Year-end is a popular time when many persons consider making contributions to further the work of the Masonic Homes. If you have a choice, it's usually better to give appreciated stock than to give cash. Here's why: You receive an income tax deduction for the appreciated value, not just what you paid for the stock in the first place. In addition, because the Masonic Homes is a qualified charitable organization, it will be able to sell the stock and bypass any tax on the appreciation. A win for you; a win for Masonic Homes.

Consider the case of Bro. Bill who is planning to give the Masonic Homes $5,000. If he writes a check for this amount, it will cost him $5,000. Let's assume, however, that Bro. Bill has stock worth $100 per share that he bought years ago for only $10 a share. If he gives 50 shares of this stock directly to Masonic Homes, the gift value will be $5,000, not the $500 he paid for these shares originally. In other words, his $5,000 gift will cost him only $500!

There are, of course, a few rules. First, you must have owned the stock for at least a year and a day prior to making the gift. Second, the value of the gift is determined by the stock's average trading price on the day the gift is made. Third, the resulting charitable contribution deduction from Federal income tax can be applied, on an increased return, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, whereas a cash gift is deductible to 50 percent. Fourth, if you are unable to use the full deduction in the year of the gift, you have an additional five years to use it.

As we enter the Holiday Season, you may want to consider the benefits of giving stock. Depending on your circumstances, a gift of appreciated stock can be an excellent way to stretch your giving power while making an important difference in the lives of those who have entrusted their care to the Masonic Homes. We encourage you to discuss this matter with your financial advisor.

You can also find out more about this subject—and other year-end giving opportunities at the Masonic Homes by contacting the Development Office at (717) 367-1121, ext. 33311 or (800) 599-6454, or by completing and returning the handy coupon at right. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Dear Friends at Masonic Homes:

☐ Send information about making a gift of stock to Masonic Homes.
☐ Send me information about Charitable Gift Annuities.
☐ Contact me to arrange a personal visit.
☐ I have included a provision for the Masonic Homes in my will.

Name
Address
City
State, Zip
Phone

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Development Office
John R. McFadden, Planned Giving Officer
Masonic Homes
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

As we approach the most joyful of holiday seasons, it is appropriate to reflect on a year that has almost passed and look to the future. As we told you, one of the important themes of this administration has been—and will be—"The Old and The New: The Pennsylvania Freemason defines much of what has occurred during this year and what is to come.

We have tried to return, in some measure, to the basic principles of Freemasonry—of education, fellowship, and having a little bit of fun—so as to enhance your participation in lodge activities. We have suggested that each lodge develop workshops and programs to make it interesting to attend lodge, to learn something new, or at least have reinforced the principles of Freemasonry. In addition, we have offered some “options” to enhance presentations of the ritual, both to new and existing members. We also have required, however, that no matter what we do, it be done excellently! How disconcerting it is to witness a lodge function that is not. This is not a legitimate effort to make lodge, all of the work can be—and should be—done excellently.

I am pleased to say that from the reports that we have received, you have taken full advantage! Attendance at the Pennsylvania Masonic Academy of Freemasonry, especially the Academy for Masonic Knowledge, has been far greater than anticipated. We have tried to give all of our members an opportunity for personal enrichment and improvement—and many of you have participated. Lodge ritual work and programs in lodges seems to have improved and we will make a greater effort to enhance that concept as well.

I am most pleased in the efforts that a major of lodges have engaged in by supporting the A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) program. To date, hundreds of the devices have been made available throughout our Commonwealth by your efforts. Lives will be saved as a direct result of your activities. More particularly, the hear members saying that they are, indeed, participating in projects to earn the money to make that happen. It seems that the old phrase, "Put the craft to work and your labors will be rewarded," has proven itself. It’s great to know that we are actually doing things as an organized group to work together for a common goal.

During the next year, we will continue to pursue excellence. The Membership Development and Retention Committee has worked very hard since the inception of this administration to provide direction, studying where we have been and where we are going. This Committee, comprised of a very diverse segment of our membership from all over the Commonwealth, has reported recently on its deliberations. Their recommendations include the pursuit of excellence, continuing our education efforts and training programs, and general upgrading of lodge meetings, including enhanced quality of those meetings. We will do all that we can to fulfill those recommendations. Several new efforts will appear over the next few months as additional tools or “options” for lodge usage.

My Brethren, the greatest part of this organization is you! Your friendship, fellowship, and constructive suggestions to improve our Fraternity are appreciated and each one is seriously considered. It is to your betterment, education, and enhancement that we can succeed. Please attend at least one lodge meeting in the upcoming year, recommend a candidate for fellowship, and attend your lodge meetings. In events that your Grand Lodge has created for your benefit.

So note it be.

Sincerely and fraternal,

Robert L. Dugle, Jr., R.W. Grand Master

Pennsylvania Lodge of Research No. 1 will be Installed

The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will receive its new Lodge of Research, the first in its history. While Lodges of Research have become relatively common in many jurisdictions, with some having more than one, for some inexplicable reason Pennsylvania, the largest jurisdiction, has never had one.

That will change this year. Pennsylvania Lodge of Research No. 1, Knownly installed by the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27. The new Research Lodge will be open to all Master Masons and any member to a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Lodges under our Grand Lodge Regard will be regarded as full members and those from other jurisdictions will be associate members.

The Lodge of Research will meet twice a year at different locations within the state. All who join within the Masonic year will become members. Since a Research Lodge is not a Craft Lodge, even though it is warranted by the Grand Lodge, it does have the power with, or count as, a dual membership.

The fee for joining will be $50, which will include a member's jewel. Annual dues for Research Lodge membership for those who have not become available Oct. 15 and may be secured by writing to the Office of Membership, Masonic Temple, 1125 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

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Enthusiasm Abounds for the Second Session of The Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry

Topics for the morning session were to be concerned with the conduct of business, the installation of the new Grand Lodge, the election of officers, and the examination of a visitation. The luncheon brought the entire team of ritualists to the Master Unit Meeting of the Pennsylvania Freemason, which was planned for a discussion and question period at the end of the session.

Seminars for Wardens: The Junior and Senior Wardens’ Seminar was designed as a concise, one-day training program that would give the leaders of all lodges in Pennsylvania the opportunity to learn what their jobs entail while progressing through the line and to be able to plan fully for service to the Fraternity. "When they leave the seminar, the wardens will be prepared to be quality leaders of their lodges,” said Edward O. Weissler, R.W. Grand Master of the Pennsylvania Academy of Freemasonry.

The agenda began with a discussion of "Values of Masonry,” goals of the lodge, and roles of the officers. It continued with suggestions for organizing the lodge in a lodge and planning programs for the year as the master. There was a period for listing and defining the officers for the October 2000 installation of a new lodge. The maitre’s role and other relative to working with the lodge secretary. A special protocol defining lodge practices for arranging and conducting various functions, such as a visit by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers.

2001 Session of Academy in March

Chairman Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, announced that the next session of the Academy of Knowledge will be March 17, 2001, in the Masonic Corporate Center on the Belles Campus, Elizabethtown. It will feature the topic "Religion and Freemasonry," by two renowned Masonic experts and clergymen, Neville B. Creyer and Gary Leazer. A question and answer period will follow each speaker.

Bro. Craye, a noted English Masonic author, is the General Director of the British and Foreign Freemasons. He is a recipient of numerous Masonic honors. Dr. Leazer, an ordained Southern Baptist minister, is the founder and president of the Center for Interfaith Studies, Inc. He is the author of two books concerning the Southern Baptist controversy. Both Craye and Leazer are members of the steering committee of the Masonic Information Center, Silver Spring, MD.

Certification Program of Masonic Knowledge announced

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge has developed a certification program for those who wish to further their background in the history, customs, and philosophy of Freemasonry. The details of the program and information for enrollment were presented to the attendees of the Pennsylvania Freemason on Oct. 16, 2000. The program held at Elizabethtown on Oct. 14.

The program provides three successive levels of self-knowledge. Each level contains a basic core of information, with the participant reading certain required books, as well as additional Masonic books of his or her choice. A book list for each level contains, containing 100 titles, is being distributed for this purpose. In addition, points applicable toward certification may be earned through activities, such as attending Academy of Knowledge presentations at lodge meetings, submitting Masonic articles for publication, and attending a Masonic education program for lodge use. The participant will submit a brief report on his or her activities to earn points for accreditation in each level.

Interested Pennsylvania Freemasons who are interested in information on the program may register for the program by contacting the Masonic Educational Office. U.S. Postal Service, P.O. Box 101, One North Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19107-2210. Phone: (215) 886-1000.
Earlier this year, Robert L. Droysn, Jr., W. Grand Master, asked all lodges in Pennsylvania to honor veterans as an important part of their programs for November. To assist the lodges, the Masonic Educational Training Committee of the Grand Lodge compiled a manual of program suggestions that is designed to instill a sense of history and ideals for activities. The worshipful master of every Pennsylvania lodge should have received it late in September.

The manual has two very informative sections. First is the "Introduction," which is not meant to be a substitute message for the manual, but is material for a perfect beginning for a lodge program. It contains a chronology, historical facts, experiences, and philosophies surrounding Veterans Day, the military, and Americanism with which a presenter can set an exciting stage for activities recognizing veterans. Then, as would be expected in a program guide, the manual offers 18 suggested activities from which the lodge can choose to carry on.

The opening segment, entitled "We Honor Our Masonic Veterans," chronicles military involvement and actions of citizens and servicemen from the early colonies through today. It cites the "War for Independence" and the Revolutionary War as the new nation's second victory and its opportunity. It affirms "men of character" and related Americanism, and acknowledges the military action of 1845 through World War I. Also included are a fine collection of Masonic photos.

One of them presented by lodges in Allegheny County is an interesting active, heavy-duty, .5-inch circular brooch medal with the following raised letters and wording:

"The face (obverse) of the coin displays a majestic spread-winged eagle perched atop a scroll. The eagle and scroll are above the Mason Master Square and Compass with the letter "G" which are flanked by olive branches and backed by a sunburst. A wreath, surrounded by the outer border of the perimeter of the coin are the words, "FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONs OF PENNA." Around the bottom third of the perimeter are the words, "EMERGENCY RESERVE OF PENNA., PITTSBURG, PA., USA." The center of the reverse provides for the vital information wherein the name of the Mason and the number of the day he was born, the year and the month of his death. The reverse of the coin is engraved. The wording is: "BROTHER (Name) MEMBER OF LODGE NO. (Lodge Number) WITH THE UNITED STATES EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Masonic Club in Pacific Theater

After islands in the Pacific were secured by the U.S. armed forces during World War II, it became customary for Masons in the service to form clubs. Bro. Roland R. Gennell, Shriner's Lodge No. 023, was a member of one of Oahu where he served as Commander in 1943. By the end of the war, he noted that all over the island, there were lodges from all the contiguous states, D.C., Alaska, and Hawaii, plus several from foreign countries. He's curious about how many brethren had fraternal experiences like his. He figures there must have been a lot because in 1946, he attended the Shriner's Convention at Seattle, Wash., where the number was higher than 50,000. Bro. Gennell is interested in communicating with brethren who had the same experiences. Contact him at 2120 S. Stonet Dr., Sharonville, PA 15341.
Philadelphia Lodges Help Scout Council

In mid-August, Thomas J. Miller, Jr., D.D.G.M., Masonic District of Philadelphia (center), along with four past masters, presented a check for $16,000 in support of camping activities at the Camp of Liberty Council's three Scout Reservations to Camp Director Frank Hollick (left). The project was developed by Robert Campetti, S.W., Equality Lodge No. 501 (right). These funds are to enable the construction of a special activity center, complete a full maintenance of roads, and refurbish an archery range at Benicia Falls Scout Reservation in the area for more than 500 youth scouts this summer. While at the Scout reservation for the presentation, Joseph Levy, P.M., added to the value of the contribution and involvement of Masons by volunteering to assist in the development of the activity center. Those projects are to be completed for next year's camping season.

Also, it was recognized that the Council’s Minority Scout Reservation near Quakertown needs a C.O.P.E. activity center where young men and boys can develop team participation and confidence-building skills. The Council’s third camp is Treasure Island Scout Reservation. D.D.G.M. Miller hopes that other area lodges will join in helping to meet the large contributions needs and offered to provide information about the program to anyone who contacts him at (215) 675-6730.

Two Camp Hill Lodges Aid Playground

West Shore Lodge No. 65L and Lower Manor Lodge No. 781, both in Camp Hill, joined together with Masonic Matching Grants to contribute $27,000 to help rebuild and equip “The Lion’s Den,” a children's playground in the Camp Hill Borough Park named for the community’s sports mascot. To fund the project, the Camp Hill Recreation Board sold multi-colored bricks for a sidewalk play area. The two lodges purchased a large area of bricks which has been overlaid and inscribed with a square and compass emblem and identifies "Freemasons of Camp Hill." To one side of the logo is the identification for Camp Hill Lodge and to the other side for Lower Manor Lodge. Inscribed on the lodge names is the words "God" and "Family" and below, "Charity" and "Community." When the playground was dedicated in June, S. Berne Smith, W.M., Lower Manor Lodge, represented all of the Masons of the community.

Vaux Lodge Spirits Walk-At-Home

Vaux Lodge No. 499, Harrisburg, has been busy in the community, splurging 24 enthusiastic walkers who became known as "Dilley’s Band" by matching the funds they raised in a May 7 walk-a-thon to benefit the Berks County Multiple Sclerosis Society, and by supporting a high school prom party. The team raised more than $3,000 as a result of their walk, including the matching funds to the Marshal’s Lodge. D.A.M., who is affiliated with M.S., is the wife of a member of Vaux Lodge.

Perseverance Lodge Helps Scouts

Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, contributed $3,000 to Hidden Valley Scout Reservation near Lansdale for much needed repairs. Mitchell L. Smith, W.M. (Center) presented the contribution to Michael J. Kelly, (left), Facility Director of the Reservation, and Bill Gerfass, Camp Ranger. The contribution resulted after several members of the Lodge who are active in Scouting heard of the need and suggested that the Lodge join the Keystone Area Scout Council.

7th District Sponsors Indian Dancers

Through the sponsorship of the 7th Masonic District, the Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America presented the Koshare Indian Dancers in a cultural and educational performance for the Berks County community on Aug. 19. The Koshare Indian Dancers are an elite troop of Boy Scouts from Colorado who travel and perform throughout the world. Mark A. Halter, (left), D.D.G.M., offered the District’s contribution to Bro. Richard C. Bennett, Council Scout Executive (second from right), joined by the District Past Head Chief, Nick Bohman (second from left), and Assistant Head Chief, Jason Martin.

75-Year Award for P.M. of Six Decades

When John T. Wolfertz, P.M. (second from right), who was W.M. of Greenleaf Lodge No. 501, Allentown, 61 years ago, was awarded a 75-year service certificate, the past master, Ralph H. Sidler, Sr. (left), who presented him with his 50-Year Emblem of Gold, a quarter of a century ago, was part of the ceremony. In front is Eugene F. Leitch, W.M., and at right is Robert W. "Skip" Steckel, D.D.G.M., 18th Masonic District.

CD Recording Produced Of Corinthian Hall Organ

The much acclaimed "Music at the Masonic Temple" retail series, which was introduced in November 1996, has brought about the production of an outstanding new recording of the historical organ in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

VARO F. Cheiban, who was the recipient of the Aug. 1, 1996, concert, spent several days in the Masonic Temple creating the new recording. Mr. Cheiban holds the Chair of the Creative Arts Department at St. Andrew’s School in Midtown, DE, where he has served 23 years. He is also originaled of the St. Andrew’s Chapel and conducts all of the school’s choir. He has published many of his original compositions of organ and choral music.

The recording has varied presentations that are bound to please all listeners. They will hear about just every facet of the organ, including some sounds that can’t be heard under any other circumstances. The music was composed by Cheiban, and the design and production work was left to him for his dedication, a contingent of distinguished brethren including four D.D.G.M.s paid a surprise visit to his home stating meeting. The D.D.G.M.s were: Carl P. Johnson, 33rd Masonic District, in which James W. Brown Lodge is located; W. Matthew, 27th Masonic District; David A. Toonsy, 27th Masonic District; and Mark E. Wierle, 51st Masonic District (center). Among the visitors were Danny R. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M., 27th Masonic District; Harvey E. McNeill, Regional Instructor, Region 8, and Bros. Richard Slaugenhaupt (left) and James Oberlin (right). D.D.G.M. Johnson received and introduced the guests, then the 27th Masonic District presented the plaque and the 51st Masonic District presented the travel and gavel.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP


Surprise Visit Honors Two-Time Master

Henry Alan Sallack P.M. (seated) was W.M. of James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Johnstown, in 1950 and, a half-century later, he is again in 2000. That’s quite a distinction and to recognize his outstanding contributions to Masonry and to the Lodge and to Masonry in general. Henry Alan Sallack, P.M. (seated) was W.M. of James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Johnstown, in 1950 and, a half-century later, he is again in 2000. That’s quite a distinction and to recognize his outstanding contributions to Masonry and to the Lodge and to Masonry in general. Henry Alan Sallack, P.M. (seated) was W.M. of James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Johnstown, in 1950 and, a half-century later, he is again in 2000. That’s quite a distinction and to recognize his outstanding contributions to Masonry and to the Lodge and to Masonry in general.
The Members of the Grand Lodge are requested to attend:

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge will be a gala event including outstanding entertainment featuring the popular and renowned Bobby Rydell and very funny Jim Teter with his presidential duds. It will be held in Ballrooms A & B of the Philadelphia Convention Center adjoining the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia.

The banquet, with a combination entree of tenderloin of beef and sole with lobster stuffing, will be served at 6:30 p.m. The entertainment is scheduled for 8 p.m. Cost to the diner and show is about $35 per person. At 7:30 p.m., preceding the banquet, there will be a social hour in the Grand Hall of the Convention Center. Reservations for the banquet and show can be made by completing the enclosed coupon and sending it with your payment to the Office of the Grand Master.

Bobby Rydell, one of the original three “Golden Boys” with Frankie Avalon and Fabian, will headline the two-part show. He has been an entertainment hit from the time he made his debut in the late ‘50s as a rock and roll singer and idol appearing on the popular American Bandstand. He has played starring roles in such hit films as “Bye Bye Birdie” and “West Side Story.” He has beenairover the last 20 years in the “Golden Boys” and Ed Sullivan shows. In the world of recordings, he has earned about one half a billion dollars in the top 40 and is among the top five of all single artists from this era.

Jim Teter and his presidential duds is another part of the show. He is a comedian—and much more. He keeps everybody roaring with his top-notch humor, political satire, and comic ventriloquist. He begins with rapidfire, standup comedy, concluding with his classic performance with life-size presidential dummies.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will convene at 10:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8, in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Originally, the Quarterly Communication had been announced for Saturday but scheduling conflicts necessitated the change.
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Also during Autumn Day festivities, the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club members received a Pennsylvania Masonic Train that was donated by Bro. Raymond E. Thorney, Administrator, Retirement Living for the Masonic Homes, and his wife, Amnette. The presentation (photo at right) was made by Robert L. DiLeo, Jr., R.W. Grand Master (right) to Bro. Walter Welhau, President of the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club.

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AUTUMN DAY 2000

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Also during Autumn Day festivities, the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club members received a Pennsylvania Masonic Train. This was donated by Bro. Raymond E. Tierney, Administrator, Retirement Living for the Masonic Homes, and his wife, Annette. The presentation (photo at right) was made by Robert L. Diugo, Jr., W.W. Grand Master (right) to Bro. Walter Wodkins, President of the Masonic Homes and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club.

Of the Most Ancient and Honorable

Pennsylvania Masons...
On Sept. 22, the Committee on Masonic Homes authorized the marketing process for the retirement living accommodations in the master plan for the Masonic Village at Sewickley, as shown in an updated presentation of the retirement living facility. The marketing process will determine the level of interest in the accommodations before the Committee makes the final decision to proceed with the construction of those areas.

The retirement living plans include a potential for 228 apartments and 34 villas, as well as a clubhouse. An indoor pool is being considered as part of the master plan for a wellness center, pending finding a donor, or donors, who will provide support for the project.

As demand is identified for the retirement living accommodations, the construction project will proceed in three phases: the first, with an expected completion date of Spring 2003, will consist of 78 apartments and the clubhouse; the second will add 78 more apartments and 16 villas; and the third will complete the community with another 78 apartments and 18 villas.

Dear Brethren, Ladies, and Friends:

Get ready to have fun. Next August 4th to 11th, we’re going for a week-long Masonic Family Cruise to Bermuda and you’re all invited. Reserve the dates right now.

I have been saying over and over that we want to have fun as a family while we carry forth the ideals and traditions of our great Fraternity. Toward that goal, several months ago we asked for feedback on how you felt about our planning a cruise to Bermuda. The response was most favorable and now the plans have been made.

Cooperating with the AAA Mid-Atlantic travel agents, arrangements are being confirmed with Celebrity Cruises for Pennsylvania Masons, their ladies and families, friends of Masons and their families to sail from New York City. We will enjoy a full week of fun-filled cruising and vacationing with the ship as our hotel. We’ll return to New York City.

Scan the other side of this page to get a taste of the good times, fabulous sights, and fantastic entertainment that awaits our pleasure. And, don’t forget you never dine better than aboard a cruise ship. Details and reservation information will be in the February issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

We are planning this to be a relaxing, enjoyable vacation and we’re doing our very best to offer a selection of packages affordable to all Masons and their families. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for fun on a cruise and fun in the sun.

It will be my privilege and pleasure to welcome you, your family, and friends aboard.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert L. Dluge, Jr.,
R.W. Grand Master

PS. Please note that this is an advanced reservation trip. In order to guarantee your reservation, we must know promptly that you will be traveling with us. For more details and to advise us of your plans to join us, please call the Office of the Grand Master, 1-800-462-0430, Ext. 1970.
Date Stone, Flag-Raising Ceremony is on Autumn Day

During Autumn Day at the Masonic Homes, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania placed the Date Stone for the Freemasons Cultural Center that is part of the Village Green area construction project. In conjunction with that event, there was an impressive flag-raising ceremony.

The impressive Date Stone Ceremony is an adaptation of the traditional Cornerstone Ceremony performed throughout history by Freemasons for the construction of major buildings or structures, public or private. It is based on the same ceremony that Bro. and President George Washington performed on Sept. 18, 1793, when he laid the cornerstone for the White House.

In the ceremony, prior to the Grand Master’s symbolically placing the Date Stone, the Chaplain invokes the blessing of God on the construction work underway, recognizing His work and asking for His protection. The Grand Lodge officers dispense the corn of strength, pour the wine of refreshment, and spread the oil of joy to symbolize brotherhood, unity and harmony, and prosperity in this magnificent undertaking and its service to mankind. Residents of the Masonic Homes participated in the ceremonies. Bro. Stuart Titus, a member of St. John’s Lodge, Jenkins Chapter, played the organ and the Men’s Chaplain invoked the blessing of the U.S. Capitol on Aug. 25, was presented for the Freemasons Cultural Center by Congressman George W. Gekas, Pennsylvania Senator and Bro. Noah W. Wengert, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, presented and raised the flag of the Commonwealth. The flag, which had flown over the U.S. Capitol on Aug. 25, was presented for the Freemasons Cultural Center by Congressman George W. Gekas, Pennsylvania Senator and Bro. Noah W. Wengert, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, presented and raised the flag of the Commonwealth.

The flag of the United States of America was raised by Bro. George D. Grimes, resident of the Masonic Homes and a member of Lodge No. 62, Reading. Bro. Grimes, who is 103 years old, has been named Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor by the President of the French Republic as a surviving member of the U.S. armed forces who fought in France in World War I. Todd J. Cook, a resident of the Masonic Children’s Home and Senior Cooperator of the Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, assisted Bro. Grimes. The flag, which had flown over the U.S. Capitol on Aug. 25, was presented for the Freemasons Cultural Center by Congressman George W. Gekas, Pennsylvania Senator and Bro. Noah W. Wengert, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, presented and raised the flag of the Commonwealth.

During the ceremonies, Grand Master Dluge made special presentations. The Grand Master’s Service Award was presented to Bro. Titus for his outstanding service to the community. The Grand Master gave Bro. Carl R. Flohr, P.M., George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Award and a plaque to him and his wife, Arlene, when he named the therapy pool in his honor (see story below). The Grand Master gave special recognition to Bro. Jay G. Broman, Ephrata Lodge No. 665, for his continuous support of the Masonic Homes and announced that the new ballroom of the Freemasons Cultural Center will be named in his honor.

FLOHR THERAPY POOL NAMED

Bro. Carl R. Flohr, P.M., (right), Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, and his wife, Arlene, who is Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, the Order of the Eastern Star, were recognized and honored by R.W. Grand Master, Robert L. Dluge, Jr., during the unveiling of a sign for the therapy pool in the Masonic Health Care Center. The pool, which was approved for the fourth phase of the Masonic Health Care Center Construction Project, was named the Flohr Therapy Pool in recognition of Bro. Flohr’s dedication and service as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes from 1991 through 1999, during which time he also served as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee. Bro. Flohr offered the services of his firm to contribute all of the piping, pumping, and design for the pool, and he installed much of the piping.

Congratulations Bro. Flohr Receives Franklin Medal. During the Date Stone Ceremony, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluge, Jr. named the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Medal to Bro. Carl R. Flohr. The surprise recognition occurred when this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason was at the printer. A complete report of the tribute and proper recognition of Bro. Flohr’s achievements will be given in the February issue.
Absalom Jones Foundation
Gives One of Its First Charity Donations to Masonic Homes

Bro. John H. Grant, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Absalom Jones Foundation, and Bro. Robert E. Wyatt, M.W., Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Absalom Jones Foundation, presented a $5,000 check to Bro. Joseph E. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on Aug. 18. The check for the Masonic Homes was one of the first charity donations provided by the recently established Absalom Jones Foundation, a non-profit charity organization of the Prince Hall Masons of Pennsylvania.

Grand Chapter Donates Funds to Mission of Love

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, The Order of The Eastern Star, recently provided funds to benefit the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On June 26, Sister Joan D. Fry, Past Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. H. Lin Jones, Past Worthy Grand Patriarch, presented a check to Bro. William C. Davey, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, at the Grand Sessions, Pittsburgh. The $59,535.34 donation will be used to purchase "wish items" for the residents of the Masonic Eastern Star Home East at Womarreme, the Masonic Eastern Star Home West at Pittsburgh, and the Masonic Homes at Elizabeth-town.

Two days later, Bro. Davis was pleased to receive an additional $1,000 from Worth Grand Matron Arlene S. Flow on behalf of the Grand Chapter. The funds, representing some of the proceeds from sales of Noah's Ark toys and mementos from Sister Arlene's Club Luncheons, will go toward the sound system for the new Star Points Building at the Masonic Village in Sewickley. The high quality audio/visual system in the assembly room of the Star Points Building will include a cassette deck, CD player, wireless microphones, an infrared listening system for people who have difficulty hearing, a large screen projector, and a projection screen.


Assisted Living Accommodations Available Immediately in Pittsburgh!

If you or someone you know is in need of assisted living services, the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West at Pittsburgh continues to provide quality care and accommodations. The home offers:

- a secure environment where residents can live to their full potential with the assurance that assistance will be provided when needed (such as for bathing, dressing, and taking medications);
- comfort, companionship, and security;
- round the clock care services by a qualified staff;
- quality medical services when required;
- delicious meals three times a day;
- an array of personalized services such as free transportation services, religious and fraternal activities, andmails beauty salon services;
- a variety of recreational opportunities, including arts and crafts, games, sing-alongs, shopping trips, inter-generational programs, holiday festivities, and entertainment...

...all within a beautifully landscaped setting!

Mrs. Lorraine Toth, resident, enjoys reading in a resident lounge.

Upon completion of the beautiful, new Star Points Building at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, in October 2001, residents of the Masonic Eastern Star Home-West will move there and will be given first priority to select a room.

For more information about assisted living services in western Pennsylvania, call (412) 931-8300.

The Masonic Eastern Star Home-West is located in suburban Pittsburgh.

Abraham C. Treichler Lodge and Roosters' Corner Work Together on Masonic Youth Camp

Last spring, brethren from the Roosters' Corner, a Masonic Homes-resident-run wood-working shop, committed to help prepare the Masonic Youth Camp at Sugar Run, Bradford County, for the youth of the Masonic Children's Home. They built and donated six picnic tables and benches, a porch glider, and a rocking chair funds donated by the Masonic Homes' Independent Living Community Residents Association.

The club members also began working on a 16 ft. x 8 ft. screened in pavilion, Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabeth-town, recognizing the men's good work, donated $2,500 toward the lumber materials needed to build the pavilion.

When the pavilion was built, it was disassembled by the Bounteous' Corner members, and the Masonic Homes' staff transferred the materials to Sugar Run to be reassembled by the club members. The Aug. 21 and 22, Bros. Gene Tobias, Sr., John Irwin, Gene Light, Robert Murray, Martin Weirits, William Treager, and William Hildreth, and Masonic Homes' staff members, Mark Spada and Gene Tobias, Jr., plus a few of the youth from the Masonic Children's Home worked hard to rebuild the pavilion.

Grand Lodge Officers Will Visit PA Brethren in Florida

In February 2001, R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dluger, Jr. and his wife, Debra, along with the other Grand Lodge Officers, Committee on Masonic Homes members, and their ladies, will host three Masonic reunions scheduled for Pennsylvania Freemasons who have retired recently or permanently during the winter months.

The purpose of the reunions is to increase awareness about the expansion of services and opportunities provided through the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, a reunion will be held at the Oratorio Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Winter Springs. The reunion will be held on Friday, Feb. 23, at the Tampa Airport Marriott in Tampa. On Saturday, Feb. 24, a third reunion will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott in Palm Beach Gardens.

The schedule for all three reunions will include a reception at lunch at noon, a program at 1 p.m., and a social hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. During each program, Grand Master Dluger will award Masonic Emblems of Valor to brethren in Florida.

Pennsylvania Freemasons residing in Florida will be receiving an invitation to attend one of the reunions.

Newtown Lodge Members Visit, Lunch With Members at The Masonic Homes

Officers and members of Newtown Lodge, No. 427, Woodside, traveled to Elizabeth-town and visited ten members of their lodge who reside in the Masonic Homes. The visitors enjoyed lunch and a fine period of sociability and fellowship with seven of the brethren in a private dining room of the Retirement Living Club House. Three resident brethren who were unable to attend the luncheon were visited in their rooms at the Masonic Health Care Center.

The resident brethren who were at the luncheon were Benjamin P. Carter, Allen Darrow, Leroy Edwards, Guy Gennett, Lynn Ployer, Richard Rice, and Elroy Watrel. The three brethren unable to attend the luncheon were John I. Accree, Sr., Arton Bittner, and I.осьд SHOP.

The officers and members who traveled to Elizabeth-town were: Bros. Julius, W.M.; Oliver Toigo, III, S.W.; William G. Logan, J.W.; James Edwards, Chamberlain Edward W. Weiss, P.M. and R.W.P.G.M.; James Accree, P.M.; and Robert Sloan, together, Gene Edwards, and Albert Munroe. The officers and members presented gifts from Newtown Lodge to the members who reside at the Masonic Homes.

Dudley Watch Donated to Masonic Homes Museum

Part of the Village Green Area Construction project has involved the relocation of the Masonic Homes Museum to make it more visible and accessible to visitors.

One of the newest displays in the new museum will feature a gorgeous gift recently provided to the Masonic Homes by Bro. and Mrs. C. Clark Julius, York Lodge No. 266. The gift is the Dudley Masonic pocket watch owned by Bro. William Wallace Dudley, himself. Valued at $12,000, the watch has all of its original parts, which were made in Switzerland in 1914. It is still running. According to Bro. Julius, this watch is valuable because it is the current and most unusual. Bro. Julius has been a Mason since 1914.

Bro. and Mrs. C. Clark Julius present the Dudley watch to Bro. Joseph E. Murphy (left), Chief Executive Officer for the Masonic Homes.

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I can't afford to live at Masonic Homes...in an erroneous statement heard from time to time. The truth is that there are many avenues that make moving to Masonic Homes a possibility for many people. Residential living, which is the Village Green Area, is a wonderful example of affordable and convenient living. That area offers nice rooms with private baths. Meals are served three times a day in Grand Lodge Hall. Laundry and housekeeping assistance is available to make life more enjoyable.

Each building recently was equipped with a community kitchenette area that is perfect for those "light night" snacks. There is a shuttle bus to transport residents all over the campus. Frequent outings to local shopping areas, malls, and restaurants are also included. Scheduled activities and recreational areas round out a full living experience.

All those services and more are included in one convenient fee. There is no need for a down payment, nor is it required that all assets be signed over. A financial assessment is made during the application process and suggestions are made at that time to assist in your decision. No required amount of money is necessary to enter the Masonic Homes. If a resident runs out of funds, the monthly income will be accepted as payment for services being provided. Any balance is then transferred to another community.

Residents enjoyed a scrumptious meal, music, and entertainment at this summer’s "Renaissance Fairs," a special event which took place in the Village Green Circle. The Masonic Homes’ staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Making the Decision to Move to Residential Living

"Our Move to Retirement Living!"

Bro. Roy and Doris Ecklund in front of their Retirement Living cottage at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason featured Bro. Roy Ecklund, Brownstone Lodge No. 665, Hemphey and his wife, Doris who were in the process of moving to Retirement Living. Their home in Palmyra was sold, and they were looking forward to their relocation to Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. They have now settled into their new home in Retirement Living and to quote Bro. Roy, "We couldn’t be happier!"

Our new home in Retirement Living — housekeeping, lawn care, the probable snow removal, and all the other responsibilities that go along with owning your own home. The Ecklunds are now enjoying the lifestyle they desire. Knowing that health care services are available on the campus on a fee-for-service basis also provides the additional security and peace of mind for the future.

The primary question for Bro. Roy and Doris was whether their new home would accommodate all of their existing furniture and personal belongings. The answer is an emphatic "Yes!"

Bro. and Mrs. Ecklund chose a cottage that has more than 3,000 square feet and includes a porch, garage, and full basement. Thanks to their furniture placement skills, everything went smoothly and according to plan on move-in day.

Follow-up, according to Bro. Ecklund, is critical, and the staff at Masonic Homes has fulfilled its commitments to meet their needs and expectations during this time of transition. The Ecklunds also have appreciated their new neighbors and the new relationships they are building.

Bro. Ecklund sums it all up when he says, “It’s all about security, comfort, and a continuation of our home without all the responsibilities.”

If you or your spouse are at least 65 years of age and would desire information on Retirement Living at the Masonic Homes, call (800) 670-6452 or complete and mail the adjoining coupon. Members of the Marketing staff will be happy to answer your questions and arrange a personal appointment and tour.

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

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Masonic Homes

One Masonic Drive

Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown have gone to the dogs. The residents couldn’t be happier. Two Golden Retrievers, Daisy, a 17-month-old female, and Dubie, a 10-month-old male, moved into their new homes this summer. Dubie moved into the first floor of the Presbyterian Building on Monday, July 31. Daisy moved into the third floor of the Roosevelt Building in the Masonic Health Care Center on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The dogs have become companions to residents as part of the Eden Alternative, an ongoing process to eliminate loneliness, helplessness, and boredom from the lives of residents in long-term care. Part of the Eden Alternative philosophy involves bringing children, animals, and plants into residents’ homes to provide residents with the opportunity to care for other living things, enjoy continual companionship, and experience spontaneity in their everyday lives.

Both dogs came from New Life Assistance Dogs, a program of United Cerebral Palsy of Lancaster County that trains dogs for approximately six weeks to assist individuals with limited mobility in performing everyday tasks. Then they go to a “puppy home” where volunteer owners raise the puppies until they are through their playful stage. Daisy was raised by Bro. Howard and Elizabeth Wittel, retired living residents at the Masonic Homes, and Dubie was raised by a family in the community.

Bro. and Mrs. Wittel received Daisy when she was nine weeks old. New Life Assistance Dogs provided a list of commands for Daisy to learn while she lived with Bro. and Mrs. Wittel. They raised her until she was 12 months old, then they gave her away to her secondary training home, where Daisy was exposed to a different environment.

After three months at her training home, Daisy returned to the Wittle home for another month to go through the training process. Once the residents voted to accept the canine companions, the dogs gradually spent more time with the residents. The students learned how to groom and care for the dogs. Residents and staff now share the responsibilities of brushing, walking, and feeding the dogs.

According to Sandy Gingrich, New Life Assistance Dogs Program Director, Daisy and Dubie were selected for Masonic Homes because they both have a gentle nature, a sense of anxiety, a condition in which the dogs do not like being alone. Not only do Daisy and Dubie bring joy to the residents, but they provide the dogs with the loving attention that they need to prevent separation anxiety.

According to the staff and residents, however, the dogs have already been working their magic. Residents of the first floor of the Presbyterian building have enjoyed brushing, walking, petting, and playing with Dubie. On the third floor of the Roosevelt Building, Daisy has been known to lay beside residents who are feeling under the weather, and she has already alerted staff when one guest fell in her room.

Not all of the new “residents” are of the four-legged variety... in fact, many of them have feathers, tiny claws, and, yes, bird brains. Yet all of them have one thing in common: they make wonderful companions!

Neighborhoods of the second and fourth floors of the Roosevelt Building in the Masonic Health Care Center have brought flocks into their homes and to their various dining areas, where residents can enjoy the company. Many residents visit the birds often and enjoy watching them fly, singing, and talking to them, and learning about their behavior patterns. A few residents even chose to keep birds in their rooms.

According to Cathy Meeuwisse, Nurse Manager and Eden Associate, the staff has let the residents know that the birds are available if they wish to take care of them. “When they’re ready, they’ll come,” she said. Mrs. Meeuwisse also said that the residents on the second floor did not feel ready for a dog or a cat... but the birds, though small, have been making a huge difference in the neighborhoods in a very short time.

Leadership and Skills Conference is Life-Changing Reality for Youth

The first-ever Mason Youth Leadership and Life Skills Conference was held June 23-28 at the Masonic Conference Center - Patton Campuses, Elizabethtown. Proposed for young men and women between the ages of 11 and 16, the program included members of all three Masonic youth groups, relatives of Pennsylvania Masons, or other youth sponsored by a Masonic lodge.

The conference was directed and developed by Bro. Thomas Slechter, a member of Thompson Lodge No. 360, Pueal, at the direction of R.W. Grand Master Robert L. Dingee, Jr., who set forth the vision for the program. Bro. Nickoloff, speaker at the closing ceremonies, said that the professional speaker who has been involved in similar projects in the state and on the national level, Bro. Beruoff and President, said, “The “HO” platform expansion project has also progressed successfully as a result. There is more variety in the expansion of the packages.”

The next planned upgrade for the “HO” platform is a central control panel and some expansion equipment.

Anyone interested in joining the model railroad club may contact Bro. David G. DeFondamonte, Secretary, Masonic Homes & Elizabeth Mason Model Railroad Club, 922-2364. Free admission, $12 donation to the club and donations to the Masonic Homes Foundation.

For more information about the Eden Alternative at the Masonic Homes, call (717) 367-1113, extension 2011.

Masonic Homes and Elizabeth Mason Model Railroad Club

The Masonic Homes and Elizabeth Mason Model Railroad Club has been offering open house shows throughout the years. This year, 2002-2003, the club is offering approximately eight weeks of programming.

The club, which is open to the public, is based on the first and second levels of the Roosevelt Building.

“Residents who often stay in their rooms are coming out to watch the birds and talk with other residents. Those who see the birds in their rooms invite other residents in to see them,” she said.

The residents and staff in the Masonic Health Care Center and the Pennsylvania Masonic Home for Children are working together to determine whether they would like to invite more “companions” into their homes.

“Each neighborhood (all units and floors) are communally called neighborhoods, to reflect the homemade atmosphere that the Eden Alternative promises) to agree on what type of animal they want to bring in and how they will care for the animal,” said Elwood Schm idt, National Organizer, Development and Training, and an Eden Associate. “Once that is accomplished, the neighborhoods put their requests and all committee work to fulfill them.”

For more information about the Eden Alternative at the Masonic Homes, call (717) 367-1113, extension 2011.
**R.W.P.G.M. William steps Down, Bro. Labagh succeeds as Executive Officer of PA DeMolay**

At the conclusion of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania DeMolay, R.W.P.G.M. Samuel C. Williamson resigned as the Executive Officer for Pennsylvania. He stepped down after serving for 13 years as the ranking representative for DeMolay in the local jurisdictions. The Grand Master of DeMolay International, Rev. Van Ness Breyer, M.W.P. Past Grand Master of New Jersey, appointed Thomas L. Labagh as the new District Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, to succeed Bro. Williamson.

Bro. Williamson followed in the footsteps of W.E. Past Grand Master John E. McCann, whom he succeeded as the Executive Officer. The past ten years have seen the Order in the Commonwealth through prosperous years. Through the Pennsylvanian DeMolay, he will continue his work, he be devoting the major part of this day to developing through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation. Bro. Williamson was instrumental in founding the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and the original renovation of the Mt. Pleasant Masonic School for Boys into the Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus, and has continued in tireless devotion to the youth of the state. Pittsburgh, a scholarship fund has been established in his honor and it will come awards to deserving DeMolay boys in Bro. Williamson's name.

The new Executive Officer for Pennsylvania, Bro. Labagh, is a Past Master of Abington C. Tritley Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown. He served for the long time as the Assistant Executive Officer for Pennsylvania DeMolay and holds a myriad of titles and Masonic honors, including the Degree of Chevalier, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and the Guild of the Leather Apron ("Aber of the Year").

*For Third Consecutive Year, Prestigious Award Earned by a PA Job's Daughter*

For the third consecutive year, a Pennsylvania Job's Daughter has been presented the prestigious Supreme Order award by the Masonic Order of Job's Daughters. The award is recognized by Masonic Order of Job's Daughters. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Order in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the mission of the Order.

The special honor is awarded for a Job's Daughter who has individually raised the most money for the organization. The recipient is selected based on a review of all applications received from Masonic Order of Job's Daughters.

**District D Lodges Converge D.A.R.E. Van**

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) van in Baltimore Town, is not only one of the most popular events of the year, but also one of the most effective in combating the problem of drug abuse. It's a prize-winner, with four trophies already. With the most prestigious being first place in state competition and second place nationally. One cannot miss the royal purple vehicle emblazoned with appropriate logos, including the square and compasses.

In the beginning of 2000, Terese A. Vasek, W.M. of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 777, Somerton, suggested to Kenneth W. Beller, D.D.G.M. that all of the lodges in Masonic District D 21, a special project to support D.A.R.E. It came about because Beller was invited to speak at a conference on drug abuse. The idea was simple: convert one of the charity vans to a D.A.R.E. vehicle.

**Masons of Note**

Brian B. Luzier (right), J.M.C., Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, traveled most of the way across the state three times to guide his father, Boyd Luzier, through all of his degrees in Chartiers Lodge No. 707, Carnegie. Bro. Brian is the Director of Residential Services at Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown. He and the long trip didn't look at him: for they afforded three of his proudest experiences in Masonic life.

Mark A. Halors, D.D.G.M., 7th Masonic District, had to admit that sometimes he's "at it all." When Reading Lodge No. 71, his height's annual family picnic, it staged a dunking contest as a fundraiser to support its Masonic Matching Grants Program. Halors said that he didn't raise the most money, but he was the most frequently dunked participant.

**Nov. 30 Deadline For Law Enforcement Scholarships**

The Grand Master's Law Enforcement Scholarship applicants and applications were sent to all of the lodge secretaries, district deputies, and secretaries of the Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children's Special Needs Bureau. Deadline for applications to be received is Nov. 30.

Two scholarships will be awarded and each will provide a $2,500 per year for up to three years. Each scholarship will provide $5,000 for up to three years, for a total of $10,000. The student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average each year and sign a letter of agreement each year of his or her post-secondary education.

Start in 1986, these scholarships were developed to honor students destined to enter the law enforcement profession. To apply, a student must be a senior in high school and be accepted at a college for at least one year. Pennsylvania Masonic Foundation for Children's Special Needs Bureau. Deadline for applications to be received is Nov. 30.

**Masonic have a deep regard for those individuals who keep our communities safe from the daily war on drugs. This is the way to honor them," said Bro. Raymond G. Brown, Executive Director of the Masonic Foundation for Children's Special Needs.**

"Masonic have a deep regard for those individuals who keep our communities safe from the daily war on drugs. This is the way to honor the people who receive a scholarship application or know more about the program should contact Bro. Brown at (814) 799-2752 or (717) 637-2752, M.T. or Mrs. Jennifer McClellan, Assistant Director at (717) 671-0480.