Masonic Charities Fund Undertakes New Responsibilities

Masonic Charities Fund is the fund-raising arm for the charities of the R. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

The administrative, promotion, collection, and distribution activities associated with fund-raising will be accomplished through one office for the benefit of the following existing Grand Lodge Charities:

The Masonic Homes:

This includes the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, the Masonic Eastern Star Homes in Warminster and Pittsburgh, and the Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley. All the Masonic Homes serve the Fraternity, their family members, youth, and the community through a continuum of quality care services encompassed in its “Mission of Love.” Also included in the vital work of the Masonic Homes are the Adult Daily Living Center, the Masonic Outreach Program, and the Masonic Children’s Home.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation:

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation is headquartered on the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown and provides support and programs for the Masonically-related youth organizations including the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay for young men, and the Order of Job’s Daughters. In carrying out its mission, the Foundation promotes the Masonic youth groups, fostering interaction with the Masonic lodges, and emphasizing service to God, family, and community.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children:

This facility and staff serve the Fraternity by being an outstanding resource for Masonic education and research. Its extensive rare book collection and thousands of valuable manuscripts, broadsides, prints, photographs, and minute books makes the Library and Museum an indispensable tool for researchers and scholars. An extensive circulation library of books, audio tapes, and video tapes accessible by mail or through the Internet is available to members of Pennsylvania Lodges on loan and without cost. The Masonic Gift Shop, also available by mail or through the Internet, carries a large inventory of Masonically-related items. The Museum’s collection may be seen during tours of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

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Contributions may be forwarded to the Masonic Charities Fund in care of the Development Office, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. For information on Planned Giving opportunities and how you might remember the Masonic Charities in your Will, please contact Bro. Fred D. Risburger or Bro. John R. McFadden. They will be happy to assist you and your advisors at no cost or obligation. They may be contacted at the address previously indicated or by telephoning them at (866) 560-0454 or (717) 367-1121, extension 38511.

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My Brethren:

It has been historic for all of us to participate in the events of the
Year 2000. Our work will continue to take us forward to tomorrow, especially
those events that will transpire in just a few days of welcoming a
new millennium. At this point though, you probably are wondering what
we are going to do next. This is what this administration all about

First and foremost, it is necessary to answer the most burning question
you have, other than what's lunch. And that, I'm sure is, "Where's Elroyd?" The answer to this is to look north due east.

It will be in the direction of Hermitage, and to find Elroyd. With that out of the way, your next question might be, "What are we going to do next?" Perhaps the best description is that it is said a bride goes to her wedding -- and, with three daughters, one of whom was recently married, I have some foundation knowledge about that!

This administration is going to offer to the Fraternity "something old, something new; something borrowed, and something blue."

Something Old: The tried, and true principles and traditions of the Fraternity of Freemasonry. We all have a rich history and heritage in Pennsylvania as being the oldest Grand Lodge in America. We intend to preserve these traditions, but also to remember the current age and world in which we live.

Something New: Yes, we have a few ideas that will bring a new view to things. I assure you, though, that this will be done in the context of the historical background in which we have been raised.

Something Borrowed: Over the last number of years our Past Grand Masters, to whom we have paid respect and who so richly deserve it, have individually and collectively built the wisdom, the foresight, and the fortitude to engage in programs that have recognized the importance of Freemasonry internally and externally. We will try to continue this type of activity as well.

Something Blue: Everything that we do is based on the time-tested principles of Freemasonry that we learn in a lodge that we can teach to all our young men. So, we have a civil responsibility to do something. We also want to make sure that we have an educational experience. R.

Rissinger, the Grand Master of his lodge. A portion of this program also will be one study course to conduct a case understanding of the Fraternity. Brother Jackson also will be establishing something else that's new, the first Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, of which he will serve as Wardens. This Lodge will be dedicated to those whose interest is in researching Masonic topics and presenting the results of their research to others. The ultimate goal of all of these projects is to permit those who wish to learn to have these opportunities to exchange and utilize the exchange of ideas, much as was done at the time of the formal formation of our organization.

Each lodge will be given an educational, informational, and supposal investment in the Pennsylvania Masonic Student Exchange Program. The ultimate goal of all of these projects is to permit those who wish to learn to have these opportunities to exchange and utilize the exchange of ideas, much as was done at the time of the formal formation of our organization. It will be also be announcing guidelines for our Past Grand Masters and their districts. It is our intention to have some lodge specific guidelines for the Masonic Student Exchange Program. Through the programs, we will be able to provide our students with a better understanding of the world and the world of Freemasonry at several levels. We will be able to establish and maintain a program that will work on personal, professional, and personal safety. We suggest that, to that extent, we permit our members who are in law enforcement and emergency services agencies in the presentation of these programs. They will involve the areas of self-defense, which is the strongest tool you could have, in the workplace, and while traveling. We also request that all lodges offer a CPR course, and we also try to pledge to those who are interested in this other and what better way can we do than by trying to make us better aware of what may save your life or your family's life.

As mentioned earlier, we are going to try to limit the amount of time that you have to go to meetings. Earlier this year, the Grand Master of our lodge attended a seminar where an executive of the Girl Scouts said, "Pennsylvania is the only organization that meets once a month, every night of the month." Think about that. How true it is!

As many of you already know, we have arranged for our members to have a number of anniversaries of the several reasons for doing this, one stands above the others. When 100 or 250 gather, the media starts looking and will be for the rest of their lives. We, in the media, have been introduced to the world of Masonry, and we will continue to do so.

In conclusion, we will try to continue to make that case that is very easy for you to understand. If you can understand the value of the Massachusetts doth, you can understand a little bit of the value of that something that has been done in at least 100 years in Pennsylvania. We will conduct in a lodge that is going to be historic and to use these events, utilizing a specially produced commercial, "lighting" glass. We will ask the Grand Lodge to see if we can attend as the presenters for the ceremony. It is hoped that the presentation of the lodge video将会只是其中的一部分，The Table Lodge, will encourage increased attendance at these events.

For the youth, we have asked the Pennsylvania Foundation to create a summer camp for Masonic youth at our Patton Campus. It is anticipated that this camp would be related to correct, correct, and personal development. It will be a learning experience, but also FUN. The camp will teach skills that are not always provided in formal schooling.

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The Medallion: A Story of the Old and The New
A tribute to Masons on every continent... An honor to Pennsylvania Masons!

The medallion of the 113th R.W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania is a reflection of the world of Freemasonry to remind Freemasons worldwide, wherever dispersed, of their membership in this ancient and honorable Fraternity. Its unique features depict a world with an emphasis on the state of Pennsylvania inside the world is a golden Lady of Justice standing beside the name and term of office of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. The world rests upon a keystone-shaped base made of Pennsylvania coal, a representation of our historical past. The medallion of the Grand Master is imbedded on the front and reverse of the coin. The world, itself, is made of a compound of space age acrylic, symbolizing the technology of today.

Thus, the medallion is a blond of the old and the new.

Grand Master and Other Elected Officers Being Installed at Annual Convention


Along the main street in his hometown there is an ended wooden sign shaped much like a coat of arms that proclaims "Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Attorney-at-Law." See luck about the length of a football field is a rustic log cabin. Inside, amid modern office furnishings and appointments, are the comfortable law offices.

Bro. Dluge is an attorney, practicing law in Elwyn since 1976. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and through the years served as an officer, committee chairman, and Zoning Governor of the Young Lawyer's Division. He is also a member of the Northumberland County Bar Association where he is a committee chairman and a past director. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America ever since his youthful days in Cub Pack 2347. He was a member of Elwyn Boy Scout Troop 2347 achieving all ranks, earning 40 merit badges and that of Eagle Scout with three palms. He was a member of the Supreme Council contingent attending the Valley Forge National Jamboree in 1964 and Plimpton Scout Reservation in 1968. He was a member of the Region Three contingent attending the World Jamboree, Cour de la Néa, Maine. From 1969 to 1993, he served as a staff member at Camp Kaozedinhia Successively as Scout Craft Director, Assistant to Program Director, and Commissioner. He was an Explorer in Elwyn Boy Scout Post 2347 and attended the U. S. Explorer Conference at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis on the Planning and Steering Committee in 1955 to 1967.

He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow and was a District Chief Scout. He was a collegiate Scout, then served as a Merit Badge counselor, District Committee member, and Explorer Post Committee member.

His involvement with youth has been recognized among the Family of Freemasonry. Rainbow for Girls presented him with the Grand Cross of Honor. The Order of DeMolay conferred the Honorary Legion of Honor Degree.


He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Bloomsburg, where he was Commander-in-Chief of Caldwel Consistory in 1983 and 1984. He is also a Past Sovereign Prince of Washington Tuberculosis, a past prince of the council.

He serves the Pennsylvania Council of Delegation as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. In 1989, he was conferred a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd. He is the Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Bloomsburg.

In York Rite, he served as High Priest of Shalom Scottish Rite No. 294 in 1976; Thrice Illustrious Master of Shalom Council No. 69 in 1985, and Eminent Commander of Shalimar Commandery, Knights Templar in 1986 and 1987. He is a member of St. James Connal, Red Cross of Constantine; Prince Priory No. 6 of the York Rite.

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Deputy Grand Master: Twice Retired And Still Going Strong Serving Masonry

Born in Danville in 1950, the son of Bro. Robert L. Diuge, Sr., and Bernice M. Diuge. He was educated in the public schools of Raipho Township (now part of the Southern Columbia Area) and Shamokin Area School District. He was graduated from Lycoming College in 1971 with a B.A. degree in Political Science and Pre-law; did post-graduate work at Bloomsburg University in business and accounting, and was graduated from the Widener University School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1975.

Bro. Diuge is married to the former Doreta A. Ford and the couple has three daughters: Dawn, Jennifer, and Stephanie.

Assistant Fire Chief Diuge operates the controls on an Elksburg Fire Co. pumper.

The Deputy Grand Master is mild-mannered Marvin A. Cunningham, Sr., an amiable Mason who already has retired twice in his career — once from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Dental Technician and then from the Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution as the Manager of Correctional Industries at Graterford. Today, he is busy serving the Fraternity and finds his relaxation in traveling with his wife, Rosalie, and playing golf whenever he can.

Bro. Cunningham was born in

Marvin and Rosalie Cunningham enjoy one of their favorite pastimes, traveling and relaxing together.

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Honor; Pennsylvania Council of Anointed Kings; Pennsylvania Royal Arch Knights Templar Lodge No. 11; Gallicano Tabernacle No. 75, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, serving as very eminent preceptor in 1996; Geo. John J. Sullivan Council No. 84, Allied Masonic Degrees, now serving as Sovereign Master; and Past Commanders and Line Officers, Division 14, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. In 1958, he was honored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar with the designation of Knight Commander from the Valley of the Temple. Bro. Diuge is a Shriner in Irem Temple; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Carlisle Chapter No. 199, National Sojourners.

The R.W. Grand Master is 41-year-old William Slater II, the owner and President of W. Slater & Sons, Inc., which operates a series of mortuaries in the Pittsburgh area. He was graduated from Grandmaster Commandery of the Forge Military Academy in 1976, Thielen College in 1980, and the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1980. He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh, in 1987 and was Representative to the Grand Lodge from 1987 to 1990. In 1992 and 1993, he served as Sword Bearer for R.W. Grand Master Edward E. Fowler Jr., and was elected to serve the past two years as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

In York Rite, Bro. Slater is a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 258 Liberty Valley Council No. 50, Royal and Select Master Masons; and Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Knights Templar. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Pittsburgh and is serving as an officer of the Consistory. He is also a member of Syrinx Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; The Royal Order of Jesters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2, Islam Grotto, and the Canons Club, where he served as President.

He is involved in various professional and community activities, including the National and Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Associations, Mount Washington Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Corp., the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, and the Green Tree Rotary Club, where he has served as a deacon and on the Christian Education Committee.

During his career, the newest elected line officer in Grand Lodge, R.W. Junior Grand Warden Ronald A. Aungst Jr., has been an innovator and motivator in public education, a pillar in his church, a champion high school football coach, and a dynamic civic leader.

He is a native and life-long resident of Jersey Shore and a graduate of the Jersey Shore Area School District. He earned a Bachelor degree in Education from California (PA) State College, did post-graduate work there after it became California University of Pennsylvania and also as The Pennsylvania State University, receiving his Master's equivalency in 1975. He earned a Secondary Principal Certification in 1995, Elementary Principal Certification in 1997, and is currently enrolled in a Master of Education program in Education Administration at Penn State.

R.W. Junior Grand Warden is a Leader in Education, Church, and Community

Bro. Aungst is the Elementary Principal at Nippenose Valley Elementary School of the Jersey Shore School District. In addition to being principal, he is responsible for the district-wide kindergarten orientation, which he originated, and as coordinator for the district's "Teacher Specials and Classroom Aides." Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught in the secondary level as a technical education instructor for 27 years. During his years in the classroom, he developed a visual communication program, coordinated a Teacher Advisory Group and a student discipline program, chaired the Ways and Means Committee, was a class advisor, and established the high school's Environmental Club.

He also served as the yearbook advisor for 24 years and served on the Board of the Pennsylvania State Press Association.

He was active in the school district's athletic program, both as a student and as an educator. He became the first undefeated junior high school wrestler with the introduction of interscholastic competition in 1963-64 and continued winning through the next three years accumulating numerous championships. Following high school, Bro. Aungst added additional, becoming the 106-lb. representative on the Pennsylvania State Junior World Olympic Team. Later, he continued at the bottom of page 8
Masons Serving Masons Serving Mankind

Grand Treasurer is a Busy Mason

He is the son of Bro. Earl J. and Myrl M. Speicher and a 1965 graduate of Conrad Weiser High School. He was graduated from Reading Business Institute, the Cades C.P.A. School, and Gross C.P.A. School.

Bro. Speicher was a Mason in Williamson Lodge No. 307, Womelsdorf in 1967 and served as Worshipful Master in 1976. He served ten years as the D.D.G.M. of the 10th Masonic District. He was elected R.W. Grand Treasurer in 1989. Prior to that, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Sub-Committee on Audits and today he chairs the Masonic Homes Financial Sub-Committee.

While he is not a member of every appendant body, he comes pretty close. He is a member of all of the York Rite Bodies in Reading where he is a Past Sovereign of the Council of the Prince Hall Red Cross of Constantine, and is presently the Intendant General for Pennsylvania-East of Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Past Governor, an Associate Regent, and the recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He also serves on the Committee on Finance of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. He is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia.

Bro. Speicher is a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the four Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Reading, where he served as Thrice Potent Master of Reading Lodge of Perfection in 1981-82. This past year, both the Valley of Allentown and the Valley of Harrisburg recognized him by naming classes of candidates in his honor. The special class in Allentown was a one-day reunion of the Valley and a joint Shrine ceremonial of LaLa Temple of Philadelphia and Rajah Temple of Reading, where Bro. Speicher is a member.

In addition, he is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was inducted, along with his fellow Grand Lodge officers into the Franklin Chapter of the Antasia Fraternity. He is a charter member of two High Twelve Clubs: Pennsylvania Masonic Homes Club No. 629 in Elizabethtown and Fellowship Club No. 660 in Reading.

Ask him what his hobby is and he'll tell you quickly that Masonry is his greatest love after his wife, Shirley, their two sons, Terrance L. and Robert G., and three grandchildren.

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coached wrestling at all levels with the Jersey Shore School District.

In the community, he has been a township supervisor and served as the zoning officer, Chairman of the Board for six years, Road Master for eight years, and township secretary-treasurer for 14 years. He has been on the township's Recreation Board, coached the area Little League team, and co-chaired the implementation of a recycling center for the Pine Creek Valley. He has been recognized for his efforts as a co-chairman of United Way of Lycoming County Educators. He was an active member of the Jaycees and the Lions Club.

In Trinity United Methodist Church of Jersey Shore, he has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, a trustee for two terms, a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, the choir, and currently is assisting the Major Contributions Building Fund Committee.

Bro. Angus was made a Mason in Lafayette Valley Lodge No. 233, Jersey Shore, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1986. He also served his Lodge as the Temple Association President and as the Stewards Chairman. He served as the 18th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master from 1997 until becoming the R.W. Junior Grand Warden. He had been both the District and Region Masonic Education Chairman. In York Rite, he is a member of Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 212, Baldwin Commandery No. 22, and Adoniram Council No. 26. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Williamsport.

He is married to the former Norma J. Edly. The couple has four children: Randall J. currently in a Doctorate Program at Penn State majoring in Synthetic Organic Chemistry; Rachelle, recently graduated from Lock Haven University with a B.S. degree in Education; Renee, enrolled in the Bradley Art Academy, and Ryan is a senior in high school.

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New R.W. Grand Secretary is Dedicated Student of the History of the Civil War

On Dec. 27, Donald L. Aungst was installed R.W. Grand Secretary of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He succeeds the retiring R.W. Grand Secretary, Thomas W. Jackson.

Bro. Albert is well known by Masons across the Commonwealth. For six years, he has been the Grand Marshal who has efficiently guided, with precision and decorum, the Masonic procedures and ceremonies during Grand Lodge activities. Whether it was at a Grand Lodge communication, visitation, cornerstone-laying, dedication ceremony, or banquet, Bro. Albert set the pace for Masonic organizing and maintained the Fraternity's exacting traditions.

History and tradition are important to him. He is a student of the history of the Civil War and defines it in more than a hobby — it's serious research that he dearly loves. In his pursuit of every bit of information he could track down, he has traveled throughout Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to tour battlefields and search cemeteries and records to find the final resting places of men of both forces — the Army of the Potomac (Union) and the Army of Northern Virginia (Confederate). His great-grandfather, William Albert, was a Union veteran. Bro. Albert is a Past Commander of the Capt. J. P. Brendle Camp No.5, of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a member of the Camp Curtin Historical Society and the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable.

Bro. Albert is a member of Exauld Lodge No. 688, Harrisburg, and served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Harrisburg and served as Most Wise Master of Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, in 1982 and 1983. He was coronated a 33° Mason at the Supreme Council session in Boston in 1987. In the York Rite bodies in Harrisburg, he is a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21, Harrisburg Council No. 7, Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania; Pilgrims Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; Eastern Council No. 6, Knight Masons; and Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a Shriner in Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, and a member of the Temple's Color Guard and the Upper Dauphin Shrine Club. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, U.S.A.

Prior to becoming Deputy Grand Secretary almost two years ago, Bro. Albert was an engineer and product manager, retiring after 35 years at AMP Inc., Harrisburg. He was graduated from Millersburg Area High School and is a graduate of the Industrial Management Institute, an affiliate of Pennsylvania State University.

His father was a Mason and so are three of his uncles and his brother-in-law. His two sons, William and Scott, are both Senior DeMolays.

Bro. Albert hunted for and wide for graves of both Union and Confederate generals, as this one identified with the Union star on the grave marker. His favorite generals were Winfield Scott Hancock and Norristown-born Union and Robert E. Lee of the Confederacy.
A Tribute

Thomas W. Jackson is a giant in service to brotherhood and mankind, a colossus in Masonic knowledge, a titan in dedication to Freemasonry, and stands as tall as can be in the esteem of the Masons of Pennsylvania. There may be no formal title as such, but it would be not out of the question to proclaim Thomas W. Jackson to be "Mr. Mason" worldwide.

Brother Jackson is retiring as the "Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction There Unto Belonging." He has done more than do his duty and perform his job. He has been a driving force and leveling influence in our Fraternity. He has been a leader and a mentor. He has been indefatigable in the pursuit of fraternal excellence and loyal to the causes and principles of Freemasonry.

We are fortunate that in his "retirement" he will continue to be involved with the business of the Family of Freemasonry and will be closely associated with the Masons of Pennsylvania in his ensuing endeavors.

Robert L. Dlug, Jr.,
R.W. Grand Master,
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Jackson Retires as Grand Secretary,

Thomas W. Jackson retires Dec. 27 as R.W. Grand Secretary after 20 years of dedicated, meritorious service, but he will still be busy throughout the Family of Freemasonry.

Last year, Bro. Jackson was named the first Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Masters and now will attend to the full duties of that office. He will continue his dedication to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving on several committees and projects at the request of the new Grand Master. He also plans to continue as the reviewer of books for The Northern Light, the magazine of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He serves on the Steering Committee for the Masonic Information Center of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. During 1999, he was named Grand Chancellor of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Bro. Jackson was made a Mason in Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 316, Shippensburg, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1988. He became R.W. Grand Secretary in 1997. He is a Past President of the Grand Secretaries of North America.

In York Rite Capitular Masonry, he is a Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 176, has been active in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, Philadelphia. In Cryptic Masonry, he is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of George Washington Council No. 66 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel. In Chivalric Masonry, he is a Past Eminent Commander of Continental Commandery No. 56, a Past Division Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and received the Knight Commander of the Temple Award. He is a Past Prior of Penn Priory, and recipient of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Bro. Jackson is a member of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, the Great Priory of America Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City, and an Associate Regent and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.
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Mali Honors Bro. Jackson; Also He Becomes an African Chief

While attending the Consecration of the new Grand Lodge in Bamako, Mali, on Mar. 13, Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, had the title of Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden conferred on him by the Malian National Grand Lodge. That is the most recent grand lodge to be consecrated in Africa.

Two days later, Bro. Jackson also was made a Chief of the African village of Nigua-saff in the Ivory Coast. Although that honor was not Masonic, the village was the home of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast and the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge was present for the ceremony. “Bro. Jackson’s village” is situated on the shores of a lagoon several hours from Abidjan in the Ivory Coast.

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Attached is an advance copy of a new brochure, patterned after the highly effective Friend to Friend brochure. It will be available soon in quantities; but with this sample, you can be a true friend today.

Just remove it by tearing along the perforation near the centerfold. Lay it face down and fold the bottom up and the top down so the latter becomes the front panel. With this new brochure, you will be all set to do something special for your good and worthy friend -- acquaint him FRIEND TO FRIEND with Freemasonry.

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Bro. Jackson is a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay and an advisor for George Washington Chapter, Chambersburg. He is a Past Secretary and Master of DeMolay Chapter No. 47, Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Very Eminent Preceptor of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, and a member of Knight Masons of the United States of America. He is a Fellow in the Philadelphia Society and a member of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Also, he is a subscribing member of the Scottish Rite Foundation, Grand Secretary in 1979.

Bro. Jackson was born Sept. 14, 1934 in McKeesport. He earned his high school diploma from Shippensburg University, Master of Science Degree in Zoology from Pennsylvania State University, and completed Doctoral degree work there.

He began his professional career in the public school system and from 1968 to 1981 chaired the Science Department. He then moved on to chair the Biology Department of Penn Hall Junior College until 1984 when he left the educational field to be Sales Manager for a construction company before becoming the R.W. Grand Secretary in 1979.

Bro. Jackson always had a part of his community, starting with his Boy Scout activities. He is an Eagle Scout and holds the Scoutmaster Key, served as a scoutmaster for four troops, held numerous district positions, and received the Eagle Scout Key Award. He was a Life member of Community Chest drives and chaired the American Cancer Association campaign.

He is a Past President of the Shippensburg Jaycees and a Past State Director. He served on the Franklin County Correction Committee and helped to organize the 1-2-1 Association for Court Action and served on its advisory staff. He is a Deputy Sheriff for Franklin County and a Special Deputy Sheriff for Cumberland County. He has been a member of two fire companies and the Pennsylvania State Forest Fire Crew.

Bro. Jackson has achieved in his every endeavor and has been recognized and honored for his accomplishments in diverse fields—from writing to weightlifting, from science to service to mankind. Here is a listing of some of the special achievements and recognitions:

- Received the Freedom’s Foundation’s Defender of Freedom Award.
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"Mr. Mason" Recognized Worldwide For Many and Varied Achievements

Thomas W. Jackson may be well known as "Mr. Mason," but he has had a life — or should it be "lives" — outside of the Fraternity. Among other things, he is, or has been, an educator, scientist, youth leader, deputy sheriff, weightlifting champion, humanitarian, and a big game hunter, to cite a few.

Bro. Jackson was born Sept. 14, 1934 in McKeesport. He earned his high school diploma from the Shippensburg school system, then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Shippensburg University, Master of Science Degree in Zoology from Pennsylvania State University; and completed Doctoral degree work there.

He and Linda were married in June of 1965. Today, they reside in Audubon, PA, in commuting distance to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

He began his vocational career in the public school system and from 1968 to 1981 chaired the Science Department. He then moved on to chair the Biology Department of Penn Hall Junior College until 1984 when he left the educational field to be Sales Manager for a construction company before becoming the R.W. Grand Secretary in 1979.

Bro. Jackson always had a part of his community, starting with his Boy Scout activities. He is an Eagle Scout and holds the Scoutmaster Key, served as a scoutmaster for four troops, held numerous district positions, and received the Eagle Scout Key Award. He was a Life member of Community Chest drives and chaired the American Cancer Association campaign.

He is a Past President of the Shippensburg Jaycees and a Past State Director. He served on the Franklin County Correction Committee and helped to organize the 1-2-1 Association for Court Action and served on its advisory staff. He is a Deputy Sheriff for Franklin County and a Special Deputy Sheriff for Cumberland County. He has been a member of two fire companies and the Pennsylvania State Forest Fire Crew.

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WHO FREEMASONS ARE

Many of our nation's early patriots were Freemasons, as well as the 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the United States including George Washington.

Today, the more than three million Freemasons around the world come from virtually every occupation and profession. Within the Fraternity, however, they all men as equals. They come from diverse political ideologies, but they meet as friends. They come from virtually every religious belief, but they all believe in one God.

One of the fascinating aspects of Freemasonry has always been: how so many men from so many different walks of life can meet together in peace, never having any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other “Brother!”

QUALIFICATIONS

Freemasonry is proud of its philosophy and practice of “making good men better.” Only individuals believed to be of the finest character are favorably considered for membership. Every applicant must advocate his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being (atheists are not accepted in the Fraternity).

THOSE WHO SEEK MEMBERSHIP

Anyone seeking membership in Freemasonry must ask a Masonic friend to recommend him. He must sign a petition stating his age, occupation, and place of residence. Members of the lodge vote by ballot. To be accepted, the ballot must be unanimous.

WHAT FREEMASONS BELIEVE IN

All Freemasons believe in one God and in respect for each other.

WHAT FREEMASONS DO

Freemasons are respectable citizens who are taught to conform to the moral laws of society and to abide by the laws of the land. They live by a code of honor. They are men of charity and good works. They remain unchallenged as “the world's greatest philanthropy.”

The Freemasons of America contribute more than one and one-half million dollars every day to charitable causes which they, alone, have established. These services to mankind represent an unparalleled example of humanitarianism, commitment, and concern by this unique and honorable Fraternity.

THE MASONIC LODGE

The Masonic Lodge meets one evening per month to conduct its regular business and vote on petitions for membership. Here is where the bonds of friendship and fellowship are strengthened.

THE MASONIC DEGREES

The candidate for Freemasonry receives three Masonic Degrees concluding with the Third (or Master Mason's Degree). The Degrees are solemn, enlightening, and enjoyable experiences with no uncomfortable or embarrassing moments. It is here where the principles of Freemasonry are taught and where the new member learns that his family and his own necessary vocations are to be considered above Freemasonry.
Bro. Thomas W. Jackson has been recognized worldwide for his contributions to Freemasonry and dedicated service to the Craft. He has been granted 16 outstanding honors from 15 Grand Lodges, including the distinguished Pennsylvania Franklin Medal from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Below are the special honors bestowed upon Bro. Jackson by Grand Lodges worldwide, listed alphabetically according to the jurisdiction:

- Received the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
- Received the Volunteer Medal for contributions to Freemasonry throughout the world from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.
- Honorary Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida.
- Created a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise.
- Received the Grand Order of Merit for service to Craft Masonry in Europe in general, and the Fraternity of German Freemasons in particular from the United Grand Lodges of Germany.
- Created an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast.
- Received the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal for contribution of time, thought and service to Masonry beyond the line of duty from the Grand Lodge of Maine.
- Created an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mall of Georgia.
- Received the Jeremi Ladd Cross medal for outstanding contribution to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
- Received the Chancellor Livingston Medal for outstanding contribution to Masonic literature, writing, and public relations from the Grand Lodge of New York.
- Received the Charles Henry Johnson medal for rendering unique service to the Masonic service in securing the good name of the Craft from the Grand Lodge of New York.
- Honorary Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.
- Received the Pennsylvania Franklin Medal for outstanding service to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- Received the Philip C. Tucker Medal for distinguished service to society, the community, and to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Vermont.
- Honorary Member and Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

This native Pennsylvania is a career law enforcement officer with more than 25 years' service. He is an officer in the Philadelphia Police Department and has been assigned as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer since the program was adopted in the city 12 years ago. He also is certified and teaches in the G.L.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education And Training) Program. He is a mentor for both programs, which means he teaches other officers the techniques for presenting the programs.

M.H.& E.R.R. Has a Depot Full of Trains, Nostalgia, and Enjoyment for Everyone

The Model Railroad Club is appreciative of the many valuable donations that have been received. However, due to the limited quarters, at this time the Club favors cash donations to assist in financing the ongoing work. Checks may be made payable to “Masonic Homes,” but they must be designated for the “Model Railroad Club,” and sent to: Masonic Homes, c/o Model RR Depot, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The spotlight was on the meeting place of the Club when the Railroad Depot at the Masonic Homes hopped onto. The Masonic Homes Model Railroad Club meets in the RR Depot clubhouse at the first Tuesday each month. Membership is open to everyone, not just Masons or Masonic Homes residents, and married couples may become members and share one vote. Visitors from the community area are welcome to attend the Club’s open house the first Saturday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. Children’s groups and club groups welcome are made appointments for special tours.

To acquire an application for membership to the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad, or to obtain more information about the club, please contact either: Ewdo L. Schmidt, President, Masonic Homes Model RR Club, 2316 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101, Phone 717-361-0681; or, Watter Weider, Vice President, Masonic Homes Model RR Club, 3320 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101, phone 717-361-6526.

The kids show capt attention as Bro. Richmond maintains a dialogue with students.
The Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown is being "Edenized." Health Care residents won't have to miss some of those important things of their home life, like pets, children, and friends. They will enjoy the creativity, laughter, comfort, and companionship that they had in their daily lives. In an Edenized home, residents have the opportunity to care for animals and plants, and to share their experiences with children and friends, just as they had always done.

With the support of the management team at the Masonic Homes, the Eden Alternative was accepted to bring a powerful tool for improving the quality of life for the residents in the long-term care facility. With the program came birds, dogs, and children—real people that make the residents feel more comfortable and lively. The philosophy teaches people to see long-term care facilities as vibrant habitats.

The Eden Alternative is an effort to address the disturbing fact for seniors that loneliness, helplessness, and boredom often brought about the bulk of suffering among residents in long-term facilities. The effort, based on the principle that everyone deserves to be taken care of, was pioneered in 1981 by Dr. William H. Thomas and his wife, Judy Meyers, at Chase Memorial Nursing Home in New York. That philosophy of care to share their experiences with children and friends, just as they had always done.

The Eden Alternative extends beyond the integration of animals, plants, and children into the daily lives of the residents. It's a cultural change in which residents, employees, real people who work, and volunteers are empowered to work in teams to make decisions about the programs and services.

Generally, it takes 12 to 18 months for a facility to become Edenized because of the education and changes that need to take place. Implementation of the Eden Alternative is a continuing process as employees, volunteers, residents, families, and the community collaborate in its evolution and growth. The majority of the education at the Masonic Homes is provided by five of its Eden Associates: Mark Eyre, Social Services Supervisor; Joyce Heisey, Assistant Director of Nursing; Rakos, Lori Siders, Manager, Organization Development & Training; and Cathy Miesewicz, Nurse Manager. They all completed training in the "Seven Principles of the Eden Alternative," which are the guidelines for implementing the philosophy. The Seven Principles cover such areas as: Behavior testing and veterinary needs of cats, dogs, and birds; selection and display of plants; involvement of children with residents; quality indicators relative to the Eden Alternative and more.

An Eden Advisory Team of staff members from across the campus was established and is being educated monthly on the Seven Principles by the Eden Associates. In each of the units of the Masonic Health Care Center, the Advisory Team has formed "neighborhoods" of staff and residents to determine how best to implement the Eden Alternative. The Masonic Homes is finalizing its registration to become an Eden Alternative site. Using the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown as a pilot, it is hoped to eventually Edenize the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, and the Valley Care Masonic Center.

Education in the Eden Alternative began at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown for employees last Spring, followed by sessions for residents and their families in the Summer; and for volunteers in the Fall.

The love birds are very popular with the residents, staff, and visitors in the Outpatient/Employee Health Department recently. Daisy, a ten-year-old schnauzer poodle mix, "comes to work" five days a week, warming the hearts of residents and employees with her friendly personality, composure, comfort, support, and companionship.

The Eden Alternative demonstrates that, by learning about cultural change, everyone deserves to be treated with respect and to have their own culture, their way, and their interests considered.

Library and Museum, a Working Tool For Knowledge Throughout Freemasonry

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum has been one of the true examples of a "working tool" in Freemasonry for many decades.

The late Bro. John Wannamaker, Chairman of the Library in 1908, had a vision for this Masonic Institution and helped see to its formal establishment in Philadelphia. Eighty-two years later, in April 1990, the Board gave that vision a form and created the Masonic Library and Museum. That philosophy of care to share their experiences with children and friends, just as they had always done.

In 1998, a new three-manual Rodgers organ was installed in Corinthian Hall. With that, the "Music at the Masonic Temple Recital Series" began. The series, open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Library and Museum. Each year, more than 200 people attended the recital, the first recital in November, 1996. There were three recitals in 1996 and 1997, with Turk, Mark Chaben, Monte Maxwell, and Donald H. McFarland. The following excerpt from a letter sent to The Philadelphia Inquirer after one of the recitals clearly defines the success:

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The outstanding Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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- Youth thrive on the encouragement and accountability by adults. They respected to those who care about them. Young Masons can help people need the help and motivation from adults to find and seize the opportunities to grow and develop leadership skills.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation brings youths together with Masons in giving the brethren and their lodges unique, fulfilling ways to serve the fraternity and the community. Those brethren who give of their time, talent and concern find their efforts satisfying and serve because of their own special vision.

Some serve because of their own experiences with youth groups. Robert K. Nye, Jr., a Senior Warden and a Mason in Abenham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, said, "...the enjoyment I received from being a DeMolay member provided me with unbelievable memories, valuable leadership skills, and lifelong friends.

Some see their involvement as being important in the proliferation of the fraternity. Bert J. Duryska, of Tyrone Lodge No. 682, Erie, explains, "Masonic youth can be the link that provides our most vital resource - Blue Lodge prospects ... people who would never have any contact with Freemasonry if it were not for the Masonic youth programs." Jeffrey R. Koot, of Monongahela Lodge No. 303, Bethel Park, and a Mason of Chartiers Creek Lodge No. 231, O.S.S., adds, "To make our fraternity grow, we must give to our youth and show them how to be better people.

There are brethren who became Freemasons because of their associations with youth. Christopher M. Brumbauch, of Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading, said, "I actually got involved in lodge... (because) one of my friends invited me to help coach the DeMolay basketball team. Less than a year after my initial DeMolay experience, I requested a position for lodge- and the rest is history."

For some, "it's all in the family." In DeMolay 20 years ago, both Robert and his wife were DeMolay members, and their three children, also in DeMolay. Robert said, "DeMolay gives you the opportunity to share experiences with your family and other DeMolayientes." Christopher M. Brumbauch said, "DeMolay has given me a feeling of a purpose, being involved in the community."

For others, DeMolay has been a means of making a difference in the community. Robert L. Davis, a Mason in Chartiers Creek Lodge No. 231, said, "To make a difference, you can be better prepared to help someone."

For some, DeMolay is simply a fun experience. James R. Nye, of Tyrone Lodge No. 682, said, "You can get involved with Masons - people. You can enjoy the fellowship, and have a good time."

Most of all, DeMolay is an experience that can have as much fun as the participating. For some, it can lead to a lifelong commitment to the Masonic Fraternity, the Masonic Charities, and the Masonic Homes. For others, it can be a brief experience that can lead to a lifelong involvement. But for all, it can be a valuable experience that can lead to a lifelong commitment to the Masonic Fraternity.
Bro. "Bucky" Walters Deserves to be in Hall of Fame

In Mozart Lodge No. 436 in Philadelphia, he was known as Brother William Henry Walters. Everywhere during the '30s, '40s, and '50s just about everybody knew him as "Bucky" Walters, the outstanding baseball player, pitcher, coach, and manager.

Bucky Walters is in the record books with a long list of accomplishments, a host of honors and impressive awards such as Most Valuable Player and All Around Player, and was honored along with great players like Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. As a pitcher, he led the major leagues in victories over a 15-year period (1935 through 1949). More than one-fifth (42) of his life-time wins were shutouts; he completed 61% of the games that he started; he played in six All-Star Games; and more.

Bucky Walters should be in Baseball's Hall of Fame. He was an 18-year major league pitcher with an earned run average of less than 3.00 in each of his first 10 years, and a career record of 317-226.

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Bucky Walters' extraordinary career in baseball established a standard of excellence that to this day remains unsurpassed throughout the sport. His versatility, length of time as an active athlete, and leadership in the sport has been noted through the years. For each of 20 years, his name appeared on the Baseball Writers of America Association's ballot for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. He nearly achieved the vote for inclusion, but not quite. The younger Walters said, "It's time that Bucky be granted the recognition he deserves," and he's finding a lot of people who agree.

Bucky Walters played in the major leagues from 1931 through 1950. During his career, he played at every position except catcher. He began in Boston in 1931, to 1934; then in Philadelphia, 1934 to 1938, where he played in the first night baseball game, May 25, 1935 against Cincinnati; then in Cincinnati, 1938 to 1949, where he played in the first televised baseball game, Aug. 26, 1939 against Brooklyn and we are attracted to each other by a desire to find him on the net and never could — until the De摩r polyester picture came up. Larry was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and I was in Vietnam at the same time. We went west and got married and, after a few phone calls, we lost touch with each other; I tried to find him on the net and never could — until the De 모 r polyester picture and then he found me!"

Through the Grand Lodge web site now has been introduced to the fraternity in their own communities where they never knew lodges existed. Men have been able to get in touch with their "mother lodges" after they moved out of the state.

Masons have learned about the history, traditions, and practices of this worldwide fraternity. They have been given immediate access to the charitable services performed by the fraternity. People in need of assistance have been helped, or have been connected with those who could help them.

The Internet even crosses barriers of war. During the recent NATO actions in Bosnia, the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia used the Internet to share his views of the situation between his country's government and NATO. His appeal for prayers by Masons brothers around the world for peace and understanding reached hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Masons. In July, he wrote:

"My dear Brother: Thanks to the GAOTU, finally we can talk about our usual Masonic things. War is over (I hope) and I am glad to invite you to visit us when you can." The Internet is good for business, communications, entertainment, news and information, personal finance, genealogy, medical research, and hundreds of our special interests. But, for Freemasonry, it is bringing people together, sharing our story of fraternalism and charity, and strengthening the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.