More and more people are taking advantage of the many gift-planning options available today. These include bequests by will, revocable trusts, gift annuities, pooled income funds, charitable trusts, gifts of securities and real estate, endowment giving, and other possibilities.

Some gifts can be made to benefit the charity now (current gifts) and others can be made now to benefit the charity later (deferred gifts). Some gift arrangements are revocable (you can change your mind); others are irrevocable.

A planned gift usually requires more thought than a quick check written against monthly income. These gifts often come out of estate assets. You have to consider the impact of your gift on your overall financial condition. Can you afford a sizable gift at this time, or should you make it later by will? What is the best way to make this gift? Do you need temporary or life-time income from your gift arrangement? What are the tax implications?

Careful planning can actually make a good gift better. Consider these potential benefits of planning your gift:

- Maximize the size of your gift.
- Obtain life income from your gift.
- Optimize the tax-related benefits.
- Tailor your gift to a specific need.
- Protect yourself from hasty decisions.
- Increase your personal satisfaction.

Help For You
Masonic Homes wants to help you make a good gift better. The Development Office staff can assist you in finding the best gift plan for your needs. They will explain the various options and provide helpful tailor-made illustrations. They will be sensitive to your financial needs and objectives, and will protect your confidentiality.

For further information about charitable gift planning, complete and mail the response form below. Or call Masonic Homes Development office at (717)367-1121, ext. 33311 or 1-800-699-6454. There is never any obligation.

---

Complete and return this coupon:

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Send me the brochure on estate planning.</td>
<td>Send me the brochure on Taking Stock and Giving It.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Send me the brochure on a Charitable Gift Annuity.</td>
<td>Send me the brochure on Giving Through Your Will.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contact me regarding a Charitable Gift Annuity.</td>
<td>Contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Name:
Address:
City:
State, Zip:
Phone:

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Fred B. Rissinger, Director of Development
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

---

THE GRAND LODGE F.A.M.
OF PENNSYLVANIA
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2109

Return Service Requested
the vitality of Freemasonry among the brethren will see the vitality of Masons who are earnestly involved ... first century. At the same time, upgraded, revised, and expanded by the Pennsylvania Masonic Education Control Board to create, produce, and present an outstanding, new drug and alcohol awareness program at the high school level.

The Grand Lodge Matching Charity Grants Program not only has made it possible for many lodges to become involved significantly in their communities, but it also has energized many brethren to become involved personally in community projects. You will find some of those activities reported in this issue, but there are literally hundreds more out there serving at the grassroots level.

For instance, who could have imagined that the public service program of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660 in Reading would be the talk of the Grand Masters of North America at their meeting a half a world away in Honolulu. The community program those brethren undertook to benefit the youngsters at Jacksonwald Elementary School in nearby Exeter Twp. stands as an excellent model that other lodges might want to pursue. Their story is a great one, but it’s only one of hundreds, large and small, serving mankind across the Commonwealth.

I commend the dedicated Pennsylvania Masons who are transforming vision into reality by demonstrating personally and actively, the vitality of Freemasonry.

Sincerely and fraternally,

James L. Errett, 32° Grand Master

There’s no equal to the extent and the ways that Pennsylvania “Mason’s Care” about youth. We all know of the scholarships, leadership, and character-building programs of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. But, it seems like just about every day The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children steps forward to offer more and more help and opportunities for at-risk youth. You’ve read about the programs with D.A.R.E. and we enabled the training of educators for the Student Assistance Program, just to mention two. In this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, don’t miss the article about the upcoming Aug. 7 Unity Banquet. All Pennsylvania Masons — this Grand Lodge and that of the Prince Hall Affiliation — will be joining hands with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to create, produce, and present an outstanding, new drug and alcohol awareness program at the high school level.

The unique gavel was handcrafted by two past masters of Cowanesque Lodge, Hal D. Dibble, and Linton C. Clark. It was fashioned from a piece of wood that Bro. Clark kept from a cherry tree that was cut down eight years ago by Bro. Dibble on the farm of another brother, the late Keith Owellt, P.M. The title, “The Traveling Gavel” was laser-engraved on its head and “17th Masonic District” on its handle. The names of the nine lodges of the district are etched on a wooden resting block. While the gavel was possessed briefly by Ossea Lodge, Timothy McConnell crafted a copper carrying case.

D.D.G.M. Staley said that “The goal for the traveling gavel is to encourage the lodges in the district to work for the fellowship. It is obviously working toward that goal.” The idea for the traveling gavel came to him from Bradley A. Lewis, D.D.G.M., 32° Masonic District.

Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M. (second from right), after accepting the traveling gavel from Paul P. Green, W.M., Cowanesque Lodge No. 351 (center), passes it to Kenneth W. Mettler, W.M., Ossea Lodge No. 317 (right). At left are Hal D. Dibble, P.M., and Lynn C. Clark, P.M., both of Cowanesque Lodge, who hand-crafted the gavel.

Traveling Gavel Brings Out Brethren, Fosters Fellowship

The rules of the traveling gavel competition are simple. A minimum of three visiting brethren from any lodge in the District is necessary to take the gavel to their lodge. If there are visiting brethren from two or more lodges, the largest number of visitors determines who will take the gavel. In a tie, the visitors who traveled the farthest will take the gavel.

The unique gavel was handcrafted by two past masters of Cowanesque Lodge, Hal D. Dibble, and Linton C. Clark. It was fashioned from a piece of wood that Bro. Clark kept from a cherry tree that was cut down eight years ago by Bro. Dibble on the farm of another brother, the late Keith Owellt, P.M. The title, “The Traveling Gavel” was laser-engraved on its head and “17th Masonic District” on its handle. The names of the nine lodges of the district are etched on a wooden resting block. While the gavel was possessed briefly by Ossea Lodge, Timothy McConnell crafted a copper carrying case.

D.D.G.M. Staley said that “The goal for the traveling gavel is to encourage the lodges in the district to work for the fellowship. It is obviously working toward that goal.” The idea for the traveling gavel came to him from Bradley A. Lewis, D.D.G.M., 32° Masonic District.

Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M. (second from right), after accepting the traveling gavel from Paul P. Green, W.M., Cowanesque Lodge No. 351 (center), passes it to Kenneth W. Mettler, W.M., Ossea Lodge No. 317 (right). At left are Hal D. Dibble, P.M., and Lynn C. Clark, P.M., both of Cowanesque Lodge, who hand-crafted the gavel.

The Traveling Gavel of the 17th Masonic District

There’s a hand-crafted “traveling gavel” that moves among the nine lodges of the 17th Masonic District, bringing in members and visiting brethren in increasing numbers and fostering fellowship at their meetings. Pride of ownership has the brethren of the lodges “going for the gavel” because it gets passed to the lodge with the most visitors.

For example, on a typically cold winter evening the first week of January in the north-central mountains of Pennsylvania, 34 brethren from the other right lodges — some driving 40 miles — visited Cowanesque Lodge No. 351 in Knoxville. Take note that Cowanesque is a small, rural lodge of only 50 members; yet there were 50 brethren attending that night for the passing of the gavel. Thirty-four were visitors.

After recognizing all visitors, it was determined that Ossea Lodge No. 351, Wellboro, had the largest number present, seven. (Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District, presented the traveling gavel to Kenneth W. Mettler, W.M., of Ossea Lodge)

A few weeks later, at the stated meeting of Ossea Lodge, Cowanesque Lodge, with seven visitors, outnumbered Tioga Lodge No. 350, while five members, and took the gavel back. But it was only for two days, because Tioga brethren visited Cowanesque and claimed the gavel.

The Traveling Gavel of the 17th Masonic District

There’s a hand-crafted “traveling gavel” that moves among the nine lodges of the 17th Masonic District, bringing in members and visiting brethren in increasing numbers and fostering fellowship at their meetings. Pride of ownership has the brethren of the lodges “going for the gavel” because it gets passed to the lodge with the most visitors.

For example, on a typically cold winter evening the first week of January in the north-central mountains of Pennsylvania, 34 brethren from the other right lodges — some driving 40 miles — visited Cowanesque Lodge No. 351 in Knoxville. Take note that Cowanesque is a small, rural lodge of only 50 members; yet there were 50 brethren attending that night for the passing of the gavel. Thirty-four were visitors.

After recognizing all visitors, it was determined that Ossea Lodge No. 351, Wellboro, had the largest number present, seven. (Gary B. Staley, D.D.G.M., 17th Masonic District, presented the traveling gavel to Kenneth W. Mettler, W.M., of Ossea Lodge)

A few weeks later, at the stated meeting of Ossea Lodge, Cowanesque Lodge, with seven visitors, outnumbered Tioga Lodge No. 350, while five members, and took the gavel back. But it was only for two days, because Tioga brethren visited Cowanesque and claimed the gavel.
“Partners For Progress”

Bodies of Freemasonry Seek Unity
In Planning a Strategy for the Future

It was an “exhilarating day” on Feb. 6 when 35 leaders of Freemasonry and appos­
tendant bodies—Grand Lodge, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Tall Cedars, and Croton—met in the new Samuel C. Williamson Multimedia Center on the Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

“The Partners for Progress Seminar was the first held anywhere in North America, as far as we can tell,” said R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette. “It was designed to see if the leaders of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania could agree that there needed to be a unified effort designed to stop the losses of members by developing a strategic plan for the future.”

The seminar was facilitated by Bro. Dudley Davis, the consultant for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its effective DIRECTION program. Partners for Progress was viewed by some as a risky venture in light of its never having been done before.

Warden A. J. Garvey, Chief of Staff, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; R. W. Chief of Staff, Bro. Dudley Davis, Consultant and Facilitator; Ms. Debra Moxley, Executive Director of the Westmoreland Council, Girl Scouts of America; and James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master.

W. M. Kratzenberg, D.D.G.M., 54th Masonic District, Chairman of the VA Pavilion Committee, said that the Masons of Pennsylvania can be proud of the Pavilion they have provided for those who gave so much for our country. He said that the contributions already received from veterans and brethren that helped make it possible are very much appreciated. He noted that contributions continue to be welcome even though the facility is in place. Bro. Kratzenberg noted that the contributions are to a program of the Pennsylvania Veterans Administration officials accompanying the Grand Master and Grand Lodge personnel, preceded by a Marine color guard, marching band, and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built and donated by the Pennsylvania Freemasons as a way for a grateful nation to say “thank you” to those who served their country and their countrymen so well. It will provide a place for residents of the VA Pavilion to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

The Pavilion was constructed on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

Also, for the serenity and enjoyment of all, a beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating area has been installed. A granite monument 13 feet wide and approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

There will be a short parade and the dedication ceremonies at the site at 2:15 p.m.

The parade will include an entourage of invited local, state, and federal Veterans Administration officials accompanying the Grand Master and Grand Lodge personnel, preceded by a Marine color guard, marching band, and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built and donated by the Pennsylvania Freemasons as a way for a grateful nation to say “thank you” to those who served their country and their countrymen so well. It will provide a place for residents of the VA Pavilion to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

The Pavilion was constructed on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

Also, for the serenity and enjoyment of all, a beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating area has been installed. A granite monument 13 feet wide and approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

There will be a short parade and the dedication ceremonies at the site at 2:15 p.m.

The parade will include an entourage of invited local, state, and federal Veterans Administration officials accompanying the Grand Master and Grand Lodge personnel, preceded by a Marine color guard, marching band, and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built and donated by the Pennsylvania Freemasons as a way for a grateful nation to say “thank you” to those who served their country and their countrymen so well. It will provide a place for residents of the VA Pavilion to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

The Pavilion was constructed on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

Also, for the serenity and enjoyment of all, a beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating area has been installed. A granite monument 13 feet wide and approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

There will be a short parade and the dedication ceremonies at the site at 2:15 p.m.

The parade will include an entourage of invited local, state, and federal Veterans Administration officials accompanying the Grand Master and Grand Lodge personnel, preceded by a Marine color guard, marching band, and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built and donated by the Pennsylvania Freemasons as a way for a grateful nation to say “thank you” to those who served their country and their countrymen so well. It will provide a place for residents of the VA Pavilion to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

The Pavilion was constructed on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

Also, for the serenity and enjoyment of all, a beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating area has been installed. A granite monument 13 feet wide and approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

The Freemasons Pavilion at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Aspinwall near Pittsburgh will be dedicated for Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, by James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers.

There will be a short parade and the dedication ceremonies at the site at 2:15 p.m.

The parade will include an entourage of invited local, state, and federal Veterans Administration officials accompanying the Grand Master and Grand Lodge personnel, preceded by a Marine color guard, marching band, and the Pennsylvania State Police Mounted Unit.

The Freemasons Pavilion was built and donated by the Pennsylvania Freemasons as a way for a grateful nation to say “thank you” to those who served their country and their countrymen so well. It will provide a place for residents of the VA Pavilion to visit, an outdoor place for entertainment, and a focal point for special activities.

The Pavilion was constructed on approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.

Also, for the serenity and enjoyment of all, a beautifully landscaped, fiber optic-lighted, granite fountain pool with seating area has been installed. A granite monument 13 feet wide and approximately two acres of hospital grounds. A new entrance provides access from the hospital to the courtyard setting with lighted walkways leading to private, furnished meeting areas and a 3,000 square-foot, covered pavilion with an additional 1,400 square-foot patio. The Pavilion contains a full kitchen and facilities wired to the hospital nursing stations to ensure the comfort and safety of the patients and their families.
Father, 3 Sons Raised

It was an unusually memorable time during an extra meeting of Pollock Lodge No. 502, Tarentum, on Nov. 21, when a father and his three sons were raised on the same day. The new Master Masons are: the father, Vincent Andrew Bachrach (second from right), and his sons (l-r), Scott Eric, Jeffrey Randall, and Brian Andrew. All four degrees were conferred by the Worshipful Master, James W. Anderson, II (center). Pollock Lodge is in the 54th Masonic District.

June Quarterly Communication

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Wednesday, June 2, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette cordially invites all Master Masons to attend the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center at 10:00 a.m. (Take I-279 North to exit 19. Continue straight at the traffic light at Pennsville Avenue onto Cemetery Lane. The Masonic Center is located approximately three-quarters miles on the right side of Cemetery Lane.)

The Grand Lodge Quarterly Banquet

Wednesday, Evening, June 2, 1999
Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

Masons and guests are cordially invited to attend the Grand Lodge Banquet following the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh, Commonwealth Place and Point State Park. Social hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner served: 6:30 p.m. with music by the Jack Purcell Orchestra. Tickets: $25.00 per person

GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY BANQUET
MAIL TO: GREATER PITTSBURGH MASONIC CENTER
3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2700

Enclosed is my check payable to Quarterly Banquet for _______tickets at $25.00 each = $_________

NAME__________PHONE_____
ADDRESS_________CITY______STATE____ZIP______

Robert Boyd Roemer, Jr.
(center) was raised Nov. 16 to the degree of a Master Mason by his grandfather, W. Chester Ramsey, P.M. (left) while his father, Robert Boyd Roemer, Sr. (right), served as the Guide.

An overflow crowd of more than 220 lodge leaders met in the Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia on Feb. 13 for the Spring Seminar. Additional chairs had to be added to a huge ballroom to accommodate the leaders of the 72 lodges, together with nine district deputy grand masters and the district membership chairmen who joined the session.

The purpose of this Spring's session was to respond with a program that meets the expectations of lodge leaders who had attended both last Spring's OVER-TURE Series and the Conductor Series in the Fall.

From their responses and recommendations, a program was designed to offer practical solutions to the issues of the lodge. In constructing the program, G. Kent Hackney, Deputy Chief of Staff, said, "We are committed to building on the OVER-TURE Program to date while adding the input from participants. They were clear in their message: 'Keep it simple; keep it practical; give us help in areas we identify; and get us out by 4 p.m.' From the reactions of participants after the session, we accomplished all four goals.

Lodge-Related Success Stories

The sessions began with a series of success stories. Lodge spokesmen told of the success of their lodges over the last year, particularly in the areas presented during the past two seminars. While some of their success stories were familiar to participants, there were a number of new ideas. Participants were anxious to learn from those lodge leaders offering success stories whom they could contact in the respective lodges for additional information.

About one-half of those were first-time participants. As a result, the facilitator, Bro. Dudley Davis, spent the initial 40 minutes presenting the hard facts that lodge leaders needed to hear about the imperatives for change. According to Bro. Davis, "This is always an interesting period of discussion because the participants are able to see that they have been part of the problem and that they need to be part of the solution. After 40 years of continuous losses, some while their fathers were the masters of Pennsylvania lodges, it's clear to most that a multi-year effort is essential. They immediately see as well that, with only a single year in the East, it will require a team of leaders to effect real change."

The agenda for the conference then proceeded with the development of three workshops. The first addressed involving the family with the lodge. The second was on developing a plan and a budget for the lodge. The third was about developing a lodge community action program. Participants used workbooks provided by Grand Lodge to give them tools they could not only work with during the seminar, but also use later in their lodges.

New Video Featured

One of the highlights of the seminar was the premier showing of the video, "Partners for Progress," featuring the important accomplishment of Isaac Hiestler Lodge No. 680, Reading, and its partnership with the Jacksonwald Elementary School. The video, which has been sent to all lodges, was a very big hit with the participants. They saw the potential for that type of involvement increasing the interest and activities among existing members and creating appeal among those who might want to join.

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette attended the seminar and spoke briefly. Speaking to the leaders of the lodges as "the guys in the trenches," he stressed the fact that "...change would only happen if they take the lead and make it happen."

As promised, participants were on their way home exactly at 4 p.m.

The remaining sessions of the Spring OVER-TURE Seminars will be:

May 8
Harrioburg Marriott

May 22
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Bethlehem

June 5
Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre

The Pennsylvania Freemason / May 1999

Masons of Note

R.W. Past Grand Master Edward H. Fowler, Jr., (center) conferred three degrees on his grandson, Gary L. O'Neill, Sr., who was made a Mason-at-Sight in 1986 when Bro. Fowler was Grand Master. Gary L. Sr. then affiliated with Avalon Lodge. R.W.P.G.M. Fowler also had conferred all of the degrees on his father, the late Edward H., Sr., in Avalon Lodge. Thus, four generations of the family have been members of Avalon Lodge. Geary L. Jr., is a police officer.

Bro. and Dr. F. William Sunderman took a week from work in March to go to Washington to be recognized as the "Oldest U.S. Worker." He is over 100 - born Oct. 23, 1896 - and works every day at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia editing the medical journal he founded 38 years ago. He is widely known as a physician, author, teacher, photographer, editor, scientist, and musician. He says, "I have too many interests to retire." He still plays his 17th century Stradivarius violin every evening and on his 100th birthday performed a solo at his alma mater, Gettysburg College. He has played in Carnegie Hall. Bro. Sunderman was made a Mason-at-Sight by Earl F. Herold, R.W. Grand Master, on June 2, 1964, and affiliated with Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 650, Philadelphia.

Overbury Program

OVERTURE

Record Turnout to OVER-TURE II Shows Value of Program

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania invites lodges of Note to submit information for the "Lodges of Note" column. Submissions should include a brief description of the lodge's activities, along with a photograph and a contact person. The information is due by January 1, for publication in the May issue. Please send submissions to: "Lodges of Note," The Pennsylvania Freemason, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2700.
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONS FAMILY PICNIC, SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Masons, their families, and friends in Eastern Pennsylvania will picnic June 12 at Dorney Park/Wildwater Kingdom, Allentown, featuring an all-you-can-eat menu. Dorney Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Wildwater Kingdom from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission pays for both parks. Make your reservations promptly to beat the May 26 deadline.

Coupons for parking to be paid at the gate can be obtained in advance upon request with your reservation. (Please include a self-addressed envelope with 55¢ postage for return of tickets and discount parking coupon.)

CLIP AND USE THE RESERVATION COUPON

DORNEY PARK AND WILDWATER KINGDOM
Allentown, PA

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
(Rain or Shine)

UNLIMITED MENU SERVED 1 TO 6 P.M.
(Fried Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Soda, & More)

Price: $25/Person
Seniors (80+) and Children 4 yrs. to 48" Tall: $16/Person
Children 3 & Under: Free
Admission Pays for Both Parks
Discounted Parking: $2.50/Car

Name
Address
City Zip

Lodge Name & No.:
No. of Adult Tickets @ $25
Children and Sr. Tickets @ $16

Total Amount Enclosed: $________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MASONIC PICNIC"

Also include ________Discount Parking Tickets to be Paid at the Gate.

Mail ticket requests with stamped (55¢ postage), self-addressed envelope to:
Gary T. Matthews, 139 W. Richardson Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047-2827

DEADLINE: MAY 26

Largest Masonic Emblem to be Dedicated During Historic Alexandria Commemoration

The world's largest Masonic emblem—a gigantic square and compasses—has been constructed on the front terrace of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, and will be dedicated Saturday, June 26 as part of a historic observance commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the death of Brother and President George Washington.

George H. Chapin, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, will dedicate the huge square and compasses at 3 p.m., continuing the tradition of dedicating great buildings and memorials with Masonic Honors.

Following the dedication ceremony in the afternoon, the attendees will be entertained by recording artist and Bro. Dan Hall. In his repertoire, Bro. Hall will include a song written especially for the dedication ceremony. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds of the Memorial from 4 to 7 p.m. The U.S Army Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. The festivities will culminate at dusk in front of the Memorial with a fireworks display.

Prior to erecting this symbol, there was nothing to identify The George Washington Memorial as a Masonic edifice. All Grand Lodges in the United States, and many foreign jurisdictions, are expected to be represented at the historic event. The public is welcome to join in commemorating the memory and celebrating the life and principles of Bro. George Washington, Founding Father, First President, and truly the Father of Our Country.


PA Mason Composed Anthem For Washington Celebration

Music written by Dr. Will G. Butler, a Pennsylvania Freemason, was the official anthem for the 1932 bicentennial celebration of the birth of Bro. George Washington. Bro. Richard L. Mix, of Williamsport Lodge No. 106, provided a clipping from the Oct. 5, 1931, Washington (D.C.) Herald that reports:

"The patriotic anthem, "Long Live America!" has been selected by the Washington Bicentennial Commission as the official song of the celebration next year.

"The anthem was written by Dr. Will George Butler, of Philadelphia, Director of the Conservatory of Music at the Mansfield State Normal School."

Bro. Butler lived in Williamsport at the turn of the century and taught music at Dickinson Seminary, which is now Lycoming College. He later went to Mansfield State Normal School, now Mansfield University, to head the music department. The Music Building there is named in his honor.

Records at Williamsport Lodge indicate that he was made a Mason April 18, 1905, and died in 1955.

Dad Confers Three Degrees

At an extra meeting of Cochran Lodge No. 790, on Halloween, Frank L. Baranay, P.M., W.W.M. (front right), conferred three degrees upon his son, Phillip P. Baranay (front left). A dispensation was granted for the conferral of the degrees in one day because the Mason Master is in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Washington, D.C.

Assisting in the conferral were (l-r): first row—James P. Averill; William T. White, P.M.; James A. Cokley, P.M.; Klaus Sturzebecher; Kevin Park; Phillip J. Falkenberg; and Edward Loper. Rear—William Coleman, Daniel M. Breeser, Allan M. Steedman, David McClain, and Harry Pierce.

Pennsylvania Freemason / May 1999

PAGE 8
The Masonic Matching Charity Grants program continues to make an impact throughout the Commonwealth in 1999. The caring of Masons is becoming known in their communities and remembered in the hearts of the many lives they are touching.

Among the many touched by Pennsylvania Masons is that of a kidney transplant. Masons of the 54th Masonic District joined the community in raising funds to assist in the transplant of twenty-year-old detectives' son, B. J. Taraszewski, a detective in Harrison. At the benefit breakfast, Detective Taraszewski recognized a man whom he had arrested three times for burglary, who shook Detective Taraszewski’s hand and said, “Don’t worry, you were just doing your job. I have no hard feelings. I’m here for your kid.”

Is your lodge improving the quality of life in its community and touching the lives of individuals with the help of the Masonic Matching Charity Grants program? If not, then ask your lodge why not. Each lodge can apply for up to a total of $5,000 this year in Matching Charity Grants. The program was designed to assist lodges in making an impact in their communities. Raising the funds for a specific project isn’t the most rewarding experience of the program, it’s knowing that you made a difference.

Ideas for lodge charity programs can be found on the Grand Lodge website (<www.pagrandlodge.org>). All applications are processed by the Masonic Matching Charity Grants Committee in the offices of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Elizabethtown.

Two New Directors at Masonic Homes

Beth Bossert, Director of Nursing

Beth Bossert, R.N., B.S.N., previously the Assistant Director of Nursing and Ancillary Services for the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, has been promoted to Director of Nursing. Beth has worked at the Masonic Homes since 1992. She is responsible for nursing administration, resident care units, rehabilitation services, respiratory services, and health information management.

Donna N. Hershey, Director of Care and Outcomes

Donna N. Hershey, R.N., M.S., CCRP, has been promoted to Director of Care and Outcomes. Donna joined the Masonic Homes in the spring of 1998. She is a geriatric clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner. Hershey is responsible for assuring the quality of care and maximizing the health and independence of residents, children, and clients of the Masonic Homes. She oversees the outpatient/employee health department and the dental, podiatry, pharmacy, laboratory, x-ray, cardiology, and eye clinics.

Valentine Sweethearts Celebrate 70 Years Together

On Valentine’s Day, Bro. Charles and Ellen Cummings celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Their secret to a long, happy marriage? “Just love each other,” Mrs. Cummings said.

Bro. and Mrs. Cummings were married on Feb. 14, 1929, in Elkin, MD. They were 19 and very sure of their decision.

Ellen and Charles grew up in Fleetwood, PA, just seven doors from one another. Ellen would walk to work every morning and often, as she passed Charles’ house, he was getting into his car.

“Shamed me!” Bro. Cummings said.

“He was a wonderful man, and I knew I wanted to marry him,” Mrs. Cummings said.

Bro. Cummings, a member of Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia, was a construction supervisor in both the Philadelphia and the Tampa Bay, FL areas. Mrs. Cummings worked as a riveter and inspector during WWII. They have two daughters, Janet and Lois, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Additions to the Admissions Office may be considered at 1-800-422-1207 or write to the Admissions Office at One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA, 17022-2199. An appointment will be scheduled with one of the Admissions Representatives to tour the facility or send you our Generating Homes brochure.

CONCORD LODGE PRESENTS GIFT

Recently at the Concordville Fire House, the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge No. 625, N. James Murphy (left), presented a check for $3,500 to Lee Weersing, President of the Concordville Fire and Protective Association to pay for one of the fire company’s new “Lifepack 3000, Automatic External Defibrillators” displayed by Senior Warden Curt Barrett and Junior Warden Greg Harding. This piece of equipment is the latest state-of-the-art device to enable the emergency medical technicians to shock the heart back into its proper rhythm and save lives. Each year the members of Concord Lodge raise funds for their charitable contributions by sponsoring a charity golf outing, a flea market, and an art auction.

Warrant Members Get 50-Year Awards

Three warrant members of Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington, PA, were presented with a 50-Year Emblems of Merit by Gold W. Thomas Marlows, Jr., D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District. Wilmington Lodge is 28 years old, constituted in 1965. The warrant members honored for fifty years in Masonry are (l-r): Carl Elder, formerly a member of Lodge of the Sign 433, New Castle, PA; Leon Raddaker, formerly of Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler, PA; and Jim Miller, formerly of St. Alban’s Lodge No. 677, Youngstown, OH.

Send me more information about Masonic Homes’ Village Green Area.

Complete coupon and return to: Admissions Office, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199.
Masonic Eastern Star Home-East Serves Philadelphia Area in a Suburban Setting

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-East provides services to people in the Philadelphia area. Specifically there is help for day-one Medicaid recipients in Philadelphia County. A Medicare and Medicaid-certified facility, the home has nursing accommodations for 28 residents and assisted living accommodations for 34 residents.

Services are provided under a registered nurse's supervision and a physician is on call at all times. The home has transfer agreements with area hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services.

Meals are prepared under the supervision of a licensed dietitian consultant and served in a cozy dining room.

Residents receive personal beauty care in the home's salon.

A complete religious program of interdenominational and secular services are conducted regularly in the beautiful chapel.

Residents participate in many recreational activities such as arts and crafts, guest sing-alongs, planned entertainment, shopping trips, and picnics.

For more information, availability, or rate information, call (215) 672-2500.

The setting is beautiful at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East!

Three Regional Charity Golf Outings to Benefit The Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown

James L. Ermette, R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, will host three Regional Golf Outings to benefit the Masonic Children's Home of Pennsylvania.

- Western, August 16 at Quicksilver Country Club, Midway. Limit: 120 golfers.
- Central, August 23 at Felicita Resort, Harrisburg. Limit: 120 golfers.

Join the Grand Master in providing quality care for those children from families in which the parent or guardian can no longer cope with the complexities of child rearing. Your participation in the Charity Golf Outings will help the Masonic Children's Home continue to provide services for up to 40 school-aged children within comfortable home-like cottages on the Masonic Homes' campus.

Medical, dental, educational, physical, social, and recreational needs are all provided to the children at no cost to them or their families. Children need not have any Masonic affiliation to receive services.

All tournaments will be a shotgun start with a 12:30 p.m. tee off.

Respite Program Will Offer Long-term Accommodations

The Respite Program at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown has been successful during its first year of operation, in providing quality respite services to adults with mild to moderate mental retardation. Throughout this initial roll-out of the program, the staff has continued to listen to the desires of the membership in an effort to offer the maximum amount of flexibility and responsiveness to concerns.

From these suggestions and requests, the Masonic Homes has recognized that the cottage could accommodate four adults on a permanent residential basis, while continuing to offer four respite beds for adult guests. Over the next several months, the program will be assessed to determine the level of need for this new service.

The Masonic Homes already has a list of persons who are interested in pursuing this long-term residential service for their loved ones with mild to moderate mental retardation. The staff will continue to maintain a list of interested families. The first four beds will be offered systematically on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is a greater need or desire for this type of long-term care service, the Masonic Homes will consider renovating the cottage adjacent to the present Respite Cottage for additional long-term care beds for adults with mild to moderate mental retardation.

For more information about the services provided in the Respite or Residential Program, to schedule a visit, or to place your loved on the long-term Residential list, call Brian Luzier, Program Specialist, at (717) 367-1211, ext. 33751.

Grand Master's Day September 25

Mark your calendar for the annual, exciting, fun-filled Grand Master's Day 1999 at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25 for Pennsylvania Masons, Eastern Star members, families, and friends. You'll get full details in the August Issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Cottage Construction Complete; Few Still Available

Twenty-eight new cottages have been completed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, bringing the new Independent Living cottage total to 100. Many of the new cottages are occupied already, while other units are reserved and will be occupied soon. A few sites still exist for immediate reservation.

The five different floor plans offered in Phase I and II of the cottage project also are featured in our newly-constructed cottages. All units feature a garage, screened porch, skylight, walk-in wall carpeting, emergency call systems, and individually controlled heating and air-conditioning systems.

With completion of the 28 cottages, Independent Living at the Masonic Homes is able to offer a total of 450 Retirement Living options to Pennsylvania Masons and their eligible family members as well as Pennsylvania Eastern Star members and their spouses.

New residents, Bro. Thomas H. and Jeanne Burgess, moved into their new home last November. Approaching his 50th year as a Mason in Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Bro. Burgess is a R.W. Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and is happy to be "back home" at the Masonic Homes along with his wife. During his career, he has served in a variety of roles within the Fraternity.

Moving from Hendersonville, NC, the couple is thrilled to be in a retirement community where all the normal home ownership problems are "off their shoulders." Freedom from home maintenance enables them the time to do the things they enjoy: swimming, watching movies, and meeting people. Tom reports that he keeps running into people he has met at various Masonic functions in the past. In addition to his other activities, Tom finds time to volunteer in the mail room.

Excited to be in Elizabethtown, they relate everything has been "top-of-the-line" with special recognition going to the staff. Jeanne comments that everyone has gone overboard, helping them in every way possible to make their new home a wonderful experience. Their only regret is that they didn't do it five years ago!

For more information on Retirement Living options at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, call 1-800-676-6452 or complete and mail the attached coupon. Staff members are eager to assist you.

Send me more information about Independent Living at the Masonic Homes.

Name
Address
City
State Zip
Phone

Complete coupon and return to:
Marketing Office
Masonic Homes
Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Adult Daily Living Center Meets the Needs of Younger Adults

When adult day care services were established in the early 1970s, their mission was to serve older adults with dementia who require programming and supervision. As services became more available and better known, older adults who had experienced strokes or other debilitating illnesses soon found that adult day care services could benefit them by providing a structured and supportive environment for continued recovery. Now, another group of individuals is finding benefits within adult day care services: younger adults with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.

When it opened in August 1985, the Masonic Homes’ Adult Daily Living Center recognized the need for day services for adults under the age of 60 who had experienced brain injuries or other neurological conditions (i.e., multiple sclerosis). In a traditional rehabilitation setting, a young adult who experienced a brain injury would work through treatment sessions with the eventual goal to live at home and return to work.

However, sometimes a person’s injury is so great that vocational placement is not always possible. The caregiver, usually a parent or a spouse who must continue to work, is faced with the decision of placing in a nursing home or expensive in-home care. Adult day care became a viable option as it provides cost-effective daytime care that allows the person to continue living at home. The therapeutic environment of the adult day care setting readily supports rehabilitative goals and can assist in a person’s recovery.

Fourteen adults under the age of 60 have been served by the Adult Daily Living Center since its opening. Of this group, more than half had either a traumatic brain injury or a neurological disorder. The Adult Daily Living Center, working closely with the referring rehabilitation hospital or case manager, assists the participant in working towards his or her recovery goals. Examples of these recovery goals include improving walking or wheelchair skills, transfer training, support in regaining self-care skills, participation in community reintegration outings, improvement of speech and language skills, leisure education, and behavior management. With many of these participants, staff members have been able to document progression toward meeting their goals.

As the need for adult day care services for adults under 60 grows, the Adult Daily Living Center will continue to reach out to those individuals and their loved ones to provide a caring and supportive environment in which they can continue to recover.

The center currently has 30 participants, eight of whom are under 60. The ages of the participants range from 26 to 90.

Can Enjoy Making a Difference As a Health Care Center Volunteer

You can make a difference in the lives of our residents and staff by volunteering at the Masonic Health Care Center. You don’t have to be a nurse or doctor to make a difference. You can make a difference by simply being there for someone who needs a little extra help.

Volunteers were asked at the Masonic Health Care Center why do you volunteer? What keeps you coming back each week?

Their answers were interesting, such as: "I’m needed." "I’m so glad I was here today." "It gives me great reward to see the joy on a resident’s face as I escort her from physical therapy, giving her a hug or a handshake as we go." "The nursing staff took such loving care of my father, because she hadn’t walked for months. She had to learn to walk again. An appreciative Mrs. Wiest said, "They were good to me. They got me to do things I never would do before."

She is now at home getting around with a walker. A visiting nurse comes once a day.

"I am very pleased to know that my 25 years in ministry at the Masonic Homes will be carried on by such a caring and compassionate minister," Pastor Lacquemont said.

Pastor Van Deursen assisted in, and led, various Lutheran congregations in Ohio; the most recent was the First Lutheran Church in Bellefontaine. He also founded and organized two lodges in Logansport, Indiana and one lodge in Logan County that feeds 300-plus people per evening, served as executive director for Lutheran Community Services, and was responsible for the Church’s interaction with Lutheran Manor, a federally-subsidized housing project for low income elderly and disabled individuals.

Pastor Van Deursen feels that he may have been destined for his profession. "Preston" by definition means: "He had to be made by the brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest." — Heb. 3:17. Indeed, Pastor Van Deursen has devoted his life in accordance with this definition.

Associate Applicants Sought

Due to the upcoming retirements of Pastor Lacquemont and Pastor Theodore Bowers from the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, candidates are being sought to fill several associate pastoral positions. Anyone interested in joining the Pastoral Care team at the Masonic Homes may send his or her resume to: Mrs. Carolyn J. Bair, Director of Human Resources, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17023, or call (717) 361-4522 for more information. The Masonic Homes is an equal opportunity employer.
TROOPERS VISIT CHILDREN'S HOME

Pennsylvania State Troopers Nicole Palmer and Joseph Reeves visited the Children's Home in Smith Cottages. In January, they enjoyed dinner with the boys in Lloyd Cottage and in February they shared pizza with the younger children in Smith Cottages. Each visit ended with a tour of all of the cottages to meet all of the children. The children's favorite part of the visits was a ride around the Masonic Homes campus in Trooper Palmer's cruiser. They all were amazed at the equipment in the cruiser, especially the sirens and lights. The troopers plan to return periodically to meet with the children at the other cottages.

Valley Care Masonic Center

Continued from page 3

nursing beds at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West. The actions taken were based on a Masonic Homes' market demand analysis and a market study of local Masons and residents of the Sewickley area. It was decided to move forward with plans to develop assisted living accommodations, and to design and market independent living accommodations at Valley Care.

Valley Care's 40 acres could provide many possibilities for expanding the types of services produced there.

Grand Master Ernette and Executive Director Murphy agreed that, "We see ourselves as partners for progress providing a full continuum of quality care services to those in need in the Sewickley area."

The Dedication Ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on June 1. There will be tours during the afternoon.

MUSEUM CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY OF COMPLETION

The decoration of one of the spectacular rooms in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia was completed 100 years ago. Originally planned and served for many years as Library Hall, the present Museum is the first ornately decorated room that the visitor to the Temple encounters.

The Hall, forming the southeast corner of the building, is 40 feet wide by 60 feet long. Its main ceiling beam rests on four Corinthian columns, and divides the ceiling. Each half is further divided into 60 coffers by lighter beams. All of the woodwork is walnut. The entire room, including the floor, is decorated in Byzantine style, with some Renaissance flavoring, and was done by Mr. George Herzog, who decorated many other areas, among them Norman, Eastman, Iron, Corinthian, and Bank Banquets, as well as the upper walls of the Rear Staircase.

Bro. Herzog also painted the official portraits of R.W. Past Grand Masters Matthias H. Henderson, William J. Kelly, Samuel C. Perkins, and Edgar A. Thomas. He signed all of his work with the painting to Library Hall depicted on the walls are allegorical figures of "moral and intellectual excellence," e.g., Charity, Peace, International Commerce; Fidelity and Virtue; the messianic dreams of ancient peoples; the rapidly developing nations of Africa and Asia; the sanitation of the city; the achievements of the ancients.

Each of the history coffer has its own painting of them there are 12 panels of various Grand Lodges, including Pennsylvania, and other Masonic bodies; the other 44 are of famous stone Masons' marks. Rosebuds and borders have been added to the friezes, and the frises are decorated with Latin mottoes.

On Dec. 19, 1898, the Committee on Temple held a special meeting. The minutes recorded that Bro. Herzog was paid $7,000 for "decorating the walls and ceiling, masonic floor, leaded glass transoms and refinishing woodwork." Everything else -- the conversion of the fire places to electricity and other wiring, bookcases, new furniture, and repairs to old, leaded glass windows, window shades, and brass make-up -- was done together -- cost $3,145. The Library Hall was reopened in January 1899 and on June 7, 1899, the decorations were completed by Mr. Herzog under the supervision of the Architectural Association. The ceremony were turned over formal to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Herzog (1851-1920) was born and trained in Munich, Germany. He was a member of Lodge No. 61 (now University Lodge No. 51). He also was known for his work in New York and especially throughout Philadelphia, where he decorated many interiors, including some in City Hall, the Union League, the Academy of Music, Girard College for the Centennial Exposition, and several churches and private mansions.
### Grand Master's Itinerary

**MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER**

**May**
- 1: Arkansas Fraternity, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center - 9 a.m.
- 4: 150th Anniversary Special Session of Pleasant Hills-Guthrie Lodge No. 759, 75th District - 3 p.m.
- 8: Visitaton at the Hotel Lamplighter Lodge No. 275.
- 12: Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Grand Opening.
- 10: 150th Anniversary of Tamaqua Lodge No. 238, 48th District.

**May 15**
- Dedication of Freemasons' Pasture at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Pittsburgh. Parade and Dedication on site at Aspinwall, 2:15 p.m.
- Central Pennsylvania picnic - Knoebels Park, Elysburg.

**May 20-21**
- Tal Officers of Lebanon, N.J.
- **OVERTURE Series Seminar, Bethlehem, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**June**
- **Meetings at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown: 5 p.m. & MAR Proclamation; 9:30 a.m. - Consolidated Fund; 11:30 a.m. - Administration of the Pension Fund; 1 p.m. - Finance Committee; 3 p.m. - Staff Meeting, Grand Lodge Elcited Officers.**
- 4: Meetings at Masonic Homes, 8 a.m. - Elizabethtown; Building and Sound Sub-Committee, 10 a.m. - Committee on Masonic Homes; 12 Noon - Youth Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Program.

**June 1**
- Dedication of Valley Care Nursing Center, Dedication Ceremony, 11 a.m. - Tours during the afternoon.

**June 2**
- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center. Rehearsal for Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers and Regional Instructors, 8 a.m. - Quarterly Communication 10 a.m.; Lunch, Noon; O.D.G.M.'s Meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Social Hour, 5:30 p.m., and Grand Master's Dinner 6:30 p.m., at Hilton Hotel.

**June 4**
- Masonic Homes Major Dinner, Dinner, 6 p.m.; District, 6:45 p.m.

**June 5**
- OVERTURE Series Seminar, Wilkes-Barre, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**June 10**
- Leadership Seminar, Lake Las Vegas, Nevada.

**June 12**
- Eastern Pennsylvania Masonic Family Day Picnic, Doney Park, Allentown.

**June 13**
- Pennsylvania - New Jersey - Delaware DeMolay Conclave, Wildwood, NJ.

**June 15**
- Presentation of 25th Embroidery to R.W. Grand Master in Pittsburgh. Lodges to give the candidate an overview of Freemasonry. Module Nine is designed to acquaint the candidate with the Fraternity. Module Ten is designed to be used by lodges to give the candidate an orientation into the individual lodge and its activities. The goal of the last module is to encourage the candidate to become a member and participate in its programs and to make the candidate feel more comfortable when he does.

**The Grand Lodge for Candidate Instruction is now Being Distributed**

The Masonic Education Steering Committee has distributed a new tool to assist the lodges' Masonic Education Chairmen and their committees in providing instruction for the candidates as they receive their degrees.

The new Handbook for Candidate Instruction, was developed by the Committee and edited by Commander Member Matthew Dopke, P.M., Shiloh Lodge No. 55, Latrobe.

It is streamlined to the point where it will leave the new Master Mason more informed about Freemasonry and better able to discuss the Fraternity with those who come into daily contact.

**Grand Master Invites All Masons To Join in July 3 Parade in Latrobe**

R.W. Grand Master James L. Ernette is looking forward to leading a large contingent of Freemasons, along with an impressive "Brotherhood Serving Mansfield" float, on Saturday morning, July 3, in the 50th annual Fourth of July holiday parade in Latrobe.

The Grand Master has invited the Masons in all of the lodges, appendant bodies, and all organizations throughout Western Pennsylvania (or all of Pennsylvania) to come to Latrobe and join him in the line of march. He would like to demonstrate to the public that Freemasons and Freemasonry have on their communities, the Grand Master said.

Bro. Richard J. Stemmler, D.D.G.M., 30th Masonic District, was chosen chairman for the Latrobe Parade Committee, said that all of the Freemasons will appear as a division behind the Grand Master. All D.D.G.M.s will parade as a group, as will all elected and appointed officers of the lodges, followed by all of the Masons who are members of the Lodge and the various Masonic appended and allied bodies and units.

The Pennsylvania State Police mounted unit will lead the parade.

The D.D.G.M.s and lodge elected and appointed officers are to wear Masonic attire, including their aprons and collars. Masons who are not officers should dress conservatively in suits and bring their lodge aprons. All who want to participate should report to the parade staging area by 9 a.m.

---

**Masonic Ed. Handbook for Candidate Instruction is now Being Distributed**

The Masonic Education Steering Committee has distributed a new tool to assist the lodges' Masonic Education Chairmen and their committees in providing instruction for the candidates as they receive their degrees. The new Handbook for Candidate Instruction, was developed by the Committee and edited by Commander Member Matthew Dopke, P.M., Shiloh Lodge No. 55, Latrobe.

The handbook consists of three modules, each of which should take 35 to 45 minutes to present. Each module deals with the qualifications necessary to be a Mason, secrecy, and the relationship between religious faith and Freemasonry. This Module is designed to acquaint the candidate with the values, beliefs, and features of the Fraternity. Module Two examines a brief "History of Freemasonry" and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It contains information about the several charitable programs and activities sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Module Three is designed to explain the "Benefits and Duties of Membership in the Fraternity" and should be used by lodges to give the candidate an orientation into the individual lodge and its activities and programs. The goal of the last module is to encourage the candidate to become a member and participate in its programs and to make the candidate feel more comfortable when he does.
If ships roll of Freemasonry. This loss in numbers has been impressed today fail to show the interest in an organization such as we could recapture that quality which so greatly characterized the Craft in earlier America, it probably would go a long way toward reversing our decline in numbers. I encourage you to give and receive what is perhaps the greatest advantage of being a Freemason – the feeling of truly being a brother and experiencing brotherly love.

Most of us as Masons are aware, at least to some extent, of the importance of Freemasonry to the development of civil society. This organization has made considerable contributions to the world benefiting many outside the Fraternity. I wonder, however, how many of us truly appreciate how much our Craft can mean to the individual Mason. Due to your membership, my Brothers, there are few places in the free world where you can travel today that you will not have friends. There are so many doors open to you because you are a member of this Craft; and, yet, I suspect that there are very few who truly appreciate that aspect of membership. I am well aware that we do not join this Fraternity for what we will receive from it, but, there is nothing wrong in recognizing what the true concept of brotherly love is and opening ourselves to receive it.

I have been extremely fortunate in having the opportunities to experience this feeling of brotherhood far beyond the opportunities that most members will ever have. It is there for all, yet few accept it. Regrettably, also in recent years, too few extend it. It is this expression of brotherly love to one another that probably has meant more to me than any other aspect of Freemasonry. To the world and to society in general, the Craft offers an ethical and moral base of principles by which it guides its members. To the individual member, this Fraternity offers an opportunity to experience a feeling rarely known outside of it.

I recently returned from the Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Honolulu. There, once again, I had the privilege of experiencing the true feeling of Masonic brotherhood from grand officers around the world when I announced to the Conference my intent to retire as an active Grand Secretary. It was an experience that I will never forget. I wish there were a way of transfusing into each of you that expression of brotherly love to one another. As Grand Secretary, I have listened to countless stories from our brothers who were ill, or from widows of our brothers, who want nothing more than a compassionate contact with a brother. I would like to ask the question of them, when they were able, how much they offered. But, I don't. Some day, my Brothers, that may be all we want.

All of us are aware today of the declining numbers on the membership rolls of Freemasonry. This loss in numbers has been impressed upon us for well over a decade and we look with regret that men of society today fail to show the interest in an organization such as ours. My greatest sadness, however, is not directed toward our loss in members, but to the failure of the numbers that we do have to direct the feeling of brotherhood to each other. As Grand Secretary, I have listened to countless stories from our brothers who were ill, or from widows of our brothers, who want nothing more than a compassionate contact with a brother. I would like to ask the question of them, when they were able, how much they offered. But, I don't. Some day, my Brothers, that may be all we want.

If we could recapture that quality which so greatly characterized the Craft in earlier America, it probably would go a long way toward reversing our decline in numbers. I encourage you to give and receive what is perhaps the greatest advantage of being a Freemason – the feeling of truly being a brother and experiencing brotherly love.

On the evening of Groundhog Day, more than 200 citizens of Punxsutawney gathered for a banquet to honor the members of the local Masonic lodge for their generous support to the Community Center. Elected officials from the surrounding area and the State were in attendance to hear guest speaker James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania Masons, address the community. The Grand Master presented Punxsutawney Phil with a Proclamation commending him "as a universally recognized symbol of community spirit ... a representation of that special unanimity among neighbors in furthering the community for the benefit of all mankind."

The Worshipful Master of John W. Jenks Lodge, Donald L. Hendricks, then presented the $15,000 donation to Kae Ploucha, Executive Director of the Community Center, stating that the caring of Masons "... is doing things like we've gathered for this evening." Masonry is about serving mankind.

The donation will be used to aid the Community Center's programs and services, both cultural and recreational. The Center is open to all community organizations and is commonly called "the community's hub for fellowship." The Center is also the designated meeting place for the organizers of Groundhog Day, the Inner Circle.

Phil Found More Than His Shadow When He Visited Punxsutawney Masons

Famed weather prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil, found more than his shadow this Groundhog Day when he ventured from Gobbler's Nob to the Punxsutawney Country Club to accept a $5,000 gift on behalf of the Punxsutawney Area Community Center from Masons of John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534.

Donald L. Hendricks, W.M., of Punxsutawney Lodge No. 534, (left, upper photo), presents an oversize check to Kae Ploucha and Pat Prushnock of the Community Center. Groundhog Handler Bro. William Deely holds Punxsutawney Phil (left in lower photo), as the famed prognosticator receives a proclamation for James L. Ernette, R.W. Grand Master.
Brethren and Friends,

You will want to read this Annual Report from cover to cover. It relates a positive chapter about charity in the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, a "Brotherhood Serving mankind." Reports throughout these pages reconfirm that "Masonic Care" and we are there to help where needs exist.

The Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania experienced another banner year in 1998. It began with the announcement of our affiliation with the two Eastern Star Homes - one in each end of the state - giving our brothers and sisters and those who love ours the availability of the Masonic Homes' "Mansion of Love" services closer to their home areas.

During the year, we heralded the completion of the Masonic Health Care Center, culminating a ten-year project to construct new wings and renovate existing areas to provide the residents with facilities and services to meet their varying levels of health care needs. A new Respite Cottage was opened to serve both our members and the community. Those are just hints of the extensive caring and service-oriented progress at our Masonic Homes and the Masonic Children's Home in 1998.

Masonic Care About Youth. Read on in this Annual Report and appreciate the character-building and educational development efforts that the Masonic Charities provide to help our youth. The opening line of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation report states it well: "Teaching responsibility is a key theme of our Masonic youth groups." That Foundation leads the way with a myriad of programs, activities and scholarship opportunities for DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and Knights of Pythias.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children works with experts in their fields to cope with drug and alcohol abuse. There's an interesting story to be found in this report about the Foundation for Children, which makes possible the ongoing training of educators for the Student Assistance Program in schools across the Commonwealth and in the training of law enforcement officers in the D.A.R.E. program.

As Freemasons and Americans, we cherish and preserve our heritage and culture. The Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania in the 125-year-old Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, is world-renowned for its historical collections, archives, resources for research, exhibits, and displays.

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

This Annual Report reaffirms our dedication to serving mankind. It also tells a proud story of stewardship. Your support has made all of it possible. You can make a tax-deductible contribution anytime to all of the Masonic Charities, or directly to one of them, simply by designating where you want your gift directed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternal,

James L. Erettoe, R.W. Grand Master

Masonic Charities 1998 Annual Report

MASONIC HOMES

During 1998, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania expanded its continuum of quality care services, as well as the locations in which the services are available. Through the affiliation of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the two Eastern Star homes, now the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East in Warminster and the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West in Pittsburgh, the membership has gained more choices. This venture expanded the Masonic Homes family in that more individuals can now choose to receive services in their preferred area of the Commonwealth.

At the time of the affiliation, both Eastern Star facilities were between 60 and 65 percent occupied. One of the highlights of 1998 was achieving more than 90 percent occupancy at both facilities. In October 1998, an agreement with the Department of Public Welfare was signed to provide Medical Assistance at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-East.

Other notable achievements during 1998 included the completion of the last renovated Independent Living apartments as well as the first phase of the Independent Living Cottage Construction Project. As of December 31, 1998, 523 residents occupied 363 Independent Living units on the Masonic Homes' campus.

The Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) came for an accreditation survey in November, and the Masonic Homes scored well. Ambulatory Care, 92%, Long-term Care, 94%, Subacute, 96%, and Laboratory, 98%. The survey team was impressed with Masonic Homes' process improvements, and granted the Masonic Homes accreditation for the above service areas.

The completion of the 10-year construction/renovation of the Masonic Health Care Center was met with much enthusiasm. The new Freemasons Building opened for residents on May 18, 1998, providing 127 beds for assisted living services. This was the last phase of the Masonic Health Care Center Project, which involved completely renovating the Masonic Care of Philadelphia's Masonic Homes Care of Philadelphia's Masonic Homes.

Building to provide Assisted Living Services in this area. Residents in this area receive services and assistance in areas of dressing, bathing, diet, financial management, medication, and other activities of daily living.

The renovation of the Masonic Conference Center Memorial Hall building and the addition of the new Samuel C. Williamson Multimedia Center allow for more flexibility of programming. The Masonic Homes' mission is extended through the use of the Masonic Conference Center by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children.

The Masonic Homes opened its new Respite Cottage in March 1998 to serve our members and the community. This not-for-profit program offers quality, short-term respite services to caregivers, enabling them to have time away from their responsibilities and enhancing their quality of life. The Respite Cottage accommodates up to eight adult guests, ages 18 and over, diagnosed with mild to moderate mental retardation and/or similar developmental challenges.

Another exciting addition to the Masonic Homes was the Masonic Life Center in May 1998. The center provides residents, volunteers, employees and their spouses, and retirees and their spouses, the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art wellness and fitness programs offered on the campus.

Masonic Charities 1998 Annual Report

A resident enjoying a fun-filled and successful day of fishing in one of the beautiful ponds on the campus at Elizabethtown.
The Masonic Children's Home cares for those children from families in which the parent/guardian can no longer cope with the complexities of child rearing. The home's population during 1998 averaged at its capacity of 40 children. By providing a modern, attractive and home-like environment for the care of these young people, Freemasons are preparing them to be productive citizens of the future. The children attend public schools and are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities and the religious institution of their choice.

The list of youth program activities continues to grow, giving each child the opportunity to experience a well-rounded variety of activities. These include school activities, sports, clubs, crafts, inter-generational and community activities, group vacations, summer camps, Demolay, D.A.R.E. program activities, volunteering, working, Boy Scouts, Brownies, music lessons, philanthropic projects, alumni activities, and the college intern and mentoring programs.

The Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association continues to provide support to the program through scholarships to the Children's Home graduates attending college.

Tours of the Model Railroad Club collections and displays are enjoyed by many visitors. A group of residents who share a common interest of collecting and displaying model railroads have joined together to form the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club. The purpose of the club is to develop, build, and operate model railroads and related scenery.

Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association continues to provide support to the program through scholarships to the Children's Home graduates attending college.

Masonic Homes' Adult Daily Living Center continues to provide a quality, cost-effective adult day care service to our community. The center assists clients, who in some cases would otherwise require nursing facility care, to stay more independent and at home with their loved ones. The center has expanded its service base to include mentally retarded clients who will fit into the current programming, along with the aged clients. An additional license was secured this year from the Bureau of Mental Retardation, Department of Public Welfare, that allows the center the opportunity to accept clients served by this bureau.

The Outreach Program provides education, information, and direction to Masonic and non-Masonic families across the United States. Information and referral services help locate service agencies, nursing homes, transportation services, hot meals, and health providers. Representatives for the Outreach Program attended the Grand Master's Reunion in Florida, which provided the opportunity to expand contacts and serve a greater portion of the Masonic family that lives or spends time there. The Outreach Director also addressed the brethren and/or their families in nine Blue Lodges in 1998 and sponsored a Community Health Night with Abraham C. Trencher Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown, providing education and information to more than 100 members of our local community.

The Masonic Homes recognizes and encourages both community and resident participation in its Volunteer Services Department. Volunteers enhance the professional staff as they provide assistance and support in services which directly benefit our residents.

The summer youth volunteer program provided 64 teens who provided 3,200 hours of service, mostly on resident care units.

The total number of new volunteers during 1998, including youth, college interns, and all others, was 108.

The Masonic Children's Home cares for those children from families in which the parent/guardian can no longer cope with the complexities of child rearing. The home's population during 1998 averaged at its capacity of 40 children. By providing a modern, attractive and home-like environment for the care of these young people, Freemasons are preparing them to be productive citizens of the future. The children attend public schools and are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities and the religious institution of their choice.

The list of youth program activities continues to grow, giving each child the opportunity to experience a well-rounded variety of activities. These include school activities, sports, clubs, crafts, inter-generational and community activities, group vacations, summer camps, Demolay, D.A.R.E. program activities, volunteering, working, Boy Scouts, Brownies, music lessons, philanthropic projects, alumni activities, and the college intern and mentoring programs.

The Masonic Homes-Patton School Alumni Association continues to provide support to the program through scholarships to the Children's Home graduates attending college.

Tours of the Model Railroad Club collections and displays are enjoyed by many visitors. A group of residents who share a common interest of collecting and displaying model railroads have joined together to form the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club. The purpose of the club is to develop, build, and operate model railroads and related scenery.

Masonic Homes 1998 Annual Report

Masonic Charities 1998 Annual Report
The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

In 1998, the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children continued its support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and other youth programs. In addition, the Foundation supported the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This committee awarded seven college scholarships of $1,000 per year for four years. The applicants are students, recommended by the Masonic Student Assistance team, who successfully completed a counseling program and turned their lives around.

The Masonic Foundation also supported the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This facility trains Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the Commonwealth, to teach this program to 5th and 6th grade elementary school students. Since 1994, the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus has been designated the D.A.R.E. Training Center of Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Foundation began administering a new Scholarship Program. On December 31, 1998, James L. Ernese, R.W.G.M., instituted the Grand Masters Masonic Educational Scholarship Program. This scholarship is for sons, daughters, grandchildren, and granddaughters of Pennsylvania Masons seeking a degree in Criminal Justice and a career in Law Enforcement. It provides up to $2,500 per year for up to four years to these students. They must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average for continuation of the scholarship. This program has received overwhelming support from the lodges and as a result four awards were given in 1998.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The purpose of the Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The Samuel C. Williamson Multimedia Center includes state-of-the-art presentation equipment to provide high-tech educational programming for all participants at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

Pennsylvania YOUTH FOUNDATION

Teaching responsibility is a key theme of our Masonic youth groups. Helping young people accept greater responsibility for their actions prepares them for adulthood. Through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, Freemasonry gives young people the chance to create their own programs, lead their peers, enact their plans, celebrate their successes, and learn from their mistakes. This is a proven and successful method for personal growth and development—to learn by doing.

Freemasons are there for guidance and support, providing opportunities for public speaking, team building, and character development. The Masonic principles which inure us are instilled in youth through the unique rituals and customs of the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Job's Daughters, and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Your help is needed: Whether it be financial assistance, or a time of service with one of these youth groups, every Pennsylvania Mason should give something to support the leaders of our future. Our Masonic Youth Programs are reliant on quality volunteers to keep their programs strong.

The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation assists the adult leaders of these organizations to ensure that quality programming and high standards of conduct are their top priorities. The Foundation sponsored three significant seminars in 1998 to help train volunteers in areas of programming, risk management, youth protection and teaching responsibility. The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation also provided programming, meals and housing for 2,601 youth group members in 38 different programs at the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus in Elizabethtown.

A major addition to the Masonic Conference Center was completed in December 1998—without causing the cancellation of any planned event. With the construction of a state-of-the-art multimedia center, and the creation of new meeting and registration space, the campus will better serve our youth and adult programs. Following the 1999 renovation of our major dormitories, the entire facility will include air-conditioned living with private bathrooms in each bedroom.

The upgrade of this facility further demonstrates the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's commitment to young people, and its confidence that they will accept the responsibility of using this improved campus as young adults.

Please support our uniquely Masonic Youth Programs.

Pennsylvanians Against Underaged Drinking, 1998
Summer Camp, Fort Indiantown Gap

Athletic competitions provide the opportunity to teach teamwork, character development, and leadership, while developing physical fitness skills.

In 1998, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation presented more than $55,817 in 33 scholarships to young people through the continued support of its Educational Endowment Fund.

January 1998 - D.A.R.E. Class at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children

January 1, 1998, was effective date of the name change from The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children to The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children. The mission of reducing drug and alcohol abuse by young people, through education, intervention, and counseling remained the same. The new name accurately reflects the diverse concerns that are addressed by the major programs supported by the Foundation. The Student Assistance and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Programs expanded through the year to encompass other vices such as, tobacco and gambling. Other issues addressed by these programs are conflict resolution skills and emotional issues faced by adolescents. The name now reflects the universal mission of helping children become vice free, well adjusted, and responsible adults.

In 1998, the Foundation continued to support the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Student Assistance Program. There are now student assistance teams in place in every high school and junior high school in the Commonwealth. During 1998, the number of teachers trained since 1985 topped the 10,000 mark. The latest statistics show that these teams saw 59,092 students during the 1997-98 school year. They provided 49,652 students with required further "in school" or "out of school" services. The good news is that 91 percent of all students referred to the Student Assistance Program for drug and alcohol violations had no additional violations since initial referral. This success rate is up by 20 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania has a successful Student Assistance Program, thanks to Pennsylvania Masons.

In the Spring of 1998, the selection committee for the Carl W. Stenberg Scholarship met in Philadelphia. This committee awarded seven college scholarships of $1,000 per year for four years. The applicants are students, recommended by their student assistance team, who successfully completed a counseling program and turned their lives around.

Thanks to Student Assistance and the help of the Foundation, these young people are now getting the chance at a college education. They must maintain a "C" average and be drug and alcohol free. Twenty-six of these scholarships were awarded since 1993.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children continued its support of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). The Foundation supplied the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. At this facility, Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the Commonwealth, to teach this program to 5th and 6th grade elementary school students. Since 1994, The Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus has been designated the D.A.R.E. Training Center of Pennsylvania.

The Foundation began administering a new Scholarship Program. On December 31, 1998, James L. Ernese, R.W.G.M., instituted the Grand Masters Masonic Educational Scholarship Program. This scholarship is for sons, daughters, grandchildren or granddaughters of Pennsylvania Masons seeking a degree in Criminal Justice and a career in Law Enforcement. It provides up to $2,500 per year for up to four years to these students. They must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average for continuation of the scholarship. This program has received overwhelming support from the lodges and as a result four awards were given in 1998. Thanks to this program the Fraternity assures that the future includes well-educated Law Enforcement Officers.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.

The public is being made aware of the resources of the Foundation and the Fraternity. The quarterly newsletter continued in 1998. It keeps all grand lodge officers including the district deputy grand masters, district chieftain, and speakers aware of the activities of the Foundation.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without your help. Thank you for your support in the past and ask that you remember us through your Masonic Charity Contributions.
Corinthian new organ in console

Restoration of Temple Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Chair of the happy to announce that this recital was the first of a series to be sponsored by The Masonic Library and Museum on display until the end of 1998.

report for the year 1998:

THE

er one was the by our Curator, Brother John H.

In addition to the Conference of Grand Master’s Exhibits, there were three other interesting exhibits mounted

Museum of the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries, by the Executive Director, James H. Borden.

Frances P. Adams

In keeping with our endeavors of collecting artifacts from various fraternal organizations, which share similar
definitions for Masonic artifacts. We were delighted to receive a collection of artifacts that are

 Abbey of the Franklin Library. 250th Anniversary.

of the First Class of the Philadelphia Masonic Library and Museum.

In a recent address at the annual meeting of The Library of Congress, Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington, described the library's mission as one of preserving the written word for future generations. He emphasized the importance of protecting our cultural heritage and ensuring that knowledge is accessible to all.

The Masonic Library and Museum

of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chair of the happy to announce that this recital was the first of a series to be sponsored by The Masonic Library and Museum on display until the end of 1998.

report for the year 1998:

THE

er one was the by our Curator, Brother John H.

In addition to the Conference of Grand Master’s Exhibits, there were three other interesting exhibits mounted

Museum of the Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries, by the Executive Director, James H. Borden.

Frances P. Adams

In keeping with our endeavors of collecting artifacts from various fraternal organizations, which share similar
definitions for Masonic artifacts. We were delighted to receive a collection of artifacts that are

Abbey of the Franklin Library. 250th Anniversary.

of the First Class of the Philadelphia Masonic Library and Museum. 250th Anniversary.

of the First Class of the Philadelphia Masonic Library and Museum. 250th Anniversary.

of the First Class of the Philadelphia Masonic Library and Museum. 250th Anniversary.

of the First Class of the Philadelphia Masonic Library and Museum. 250th Anniversary.
A gift that endures

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

Why a Request?

A charitable bequest is a method for Masons and friends to perpetuate their interest in Masonic Charities. Your Will can be drafted to leave either a specific gift or a percentage of your estate to a Masonic gift. A specific gift can be a dollar amount, a particular piece of personal property or real estate. A percentage gift is either a specific amount of your estate or can be by the remainder of your estate after you have provided for your family, church, college, Blue Lodge or other such charitable organizations which are important to you.

Where should you start?

We suggest you begin by determining the Masonic Charity(ies) you wish to remember. You may choose from any of the following: the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth, the Eastern Star Home - East Side, West, The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children, the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, The Masonic Library and Museum, and Pennsylvania?

You should then make an appointment with your attorney. Your attorney will advise you whether you can give to Masonic Charity(ies) simply by adding an admendment known as a Codicil to your Will or whether it would be better to draft an entirely new Will.

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

Devises of Real Estate

I give and devise unto the

and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, free and clear of all death taxes, ALL

of the estate. I instruct my attorney to make appropriate provisions for the payment of the inheritance taxes on the real estate. I direct that this devise be valid even if the devisee is not living at the time of my death.

Bequests and Devise of Residuary Estate:

I give and devise unto the

and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, free and clear of all death taxes, ALL

of the estate. The devisee is responsible for the payment of the inheritance taxes on the real estate.

Donors $5000.00 - $9999.99

I give and devise unto the

and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, free and clear of all death taxes, ALL

of the estate. The devisee is responsible for the payment of the inheritance taxes on the real estate.

Donors $10,000.00 and higher

I give and devise unto the

and its successors, whose address is One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, free and clear of all death taxes, ALL

of the estate. The devisee is responsible for the payment of the inheritance taxes on the real estate.