James L. Ernette, three distinguished members of the Pennsylvania State Police were made Masons-at-Sight in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. They are: Colonel Paul J. Evanko, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police; Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Westcott, Deputy Commissioner, and Trooper Roberto Soto.

Corinthian Hall was filled to capacity, including more than a hundred Masons who are troopers and municipal law enforcement officers.

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With an honor guard of troopers standing at ease, Anthony J. Garvey (center), Chief of Staff of the Grand Lodge, flanked by Lt. Col. George P. March, P.M. (left), and Lt. Col. Thomas K. Coury (right), both Deputy Commissioners of the Pennsylvania State Police, await the arrival of Col. Paul J. Evanko, Commissioner.

**The Grand Master's Message**

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Following is my message delivered at the banquet held in the historic Wanamaker Building celebrating that important event and honoring the new Masons.
In Philadelphia, went to the Habitat for Humanity work site. Making the presentation are Grants ages of five and 18 gone to assist in meeting community needs. As of The two District's McKeesport; McKeesport Lodge No. 641; Dravosburg; Youghiogheny Lodge No. 583, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania joined together to raise the moneys needed for the completion of a playground at the preschool. We had problems with the motor home — the new fuel pump my husband (had) put in was defective and we were spraying gas all over the highway. After being towed into Half Moon Valley and finding out that the work could not be done until the next day, I was wondering how I could put all up in a hotel and pay for the repairs and still continue on for Supreme. I took a chance and called the nearest Masonic Hall to ask if they might have a floor that we could all sleep on for the night while the repairs were done and we could be on our way. I guess God was watching over us, because we were able to get someone at the Masonic Hall and Workmaster Don W. Wonderling and Bro. Bruce Gardner, P.M., and Gary Crowner, S.W., came to our rescue. We had no floor to sleep on, but they put us up in a hotel, got pizza for all so we could go to bed. Then they brought food to our room. We ended up all around State College while we waited for the motor home to be repaired. Once the work was done, I went to pay the bill and the folks at the garage said the bill was taken care of by the Masons. I just want to let you know how wonderful the members of State College Lodge no. 700 were to us and how much we appreciated what they did for us. I will let our Grand Master in New Pennsylvania know about this, and Supreme already knows. Among the girls who were with me, only one, my daughter, had a dad who was a Mason. I want you to know that some of the other folks are not thinking about becoming members. The Pennsylvania Masons showed them what the Masonic Family is all about.

Sincerely,

Patricia Casley, P.M. and Member of the Grand Executive Committee for NH Rainbow Lodge No. 608, Harrisburg, has been serving as Grand Marshal for five years.

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Ground Broken for Freemasons Pavilion at VA Hospital

The Masonic Blood Donor Club of Pennsylvania relied heavily on references about the coverage, membership requirements, and pricing.

What to do If You Need Blood

The Masonic Education Committee, said

Masonic Education

ON THE MOVE

Edward H. Fowler, Jr., R.W.G.M., Chairman, Masonic Education Steering Committee, said that each lodge should have, and should be using, the pre-initiation video. "I’ve heard the name; what does it mean?" It is a great educational tool to inform candidates and their families about Freemasonry and what Freemasons do.

It is also an excellent vehicle for a Committee on Inquiry to provide answers to questions and generate meaningful discussions. The committee is in the process of completing a laminated instruction card to use with the video and the Masonic Blood Donor Club.

Various videos that have been produced by the Masonic Education Committee of North America are being reviewed. At the same time, they are looking into the possibility of developing a series of candidate teaching tools to be used in connection with the existing curriculum. This will have a positive effect on those who are entering the Fraternity, helping to make them better prepared for their initiation and subsequent membership.

The committee expects the "Speakers Booklet" to be available for distribution to the lodges by the end of October. As the result of Grand Lodge’s Web Page, requests are anticipated for Masonic speakers at non-Masonic functions. Those speakers who do not wish to participate in this assignment are so noted in the booklet. In addition, the following booklets are being updated: "Masonic Hospitals and Asylums," "The Making of a Mason," (to cover the use of the pre-initiation video), and "The Masonic Education Handbook."

Special thanks go to those who stepped forward to work with the Regional, District, or Lodge Chairman of Masonic Education. Each represents the eyes and ears of the Masonic Education Steering Committee throughout the Commonwealth and in the link between the subordinate lodge and the candidate. It is the lodge’s duty to inform every candidate sufficiently to result in their being more informed and active Freemasons, as well as potential lodge officers.

Seven Regional Masonic Education Seminars are being planned for 1999. All will be one-day seminars on Saturdays, tentatively planned for: Region 1, Mar. 13; Region 2, Mar. 27; Region 6, Apr. 10; Region 5, Apr. 24; Region 4, May 6; Region 8, May 15; and Region 7, May 29.

Locations for the seminar will be announced later.

Ritualistic Instructors Kept Busy

The Regional Instructors of Ritualistic Work from across the state have been especially busy this year preparing lodge officers for the sectional, presentations of District Deputy Grand Masters, initiations, lodge room dedications, cornerstone-laying and ground breaking ceremonies, and the highlight of the year, the Making of Masons-at-Sight at Corinthian Hall on Aug. 22.

The instructors are: R.W. William M. Jones, Director of Ritualistic Work, Quarters Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg; and H. Alvin Sallack, Assistant Director, James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Junctionburg. Middle: R.W. Lyndel Johnson, Sr., Region 4; R.W. Ron Nolte, Region 5; R.W. Joseph W. Meador, Region 8.

The dates and locations for the Regional Schools of Instruction for 1999 are:

- Feb. 20 Scranton
- Feb. 27 Clearfield
- Mar. 6 McKeesport
- Mar. 13 New Castle
- Mar. 20 Pittsburgh
- Apr. 10 Everett
- Apr. 24 Philadelphia
- May 1 Oil City
- May 8 Williamsport

Note: There is one change from the listing in the last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason. The Mar. 6 location is changed to McKeesport.

Richmond Lodge No. 230, South Side, was honored with a visitation by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, when it celebrated its 150th Anniversary on April 21. Also attending were: Mr. John W. Cunningham, Sr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary, and W.B. Jack B. Miller, R.W. Senior Warden; Joseph E. Trate, R.W. Senior Grand Warden and W.B. Jack B. Miller, R.W. Senior Grand Master, when it celebrated its 175th anniversary of the

Masons of Note

When Lynnwood Dixon (left), D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District, was Worshipful Master of Prospect Lodge No. 576, Prospect Park, H. Dean Smith (center) was the D.D.G.M. This year, Bro. Dixon had the honor of awarding his "This District Deputy" his 50-Year Emblem of Gold. In his impressive career, Bro. Smith has also served as Worshipful Master and Treasurer of Chester Lodge No. 236 and Grand Secretary in 1984 and 1985. He has received The Jesse Green Award from the Grand Lodge of Delaware. At right is Kevin B. Royer, W.M. of Chester Lodge.
Linda Herbert Recognized For 36 Years at Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge P.R. Coordinator

James N. Kataouzian, 23, became the Coordinator of Public Relations for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Aug. 3, reporting to the Chief of Staff of Grand Lodge Operations.

Not only is Linda supportive of Freemasonry through her career at the Grand Lodge, she also has served in many leadership capacities of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a Past District Deputy and Past Grand Adah of the Grand Chapter of the Pennsylvania Order of the Eastern Star and Past Matron and current Secretary of Eastern Star Chapter No. 428.

PIN Makes D.A.R.E. The Winner

The PIN Club Golf Outing at Alcoma Country Club in Western Pennsylvania raised funds as a contribution to D.A.R.E. James Wabby, R. W. Grand Master, presented Linda with a crystal bowl. Linda began her career at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia in June 1962 working for the late Past Grand Secretary, Ambry B. Paul. In 1974, she became Administrative Assistant to then-Grand Master James L. Ernette. Not only is Linda supportive of Freemasonry through her career at the Grand Lodge, she also has served in many leadership capacities of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a Past District Deputy and Past Grand Adah of the Grand Chapter of the Pennsylvania Order of the Eastern Star and Past Matron and current Secretary of Eastern Star Chapter No. 428.

ASERBs Award Scholarships At 34th Annual Banquet

Jay O. towels, and Anthony Cervo. In the rear are: Barbara and Michael Mocato, ASERB President and master of ceremonies; Mary and William Slater II, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, who were the special guests; and Dr. Nicholas Tomich, keynote speaker. In his address, Dr. Tomich reminded the scholarship honorees of the tremendous sacrifices made by our pioneer forefathers to create the educational and career opportunities available to this generation, then contrasted and compared the problems of the past with those of the present.

The ASERB announced that the 35th annual banquet will be a reunion of all past scholarship recipients on June 19, 1999 at the Serbian American Cultural Center in Warren, WV.

Dedication of New Conference Facility Scheduled

Inside and out, renovation of Memorial Hall and construction of the new Multi-media Center progresses at the Masonic Conference Center.

The renovation of Memorial Hall and the construction of the multi-media theater and meeting facilities at the Masonic Conference Center—Pitton Campus is proceeding on schedule. James L. Ernette, R. W. Grand Master, will dedicate the new facilities on Saturday morning, Dec. 12, with an indoor dedication ceremony, and the unveiling of a special floor stone commemorating the erection of the new facility.

This will be a special weekend for the R. W. Grand Master because it is also the day of the Order of DeMolay’s semi-annual Grand Master’s Class to initiate new members in his honor. Following the dedication of the building, a luncheon will be served prior to the beginning of the DeMolay ceremonies of initiation. The Initiatory Degree will be conferred in the Function Room beginning at 1:30 p.m., followed by the DeMolay Degree in the Carpenter Chapel at 2:30 p.m. The Flower Talk will end the ceremonies at 3:30 PM and the entire program will conclude by 4:00 p.m. A dinner will be followed by a gala dance for DeMolays and invited Rainbow Girls and Job’s Daughters.

55th District Charities Car Races in Mini-Grand Prix

On Saturday, Aug. 29, the 55th Masonic District, strongly supported by its lodges, participated in the fifth annual Pittsburgh Arthritis Foundation Mini-Grand Prix Race. There were winners on the track, in the pits and behind the scenes, but the real winners were the $2,000 people in the Pittsburgh area suffering from arthritis.

It took three races totaling 35 laps and eight hours of competition, superb driving and stellar pit crew work to settle the issue on the track. Although not "official" race winners in the event, the Masons of the 55th District were awarded first place for fund-raising.

Donna M. Murphy, D.D.G.M., reported, "Through the generous contributions from the lodges and the Grand Lodge Matching Grants Program, $3,750 were contributed to this worthy cause. That first place award made the day extra worthwhile for everyone. I would like to thank the lodges of the district. Once more, it has been proven that when Freemasons go hand-in-hand with unfamiliarity, success gracefully crowns their efforts."

The brethren in the pit crew tune up the 55th Masonic District entry in the Pittsburgh Arthritis Mini-Grand Prix Race.

Ringing in Christmas in July

Lodge No. 106, Williamsport, and St. John Lodge No. 26, Prince Hall Affiliation, celebrated "Christmas in July" by ringing bells in Lycoming Mall to raise money for the Salvation Army. The two lodges raised $2467.25, which Rick Betron (left), W.M. of Lodge 106, and Gus Wilson, (right) W.M. of St. John Lodge, heralded as quite a success since the charitable endeavor was a spur of the moment idea. Ronald A. Augs, Sr., D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District, said that both lodges hope to make this an annual summer event in addition to participating in the Christmas Season bell-ringing.

New Lodge Building in Jeannette

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette and the Grand Lodge Officers dedicated the lodge room and symbolically laid the cornerstone for the new lodge hall at Jeannette Lodge No. 750 on July 25. The lodge room was filled to capacity for the dedication and a large crowd assembled in the ceremonial area staged in the street in front of the building.

New Home For Lodge No. 307

The cornerstone was laid symbolically and the lodge room was dedicated in ceremonies Aug. 29 at the new home of Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf. The lodge, with more than 300 members, recently began meeting in the new building, the only move in its 142-year history. Pictured at the cornerstone are (l-r): Robert K. Gilbert, W.M.; James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master; Martin G. Speicher, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and William S. Arnold, Sr., D.D.G.M., 60th Masonic District. Bro. Speicher is a Past Master of Williamson Lodge and a F.D.D.G.M. of the 60th District.
Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club Opens on Grand Master's Day

Bro. Lee Reilly, Treasurer of the club, (right) shows off some of the model railroad scenery to (from left) Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert L. Drager, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette.

With all of the growth that the Masonic Homes has experienced over the years, one might not be surprised to see the community build its own railroad station on the grounds in Elizabethtown.

The old cannyond building on Freemasons Drive now closely resembles an old-fashioned railroad station, and locomotives and trestles buttle amidst beautiful scenery. This newly renovated attraction can only take would-be travelers to one destination: the past.

Residents from the Masonic Homes have engineered a model railroad club and museum that, through generous donations, hard work, and vision, can recreate vivid memories of past travels. The 5,100-square-foot building, renovated to look like an old-fashioned railroad station, houses O gauge and HO gauge trains and a trolley for stances.

In the reception area, former church pews are set back-to-back, just as you would find in old-time railroad stations.

The station also has a workshop for members to construct items for the display. Much of the displays were made by hand with care and skill by members of the club, such as the platform, which is designed so that the members can get to and from the control panels, and to and from the platform display.

Walter Wiedner, Lodge No. 665, Ephrata, a resident of the Masonic Homes' Independent living area and Second Vice President of the club, designed the table work and other club members helped to build it. The outside area and the old-fashioned lights were contributed by the Masonic Homes.

Past the workshop is the 306-square-foot, $45,000 HO gauge track, a gift to the club from David Foster. This spectacular display is complete with miniature figurines of people, street lights, stop lights, mountains, tunnels, and, of course, trains.

In the rear of the station is the 1,024 square feet of O gauge track, covered with Pullman, baggage, and observation cars, and a steam engine.

The club meeting room has large windows overlooking the surrounding farmland, as well as chairs for members and a table for the officers of the club.

As of August, before the grand opening of the attraction, the club already had more than 30 members. What's unique about membership in the club is that a man and his wife can belong on one membership and share one vise. And you don't have to be a Mason to join. Anyone can belong as long as they have an interest in model railroading," Bro. Wiedner said.

The idea for the model railroad club started with some residents discussing the idea in May 1997. The group spoke to Raymond E. Tierney, Administrator, Independent Living, and Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director /CEO of the Masonic Homes, who agreed that the gentleman's idea would not only provide the club's members with a hobby, but would also add a valuable attraction for the Elizabethtown and surrounding communities.

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Respite Cottage is a Home Away From Home

From the time the Masonic Homes' Respite Cottage opened in March through the end of August, it had provided the services to 27 visitors. The staff frequently receives positive comments from guests and families telling them how much they enjoyed the stay at the cottage and they can't wait to come back.

The Masonic Homes' Respite Cottage in Elizabethtown accommodates eight adult guests with mild to moderate mental retardation and similar developmental challenges. The program serves as a temporary home for guests or caregivers to take a vacation or enjoy respite. Within the caring, secure environment of the Masonic Homes, the program provides quality services to ensure the wellbeing of the adult guests during their stay. This program also offers its services to the community.

The warm, inviting cottage is staffed by friendly, compassionate, and experienced professionals who work with the philosophy that the guests deserve dignity and respect. The staff cares for each guest's medical and physical needs, including the administration of medications. But more importantly, they embrace the holistic approach to providing exceptional care for the mind, body, and spirit within a nurturing environment.

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Masonic Health Care Center Provides Quality Services, Immediate Openings Are Available!

At the Masonic Homes, quality of life is a first priority. "Serving satisfied residents is our business," says Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO. "That’s why we continue to renovate our facilities and update our equipment. We believe our residents deserve the very best, and it is our privilege to serve them in their home. Right now, the Masonic Health Care Center has immediate accommodations available, and we look forward to serving you or a loved one."

The Masonic Health Care Center is licensed to provide nursing and convalescent care accommodations for 453 residents and provides outpatient, inpatient and extended care services. A continuum of medical health care services is offered, including: podiatry, radiology, cardiology, laboratory, pharmacy, dentistry, ophthalmology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, dermatology, urology, and mental health services. The Lafayette Special Care Unit provides quality, state-of-the-art care services for residents with disabilities in their daily lives. Individuals who require complex medical management following a hospital stay can receive subacute care on the Renaissance Unit and the rehabilitation units.

Daily therapeutic recreation activities are offered and implemented by a staff of certified personnel. The Recreation Services Department believes that quality of life is an enduring human need. How an individual defines enjoyment is a never-ending category. The importance of the residents’ well-being and their ability to lead a fulfilled life is the focus of the Recreation and Education Activities. Residents can participate in a variety of organized activities, including group or individual recreational and social events. Group activities are led by a staff member, offered on a regular basis, and are designed to provide for the recreational, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a wide range of individuals. Special events are planned by individual residents and are held in the outer courtyard. These events may include outdoor held games, gardening, and picnics. Most activities are free and open to the community.

Masonic Homes Gallery Opens its Doors

Joseph E. Murphy, Executive Director/CEO of the Masonic Homes, said, "We try to encourage residents to continue their interests long into the future. When they come to live here, and if we find that a number of individuals share a common interest, we do what we can to provide them with the resources they need to pursue that interest." Some of them created art for the new Masonic Art Gallery in college, some enjoyed art as a hobby, and some had never tried their hand at art, but had a desire to learn. They are a group of people who want to enjoy art and learn from one another. They want to have the opportunity to use different media such as pen and ink, oils, watercolor and charcoal, to create their art.

Artist and curator, Bro. Edward Praediger, joins R.W. Grand Master James L. Emmons in cutting the ribbon and opening the new Masonic Homes Art Gallery. Again, Masonic Homes’ residents have come together to express an interest. And, again, the Masonic Homes has recognized their interests and accommodated them with the resources to make it a reality.

Members of the Masonic Homes Art Association were joined by R.W. Grand Master James L. Emmons on Aug. 15 for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new art exhibit and art gallery. Then, on Sept. 17, the Masonic Homes Art Association and Gallery held an open house for Masonic Homes residents and the community. Visitors were invited to view the gallery and its exhibits, as well as enjoy refreshments and the company of the artist and curator, Edward Praediger, Canby Lodge No. 520, St. Petersburg, PA.

The idea for an art association began when Bro. Praediger and his wife, Wilma, moved to the Masonic Homes’ independent living area in August 1997. He expressed an interest in starting an art association and found that many of the residents were eager to join him in this new endeavor.

Masonic Homes’ Outreach Programs: Sharing Our Mission for Caring

The Masonic Homes Outreach Program provides information and direction to Masonic and non-Masonic families throughout the United States. It is a place where Masonic and non-Masonic families can receive the help they need. The Information & Referral service helps locate service providers, nursing homes, transportation services, hot meals, and health providers. Resource Coordination service helps put services in place whenever persons are unable to do it for themselves. The Education and Support service provides care to caregivers and direction to counseling and children’s service providers. The Home Assistance program offers financial assistance to Pennsylvania Masons and their families. Masonic Homes’ Outreach Program also assists in the reduction of the use of the aging and ill vehicles, another reduction in expenses. And lastly, enrollment with the county Office of Aging Case Management made certain that their condition would be monitored monthly.

Financial Assistance is often the first thing considered when people encounter difficult times. Though the Outreach Program is privileged to offer Home Assistance to brothers in need, frequently the answer to a person’s need is not by using contacts in the community, but instead by working with white services in place. If you, or someone you know, needs help, call the Masonic Homes’ Outreach Program, serving Pennsylvania Masons, and their families and friends. You can reach the Outreach Program by dialing 1-800-462-7644 from anywhere in the United States.

200+ Attend Independent Living Presentation at Elizabethtown

More than 200 brethren and their ladies from Region 2 attended a presentation of independent living options and health care services available at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. The presentation took place as part of the Masonic Homes’ Independent Living Program.

The purpose of the presentation was to inform visitors of the many options available in independent living and the wide array of health care services available at the Masonic Homes. The presentation included information on independent living programs, assisted living programs, and home care services.

Tours of independent living included several types of apartments and cottages offered in an entrance fee plan and apartments offered as a rental option. Independent living residents volunteered as guides for tours while other residents opened their doors for prospective residents to see their independent living cottages.

Masonic Health Care Center tours included outpatient care, physical, occupational, and dental services. The Information & Referral service at the Masonic Health Care Center helps locate service providers, nursing homes, transportation services, hot meals, and health providers. Resource Coordination service helps put services in place whenever persons are unable to do it for themselves. The Education and Support service provides care to caregivers and direction to counseling and children’s service providers. The Home Assistance program offers financial assistance to Pennsylvania Masons and their families. Masonic Homes’ Outreach Program also assists in the reduction of the use of the aging and ill vehicles, another reduction in expenses. And lastly, enrollment with the county Office of Aging Case Management made certain that their condition would be monitored monthly.

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Availabiliy in Pittsburgh and Warminster Homes!

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster, and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Pittsburgh, provide quality skilled nursing and assisted living services. Each home offers personalized care services and amenities to serve residents, including a dining room, hair and beauty salon, a chapel, recreational and personal activities, and social trips.

Both homes have availability to serve residents in their assisted living and nursing areas. For more information about the home of your choice, call Masonic Eastern Star Home-East at (215) 672-2500, or Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at (412) 931-8300.

Masonic Homes’ Outreach Programs: Sharing Our Mission for Caring

They always had been self-reliant and were too embarrassed to ask for help. But an article in The Pennsylvania Freemason caught their eye and gave the Outreach Program a call. From their first conversation, it was easy to see that they were unsure of what it would take to improve their lives. Although reluctant to ask for help, it was their belief that financial aid from the Masonic Homes might be able to alleviate their problem. Though it appeared that Home Assistance might provide them with a short-term solution, a closer look revealed that they had the means within themselves to solve their difficulties.

Enrollment in PACE and Social Security Disability programs offered a reduction in their monthly expenses which previously had been paid with credit cards. Equity in their home offered them the opportunity to consolidate their debts, reduce their interest rates, and decrease the monthly expenses even further. County transportation services allowed for a reduction in the use of the aging and ill vehicles, another reduction in expenses. And lastly, enrollment with the county Office of Aging Case Management made certain that their condition would be monitored monthly.

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Send me more information about Independent Living at the Masonic Homes! Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________
State: __________ Zip: _______
Phone: (__) _______-____-

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Bro. Ralph and Anna Barisci enjoy life on the front porch of their independent living cottage.

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Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________
State: __________ Zip: _______
Phone: (__) _______-____-

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At the Masonic Homes, Services are Resident Driven; Openings Available in Village Green Area

This summer brought a new addition to services in the Village Green Area—a delicious breakfast buffet! Residents now may enjoy breakfast any time between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Prior to the buffet’s availability, residents ordered breakfasts in advance, and the meals were served at a designated time.

Many residents wanted a more flexible schedule in the morning so they could attend meetings, doctors’ appointments, or other activities. They also wanted more variety and quality in certain breakfast foods they received.

Daphne Gulick, Director of Food Services, meets with her team of chefs, dining room supervisors, and the dietitian to discuss improvements to the food services in the Village Green Area and to consider recommendations from residents.

“We are very open to suggestions,” Mrs. Gulick said. “It is important to establish a partnership with the residents so that we can ensure that the services we provide are meeting our customers’ desires.”

At the Masonic Homes, residents have more than a voice; they have influence. Residents choose their lifestyle. When the Food Services Department suggested the buffet, Henry Nickoll, of William D. McHenry Lodge No. 758, Dormont, a resident and President of the Village Green Area Residents’ Council, took the suggestion to the Food Committee. It was decided to try it, and now that it is a huge success, they intend to keep it.

Mrs. Alma Wilson, O.E.S. Mt. Olive Chapter No. 232, Churchville, daughter of the late Harvey H. Wilson, Jr., of Pennsylvania Meridian Sun Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, and a resident in the Village Green Area, is also pleased with the new breakfast buffet. “I love the flexible time. On the days I volunteer, I can have an early breakfast. On the days I don’t volunteer, I can sleep a little late. I also love the variety of foods, like the eggs, breakfast breads, and fruit.”

The Village Green Area comprises eight buildings and 270 residential accommodations for residents who live independently. Three meals daily, organized activities, and religious programs are provided to meet the daily needs of residents. Many recreational facilities are located within walking distance, such as the Delta Auditorium, ballroom, Masonic Lodge building, ice cream parlor, chapel, museum, and the Grand Lodge Hall dining rooms. Regularly scheduled transportation is provided for campus appointments and activities, as well as community outings.

Think about joining the Masonic Homes’ family today, where residents choose their lifestyle! Call now to make an appointment for a visit and tour. For more information or an application to the Masonic Homes’ Village Green Area, return the coupon or call 1-800-422-1207. Start planning your future today!

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Pastor Lacquement to Retire in 1999, Successor to be Sought

Bro. and Pastor Charles H. Lacquement, Th.D., D.D., Grand Chaplain and Senior Pastor/Director of Pastoral Care at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown recently announced his plan to retire from the Masonic Homes effective Sept. 1, 1999.

Earlier this year, there was a grand celebration of Pastor Lacquement’s 25 years of ministry at the Masonic Homes. Pastor Lacquement is a member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown.

Pastor Lacquement provided a year’s notice of his plan to retire in consideration of his long service and the needs of the congregation. “This will allow time for his successor to be selected and to assure that the ministry and the services he and his two assistants have provided will continue.”

At the same time, applications will be accepted to fill his position as Senior Pastor/Director of Pastoral Care. Anyone who is interested in applying for this position can contact the Masonic Homes at 717-361-4523, fax: (717) 361-5300.

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Blazer, Ties Available

Picture are the exclusively designed navy blue Masonic blazer and 100 cent silk tie. Both are available from the Gift Shop of the Masonic Library and Museum.

The blazer is tailored from the finest worsted wool and has two-toned gold buttons that bear the Pennsylvania Masonic insignia. Each coat will have a removable silver bullion pocket crest of the same insignia. (Since the pocket crest is normally attached magnetically, a person with a pocketwatch should also include a special attachment magnet.)

To order the jacket, tie, or both, complete the request form and send it with a check or money order to: “The Masonic Library and Museum of PA,” Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2250. (You can fax a credit card order to the Masonic Temple, attention John H. Plotz, at 215-988-1972. Be sure to include all necessary credit card information.)

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Perseverance Lodge Dates to 1779

Noting its 219th anniversary this month, Perseverance Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg is the oldest Masonic Lodge in continuous existence outside of Philadelphia and the oldest Lodge in Dauphin County. The Lodge was constituted on Nov. 10, 1779 in an area that was then called “Pennsylvania” for such purposes as the government may apply the same...

Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court stands now on those grounds. The town grew and was incorporated into a borough on Apr. 13, 1791, and finally as a city on Mar. 19, 1860.

During the nearly 220 years of the Lodge’s existence, two Grand Masters, a Grand Secretary, and at least 15 D.D.G. M. S. members were members of Perseverance.

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Perseverance Lodge Dates to 1779

By Donald B. Morgan, P.M.

On June 17, more than 100 family, friends, and guests of the Eastern Star Home in Warmminster celebrated the 102nd birthday of Elsie M. Brooks, Past Matron of Covenant Chapter No. 199, O.E.S.

Mrs. Brooks was born in 1896 in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, the fourth of seven children to Charles and Alice Townsend. On Mar. 17, 1917, Elsie Townsend married Frank Brooks and they were married for 67 years until Frank’s death in 1985.

Elsie became a member of the O.E.S. on Nov. 9, 1923 and was Matron in 1945 and 46. Her husband Frank was a member of a St. Alban Swain Lodge No. 229, Philadelphia.

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On June 17, 2001, a grand celebration of Elsie M. Brooks, Past Matron of Covenant Chapter No. 199, O.E.S. was held at the Eastern Star Home in Warmminster, Pennsylvania.

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Weekend at Gettysburg

On the weekend of Aug. 7, Susquehanna Chapter, Order of DeMolay, sponsored a trip to Historic Gettysburg. Several DeMolay chapters and 100+ Daughters’ bethels participated in the weekend which included staying in authentic Civil War style hotels, seeing authentic Civil War style cooking, living history demonstrations, a musketry demonstration, and battlefield tours.

On Sunday morning, a wreath was laid at the Friend of Masonic Memorial in the Gettysburg National Park.
Organ Dedication Recital Nov. 8

At 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, Dr. John Weaver, head of the Organ Department of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and Choir of the Organ Department of the Juliard School in New York, will play the Dedication Recital on the new three-manual Rodgers organ in Cornish Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The public is invited.

Conductor Series to Build Leadership Management Skills

Senior and Junior Wardens are going back to school this Fall as part of the Grand Lodge's Overture Series of leadership seminars. This second phase, the Conductor Series, emphasizes the importance of leadership management and focuses on improving such fundamental skills as communication, organization, and time management.

One-day Conductor seminors were held during September and October in Allentown State College, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh North, and the Titusville/Meadville area. There will be suitable seminars in Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 14; Harrisburg, Nov. 21; and Pittsburgh South, Dec. 5.

In high-impact, day-long sessions, the seminars will focus on the skills introduced in the Overture Series, putting a strong emphasis on getting a man ready to assume the duties in his lodge. "In this seminar," said Dr. John Hackney, Deputy Chief of Staff for Grand Lodge and Director of the Overture Program, "Junior and Senior Wardens, together with those involved in leadership development, come to grips with the realities of being a lodge leader. Only this time, we are emphasizing the important skills of management unique to a Masonic lodge."

Participants in the eight seminars across the state will address topics such as "Understanding Your Role in Your Lodge," "The Role and Function of Your Grand Lodge," "Small Building and Getting Started on Important Tasks," "A Focus on Mentorship: Project Management Skills," "Creating More Effective Communications," "Change Management," and "The Importance of Planning."

James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, said, "What I like about the direction this Conductor Series is taking is that it not only builds upon the skills offered in the Overture Series, but it also adds a practical note to the lessons learned."

Hackett added, "The concepts and decisions about what to include in these seminars came from leaders of Pennsylvania lodges who have said over the years that these are the issues they need to learn more about. With this input as background and working with Dr. Dudley Davis, the principal author of the Overture Program, we developed the material for the Conductor Series."

The Conductor Series uses the books and guides presented during the Overture seminars and participants understand how they can be used in the lodge. One copy of the book, titled "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D., will be added to the Membership Development Kit issued during the Spring Inceptions.

One of the features of the Conductor seminars will be an early discussion of what has been happening in lodges since the first Overture seminar last February. Participants are encouraged to speak about what has been working and what has not. The Conductor seminar's day ends with help on developing long- and short-range plans for the lodge. These will be explored in more detail in the second round of Overture Series in 1999.

OVERTURE 1999 DATES

The second round of Overture Series seminars will be held early in 1999 and continue through mid-Spring. District Deputies and District Overture Chairmen should note the first date for the seminars in their area.

Jan. 9 Philadelphia (D.D. and D.Chmn)
Jan. 16 Greensburg (D.D. and D.Chmn)
Jan. 23 Allegheny (D.D. and D.Chmn)
Jan. 30 Philadelphia (13 Philadelphia)
Mar. 6 State College
Mar. 20 Old City-Titusville
Apr. 10 Pittsburgh North (Region 4)
Apr. 24 Pittsburgh North (Region 5)
May 8 Harrisburg
May 22 Bethlehem
June 5 Wilkes-Barre

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Franklin Medal Presented

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette (left) presented the Benjamin Franklin Medal to the most significant honer by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for outstanding service to the Masonic Fraternity to Jack W. Jones, the Imperial Recorder for the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Reunion for Melita's 1948 Officers

It was a 50th anniversary reunion for the 1948 elected officers who returned to fill the chain of Melita Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia. They are pictured with the current officers (l-r): Ed Germer, P.M., Secretary; Senior Wardens; Francis J. Hoffman [98] and Harry L. Ross, P.M. [48]; Worshipful Masters Robert A. DeWeaver, P.M. [48]; and Packard, John K. Young, R.W.P.G.M. [48], and John T. Evans [98].

Grand Master's Golf Tourneys Successful

Three hundred and fifty-two golfers participated in the Grand Master's three successful Charity Golf Tourneys held across the state on Aug. 31, Sept. 2, and Sept. 3. The first Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes and the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. There were 93 participating Masonic Homes and 12 at Latrobe Country Club.

Grand Master James L. Ernette attended all of the evening banquets and awards programs and expressed thanks to participants and the support of the various sponsors, especially Smith Barney, the primary sponsor for all three of the tournaments. In addition, there were major sponsors of amenities, such as luncheon, dinner, hole-in-one contests, and registration, and get-togethers, by the Masonic Homes and the Masonic Eastern Star Homes. The Grand Master relayed the appreciation of Grand Lodge, the Masonic Homes, and, especially, the residents who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the charity.
Quarterly Communication

Dec. 2; Evening Dinner, Show, Dance Will Mark 125th Anniversary of Masonic Temple

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m., courthouse Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Grand Lodge will open promptly at 8 p.m.

This is the 125th Anniversary year for the Masonic Temple during which extensive refurbishing and modernizing has been completed. Special recognition of the anniversary will be featured during the Communication and the festivities that will follow.

There will be a dinner, show, and dancing in the evening after the Quarterly Communication. A social hour will precede the dinner at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel facilities. Entertainment following the dinner will be the Bobby Mercer Rock Show featuring "Hot 'N' Fun Music," followed by dancing.

For reservations for the dinner, show, and dance, please use the accompanying coupon. Note the Dec. 9, 1998, deadline reservations.

Reservations Form for December Communication Dinner-Show-Dance

Fill out and return before December 9, 1998.

To cover cost of event, $25 will be charged per person.

For tickets, please make checks payable to: "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Name:
Address:
City:
State, ZIP:
Phone:

Member of Lodge:
Location:

Reservations will be accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.


The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m., A.M., at which the Grand Officers and Committee on Masonic Horizon will be seated.

Action will be had upon the following proposed Amendments to the African Rites.

Amendment No. 1

Amendments of the Grand Lodge

Whereas, the Communications of the Grand Lodge are presently held on the first Wednesday of June and December and on the First Wednesday of March and September by order of the Grand Master; and

Whereas, it is recognized that meetings in the middle of the week may offer hardships to those who would as well as possible to the Grand Lodge in advancing to schedule these events.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 8.01 of the African Rites shall be amended so that the article shall read as follows:

"8.01. The Grand Lodge shall hold its Communications on the first Wednesday of June and December and may hold Communications on the First Wednesday of March and September by order of the Grand Master. Communications may be changed to any other day of the month at the discretion of the Grand Master. As an Annual Communication shall be held on the first Sunday in June and December and a new Grand Master takes office. When the Grand Master's Day falls on Sunday, the Annual Grand Communication shall be held on the following day.

The Grand Lodge meet in Extra or Special Communications by Order of the Grand Master."

Amendment No. 2

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

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Governor on December 21, 1990, as a non-profit corporation, to support organizations in the guidance of children in Pennsylvania dealing with drug and alcohol abuse; and

Whereas, on September 15, 1997, Articles of Amendment were filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State amending the name of the corporation effective on January 1, 1998, to the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children; and

Whereas, the mission and purposes of the Foundation was not changed and remains the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among children.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 13.03 of the African Rites shall be amended accordingly and shall read as follows:

THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

13.43. The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the Department of State as of December 21, 1990, as a non-profit corporation, to support organizations in the guidance of children in Pennsylvania dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. Special attention to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among children.

The Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children shall meet quarterly and shall report all of its proceedings to the Grand Lodge annually at the Quarterly Communication in December.

Amendment No. 3

Past Master's Service Jewel

Whereas, it has been agreed to produce a Treasurer's Service Jewel which is to be awarded at the completion of six years of service as a Lodge Treasurer, it now becomes necessary to amend Article 18.04 of the African Rites;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Article 18.04 of the African Rites shall be amended to read as follows:

18.04. The jewels of the officers of Lodges see as follows:

- Master - The Squares
- Treasurer - The Cross of the Square and the Cross of the Cross of the Keys
- Junior Warden - The Plumb
- Senior Warden - The Plumb
- Master Mason's Jewel - The Jewel shall be suspended from a pair of blue ribbons with the top supporting bar having the name of the Lodge, the center bar to contain the name of the Treasurer, the lower bar to indicate the number of years in service, with the combination of years to be added to the lower bar at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. There shall be suspended from the lower bar a Square and Compasses representing a wraith of silver issues, all gold with color with cross of blue jewel color. As to the color, it is up to each lodge to determine the combination of colors: Cross of the Keys, Cross of the Square. The Jewel shall be suspended from a pair of blue ribbons with the top supporting bar having the name of the Lodge, the center bar to contain the name of the Secretary, the lower bar to indicate the number of years in service, with the combination of years to be added to the lower bar at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. There shall be suspended from the lower bar a Square and Compasses representing a wraith of silver issues, all gold with color with cross of blue jewel color. The Jewel shall be suspended from a pair of blue ribbons with the top supporting bar having the name of the Lodge, the center bar to contain the name of the Secretary, the lower bar to indicate the number of years in service, with the combination of years to be added to the lower bar at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. There shall be suspended from the lower bar a Square and Compasses representing a wraith of silver issues, all gold with color with cross of blue jewel color.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, No. 125, No. 522.

The Grand Master's Itinerary

Nov. 7 - 115th Anniversary, New Bedford Lodge No. 522, Park City Lodge No. 521, and Gimby Lodge No. 500.

Nov. 8 - Organ Dedicated Reunion, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 13-14 - Valley of Allentown, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Nov. 17 - Enclosure Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

Nov. 21 - 175th Anniversary, Charity Lodge No. 70, Mount Vernon, VA.

Nov. 23 - Masonic Home Reunion, Tidewater, VA.

Nov. 24-25 - Consolidated Funeral, 9:00 a.m., Administration of the Pension Plan, 11:00 a.m., Finance Committee, 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 1 - Meeting in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m., Masonic Grand Lodge, 1:15 p.m., Social Hour, 5:30 p.m., dinner, show, and dancing, Marriott Hotel.

Dec. 3 - Grand Choppee, Philadelphia.

Dec. 5 - Pittsburgh Valley of Christmas Chimneys, Alhambra, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 6 - Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m., Masonic Grand Lodge, 1:15 p.m., social hour, 5:30 p.m., dinner, show, and dancing, Marriott Hotel.

Dec. 7 - Grand Chunk, Philadelphia.

Dec. 8 - Philadelphia Valley of Christmas Chimneys, Alhambra, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 - Grand Communicate.

Dec. 10 - Various Lodges.

Dec. 11 - Various Lodges.

Dec. 12 - Various Lodges.

Dec. 13 - Various Lodges.

Dec. 14 - Various Lodges.

Dec. 15 - Various Lodges.

Wherever Toleration is Practiced...

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

For almost 30 years, I have been writing and speaking to both within and outside of our Craft concerning the significance of Freemasonry. Those presentations were made to promote the Freemasonry as well as to open the doors to those who would enter and become part of our Craft. Today, Freemasonry and we included as the precursors of their respective countries. Those of liberty, freedom, and equality of men are probably best known to us. It takes little effort to become aware of them.

It is significant that also replete with the names of other men whose names are just as well known, but who were the enemies of Freemasonry. They were enemies because of the negative publicity the Craft had given to those who were raised among. In my opinion, the greatest enemies of Freemasonry and to the enemies of the Craft.

It is a tragic commentary that the enemies of the Craft have been the world's greatest agent of world's worst religious leadership, but also, the enemies of the Craft.

The greatest contribution that we as Individual Freemasons can make to our Craft along these lines is to let those leaders of religion to whom we look for guidance along the lines of knowledge among us to the Craft and its principles, only one commonality: it is the obligation to be true to our Masonic obligations and to our Masonic responsibilities. In our work of research, enrollment of our leaders. Each of us has a stake in that contribution.