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7. I would like to know more about charitable gift annuities.

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If you answered "True" to most or all of the above statements, a Masonic Homes' gift annuity or a gift annuity from another Masonic Charity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may fit your needs perfectly. For additional information, at no cost or obligation, use the handy coupon or call Bro. John McFadden, Planned Giving Officer, at (800) 599-6454 or (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311.

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A Wondrous Thing

Masons come together to help a family in need. (page 9)
We're in the midst of Summer. Vacations and time off are the order of the day. Your Grand Lodge, however, continues to work actively on your behalf.

Construction continues at our Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown and at Sewickley. Don't miss Autumn Day Sept. 29 in Elizabethtown. We hope you will be there to participate and enjoy the festivities as well as see the progress being made on our expansion plans.

Your Grand Lodge Officers continue to tour to major centers of the world to spread far and wide the values of Freemasonry, its values, and ethnic or religious backgrounds, we are one of the world's premier fraternal organizations.

Pennsylvania Freemasonry, Masonic problems common here, and forensics speakers stimulate our imagination. It is possible your lodge has one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. each year, SCA strikes more than 250,000 people and kills about 1 percent of them. The American Heart Association estimates that as many as 50,000 additional lives could be saved every year if more SCA victims had faster access to defibrillators. For each minute that passes without treatment, the survival rate drops by about ten percent. After ten minutes without treatment, the chance of surviving SCA is virtually zero.

AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are devices that can be used by laypersons without extensive medical training to provide treatment to cardiac arrest victims.

During the press conference, an AED was given by the Grand Master to the State for use in the Capitol. The presentation was on exhibition on the floor of the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

A new lodge building project for latitude of 21st century. Lodges Need to Assess Their Abilities To Serve Needs of Members of Today

Call With Your Opinion: Want a Family Cruise to Bermuda?

R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dlugie, Jr. is considering a Family Cruise to Bermuda. We have arranged to be able to visit most of the island in early August 2001. Before making a decision and as a guide for arrangements should a cruise be feasible, the Grand Master Dlugie would like your opinion.

Please call Bro. David O. Meachen in the Office of the Grand Master by Sept. 15 and tell him:

1. Whether or not you think a Family Cruise should be planned.
2. If one is scheduled, would you be likely to go on the cruise at appropriate cruise rates?

Please call Bro. Meachen toll free at 1-800-842-7037, ext. 1915. The Grand Master appreciates your interest and your opinion.

By early June, the following lodges had placed orders to purchase the new defibrillator technology in the Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Grant Program:

- Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, for Fire Station; University Lodge No. 51 F & A.M., for Lower Providence Township Volunteer Fire Department; Williamsson Lodge No. 300, Downingtown, for the Downingtown Fire Department; Schiller Lodge No. 345, for Scranston, for allocation to be determined; Cedar Lodge No. 378, Mt. Carmel, for the Mt. Carmel Volunteer Fire Department; Waverly Lodge No. 243, for the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department; Hiriam Lodge No. 610, Altoona, for the Altoona Volunteer Fire Department; Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, for the Westmore EM Corps. Tender Lodge No. 799, also has committed to raise funds for a second unit by year's end.

In addition, several lodges have joined together to place AEDs:

- Fredrickville Lodge No. 737, and Ashland Lodge No. 284 joined together to sponsor an AED for the North Schuylkill High School.
- Elysea Lodge No. 362, and Elysea Lodge No. 236, also joined together to sponsor an AED for the Southern Columbia Area School District.
- Robert Burns Lodge No. 104 and Dgien Lodge No. 658, and William S. Snyder Lodge No. 765, all in Harrisburg; joined together to sponsor one AED for the Washington Family Planning Department of General Services, to be located in the State Capitol.

AEDs will be placed throughout the Commonwealth. AEDs are devices that can be used by laypersons without extensive medical training to provide treatment to cardiac arrest victims.

During these two years while he is Grand Master, lodges are encouraged to donate at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for use in their respective communities. We anticipate and desire that a minimum of 300 AEDs will be placed throughout the Commonwealth. AEDs are devices that can be used by laypersons without extensive medical training to provide treatment to cardiac arrest victims.

We're offering an expanded set of programs for the Masons of today.

Lodges Need to Assess Their Abilities To Serve Needs of Members of Today

In recent years, nearly two dozen lodges have completed or are in the process of updating their facilities, building new lodge halls, or acquiring and renovating existing buildings to meet their needs within the guidelines and requirements of the Grand Lodge. Building for the future has become so much of a priority, the American Heritage Foundation recently purchased the AED in the name of the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown, with Masons and Hall Rooms is there to help get the job done.

Historically, Masonic lodges were located in prime downtown locations. Often the lodge rooms were on the second or third floors, which today poses a difficult problem for older members and aging brothers. Today, a lodge hall must be without exception good for all age groups and all Masonic Lodges. Today, nearly everyone drives to the lodge.

C. R. Flohr, P.M., George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, Chairman of the Committee, said that the needs are obvious and the problems widespread. The time for action is now! But, he added, the solutions are many and the Committee on Masonic Halls, Tempests, and Remains is ready and will work to provide information so that the officers and members can make the right decisions and get the job done.

A new lodge hall is one option, either building on vacant land or on redevelopment property where there is an ample parking area. Sometimes an existing building can be renovated and even repurposed. For instance, a building that was once used as a fire station may have fire or electrical facilities, or a community hall. Newer or larger buildings may be available. Renovations or new retail spaces frequently become available and may be purchased at a reduced price to be adapted to the new lodge.

Lodges Building for 21st Century

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms is working with lodges on their building projects:

- Starrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranton, and Christians Lodge No. 417, have joined together to build a new building.
- Duquesne Lodge No. 372, McKeesport, and McKeesport Lodge No. 651, have begun a new building project.
- Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville, and Christiana Lodge No. 378, have joined together to build a new building.
- The Scranton Masonic Center has worked out a plan with the Community Center for renovating the magnificent structure there.
- The lodges in Warren, Star Lodge No. 241, and Joseph Warrin Lodge No. 720, which met in the same building, have sold the property and are seeking a site to construct a new building.
- In addition, there are approximately six communities where lodges are exploring the possibility of building Masonic Centers for multi-lodge use.

Recently, lodges in Bedford, Newville, Derry, Lanston, and Berwick purchased properties that became too burdensome for them to maintain. Many of the properties were donated by congregations and renovated into lodge buildings.

New lodge buildings that have been completed in recent years are in Canonsburg, Wellsboro, Jersey Shore, Danville, Jeannette, and Pittsburgh.
This blog, the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebrates 100 years of service to the community, families, members, and communities. Rated AA- by Standard and Poor’s last year, the Masonic Homes is considered one of the most financially stable continuing care retirement community in the nation. This firm foundation of excellence has allowed the organization to build upon its success to purchase additional facilities, and construct new buildings to offer more choices and services for the Fraternity and community at large. With nine decades of experience and expertise to perfect the fine traditions of yesterday, the changes and growth opportunities challenging the organization will undoubtedly translate into finer and better services for the members.

Visiting the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown for the first time is an overwhelming experience for many. The grand entrance, the architecture... the beautiful, breathtaking landscape, all create an immediate impression of the residential setting that has been created throughout the campus. Possible even more exciting than the actual environment is the fact that a group of Masonic leaders in the early 1990’s began the Masonic Homes with a commitment, a plan, and the vision of a community of construction, an appreciation for history, and a desire for statewide health care services for seniors and their loved ones. Today, the focus of those dreams and ideals is more residents and better services for the members.

At the construction site for the Brandt Hall expansion are (L-R): Jeffrey A. Jeffries, President, Masonic Homes; Grant C. Hall, President, Masonic Homes; Robert L. Dill, Jr., President, Masonic Homes; Michael D. Swoyer, President, Masonic Homes; and William L. Buxton, President, Masonic Homes.

In Elizabethtown, the Masonic Homes is in the process of modernizing, improving, and expanding services currently provided in the Village Green Area. Many of these projects were led by ideas generated in resident focus groups, task forces of residents and employees working together, as well as input from those residents involved in specific activities and employees with related experience and knowledge. This focus has continued, as the Masonic Homes is working with staff and the Resident Council to seek input from the residents, artifacts, engineers, and focus group leaders to turn these ideas into meaningful projects.

The stained glass windows in the chapel of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will be moved to the Star Pointe Building.

Working together on the Masonic Village at Swedeland construction project are (L-R): Front - Cynthia L. Steff, Administrator, Masonic Homes; Boyd Brossman, President, Masonic Homes; BethAnn Sheng, Maintenance Supervisor; Lynn Harvey, Director of Environmental Services & Safety; Richard Emery, Executive Director, all of the Masonic Homes at Swedeland; Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer for the Masonic Homes; Bro. Carl R. Flohr, Building and Grounds Subcommitte; and Ken Kalligowski and Rebecca Kocb, both Architects of Perkins Eastman Architects.

Museum will move to a more permanent space where visitors will have more readily see it, and the recreation rooms will move to the museum’s current location. The Lodge Auditorium, named for the late Joseph R. Deike, R.W.P.G.M., Lodge No. 801, also will be restored. In his will and through various gifts, Bro. Deike provided funds to the Grand Lodge to maintain and operate the Masonic Homes, as well as provide recreational activities. He was the inspiration and impetus for the auditorium and the leadership in the concept. Dedicated in 1988, the auditorium includes a new stage, new gifts, appropriate in view of his love of music.

The existing ballroom also will be restored and named for the late Joseph R. Deike, R.W.P.G.M., Lodge No. 801, who will be expanded to Double Deke Ballroom, which will feature a new sound system and new lighting. The existing ballroom will be restored for the occasional use by the Freemasons. Options are also being explored for implementing a program to provide special events and entertainment for local elementary school students at Elizabethtown College to guide hands-on experience at the center.

In addition to building new structures, the Masonic Homes also is moving existing buildings. From a culmination of input from resident parents, various features have been made a priority. For example, resident volunteers in the Post Office, Gift Shop, and Golf Center will be moved to the Star Pointe Building.
Mrs. Doris Partridge sociailizing in the lounge at the Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley.

Plan also include adding 200 parking spaces, designed in a half-circle, to walk more easily to the Formal Gardens. The addition parking will enable us to serve residents in the Freemasons building during large events on campus, such as on the Village Green Area, landíceted to include islands with trees and flowers as a natural extension of the Formal Gardens. The focus for the walkway to this bouquet will feature a water fountain, which will be visible from balconies in the Ben Franklin Building. The Grand Lodge Hall Assembly Room will be moved adjacent to the Formal Gardens. The main focus will be on the stained glass Eastern Star emblem.

Better aesthetics, new decor, and an improved sound system are in stores for the Masonic Lodge Building. The design of the new Freight Elevator and the renovations to the existing buildings were planned with the intent to enhance the prominence of the A- frame lodge (as left in picture on cover).

In Western Pennsylvania

Star Points Building at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. As you gaze from the end of the conference area and entrance of the Star Points Building, the main focus will be on the stained glass Eastern Star emblem. The Grand Lodge Hall Assembly Room will be moved from the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, to symbolize the strong heritage of its community as it joins the Sewickley family.

Grand Master Robert L. Dingle, Jr. presents the architectural drawings for the $600,000 East Valley Care Masonic Center. Construction officially began after the groundbreaking ceremony held on June 25. The building is expected to open for residents in October. At that time, the residents and staff at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, Pittsburgh, will move to the new facility. The Pittsburgh Building will be added.

The transition to Sewickley will be an adjustment for the residents who are quite happy in their current homes.

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According to Bro. William C. Davis Jr., Chief Operating Officer and Bro. Joseph Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Masonic Homes.

The reasons for the residents' happiness will be moving right along with them to their new home in Sewickley.

"We recognize the special bond that naturally forms among our residents. That is why we are encouraging our employees to bring their families over to walk with us to Sewickley.

For other residents, however, the move couldn't come soon enough. Bro. Francis "Mike" Farquhar, Elwood Lodge No. 256 elaborately missed his wife, Doria, who moved to the Valley Care Masonic Center on Sept. 23, 1999. While he still spends three days a week with her, after 55 years of marriage, that just isn't enough.

A Mason for 32 years, Bro. Partridge has written, recorded and sung gospels and even played in a barbershop quartet with his three sons. Now he shares his music with the residents at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West. He hopes to take the quart to Sewickley so he can play for his wife again.

Mrs. Cynthia Steffl, Administrator, Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, said that she and the Social Services, Therapeutic Recreation, and Nursing staff have been spending a lot of one-on-one time with residents and their families to help them through this transition period as residents move from Pittsburgh to Sewickley.

According to Bro. Francis, Executive Director, Masonic Village at Sewickley, the key to keeping staff and residents comfortable in their current homes is to offer the choice of staying here or going to Sewickley.

A new Central Committee, including an advanced quick-ship food preparation kitchen, is being built adjacent to the Ben Franklin Building at the current due date. To meet new standards for efficiency, the state-of-the-art central kitchen will be built next to the Masonic Building so we will have the opportunity to use the knowledge and expertise we've learned in the development of many service areas in Pittsburgh to serve our residents closer to their homes.

The master plan for the expansion of the Valley Care Masonic Center in Sewickley, as a 50-year continuing-care retirement community, was approved by the Committee on Masonic Homes on Sept. 24, 1999. The committee decided to name the entire campus the Masonic Village at Sewickley.

The first building to be constructed on campus will be a 60-bed assisted living facility, adjacent to the Star Points Building. Construction officially began after the groundbreaking ceremony held on June 25. The building is expected to open for residents in October. At that time, the residents and staff at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West, Pittsburgh, will move to the new facility. The Pittsburgh Building will be added.

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Mrs. Lorraine Toth resides in a lounge at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West.

Lorraine Toth enjoys the companionship of a friendly cocker spaniel at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West.

I think it is very kind of the Masons to acknowledge the Order of the Eastern Star by naming the building in honor of the Five Star Points," said Mrs. Adline Fisher, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dependent upon interest, as many as 251 retirement living apartments and 25 retirement living cottages also may be built in three phases on the Sewickley campus. The first phase of the project could open for residents as early as spring of 2000.

Plans for the campus may possibly include such conveniences as a wellness center, care area, medical clinic, a pool, and a club house, among other desired features.

Mr. Raymond Petrie, Resident Council, Valley Care Masonic Center, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes; and Debbie Hlangaj, Director of Nursing at the Valley Care Village at Sewickley, the staff and residents have been looking forward to the construction on their campus.

Opened by the Valley View Association since 1984, the nursing home portion of the Sewickley campus' had always been part of a larger plan to offer continuing care retirement to serve residents in the Sewickley Valley. That vision only became a reality, however, when the Masonic Homes purchased the facility on June 1, 1999, under the leadership of then-W.G. Grand Master James L. Ewing.

In January 1999, the Masonic Homes conducted a market analysis of potential Eastern Star members in western Pennsylvania and the local Sewickley community to determine the future growth and expansion of services at the home.

Information from a mail survey and focus group meetings with Masonic Eastern Star members, and residents in the Sewickley Valley, the Committee on Masonic Homes was able to identify the strong demand for a retirement living community offering assisted living and retirement living services, their preferences for options, and the desired amenities in a retirement community. After creating a master plan, a financial analysis determined the feasibility of the expansion project.

To ensure that they were on the right track, the committee also consulted another group of "experts" as to what types of services should be offered. They asked residents and staff at the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West what services they would like to offer. The results were impressive, indicating a strong demand for continuing care.

My position is to be an observer for the Committee on Masonic Homes," Bro. Coven said. "Basically, it gives me an opportunity to learn firsthand about any concerns or questions residents have about the current situation at their home or questions of the Masonic Homes in general. If a take to the Committee on Masonic Homes and the committee acts upon it, I take that information back and share it with the resident council.

The benefit of having board members work face-to-face with residents and staff is our ability to develop an understanding and appreciation for their concerns and needs of the people we are working together to serve," Grand Master Ewing said. "In many ways, we know that we have all of our bases covered and all of the bases are covered. We need to make good, strategic decisions for the present and future generations.

In Sewickley, the Order of the Eastern Star was established in 1869, and the Masonic Homes were founded in 1899. In 1900, the Order of the Eastern Star purchased the Valley View Association and established the Masonic Homes to offer continuing care.
Matching Grants Projects Are Many; Lodges Joining in Manpower Support

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the program. When approved, the lodge then must supply the manpower to complete the project and the Grand Lodge will reim-
burses the costs.

The potential to serve mankind and the community is vast, such as conducting recreation, sports, and social events; con-

tructing facilities; serving the needy; or improving our environment. For informa-
tion about the Masonic Matching Charities Grants Program, check the Grand Lodge

web site at www.pmoau.org/charities or review the program kit that each W.M. and

Secretary has.

G任何人都不能离开自己的职责。我们每个人都有责任为他人着想，为社会做出贡献。这正是我们这个社会最宝贵的财富。
All Aboard!

Model Train Lovers Can Order The Pennsylvania Masonic Mason Train in time for the Holiday Season.

The train, consisting of a C-1 Atlantic engine and tender with five cars and a caboose, is an "O" Gauge, three-rail set manufactured by Weaver Models of Northumberland, PA. This set is impressively unique, especially for Masons, since each piece is marked with Masonic symbols representing a majority of the organizations that comprise the Family of Freemasonry and many of their charities.

This train set is an outstanding bargain at $99.95.

Engine and cars are highly detailed scale models (not semi-scale) prototypically correct "miniatures" of the real thing, down to the rivets and handrails. • Engine and tender are cast, weigh seven pounds and the precision mechanism features a car motor and flywheel. • Engine features a detailed headlight, operating smoke unit, brakes detail parts, operating couplers, chemically blakened drivers and mechanisms, lit side number boards, operating horn, light, directional backup, and LED marker lights in the tender. • This particular class of locomotive has never been produced as a real model.

This IS A RARE VALUE IF ALL COMPONENTS WERE PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY AT RETAIL.

A SEPARATE OPTION of 18 sections of track and accessories is available for an additional cost of $195.

For the SERIOUS COLLECTOR, a special limited run Pennsylvania Masonic M-1 engine will be manufactured at a cost of $1,100 per unit if orders for 300 or more engines can be obtained.

There is a SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LODGES ... a specially painted and decorated boxcar that will depict the name and number of any lodge ordering at least 200 boxcars.

Orders for the Pennsylvania Masonic Train, track, and transforming, or the M-1 engine should be sent to the Office of the Grand Treasurer, using the accompanying order form.

MASONIC CHARITIES DEPICTED ON THE MODEL CARS BENEFIT FROM SALES OF THESE TRAINS.

Grand Master Announces Two New Community Service Awards

Two community service awards have been created at the direction of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dioge, Jr. One is the Grand Lodge Service Award to be presented to a member in each lodge for living an outstanding Masonic life of community service. The other is the Grand Masonic Service Award, a personal recognition to be presented by him in special occasions.

The selection of Masons to receive the Grand Lodge Service Award will be made by the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the individual lodges and submitted to the District Deputy for approval. It is not necessary for the lodge to be an active member or past master. It is the brother who is living the life of a Mason by serving the lodge.

The Grand Lodge Service Award will be presented each year to an individual who has served the community.

The Grand Master will select recipients of the Grand Masonic Service Award from among those honored by the lodges. This award is an eight-inch high crystal monogram with a globe suspended in its center. Whenever possible, the Grand Master will present these awards to special occasions, such as Grand Lodge Communications, lodge anniversaries, or visitations.

Popcorn Popular at Festival

Many of the estimated 7,000 attending the Central Penn Parent's Family Festival in Harrisburg's Strawberry Capitol on March 16 were munching plenty of popcorn while they learned what the Masons of Pennsylvania are doing about the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among children.

The Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children sponsored a booth at the festival and Joseph W. Dow, D.D.G.M., 6th Masonic District and several brothers from the area staffed the booth. It was Bro. Dow who provided the popcorn popper that served up more than 1,000 bags, full, in addition to the promotional materials.

The Masonic Foundation for Children is interested in sponsoring informational booths at events such as festivals around the state. Any district chairman, or brother wanting to help set up such a booth in a community should contact the Executive Director, Raymond G. Brown, at 215-968-1978.

Community Groups, Individuals Benefit From Lodge No. 298 Service Awards

Several community organizations and a number of deserving individuals were recognized and received significant financial support from George Bartram-Prosed Snake Lodge No. 298, Media, at its Annual Community Service Awards Program.

Triple graduates of Penncrest High School, Doug, Hillary, and Ken Adler, received $3,000 in scholarships for their scholarly achievements and community service. Doug and Hillary will be attending West Chester University and Ken will be attending Millersville University. The children of Karl and Norma Aden, Middlebrowns Twp.

For the third year, the Media Little League received $700 from the Lodge to support the program that serves more than 500 boys and girls in the area.

A $4,000 check from the Lodge was presented to the Media Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to be used in the first phase of a $25,000 project to refurbish and re-clean the school's playground. The three-phase project, conceived by Bartram-Snake Lodge, is a collaborative effort of the Lodge, the PTO, which contributed $1,000 to this phase, and the Media Education Commission, which contributed $6,000.

Among special recognitions at the ceremony was the presentation of a trophy to Joshua Lockwood who represented the Lodge and performed well in this year's Soap Box Derby.

Why are some Masonic buildings called "Temples" and others called "Halls" or "Centers"?

In Pennsylvania, a Masonic building used exclusively to house a lodge or a number of lodges, and in some cases shared by several Masonic organizations, can be designated as a "Masonic Temple." Masonic buildings which include offices, stores, offices of Masonic members, etc., can be designated as "Masonic Centers," but neither a "Masonic Hall." The term "Masonic Center" is a modern term that has come into wider use in recent years to name buildings that house one or more Masonic lodges and one or more Masonic service organizations. (Source: Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania).
Second Sessions of The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry
Will Be Oct. 14 at Elizabethtown; Advance Registration Required

The second session of the three-track Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry will be conducted at the Elizabethtown area Masonic Centers and the Masonic Conference Center in Elizabethtown on Saturday, Oct. 14. Again, the Academy will conduct three areas of Masonic education, which will be an Academy for Masonic Knowledge, a School for Ritual, and the Seminar for Wardens (a lodge officers' workshop).

The agenda for the Fall will follow those of the highly successful inaugural sessions in March. Another large turnout is expected for this program, considering the high level of interest and the large attendance at the first sessions. Advance registration is necessary, using the adjoining coupon or responding as indicated in the descriptions of the respective sessions below.

Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, under whose direction the three-track program was developed, reiterated that "...through this training, Pennsylvania Masons will be able to broaden their knowledge of Freemasonry, its origins, history, and ritualistic nature and impart skill and planning information for their lodge leadership."

Two World Renowned Speakers For The Academy of Masonic Knowledge
Two world renowned Masons—speakers from Canada and one from Israel—will address the Academy of Masonic Knowledge, which will convene in the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus. Registration will begin at 9 A.M.

Academy Chairman, Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, noted that due to the tremendous interest displayed by the brethren, all registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Use the adjoining coupon: no phone reservations will be accepted. It is important, Bro. Jackson continued, that all brethren make reservations in a timely manner before the October 1 deadline for attending; or, if a reservation is made and must be canceled, it should be done in advance. In addition to the meeting accommodations, the lunch arrangements are based on the number of reservations.

One speaker will be Bro. Wallace McLeod, noted Masonic scholar, author, and retired professor of Classical Languages from the Victoria University of the University of Toronto. He also is a Past President of the Philadelphia Society of American Historical Scholars. He is a Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd A.A.S.R. for the State of Israel and a Fellow of the Philelphasis Society.

Busy, Informative Day Set For The School For Ritual
After an 8:30 A.M. registration, along with coffee and doughnuts, the School for Ritual will begin a busy day of eximifying lodge work at 9. Larry A. Bizzardi, Director of the Ritualistic Work, has planned a full day, including the conduct of the business of the lodge, the election and installation of officers, and the examination of a visitor.

After the luncheon, a degree team of ritualists will conduct an exemplification of the Master Mason Degree. The session will conclude with a question and answer and discussion period.

Wardens Who Missed March Seminar Urged to Attend Session on Oct. 14
Wardens who were not able to attend the Spring Senior and Junior Wardens training session will want to be sure to attend the second (repeat) session in the Fall. Invitations, along with return sign-up post cards, are being sent from the Office of Masonic Training/Education to those Wardens.

Wives of the Senior and Junior Wardens also are being invited to attend the Masonic Academy. A special program is planned for the ladies.

Hotel accommodations will be provided for those who live more than two hours drive time from the other educational homes. Wardens are directed to respond by a post card. A deadline, because reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration for Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry
Advance registration is necessary for planning and arrangements for The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry. Please complete the coupon and send it to the Office of Masonic Education, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598.

I plan to attend the Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge, which will convene in the Masonic Conference Center on the Patton Campus. Registration will begin at 9 A.M.

Academy Chairman, Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, noted that due to the tremendous interest displayed by the brethren, all registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Use the adjoining coupon: no phone reservations will be accepted. It is important, Bro. Jackson continued, that all brethren make reservations in a timely manner before the October 1 deadline for attending; or, if a reservation is made and must be canceled, it should be done in advance. In addition to the meeting accommodations, the lunch arrangements are based on the number of reservations.

One speaker will be Bro. Wallace McLeod, noted Masonic scholar, author, and retired professor of Classical Languages from the Victoria University of the University of Toronto. He also is a Past President of the Philadelphia Society of American Historical Scholars. He is a Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd A.A.S.R. for the State of Israel and a Fellow of the Philelphasis Society.

Busy, Informative Day Set For The School For Ritual
After an 8:30 A.M. registration, along with coffee and doughnuts, the School for Ritual will begin a busy day of eximifying lodge work at 9. Larry A. Bizzardi, Director of the Ritualistic Work, has planned a full day, including the conduct of the business of the lodge, the election and installation of officers, and the examination of a visitor.

After the luncheon, a degree team of ritualists will conduct an exemplification of the Master Mason Degree. The session will conclude with a question and answer and discussion period.

Wardens Who Missed March Seminar Urged to Attend Session on Oct. 14
Wardens who were not able to attend the Spring Senior and Junior Wardens training session will want to be sure to attend the second (repeat) session in the Fall. Invitations, along with return sign-up post cards, are being sent from the Office of Masonic Training/Education to those Wardens.

Wives of the Senior and Junior Wardens also are being invited to attend the Masonic Academy. A special program is planned for the ladies.

Hotel accommodations will be provided for those who live more than two hours drive time from the other educational homes. Wardens are directed to respond by a post card. A deadline, because reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grand Secretary Presented in Lodge
Donald L. Albert (left), Erdeld Lodge No. 688, Hamburg, who was elected and installed last December as the R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was presented formally in his home lodge on March 31 by Robert L. Dluge, Jr., R.W. Grand Master (center). At right is Louis James Neff, R.W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge officials, Past Grand Masters, many District Deputy Grand Masters, and a large number of brethren attended the presentation of Bro. Albert.

While serving as Worshipful Master of Homeville-Cmckenless Lodge No. 582, Dravosburg, Thomas E. Barlow was recognized at his stated meeting on Mar. 20 for 50 years of service to Freemasonry. In the presence of John W. Hiaro, D.D.G.M., 49th Masonic District, and Past Grand Master and Principal of the 49th Masonic District School of Instruction, presented Barlow with his 50-Year membership pin and certificate. There were 75 members and visiting brethren attending.

Bristol's "Ridge Row" Sparkles With Gold
Through the years, a section in the northwest corner of Bristol Lodge No. 25 has become known as "Ridge Row" because on scouting nightly members of the Ridge family and their Masonic associates associated there. Since 50-Year membership was honored on March 14, Ridge Row now sparkles with gold.

It was Senior Wardens Night at Bristol Lodge when Thomas R. Eynon, D.D.G.M., 5th Masonic District, presented several Masonic Emblems of Gold, three of them to Masons in the Ridge family. Frederick M. Charles and William M. Among the others receiving their Emblems of Gold were John W. Snider and Howard M. Hutchinson, both of whom were raised on the same night in Bristol Lodge, and related teachers from the same school district, and have been neighbors for many years. Two other brethren honored for their 50 years as members were William J. Wallace and Herbert F. McCollum. "(Ridge Row) is destined to exist in years to come since C. Kenneth Ridge, Sr., who is Fred's son, is serving as Junior Deacon.

Bro. Eynon made special note at Senior Wardens Night of the attendance of H. Stanford Roberts, P.M. He called on Hugh E. Williams, Jr., 50-Year Wardens Night for the first Senior Wardens Night in 1841 when he was Master of Bristol Lodge.

Giving Another Chance At Life
Masons are known for their charitable giving, and at times that charity extends to giving someone another chance at life. Such was the case when the five lodges of the 12th Masonic District met at King David Hall, Kingston, to sponsor a Community Blood Drive.

Two Wyoming Valley District lodges, Freemasons donating funds to the district-wide blood drive which Hugh E. Williams, J.R., D.D.G.M., hopes will become, at minimum, an annual event, if not quarterly.

With the assistance of the lodge chairmen and the District Co-Chairman, Bros. Robert Kuchta and William Brandt, the 12th Masonic District collected 31 units of blood. Although the district fell short of its goal, the brethren and the Red Cross were pleased with the results of this first blood drive.

A Few Of The 12th Masonic District blood donors are (14): Fred - William Meyers, W.M., and Paul Potea, S.W., King David Lodge No. 783. Rear - Bros. William Rehee, Erdled Lodge No. 332; Lynn Sheehan, George M. Dallas Lodge No. 311, Dales; William Brandt and Robert Kuchta, Lodge No. 703, John Mensa, Kingston Lodge No. 395. Wyoming; Georgia Kapalka, Lodge No. 763; Robert Price, Landmark Lodge No. 442, WilkesBarre; Ralph Isom, Lodge No. 61, WilkesBarre; and Hugh E. Williams, J.R., D.D.G.M., 12th Masonic District.
**Making the Move to Independent Living!**

Bro. Roy and Doris Eckland are moving! Bro. Eckland of Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, and his wife, have had enough of never-ending home maintenance, housekeeping, lawn mowing, snow removal, and all the other chores that go along with owning a 2,500-square foot home. Now it's their time to relax and let someone else be responsible for home maintenance.

**This is the number one reason we're choosing retirement living at the Masonic Homes now that I'm 65 and eligible,** Mr. Eckland said.

The Ecklands will enjoy housekeeping twice a month, snow and trash removal, and all maintenance and repairs as needed in their living unit. In addition, the monthly service fee includes water, electricity, sewer, real estate taxes, security, maintenance of furnished appliances, and laundry care, as well as the option to experience fine dining in one of two dining rooms or casual food in the Courtyard Cafe.

The Ecklands also appreciate the security of the Masonic Health Care Center where residents have access to outpatient services, subspecialty services, clinical services, and health care services on a fee-for-service basis. Having nursing care services available right on the campus offers added peace of mind as residents enjoy retirement living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The Ecklands are very pleased that it appears as though all of their current furniture will fit into their new cottage. Their new home will include over 500 square feet, including a porch, garage, and full basement. If you (or your spouse) are at least 65 years of age and would like information on retirement living at the Masonic Homes, please call 1-800-676-6452 or complete and mail the adjoining coupon. The Marketing staff will be happy to answer your questions and arrange a personal appointment and tour.

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**Enjoy the Richness Life has to Offer**

Enjoy the richness that life has to offer while residing in the Residential Living Area of the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. Enrich each day living in the comfort of the beautifully landscaped grounds. Enjoy delightful meals served in the Grand Lodge Dining Room, take a walk in the formal gardens, exercise in the Masonic Health Center, cool off in one of our swimming pools, and relax as a Masonic Homes' person does the driving for shopping, dining, perhaps, to the theatre.

**These are just a few of the many reasons our residents experience in the Residential Living Area. A friendly staff is the perfect setting for retirement.**

Residents dine three times a day in the majestic Grand Lodge Dining Room.

Add gracious neighbors and it's the perfect setting for retirement. For information or a detailed brochure, call 1-800-422-1207 or complete and send the adjoining coupon.

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**Clinical Pathways Lead to Higher Quality of Care**

In mid-March, the subacute Renaissance Unit at Masonic Homes implemented a new process to get patients faster by enhancing the quality of care they receive.

A clinical pathway was developed for any resident who meets any of the five defined categories: stroke, hip fracture, hip replacement, knee replacement, and diseases of the lung. After a patient's case is reviewed by interdisciplinary team members consisting of physicians, nurses, therapists, physical workers, recreational therapists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, a personalized pathway is developed for the team specifically for that individual. Then, the patient is told how long he or she will be in rehabilitation and about the daily activities which will help him or her reach that goal. The interdisciplinary team then works to ensure that each patient complies with the daily requirements until the date of recovery and release.

Shawnee Mason, Care Manager; Lisa Butler, Director of Rehabilitation; and Laura Herzig, Assistant Director of Nursing, constructed the plan for clinical pathways.

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**Children Enjoy a Gift that Keeps on Giving!**

Filled with hearts of the children of the Masonic Children's Homes when Bro. Jack Harding died on June 19th, 2001, 2000 dollars for the Sugar Ran estate to be converted to a new camp. Following Bro. Harding's gift, the Children's Homes, the Guardian of the Estate, and the Children of the Sugar Run estate donated additional funds to the camp to enhance the camping experience.

The Sugar Run estate is the property of the Sugar Run estate, which is owned by the Masonic Homes. The Masonic Homes is building a pavilion for the Sugar Run estate. The pavilion is to be located on the Sugar Run estate grounds. The pavilion is to be made of wood.

**Children's Homes**

Bro. Gibson "Butch"Cash, Director of the Children's Home at the Masonic Homes, receives a $40,000 contribution for the Sugar Run estate at a Sugar Run estate. Bro. Gibson Cash, Director of the Children's Home at the Masonic Homes, receives a $40,000 contribution for the Sugar Run estate at a Sugar Run estate.

**We are so proud to report that Bro. Jack Harding died on Thursday, June 22.**

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**Grand Lodge Offers Seminar For Attorneys, CPAs and Financial Planners**

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will hold a seminar for Attorneys, CPAs, Financial Planners on Friday, Oct. 13, in the Masonic Conference Center at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown. Attendees will receive six CEs recognized by the legal, accounting, and financial planning fields.

The information packed agenda will include presentations by the following firms: Metz, Evans & Woodside; Stevens & Loer, and Weidner & Read Financial Services. The topics will include: Gifted Techniques; Tools and Techniques of Estate & Charitable Gift Planning; IRA & Retirement Plans as Part of Estate Planning; and Case Study of an Individual's Estate.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m., and the seminar will start at 9. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The seminar will conclude by 3:45 p.m., with a "Charities in Action" presentation by Dr. Vicki L. Gillmore, Administrator, Health Care Services, which will include a tour of the Masonic Health Care Center.

The cost for this seminar is $25 per person. All attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners are welcome to attend the seminar. For reservations, RSVP by Friday, Sept. 22, to Mrs. Lori Seiders, Director, Organization Development & Training at the Masonic Homes, by sending the information requested (see form) along with a check made payable to Masonic Homes, or a credit card number to: Lori Seiders, Masonic Homes, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Fax: (717) 365-5300.

Address any questions to Lori Seiders at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33963 or via email: <loris@masonichomespa.org>.

Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees will receive a confirmation and directions prior to the seminar. Copies of the registration form are available for additional participants.

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**Form for Oct. 13 Seminar**

Name: [Field]
Nickname or Lodge: [Field]
Address: [Field]
City: [Field]
Zip: [Field]
Phone: [Field]
Email: [Field]

Payment Method (your payment must be included with this reservation form):
- [ ] Check made payable to Masonic Homes
- [ ] Credit Card: (circle)
  - [ ] Visa
  - [ ] MasterCard
- [ ] Visa or MasterCard, only cash accepted

Card Number: [Field]
Exp. Date: [Field]

Name of Credit Cardholder: [Field]
Billing Address: [Field]
City: [Field]
State: [Field]
Zip: [Field]
Signature of Credit Cardholder: [Field]

**Special Assistance:** Masonic Homes will make an effort to accommodate those with special needs. Please indicate any necessary accommodations to the registration specialist below.

Deadline for Reservation is Sept. 22.

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**Registration Form for Oct. 13 Seminar**

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**Bye, bye, bye!**

All the best, friends in Masonry.

Frank K. Stevens, Manager of Marketing & Development

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The Masonic Children's Home celebrated its 77th annual Youth Appreciation Day with an awards banquet in the Masonic Health Care Center Assembly Room on May 26. All 36 children of the Home were recognized for their many varied activities and accomplishments throughout the year. Several were given special recognition for outstanding achievements in the areas of creativity, scholarship, vocational, athletics, and citizenship. Special focus was on the two high school graduates, Rebecca Horn and Brandon Smith. Miss Horn will attend the Consolidated School of Business to study computerized office management, and Brandon Smith, who studied business-related courses and Lifeguard courses, plans to apply for employment in one of those areas. Along with their graduation certification, the two seniors were presented with Bibles by Rev. A. Preston Van Duzen, Director of Pastoral Care and a graduate of the Masonic Children's Home, and with gifts from the Masonic Home - Patron School Alumni Association representative, Charles Deko.

The lodges of the Philadelphia area are sponsoring a charity golf outing to benefit the Masonic Children's Home at Elizabethtown. The outing will be Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Lulu Country Club, North Hills, near Plymouth Meeting. The shotgun start will be at noon. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch will be ready at 11 a.m. There will be a social hour from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by an awards dinner. The fee for the outing is $125, which includes green fees, cart, and refreshments on the course, lunch, dinner, and awards.

Send reservations with check to William Greet, 2125 Parkdale Ave., Gladstone, PA 18038. (Phone 215-887-4915). Deadline for reservations is one week before the tournament, unless the maximum number of golfers is reached before then.

The 36 residents of the Masonic Children's Home attended the Youth Appreciation Day.

Brendon Smith, Bro. Gibson "Bill" Cash, Rebecca Horn, and R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Diuge, Jr. present awards to the youth of the Masonic Children's Home.

**Autumn Day 2000**

Make plans today to experience Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown on Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This annual open house for Pennsylvania Freemasons, their families, and friends, is in a special day filled with friendly, fun-loving clowns, delirium "Home-made" food, musical entertainment, and children's activities. Autumn Day is a perfect time to visit family members, reunite with friends, and tour all of the service areas at the Masonic Homes.

One of the highlights of the day will be the Dateline Ceremony for the Pennsylvanian Cultural Center, part of the Village Green Area construction project, to be held at 11 a.m.

Delicious food will be provided free throughout the grounds: sausage, beef, corn, hot dogs, ice cream, and beverages. Various organizations will have information booths and displays. Visitors will have the opportunity to receive information about the services provided at our four Homes' locations: Elizabethtown, Pittsburgh, Sewickley, and Warminster. Orchard stands will have fresh fruits and apples for sale at great prices.

Many residents throughout the campus will open their homes so you can view birds, the woods, accommodations, and excellent arrangements available at the Masonic Homes.

If you and your family are planning to attend Autumn Day, complete and mail the coupon. The Masonic Homes is unable to provide wheelchairs, so please bring your own if needed. Handicapped parking will be available; however, you must advise the Masonic Homes on your coupon if handicapped parking is required so special staff can be forwarded to you prior to Autumn Day.

Don't miss this great day of fun, excitement, and fellowship!

**Blood Bank Will be at Autumn Day; Make an Appointment to Donate Blood**

The Central Pennsylvania Masonic Blood Bank will be at Autumn Day in Elizabethtown, Sept. 23, to conduct a blood drive for the benefit of the residents at the Masonic Homes. Contributions of blood will be taken at the blood bank from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and from 1 to 3:15 p.m.

Anyone 17 years of age and older who is in good health and weighs 100 pounds or more is eligible to donate blood. The Blood Bank asks that donors be sure to eat within four hours prior to donating blood. Also, it is requested that persons desiring to donate blood make an appointment by calling 717-365-0300 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Masonic Home hours, and ask for Andrea.

Saying that the greatest gift a person can give is in the "Gift of Life," the Blood Bank reminds everyone that every time three seconds someone is in need of blood, it could be a member of your family, a friend, or a co-worker. While at Autumn Day, why not join the ranks of the "Quiet Heroes?"

**CALL THE BLOOD BANK AT ADVANCE AT 717-365-0300**

(Phone does not call the Masonic Homes for these appointments.)
Spring semester at college campuses
The idea for the program came from the Acacia Fraternity at Jackson by presenting Past Grand Secretary, Thomas Medal, to his father. Lauren G. Hetting, D.D.G.M., who had already been working with the Acacia chapter in strengthening their relationship with the Masons, worked with the Acacia chapter's Vocational Dean, John E. Bieger, in developing the program. News of the program spread throughout the University's administrative and voted on to design and support from the faculty and students. The Interfraternity Council also gave its support by requiring all new fraternity members at Penn State to wear the nation's largest fraternity system, to attend the seminar.

The program was a first of its kind to be conducted on the Penn State campus. Receiving much attention from the local TV, radio, and print media, the program featured world-renowned former Chief Fire Investigator for the National Fire Protection Agency, Ed Comeau, along with Dr. William Woodruff, who led her in 1996 to one of our nation's worst fraternity house fires at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The Centre Region Solaris Credit Union and Housing Inspector, Tim Kinsella, who inspects the students housing facilities in State College, also provided safety issues facing students and his department. Over 150 fires that have occurred at Penn State in the past two years. The two-hour program was opened by the Grand Master Dflake sharing stories with the featured speakers, Ed Comeau, prior to the start of the program.

Grand Master Dflake, who shared a past experience of a time when he and his fellow volunteer firefighters were called to fight a fire they knew would result in the loss of lives. He then encouraged the fully packed room of nearly 300 college students to take the evening's program seriously and remember they could help prevent fires from destroying the lives of their fellow classmates. The audience then heard from the featured speakers and watched a video that stressed safety tips and measures that can be taken to handle and prevent fires in student housing. The evening ended with an emotional story from Bonnie Woodruff, who traveled from North Carolina to share her experience of losing her son to a fraternity house fire during a parent-sponsored graduation party.

The program was such a success that Grand Master Dflake appointed an ad hoc committee to develop a program, similar to it, to take across the Commonwealth to college campuses where there are chapters of the Eastern fraternity. The Acacia Fraternity is a national college fraternity for undergraduates, based on Masonic principles and founded in 1804 by 14 Master Masons.

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Outreach Teams Up With Others to Provide Help for Young Boy

In 1999, Betty Frye was faced with fear and desperation. She had to find a way to get Lance, her two-year-old son, to Boston or Cincinnati for medical treatment. Lance was a growing boy, and his body was changing. But apart from the fact that he needed medical treatment, one of our nation's worst fire tragedies was imminent.

When Lance was still one year old, he needed to be seen by specialists in either Boston or Cincinnati to determine if correct surgical repair could correct his laryngeal dysplasia so successfully. They want to go to the site with the hope that that would happen. It did not. Instead, the physicians developed a plan of care that would help Lance as much as they could.

When Lance arrived at the hospital, it was the first time to arrive with financial aid. Then, the local Masonic community offered help. Back in the city, the family and friends by signing and doing. Today, just any other toddler children, they dream of Telethons and Blues Clues, playing with his older brother (who Lance worships, of course), and watching cartoons.

But Lance has a lot more friends than just Outreach. The Masonic Mason's Journal was the first to arrive with financial aid, and the local Masonic community offered help. Back in the city, the family and friends by signing and doing.

The Masonic Homes Outreach Program has been a vital resource to Lance with a portion of the expenses for his surgery. The family plans to pay back the expenses over the past 18 months and will continue to be there should Lance need our help in the future. Our friendship will go on.

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**Practical On-Line Employment Center***

The Pennsylvania Freemasons R.W. Grand Master, an "On-Line Employment Center" is provided, via the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania web pages exclusively for our members. It is an opportunity for Pennsylvania Masons to network with each other. Pennsylvania Masons can post their resumes and job listings, including volunteer opportunities. Memberships are verified in the Grand Secretary’s office, so you can be certain that you are communicating with a fellow Mason. It is no guarantee of a job, of course, but there is provided, via the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, an online search capability.

**Entertainment: 360° Images**

Have you ever been to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia? It’s an almost indescribable feeling to stand in the middle of one of the magnificent lodge rooms. You can look around the room. Through the magic of the Internet, everyone can have that same feeling to visiting the new or old Masonic Temple.

**Temple’s New Video**

Two new open tours of the Masonic Temple and view the special BEHERED images with your own eyes. The tours take you into the heart of the room. Some of the pictures even allow the viewer to zoom in for a closer look. There are bonus images taken at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, just released a few at a time since June 4 and will be complete by Aug. 31.

**Brethren United In Common Goals**

The unity of fraternal brotherhood was emphasized when 10 officers and members of St. Albans Lodge No. 25 visited the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on April 27 to witness the passing of Kenneth E. Franklin to the Fellow Craft Degree.

**Ten Days Later**

Ten days later, 10 officers and members of Palestine-Boonshide Lodge returned the favor by visiting St. Albans Lodge to witness the passing of Kenneth E. Franklin to the Fellow Craft Degree.

**The dramatic program staged a fatal vehicle accident outside the high school, having students portray the persons involved. The portrayal included "travelling through trials and tribulations." Participating students are sent to hospitals, jails, and morgues as though they, themselves, had been involved in the accident. There is a "call for help." A response is given from those present.**

**On-Line Access**

To view the video at www.pagra nd lodge.org and click on the Employment Center, follow these steps:

1. Log in to www.pagra nd lodge.org and click on the Employment Center button.
2. For Masons who do not have access to the Internet, but would still like to participate, there are several options available. The best option is for him to ask a brother in his lodge to help or, if he can gain free access to the Internet at most public libraries in Pennsylvania, he can contact Bro. Thomas Labagh, Chairperson of the Committee on Internet Services, (717) 367-1036, during regular business hours and he will assist in posting, a resume or reviewing job opportunities.

**Educational: Excellent Masonic Videos**

- **Using a popular free software program called RealVideo™ several excellent video programs can be watched on the Internet.** All three segments of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge’s "Trails of The Craft" series are available for the Masonic and the public to view. A video showing the creation of the FRIEND TO FRIEND monument at Gettysburg is very popular. In addition, the new video about the Masonic Home is available, as is the new video on the Order of DeMolay.

**Organizational:**

- **Directory of Speakers**

  A speaker for a lodge couldn’t be easier than clicking on the mouse button to get the information that is in the newly issued Speaker’s Guide for Lodges 2000. By using the speaker directory, a speaker can select说话人 by name, topic, or region of the state where the speaker will be willing to travel, or can be searched out. Simply fill in the online form and request all the speakers needed for lodge programs.

**Conference Center: Worshipful Masters Daryl Wood, St. Albans Lodge No. 35, and Michael A. Sargent, Palestine-Boonshide Lodge No. 135, (center) and their respective brethren stand together during电机组的 visit to St. Albans Lodge.**

**Music at the Masonic Temple**

On April 20 in Harmony Lodge No. 425, Zelienople, a PIN Club sponsored competition for law enforcement officers from the Pittsburgh area conferred the Master Mason’s degree on Ansel Packer (front, second from left), a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Bro. Packer is holding the Masonic Bible that the Club presented to him. Packed is the first recipient of this degree team with the conferring officer, Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District (front left), Bro. Packer and Thomas Matrow, D.D.G.M., 26th Masonic District (front right).

**Blood Donor Club Elects Officers, Supports Organ Donor Program**

At a well attended meeting Saturday, Apr. 15, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Blood Donor Club elected officers, voted to support the Organ Donor Program, authorized contributions to the American Red Cross for disaster relief, and heard promising reports of progress.

The following brethren were elected to office: Nurse Ann A. Fox, President; Fr. Rick Knopper, Vice President; William Gottschalk, Treasurer; and Leroy McCollum, Secretary.

The President reported for Bro. William McCarthier that seven Scottish Rite Valley of men in the blood and organ donation effort. It was also reported that Linda Knapper and Emily Cervenka have been appointed to head the new program for the Order of the Eastern Star.
The Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Educational Endowment Fund Committee selected 25 students from nearly 300 applicants to receive $2,000 scholarships this year. Selections were based on academic achievement, financial need, Masonic relationship and youth group participation, and civic activities of each applicant.

The recipients are:

$3,000 Grand Master's Scholarships—Sharon E. Dine, a member of Northwest Rainbow Assembly No. 65, who will attend Ohio State University; Wesleyan University as a junior majoring in computer science, and Lauren M. Sloan, a member of Homestead-Armony-McCandless Lodge No. 597, who will attend Dickinson College as a junior majoring in education of persons with hearing loss; and Gregory M. Schaeffer, a member of Elizabethsburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and son of Charles W. Schaeffer, William Jones Lodge No. 507, Willowsboro, who will attend Wesleyan University as a junior majoring in computer science.

$2,000 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarships—Jennie M. Sloan, a member of Homestead-Armony-McCandless Lodge No. 597, who will attend Dickinson College as a junior majoring in philosophy; and Lauren L. Wagner, a member of Greenfield Bethel No. 13, International Order of Oddfellows, Daughters, and the daughter of Charles D. Wagner, a member of William Jones Lodge No. 766, Harrisburg, who will attend Allegheny College as a freshman to major in pre-dentistry.

$1,500 Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Scholarship—Holly A. Fishel, daughter of the late John L. Black, New Castle Lodge No. 642, who will attend West Chester University as a freshman to major in Spanish secondary education; and Tracy L. Stecker, daughter of Dennis C. Stevens, Shade Stone Lodge No. 1647, who will attend King's College as a freshman to become a physician's assistant.

$2,000 Lawrence Dietrich Smith Memorial Scholarships—Jessica E. Biscup, a member of Homestead-Armony-McCandless Lodge No. 597, and granddaughter of Edith A. Smith, McKeeport Lodge No. 61, who will attend California University as a sophomore majoring in the business of Masonic Homes, Inc.; Jessica E. Herl, daughter of Edward M. Herl, McKeeport Lodge No. 61, who will attend California University as a sophomore majoring in geology; and Jessica S. Waywell, a member of Pennsylvania Valley Rainbow Assembly Lodge No. 143, and daughter of James A. Waywell, Shiloh Lodge No. 558, Easton, who will attend Gwynedd Mercy College as a sophomore majoring in nursing.

$2,000 Herman Witte Memorial Scholarships—Annisia Viegas, a member of Betsy Ross Assembly No. 174, and the daughter of Paul J. Fischer, Publishers-Bradenbrook Lodge No. 135, who will attend Pennsylvania State University as a junior majoring in pre-medicine; Sarah Gettig, daughter of Paul Gettig, Hazel Lodge No. 537, Butler, who will attend Baldwin-Wallace as a junior majoring in management; Melissa Logan, a member of Reading Rainbow Assembly No. 35, daughter of Robert E. Logan, St. John's Lodge No. 254, Pittston, who will attend the Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Blackhawk Business Training College as a junior majoring in education of persons with hearing loss; and Gregory M. Schaeffer, a member of Philadelphia Assembly No. 64, Order of DeMolay, and son of Charles W. Schaeffer, William Jones Lodge No. 507, Willowsboro, who will attend Wesleyan University as a junior majoring in computer science.

The winners for 2000 are: Candice Chauvin, Laporte; Reina Galpin, Butler; Maureen Phillips, Fearless Hills; Matthew Schumacher, Shillington; Sarah Jane Vincent, Newville; Jennifer Ballantine, Philadelphia, and Amy Joan Waddington, Williamsport, PA.

All of the applicants have successfully completed a Student Assistance Program and are recommended by their respective school SAP teams. Each of the recipients is eligible to continue receiving a scholarship for up to four years of post high school education as long as they remain drug and alcohol free and maintain at least a 2.0 average while in college. A total of 31 scholarships have been awarded since the fund was established in 1992.

Ritualistic Staff Develops Optional Programs for Lodges

The Ritualistic Staff has had a very busy and productive first half of 2000. Not only have they attended the Schools of Instruction across the state and rehearsed lodges for the Grand Master's visits and supervised Sectional schools, but also they have developed some unique and very interesting special programs options for the lodges.

Larry A. Buzzard, Director of the Ritualistic Work, said, that the new programs are options for lodges to work with in accordance with the history of the Grand Master's Lodge from 1731, who are the oldest, largest, and most prosperous Fraternity that continues to care for the welfare of obers.

Today the world appears to be moving at a much faster pace, and even though it ever has and we must, more than ever, apply the principles of Freemasonry in our everyday activities.

I hope you are having a happy and restful summer and will return to your lodge in the fall with a renewed dedication to this great Fraternity.

R.W. Grand Secretary

Let's Abridge The Business

By Donald L. Albert

Blesses, the more than 400 of you that had the good fortune to attend the March Quarterly Communication in Irwin Temple in Wilkes-Barre experienced a different arrangement of the order of business. Our R.W. Grand Master had the good fortune to be available in the minutes and summarizing committee reports that require action. However, as always, all reports are available for members to review.

This order of business has been arranged by our R.W. Grand Master as a result of the expressed responses from you, the members, to streamline the business of the Communication as well as to focus on those items to be presented for presentation to our R.W. Grand Master. This does not mean that the Worthy Masters of our Blue Lodges™ will not follow the same course of action.

Additional activities planned for family involvement in conjunction with our Communications are planned for a variety of topics this year including educational programs to enhance our Quarterly Communications.

Let us reflect on all we have experienced and accomplished as Pennsylvania Freemasons. We have traveled with the history of our Grand Lodge from its inception to the present. The activities we participate in today are a result of our ancestors who have been present at the creation of the Craft.

We are the Pennsylvania Masonic Homes, Inc., $2,000 and $1,500 scholarships to our students in November, the month of Veterans Day, in a program being structured by the Masonic Training/Education Committee. Robert L. Dlugie, Jr., R.W. Grand Master, asked the Committeee the program of resources to focus on and demonstrate that Masons care deeply about their brothers who served our country and the world so gallantly. The presentation will include a variety of suggested activities a lodge can use. The program will be sent to the lodges in time for its use at the November stated meeting.